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CAPABILITY BUILDING FOR LOCAL MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT MOVERS



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IN order to capacitate local government units in managing cases of distressed Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs), the Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC) through the collaborative effort of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO) and Cavite Migration and Development Office (CMDO) conducted a Capability Building Training for Local Migration and Development Actors on September 12-13, 2019 at the AVP Room of the College of Nursing,

Cavite State University (CvSU) – Main Campus in Indang, Cavite. The event was attended by representatives from the Municipal and City Social Welfare and Development Office, Local Government Units, Public Employment and Services Office, OFW organization, staff of DTI's Negosyo Center and students from CvSU. They were acknowledged and warmly welcomed by Mr. Rolando Antonio, Research Coordinator of the College of *continue to page 3*

BJMP-NCR conducts surprise drug testing on its personnel

By Susan G. De Leon

QUEZON CITY--The Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) - National Capital Region (NCR) recently conducted a surprise drug test to its officers and wardens to intensify its internal cleansing campaign.

To make sure that it is indeed a surprise drug testing and that officials and personnel would be present, BJMP-NCR Regional Director Chief Supt. Ignacio Panti ordered that it be conducted during the monthly wardens' conference held at the BJMP-NCR Headquarters in Quezon City.

A total of 63 officials and wardens have undergone the test administered by the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA)'s Laboratory

Service Examination Division. According to BJMP, the conduct of random-drug tests among inmates and jail personnel, jail-based intervention program on anti-illegal drugs, and the absence of any illegal drugs paraphernalia in the facility are some of the parameters used to declare a jail facility drug-free.

Interior & Local Government Secretary Eduardo M. Año lauded BJMP-NCR saying that the regional office is "setting a good example of not showing letup in its commitment to the anti-illegal drugs agenda of the government." He urges all of the jail bureaus nationwide to do the same.

"The proliferation of illegal drugs and contrabands in prisons cells in Metro Manila is *continue to page 3*

DBP boosts support for renewable energy

MAKATI CITY -- Following President Rodrigo R. Duterte's call to fast-track the development of renewable energy sources, and the reduction of the country's dependence on traditional energy sources, the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) recently signed a P1.65-billion loan agreement with Terasu Energy, Inc. (TEI) to partially finance the construction and development of

a 40MWac Solar Power Plant in Concepcion, Tarlac.

Under this agreement, DBP and TEI devote to further accelerate the use of renewables in the Philippines. "We are especially enthusiastic about this partnership, as it can significantly contribute in the attainment of the Philippine Development Plan of increasing the share of our country's renewable energy

sources in the global energy mix while contributing to the greater effort of reducing our carbon footprint," said DBP President and Chief Executive Officer Emmanuel G. Herbosa.

As a renewable carbon dioxide-free power source, the environmental impact of solar power is significantly smaller than other power generation methods. It uses photovoltaic or solar cells to directly convert sunlight into usable energy. A study conducted by the International Energy Agency demonstrates that solar *continue to page 3*

HEALTH PROGRAMS FOR THE CENTENARIAN

In accordance with the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Provincial Ordinance No. 12 Article 8 which states that Centenarians in the province shall be provided with free medical and dental checkup, the provincial government of Cavite thru the Provincial Health Office visited the municipality of General Emilio Aguinaldo and the City of Tagaytay on September 11, 2019 to check the health conditions of their centenarians. They include Fidela Calingasan, a 100-year-old resident from Barangay Poblacion II in the municipality of General Emilio Aguinaldo, Potenciana Matanguihan Terrible, 102 years old, and Apolonia Pereña Ferma, 106 years old from Barangays Calabuso and Neogan in the City of Tagaytay, respectively. General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial

Hospital's medical professionals comprised of Dr. Charito Gozo, Dr. Elizabeth Adove, and Dr. Regina Salazar, together with the medical technologist and physical therapists provided the healthcare services, some vitamins and prescribed medicines. They also exerted time to communicate with the relatives who are nursing the centenarians and offered some tips on how they can properly handle the moods, taught simple exercises as well as foods for the elders. The program was made possible thru the support from the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office, Federation of Senior Citizens in the province, City and Municipal Social Welfare Office and the Provincial Health Office thru its Senior Citizens Health and Well-being Program Manager Adela Z. Dela Cruz, RM, RN.





DOH CALABARZON staff Ramir C. Dela Cruz and Geraldine E. Lanceta prepares the wheelchairs to be used for the Wheelchair Service Training Package Basic Level Program for wheelchair users, PWD coordinators and caregivers held at Ciudad Christhia Resort, San Mateo, Rizal from Sept 17-20, 2019. (DOH IV-A)

DOH concludes Basic Wheelchair Training for CALABARZON PWDs

QUEZON CITY-- Department of Health (DOH) – CALABARZON (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, Quezon) on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 started the four-day “Wheelchair Service Package Training Basic Level” for wheelchair users, Person with Disability (PWD) coordinators and caregivers of the province of Rizal held at Ciudad Christhia Resort in San Mateo Rizal from September 17-20, 2019.

According to Regional Director Eduardo C. Janairo, there are a total of 130 personnel trained from various provinces of the region. “Most wheelchair users are now equipped with the proper knowledge on how to effectively use their devices, render assistance to other users in the maintenance and repair and provide assessment and evaluation in selecting a wheelchair that is suitable for their needs,” Regional Director Eduardo C. Janairo stated.

“Some PWDs use wheelchairs as their only means of movement, that is why it is important for them to have a wheelchair that fits and properly adjusted to their own physique as soon as they get out of bed and use it and start their daily routine,” he added.

The WHO Wheelchair Basic Level Training includes an 8-step service-delivery process that includes assessment by professionals, the development of a wheelchair prescription with the involvement of the wheelchair user and family, proper fitting

and adjustment of the wheelchair, training of the wheelchair user and caregiver in maintenance and wheelchair handling skills, and long-term follow-up for refinements, routine servicing and periodic replacement.

DOH Regional PWD Outcome Manager Paulina A. Calo said that using wheelchairs promote independence and social participation. “Ineffective use of the wheelchair by its user compromises independence and may result to unwanted accidents. Proper skills for positioning and doing pressure reliefs, driving the wheelchair on flat and uneven terrains including navigating in various obstacles, such as stairs, humps, curves and falling safely must also be taught accurately,”

One of the participants, Mr. Emmanuel Jamisola, Federation Vice President from Cainta, Rizal and a wheelchair user for 23 years said, “napakaimportante ng training na ito sa aming mga wheelchair users dahil ito pa lang ang training na nakapagbigay ng mga mahahalagang impormasyon at naturuan kami ng ibat-ibang pamamaraan sa tamang paggamit kasama na ang pagkumpuni ng wheelchair. Mas naintindihan ko na at naunawaan ang kahalagahan ng wheelchair sa pang araw-araw na gamit ko nito.”

The Wheelchair Service Package Training for Basic Level was conducted in partnership the Philippine Society of Wheelchair Professionals, Inc. (DOH4A)

QC...

the meat they are buying is safe. Meanwhile, Agriculture Secretary William Dar said the African Swine Fever episodes in several areas in Bulacan and Rizal may be considered an outbreak but not an epidemic.

Specifically, ASF was already contained in Barangay Pritil, Guiguinto, Bulacan; and in several barangays in Rodriguez, San Mateo, and Antipolo, Rizal — and not in the entire country.

The DA chief appeals to the media and general public not to ignite fears regarding ASF, as unverified and unvalidated reports could create an irreversible

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damage to the country’s P260-billion swine industry that provides and sustains the livelihood of millions of Filipino families.

Dar said that 7,416 pigs in the one-kilometer radius in ASF areas in Rizal and Bulacan have already been depopulated, following the 1-7-10 protocol of the Department of Agriculture to manage, contain and control the spread of the disease.

For instance, one ASF-infected slaughterhouse in Brgy. Gitnang Bayan 1, San Mateo, Rizal, has already been closed, cleaned, and disinfected.

Meanwhile, continuous

strict surveillance is being conducted in areas near ASF-infected barangays in Rizal and Bulacan.

Dar assures the public that the incident will not affect the supply and prices of pork in the market, stressing that the ASF is confined and specific in certain areas only and not in the entire country.

The DA, in partnership with LGUs at all levels, the private sector, PNP and the military, enhanced its monitoring activities and imposed stricter biosecurity and quarantine measures to contain the spread of ASF in other areas. (PIA InfoComm/QC PAISD/DA)

AFP...

Incorporated Communication Battalion and 60th NARG-YL Fishing Corp were recognized as AFP Affiliated Reserve Units of the Year.

Department of Public Works and Highways Undersecretary Roberto Bernardo who represented Secretary Mark Villar as the guest of honor personally awarded the outstanding reservists and reservist units. He was assisted by AFP Vice Chief of Staff, Vice Admiral Gaudencio Collado Jr. Also present in the ceremony were Colonel Fernando Friginal, Commander of AFP Reserve

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Command, and Commodore Ramil Roberto Enriquez, the Deputy Chief of Staff for Reservist and Retiree Affairs.

Prior to the ceremony, reservists conducted a capability demonstration at the AFP parade grounds followed by the parade of troops, warfighting capabilities and HADR equipment. This was done to show the present status of the operational readiness and the responsiveness of the AFP reserve force.

From 1995 to 2019, the AFP was able to record a total of 703,648 Reservists while there are 4,384,936 ROTC cadets.

This year’s NRW

is anchored on the theme “Laang-Kawal: Makabagong Lingkod Bayang Maaasahan sa panahon ng Digmaan, Sakuna at Kapayapaan.” During the week-long celebration, reservists and ROTC cadets nationwide were tested and evaluated through various activities that include mustering, assembly test, pre-mobilization test, and Senior Leaders Forum and ROTC Summit.

Also known as “Linggo ng Laang-Kawal” under Presidential Proclamation 627 of 1995, it is annually conducted to celebrate the accomplishments of reservists and their incessant support to the AFP in fulfilling its mandate. (AFP PAO)

PRESIDENT...

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Department of Justice (DOJ) to fast-track the processing of release of elderly or ailing inmates from the national penitentiary.

“Ako, I’ll ask the administration, whoever will take over or the Secretary of Justice to fast-track ‘yung mga may sakit na at talagang matatanda na,’” he said in an interview with reporters after the oath-taking ceremony.

Seventy years old and above must be prioritized for immediate release, he suggested.

sa mga beach resorts,” he emphasized.

The regional office conducted the last batch of lifeguard qualification training for this year in San Juan, Batangas from August 5-17, 2019 with 39 successful participants. They program provided a set of lifeguard uniforms, rescue cans, and whistle to the successful trainees.

DOH Regional Health in Tourism Outcome Manager, Maria Sheila P. Blancaver said that all lifeguard graduates were trained in basic life support and in standard first aid including initial care of head & spinal injury.

She added that the

“Wala na ‘yan eh. Lalo na ‘yung mga 80s. What’s the...what’s the use of keeping them there?”

According to the Article 13 of the Revised Penal Code, the court may suspend jail penalty and punishment if the offender is less than 18 years of age or over 70 years.

However, in a 2010 Supreme Court ruling, this rule could not be used by convicted criminals who were below the age of 70 when they committed the misdeed. (PND)

training is part of the ‘Health in Tourism Program’ of the region to ensure the health and safety of all people in TREs in CALABARZON through the Office for Special Concerns through the directive of Director Janairo.

The Lifeguard Qualification Training is a 13-day qualifying course which starts at 5am with warm-up exercises, calisthenics and jogging. It includes first aid treatment, basic life support, water safety, swimming strokes, rescue techniques (non-swimming & swimming rescue), lifesaving and survival techniques, mass casualty incident operation and endurance swim.

DOH reports 109 lifeguards and WASAR rescuers deployed in Calabarzon

QUEZON CITY-- Department of Health (DOH) – CALABARZON (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, Quezon) trained a total of 109 Lifeguards of various Tourist-Related Establishments (TREs) and 30 rescuers from the Disaster Risk Reduction Management in Health offices of local government units in CALABARZON.

“We now have qualified lifeguards to provide security and safety in tourist-

related establishments (TRE’s) in the region. Ikakabit natin sila sa ating primary health care, sa emergency services dahil sila ang mangunguna sa pagbantay ng seguridad ng mga tao sa mga resorts at beaches kasama na ang pagbibigay ng first-aid at pagdadala sa pinakamalapit na health facility sa mga pasyentend nalunod. Dapat alam din nila kung ano ang ibibigay, ano ang gagawin at saan dadalhin and pasyente

dahil magiging kasama sila sa ating service delivery network,” Regional Director Eduardo C. Janairo stated.

“Lifeguards are important part of our primary health system because they have the responsibility to prevent water accidents. Mas maiiwasan at mapapababa na natin ngayon ang bilang ng nalulunod dahil mas marami ng magbantay sa kaligtasan ng mga taong gagamit ng swimming pool at pupunta

PGC supports CavSU's BS-Environmental Science course accreditation

By Ruel Francisco

INDANG, Cavite –The Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC) thru the Provincial Government Environment and Natural Resources Office (PG-ENRO) expressed its support for the accreditation of B.S. in Environmental Science Course Level III – Phase 2 in the Department of Forestry and Environmental Science of the College of Agriculture, Food, Environment and Natural Resources (DFES-CAFENR) of Cavite State University (CavSU).

According to the Provincial Information and Community Affairs Department (PICAD), the accreditation is timely and in line with the rising need for more technical knowledge and in-depth understanding for the care and concern of the environment.

Prof. Noel A. Sedigo, the Dean of CVSU-T3 (Tanza, Trece Martires and Ternate) Campuses

and former Chairman of DFES presented the accreditation for the B.S. in Environmental Science Course Level III – Phase 2 during the Accreditation Survey Visit by a team from AACUP held at the International Convention Center, CVSU Main Campus.

As a result of the survey conducted by the AACUP team composed of Dr. Francis N. Baleta, PartidoSU Team Leader and Prof. Juanita Q. Rabina, UNP Lead Accreditor, the accreditation of the course was approved.

Meanwhile, PG-ENRO Anabelle L Cayabyab spoke about the partnerships forged between the PGC and CVSU such as the Cavite Greening Program, establishment of the Cavite Water Testing Laboratory and holding of the Cavite Water Summit 2015. In addition, Cayabyab said BSES graduates from CVSU was accommodated by the offices of PGC. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite/with reports from PICAD)



ANOTHER HEALTH SERVICES FOR IMUSEÑOS

In its continuing effort to provide basic health services to Caviteños, the Provincial Government of Cavite in coordination with the Office of the Governor-Extension conducted another leg of medical and dental mission at Narra Homes Subdivision Covered Court, Pag-asa 1, in the City of Imus on September 14, 2019. A total of 226 patients have availed free medical check-up and tooth extraction performed by medical practitioners from General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital. Other services rendered include free hair cut sponsored by Guns and Brushes Beauty Services and Mhar's Barber Shop and free eyeglasses by Guce Optical owned by Dr. Filipinas B. Guce. Punong Barangay Raymond "Samboy" Camama warmly welcomed the medical mission team and expressed his gratitude to Governor Jonvic Remulla for providing quality health care services for his constituents. Officers and members of the Rotary District 3810, Barangay Nutrition Scholars and Barangay Health Workers were also in attendance who supported the event.

BJMP...

an endemic issue which entails uncompromising and firm leadership of the jail bureau. The conduct of the surprise drug test proves the integrity of the bureau's officers and warden in this cause," Año said.

He said that the BJMP-NCR would also require drug testing among their jail personnel to make sure that their facilities are 100 percent drug-cleared.

Año explains that for a jail facility to be marked as drug-free, it has to comply with the standards and requirements set by agencies such as PDEA and the Philippine National Police (PNP).

Año discloses that a memorandum of agreement between the PDEA and BJMP has been inked for the conduct of

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regular drug-clearing operations in all city and municipal jails in the country.

He also noted BJMP-NCR, under the leadership of Chief Supt. Panti, has regularly conducted "Oplan Greyhound." The DILG Chief further reminds jail wardens and officials in all regional offices of the BJMP to conduct clean-up drive in all of their jail facilities to prevent Persons Deprived of Liberties (PDLs) from getting sick due to dengue and other diseases.

He says that the DILG is firmly bent towards reforming the management of the jail bureau. On Monday, the DILG and the Department of Justice signed and issued the Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act 10592 or the Good Conduct Time Allowance Law. (PIA InfoComm/DILG)

Capability....

Nursing

The training proper was led by Ms. Precyl Ramos, Social Welfare Officer III of the PSWDO. She discussed the Migration and Development Situationer in the country wherein 10% or 10.2 million of the Philippine Population are Overseas Filipinos (OFs) working in 193 countries all over the world. With the aforementioned data, Cavite topped the number of both land and sea-based overseas workers. She also discussed the positive and negative effects of migration to the country and community as well as the social cost of migration to the families and migrants as she emphasized the problems caused by overseas migration. To address these issues, Ms. Ramos tackled the role of the government in the national and regional level and the province's initiatives in responding to OF clients and their families.

To better understand and be aware of the issues and challenges of the migrants and

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families and to facilitate proper counseling for distressed OFs, topics on the reintegration, planning and counseling process were also presented.

In the afternoon, OWWA Region 4a Coordinator, Mr. Rosauro Dela Rosa Octaviano presented a Pre-Migration Orientation Seminar wherein he brought the participants to a tour of realities. Answering the questions, What lure the Filipinos to Work abroad, Are you Qualified, What it takes to become an OFW, What will you leave and miss and the pros and cons of working overseas. He also mentioned the challenges of being OFs that in order to survive, OFWs must be able to successfully adapt and adjust to the culture, working condition and environment of the host country. Failure to do so may lead to premature termination of contract and an abrupt end to their search for better opportunity.

He also conveyed the programs and services being offered by the Overseas Workers

DBP....

energy will surpass other forms of energy sources to become the largest electricity source by 2050.

To ensure that latest trends, policies, and programs on renewable energy development are properly met and complemented, TEI works closely with Sindicatum Renewable Energy, a Singapore-based company that focuses on developing clean energy projects in South and Southeast Asia.

Welfare Administration (OWWA) such as Social Benefits Program, Education and Trainings Assistance Program, Workers Welfare Assistance Program and Social and Family Welfare Services.

Meanwhile, Ms. Sheryll Loyola of the Provincial Cooperative, Livelihood and Entrepreneurial Development Office (PCLEDO) brought up the topic about the CMDO programs and services for OFs in Cavite like the Psycho-Social and Financial Assistance Services under the PSWDO, Department of Education – Cavite, Provincial Population Office and Provincial Legal Office. Economic and Capacity Building Services offered by Provincial ICT Office, Provincial PESO, Office of the Provincial Agriculturist and PCLEDO.

On the second day, package of services for OFs and their families were conversed by the representatives from various national line agencies. Ms. Jenelyn Dino, TESDA Focal Person presented the types of trainings they conducted be it institution-based, enterprise-based and community-based. She also mentioned the requirements and procedures in the program registration and accreditation system and the process for assessment and certification.

Mr. Rico Chavez from the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) – Cavite

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"The countries of Southeast Asia are particularly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, and through this partnership, we hope to communicate our commitment to sustainable development and devote ourselves in mitigating the impacts of climate change and therefore improve the lives of ordinary citizens," said Sindicatum Renewable Energy President Robert Eugene Driscoll.

TEI President Jose

explained their shared services facility project that refers to common production center that give MSMEs access to better technology and equipment to accelerate their bid for competitiveness and tap wider markets and be integrated in the global supply chain. Among other services being provided by the DTI were the SME Roving Academy, Negosyo Center Services, Kapatid Mentor ME and OTOP Next Gen.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) programs and services for OFs and members of their families were presented by Ms. Evangeline Pangiligan and Ms. Rhodora Sajor of DSWD – Region 4a. Under the DSWD, the International Social Services Office (ISSO) was created. Among its mandates were to act as the central authority on matters related to international social services for OFs and shall ensure that ISSOs at foreign posts deliver and provide appropriate, effective, and efficient programs and services for distressed and undocumented OFs and their families. As of date, there are seven Foreign Service posts with Social Welfare Attaches situated in Qatar, Malaysia, Kuwait, Hong Kong, Riyadh and Jeddah in KSA and Dubai, UAE. Some of the programs and services being provided at the Posts are Psychosocial Intervention, Emotional Healing/

P. Leviste, Jr., expressed his gratitude for the administration's support in the implementation of major renewable energy policies in the country. He also extends his appreciation to DBP for providing assistance in the development of this high-impact project. "DBP has always been enormously responsive in addressing our needs, we have two more projects in the pipeline, and we hope to come back to DBP to request support for our continued growth," Leviste ended. (DBP)

Value Inculcation Sessions and Pre-marriage Counseling.

Continuous monitoring of the recovery, aftercare service and reintegration program upon return of the distressed OFs to the Philippines is now being facilitated by the ISS Regional field Offices/LSWDOs. Specific programs and services provided to them are provision of financial assistance, Psychosocial Services, Temporary Shelter assistance, Sustainable Livelihood Programs and others.

During the open forum, participants had the chance to raise their queries and made some clarifications regarding the assistance being provided for Filipino migrants and their families. Relevant issues on reintegration phase (pre-departure, on-site and successful return) were also cleared up.

After the training, representatives from municipal and city social workers, PESO, DTI and academe were asked to share their insights and learnings.

Ms. Felipa G. Servanez, PSWD Head, expressed her deepest appreciation to all the speakers who willingly shared their knowledge and expertise. She also shared in brief the milestone of CMDO. Likewise, she extended her gratefulness to all the attendees believing that they were the right representatives of the LGUs who were capable of providing support to the migrant sectors in the society.

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EDITORIAL

Real pork problems

WHAT could be worse: pork you can't eat or pork you shouldn't eat?

Although the African swine fever (ASF) is said to have been contained in Luzon, paranoia remains about that most beloved meat by Filipinos.

Some may forget about it — forget their names, even! — once a piping hot, perfectly cooked plate of crispy pata is laid out in front of them, but the fact remains that the pig population in the world has been massively depleted by this disease.

In Luzon, some 7,000 pigs were culled to prevent an outbreak. These outbreaks reported in different parts of Asia, including China which carries the bulk of the world pig population, have caused worries over food supply, contamination and consumer inflation.

In the Philippines, a temporary ban on all pork products coming from Luzon had been imposed in the Visayas and Mindanao regions to prevent further spread of the swine disease.

ASF is deadly to pigs but not harmful to humans. The problem is it has no cure and no vaccine for the survival of pigs.

Thus, its spread can cripple the world's hog industries as well as related agricultural suppliers like feeds.

In other words, no amount of pork barrel can save the pork if this problem is not contained.

Pork accounts for 60 percent of meat consumption in the Philippines, according to the Department of Agriculture (DA). We are also the world's "eighth biggest pork producer by volume, with (the) swine industry estimated at P260 billion."

This pork problem is far more serious than avoiding that plate of sisig in front of you.

The Davao pork ban imposed recently, for instance, covers the "entry of swine, pork, pork-related products and pork by-products (edible and non-edible), whether raw, processed or cooked, including but not limited to frozen boar semen from the entire island of Luzon and other ASF-affected areas."

The city is also planning to inform food places to stop giving swill (leftover food scraps) for now as it can spread the disease in hogs.

Hereabouts, the reported disposal of dead pigs in rivers in Marikina and Quezon City had also caused an outcry over water contamination.

Clearly, some public advisories are needed to guide backyard hog raisers on the safest steps to handle the situation, as well as the public on how to prevent a further spread of the virus. Ignorance, sometimes, can kill.

What the Davao City Council had undertaken recently deserves attention — quick and decisive action can spell the difference between life and death. Denials can prolong problems and even complicate them to the point of no return.

The city under Mayor Sara Duterte had quickly created a task force covering related segments of the problem as a way to protect the city's swine industry.

In a report from the said city, it was revealed that Acting Mayor Sebastian Duterte had indicated "a need to create a body that would look into the formulation of appropriate policies and implementation of programs to protect the public and the swine industry from the threats of ASF in the city."

So, if the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) says ASF has reached outbreak levels in some parts of the country, immediate response from Agriculture Secretary William Dar should be as straightforward as possible, supported with facts and figures to either assure or rally people to action.

This is necessary considering how public trust has been unwieldy. Consumers had been conditioned by incidents long before the advent of ASF, like the "double dead pork" or botcha issue, to trust pork suppliers to have their health and well-being in mind.

Also, a clear statement on government action should be made, just as leaderships elsewhere are doing. The swine infection is a crisis — and crises cannot be dismissed with lightweight assurances.

While the temporary ban on pigs and pig-related products from China, Russia and a number of European countries had been imposed in the country, our DA should also be in step with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the United Nations agency spearheading an international effort to control the deadly virus.

By this weekend, a regional action plan is hoped to have been formulated after a FAO-sponsored meeting with Asia-Pacific leaders. Pork is safe to eat, the DA assures. (Just cook it well, warns the Health Department).

The outbreak has been contained, they have even declared.

But much work remains to be done, including the prevention of smuggling of meat products, continued hog-raising methods that may be detrimental to the pig population, as well as abuse of pork pricing by opportunistic sellers.

After all, non-pork eaters and dieters notwithstanding, pork still accounts for 60 percent of the Filipinos' meat consumption!



KAPIRASONG Kritika

Ni Teo S. Marasigan

Decaf: Try Mo!

MARAMI na siguro ang nakapanood ng patalastas ng Nescafe Decaf na may titulong "Why Not?" Dalawang babae ang sinubaybayan mula paglalakad pauwi hanggang bago matulog, kung saan inisa-isa ng isa ang mga naengkwentrong "bawal" gawin sa gabi: magwalis, dumaan sa ilalim ng hagdan, manahi, maglabas ng pera, matulog nang basa ang buhok, hanggang sa, syempre pa, uminom ng kape dahil "baka hindi ka makatulog." Ang sinasabihan, sa wakas, ay parang hindi na nakapagpigil at nagsabing: Bawal-bawal ka diyan.

And so what kung gabi? Magkakape ako kung gusto ko, 'no? Decaffeinated naman. So pwede pa rin akong makatulog. Ang sarap kaya. Try mo!

Sa propaganda-ahitasyong ito para sa kapeng decaffeinated, makikita ang linya-por-lynya o hakbang-hakbang pero mabilis na pang-aakit at pagbibigay-katwiran sa pagkonsumo ng ibinebentang kalakal: pagkutya sa pagbabawal >> pagkwestyon-pagrerebelde sa pagbabawal >> pagdeklara ng indibidwal na pagpapasya >> paghahayag ng siyentipikong batayan at sa gayo'y ng pagpawalang-bisa sa batayan ng pagbabawal >> paghahayag ng sarap sa aksyon >> paghikayat sa kausap na gawin din ang ginagawa.

Bago ang ganitong pagbulalas, nasabi ng nangangalang ang malaganap na kumbaga'y argumentong pang-nagkakaisang prente ng mga mapamahiing siya namang promotor ng mga nabanggit na paniniwala-pagbabawal: "Sumunod ka na lang; wala namang mawawala." Kahit hindi naman talaga pamahiin ang hindi pag-inom ng kape bago matulog (dahil paalala lang ito), kahit hindi naman talaga relihiyoso o metapisikal ang batayan nito (dahil siyentipikong sabihing nakakagising ang caffeine), at kahit may lusot naman ang ibinebentang produkto sa pampagising na talab ng kape (dahil "decaffeinated naman"), ibinungkos ang hindi pag-inom ng kape sa mga nabanggit na pamahiin.

Sa ilalim ng kapitalismo, sabi nina Karl Marx at Friedrich Engels sa

Manifesto ng Partido Komunista, "Ang lahat ng solidong ay nalulusaw sa hangin, ang lahat ng banal ay binababoy." Sa ganitong tunguhin ng kapitalismo mailulugar ang kontra-pagbabawal at kontra-awtoridad na diwa ng patalastas. Sabi naman ng pilosopong Slovenian na si Slavoj Zizek sa marami niyang sulatin, ang paglabag sa mga pagbabawal at awtoridad ang tampok na estilo ng panawagan ng kapitalismo sa mga konsyumer sa kasalukuyan.

Mga babae ang bida sa patalastas at mga babae rin ang target nito. Hinihikayat nito ang pagkonsumo ng kababaihan ng kape sa panahon ng pagpapahinga-pagsasaya (leisure). Sa kanyang napakagandang sanaysay na "Permanent Daylight," inilad ni Anwyn Crawford, Australyanong manunulat, ang isang feminista at kontra-kapitalistang pagsusuri sa panahon ng pagpapahinga-pagsasaya na iniaalok ng kapitalismo. Aniya, "ang panahon ng pahinga-pagsasaya... ay itransporma, sa ilalim ng kapitalismo, sa pagsisikhay ng pagpapahinga-pagsasaya bilang pagpapaulad sa sarili (self-improvement) para sa pakinabang ng kapital, ginawang ultimong kalakal ang sarili..."

Sa patalastas, ang pagkonsumo ng kape ng kababaihan ay paglabag sa mga pagbabawal at awtoridad — partikular kaugnay ng gabi. Hindi ba't tugma ito sa pagpapatrabaho sa kababaihan sa mga call center, kung saan mabenta ang kape? Hindi ba't tugma ito sa panawagan ng Employers Confederation of the Philippines na tangalin na ang pormal o ligal na pagbabawal sa kababaihan na magtrabaho sa gabi? Ani Crawford, "Sapatos, pornograpiya, maramihang pagrerelasyon, hindi pagtatalik, vibrator, yoga, handbag — wala sa mga ito ang may bitbit ng dihayag na halagang moral o pulitikal, pero mahusay ang kapitalismo sa pagbebenta ng mga ito sa atin sa batayang magbitbit sila."

Dahil ang pagkakape ay naging tampok na bahagi na ng pagpapahinga-pagsasaya ng mga propesyunal, naalala ko ang pagbibigay-katwiran ng notoryus na si Tim Yap, "Ambassador of Pinoy Party," sa pagpa-party ng mga

propesyunal sa gitna ng kahirapan at ligalig sa bansa. Aniya, nagpa-party sila dahil karapat-dapat sila rito ("they deserve it") dahil nagtatrabaho sila nang husto ("they work hard"). Sa sipat ni Crawford, bahagi pa rin ng pagtatrabaho ng mga propesyunal ang kanilang pagpa-party. Hindi lang sa pakahulugang kumokonsumo sila sa pagpa-party, kundi pagyakap ito sa pagtatrabaho para sa kapitalismo, sa indibidwalistang ethos o diwang gusto nito.

May isa pang magandang punto si Crawford, kaugnay ng patalastas ng Nescafe Decaf: "Nakasandig ang kapitalismo sa bisibilidad ng kababaihan bilang imahen para supilin ang Real ng kanilang kawalan ng bisibilidad — ang kanilang hindi pag-iral — bilang mga subject" o mga taong kumikilos sa sariling pagpapasya. Lumalabas sa telebisyon ang mga propesyunal na kababaihan sa kanilang mga opisina at bahay, pero hindi ang mga manggagawang kababaihan bilang mga manggagawang kababaihan. Kung lumabas man, iyan ay bilang misis na naglalaba, nanay na nag-aalala sa kalusugan ng pamilya, tagalutong nag-aalala kung paano pasasarapin ang ihahain sa mga anak, at iba pa...

Sa mga nagbabasa kay Zizek, hindi na mababanggit ang "decaffeinated coffee" nang hindi naaalalangkanyang paulit-ulit na punto rito: ang pagtanggap ng substansya ng mga bagay-bagay — serbesa na walang alkohol, panghimagas na walang asukal — sa kasalukuyang lipunan na mapagpahintulot at konsyumerista. Madalas, dinudugtungan niya ito ng sipi kay Robespierre, ang rebolusyunaryong Pranses, na minsang nagsabing ang mga rebolusyunaryong ayaw sa paggamit ng dahas kontra sa mga kalaban ng rebolusyon ay may gusto ng "rebolusyong walang rebolusyon." Pwede palang decaf ang maging simbolo ng rehimen ngayon. Pagbabagong walang pagbabago? Sakto!

para kay Lila, mahilig sa kape, at nananatiling matatag

19 Setyembre 2010

EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AMONG HEIRS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late FANNY A. BIGORNIA and AVELINO E. BIGORNIA who both died on the Philippines the former died on February 7, 1995 leaving a parcel of land covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-158411 located at Bo. Ulong Tubig, Carmona Cavite, has been extrajudicially settled by their heirs as per Doc. No. ; Book No. ; Page No.: series of : Notary Public of

Ang Caviteño
September 23, 30 & October 07, 2019

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
BRANCH 23
TRECE MARTIRES CITY

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-241-19

EAST-WEST BANKING CORPORATION,
Mortgagee,

-Versus -

SPS. ANGELINO A. CERRADO AND
RAQUEL R. CERRADO,
Mortgagor/s.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by Mortgagee, EAST-WEST BANKING CORPORATION, with business address at East-West Corporate Center, The Beaufort, 5th Ave. cor. 23rd St., Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City against the Mortgagor/s, RAQUEL R. CERRADO represented by his Atty-in-Fact ANGELINO A. CERRADO, with residence and postal addresses at Blk. 1, Lot 40, Somerset 16, Brgy. Navarro, Gen. Trias, Cavite, and/or Blk. 1, Lot 40 Somerset, Brgy. Navarro, Gen. Trias, Cavite and/or 1263 F. Villaruel St., Santa Cruz, Manila, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of June 28, 2019 amounts to TWO MILLION TWENTY THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE PESOS and 62/100 (P2,023,485.62) Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest and penalty charges as of said date but excluding the foreclosure and other necessary expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on October 16, 2019 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2017039758

Lot No.: 40 Block No: 1 Plan No: Pcs-04-030150

Portion of: the cons/subd of Block 8, block 9, Pcs-04-0028206 & Lot 1711-A (LRC) Psd-61615
Decree No. 4270; LRC Rec. No. 5964

Location: Barangay of Navarro, Municipality of Gen. Trias, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon

Boundaries:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2-3	SE	Road Lot 5, Pcs-04-030150
3-4	SW	Road Lot 4, Pcs-04-030150
4-5	NW	Lot 39, Block 1, Pcs-04-030150
5-1	SE	Lot 41, Block 1, Pcs-04-030150

Are: EIGHTY-THREE SQUARE METERS (83), more or less

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said time and date, it shall be held on October 23, 2019 without further notice.

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

Trece Martires City, September 2, 2019

LUCIO C. ALEJO III
Sheriff IV

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Counsel for the Mortgagee
6th Floor, East West Corporate Center
5th Ave. cor. 23rd St., Bonifacio, Global City, Taguig City 1634

SPS. ANGELINO & RAQUEL CERRADO

Blk. 1, Lot 40, Somerset 16, Brgy. Navarro, Gen. Trias, Cavite, and/or Blk. 1, Lot 40 Somerset, Brgy. Navarro, Gen. Trias, Cavite and/or 1263 F. Villaruel St., Santa Cruz, Manila

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September 09, 16 & 23, 2019

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

Foreclosure No. 2019-135
For: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of
Real Estate Mortgage

NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORP.,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

NELSON FRANCIS C. CURAMMENG married to
MA. CHRISTIE T. CURAMMENG,
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, NELSON FRANCIS C. CURAMMENG married to MA. CHRISTIE T. CURAMMENG, of B22 L55 Queensrow Subd., Bacoor, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of July 2019, amounts to TWO MILLION FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY EIGHT PESOS & 22/100 (P2,475,348.22), Philippine Currency, exclusive of penalty charges, the undersigned or her duly authorized representative will sell at

CSC IV awards outstanding gov't workers

By Joedie Mae Boliver

QUEZON CITY-- To promote global cooperation in strengthening effective drug education, the ASEAN Training Center for Preventive Drug Education (ATCPDE) will host the ASEAN Conference on Global Prevention Practices and Interventions from 27 to 29 November 2019 at the SEAMEO Innotech.

As part of its 40th founding anniversary celebration with a theme "Drug Use Prevention in Various Contexts: Learnings and Possibilities," the conference aims to disseminate relevant themes about the international standards on drug use prevention from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), give information on current trends about prevention science, and to provide a platform for ASEAN member states to share best practices for intervention.

With support from Dangerous Drugs Board and Department of Foreign Affairs, future steps in ensuring and preventing drug abuse will be discussed during the

AFP, Makati Medical Center ink MOA to strengthen military hospitals

QUEZON CITY--The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the Makati Medical Center Foundation (MMCF) signed a Memorandum of Agreement Friday, September 20, to strengthen the capabilities of military hospitals and treatment facilities nationwide.

AFP Chief of Staff General Benjamin Madrigal Jr and MMCF Chairman Manny Pangilinan signed the MOA that will be submitted for the approval of Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana.

The MOA is intended to strengthen the human resources of AFP hospitals and treatment facilities through conferences, workshops, training sessions, coaching and mentoring, and other interventions.

Under the MOA, the MMCF shall share technical resources and open its medical facilities for training and learning exchange sessions at no cost to the AFP.

It will also conduct capabilities, resources, and competencies assessment and help in the development of strategic operational plans on policy, systems development, and human resource management.

The signing renews and expands the agreement that started in 2013. The original MOA involves the enhancement of the AFP Medical Center and since then has expanded to 23 AFP medical facilities. The new MOA

the public at the public auction on September 27, 2019 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-462202

"A parcel of Land (Lot 12, Blk. 9 of the subd. Plan. Psd-042103-055127, being a portion of Lot 5539, Imus Estate, LRC Rec. No.) situated in the Bo. Of Molino, Mun. Of Bacoor, Province of Cavite. X x x , containing an area of NINETY SIX (96) 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 October 2, 2019, 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, August 19, 2019

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. NELSON FRANCIS C. CURAMMENG & MA. CHRISTIE T. CURAMMENG
B2 L55 Queensrow Subd., Bacoor, Cavite
Macaria-Home Cavite Lot 12 Blk. 9 Stage 1km. 18.5 Molino, Bacoor, Cavite

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event .

The three-day conference will be participated by ASEAN member states international and local prevention experts, government employees, academe drug education coordinators and practitioners to share insights and exchange ideas on enhancing the practices and evidence-based interventions.

Conference program involves discussion on the substance use prevention policies and programs in the ASEAN, ASEAN Member states' best practices, workplace-based prevention intervention UNODC, and presentation of IEC Materials in preventive drug education.

ATCPDE coordinates with respective organizations in the field of preventive education and develops effective programs as intends to foster cooperation on stakeholders and concerned agencies in promoting this endeavor.

For interested participants, visit ATCPDE website, or this link: http://atcpde.pia.gov.ph/story/28?fbclid=IwAR3IknczM-eFOVVnJk5zJMUJ5TKXLse32-tkq_TYqisR3jAk5o_jlQ8dWwg or email atcpde_phils@yahoo.com for registration. (PIA-NCR)

seeks to strengthen the 46 AFP hospitals and treatment centers nationwide.

"We are happy to announce that MMC Foundation is again partnering with the AFP, but this time for the organizational strengthening of 46 of its hospitals and treatment facilities throughout the country. This is our way of saying 'thank you' for the kind of service that you render to all of us," Chairman Pangilinan said.

The partnership has since benefited the AFP through cross-trainings, donations of medical equipment, employment of joint disaster preparedness measures, and computerization of medical records.

Up to 200 military personnel including battle casualties were also provided with medical services in the MMC facilities under its Health Service Program.

"It is certainly reassuring to know, that as our soldiers are engaged in combat, that the chances of survival is higher with more skilled and capacitated doctors and having well-equipped hospitals," General Madrigal said.

"I would like to extend our gratitude to the MMC Foundation for the different services that you offer, especially in the capacity-building and training of our doctors and the equipment that you provide particularly in areas where we have more battle casualties," General Madrigal added (PIA-NCR/AFP)

Word Search Puzzle

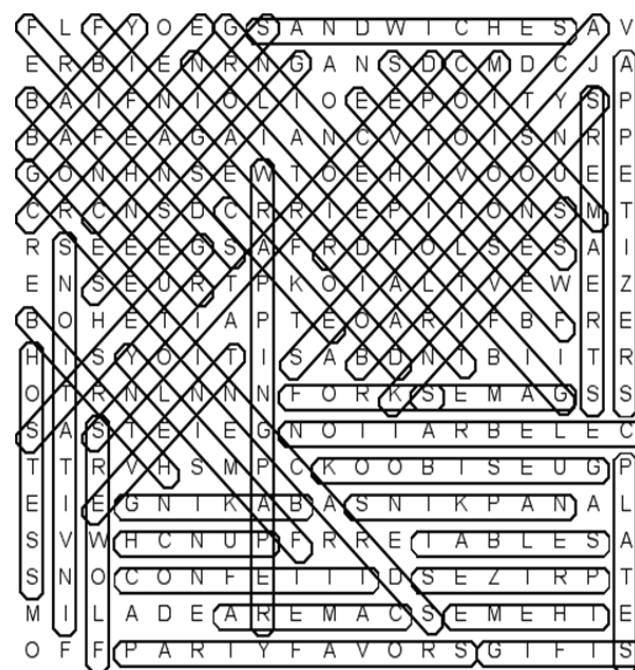
Treasure Island

Find and circle all of the words and names from the book *Treasure Island*.
The remaining 46 letters spell a secret message.

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Sagot sa nakaraan



Sudoku

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Fill in the blank squares so that each row, each column and each 3-by-3 block contain all of the digits 1 thru 9.
 If you use logic you can solve the puzzle without guesswork.
 Need a little help? The hints page shows a logical order to solve the puzzle. Use it to identify the next square you should solve. Or use the answers pag if you really get stuck.

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Hint

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President Duterte asks newly sworn in officials to help him fight corruption

MANILA -- Newly appointed government officials were sworn in Tuesday by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte in Malacañang, asking their support to help his government defeat corruption.

In his speech during the oath-taking rites, President Duterte congratulated the new government officials, reminding them that as public servants, "our foremost duty is to serve our country with the highest standard of moral integrity."

Public office is a public trust, he noted, as he expressed optimism that as the new officials assume their respective offices, they would lead by example and inspire their colleagues to bring the government closer to the people.

Asking their backing to restore the people's trust in government, the President said,

"I welcome you aboard with a challenge to go beyond selfish personal interests so that you may focus on the tasks waiting for you in your respective agencies."

"Work with this administration in ensuring that our bureaucracy is free of graft and corruption, red tape, and other illegal activities. Uphold the primacy of the Constitution, obey all laws, and observe due process in the performance of your duties."

He also asked them to remain committed to the shared task of nation-building, noting that with their active participation in good governance, the administration can achieve a better life and a brighter future for Filipinos.

Release of old convicts
Meanwhile, President Duterte said he would ask the *continue to page 2*



President Rodrigo Roa Duterte administers the oath to the newly appointed officials during a ceremony at the Malacañang Palace on September 17, 2019. TOTO LOZANO/PRESIDENTIAL PHOTO

QC hog raisers affected by ASF scare receive assistance from the Igu

QUEZON CITY--Owners of around 146 pigs culled in Barangay Bagong Silangan in Quezon City received financial assistance from the city government.

Mayor Joy Belmonte gave P3,000 and P1,500 financial assistance for every culled pig and piglet, respectively.

Belmonte, earlier promised city government's assistance to hog raisers in Quezon city affected by the African swine fever (ASF) virus scare.

The mayor said scholarships and livelihood assistance will also be provided to affected families of hog raisers to help them find new ways to earn a living.

"Hindi natin sila maaaring pabaya, lalo na sa panahong kailangan nila ng tulong mula sa lokal na pamahalaan. Naririto kami para tumulong hanggang muli silang makabangon mula sa problemang ito," the mayor said. As a preemptive measure, the mayor ordered the immediate culling of pigs from Sitio Veterans (Area 5) and Oriole (Area 2) in Barangay Bagong Silangan after blood samples submitted from these areas were confirmed by the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI)

as positive for the ASF.

"We went above and beyond DA's protocol to ensure that the virus won't spread to nearby areas so I ordered the immediate culling of the pigs," she said.

The City Veterinary Office, headed by Dr. Anamarie Cabel, said that the 1-7-10 protocol requires the culling of infected animals.

As part of protocol, additional blood samples within the 1-kilometer radius of the "ground zero" have been collected and submitted to the BAI for testing.

Belmonte also called on barangay officials within the 1-kilometer radius to cooperate by identifying informal backyard hog raisers and assist the Quezon City Veterinary Office in getting blood samples to be submitted to BAI for testing.

Dr. Cabel called on hog raisers to immediately inform the City Veterinary Office through via telephone no. 988-4242 loc 8036 in case of sick pigs in their area. Symptoms of ASF include high fever, nose bleeding and ear hemorrhage, among others.

She also advised consumers to look for meat inspection certificate from retailers to ensure *continue to page 2*

AFP awards outstanding reservists, units

CAMP AGUINALDO, Quezon City--The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) awarded outstanding reservists and reserve units in the country during the closing ceremony of the 40th National Reservists Week (NRW) on Saturday, September 21 at the Lapu-lapu Grandstand, here.

Among the recognized reservists were Navy Commander Danilo G Espela, the AFP Reservist Officer of the Year for

field grade level; Army Captain Raida B Maglangit, the AFP Reservist of the Year for company grade level; and Army Technical Sergeant Renato D Escolano, the AFP Enlisted Reservist of the Year.

The recognition of the reservists signifies the active and strong interchange of support between civilians and military. While they do not receive compensation, reservists continue

to carry out support operations especially in nation-building and humanitarian assistance and disaster response.

The outstanding reservist units of the year were Naval Forces Reserve-Eastern Visayas, 51st Naval Group Reserve, and Leyte College Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) Unit. Meanwhile, the 704th Reserve Communication Center *continue to page 2*



The AFP hosted the closing ceremony of the 40th National Reservists Week on Saturday, September 21 at the Lapu-lapu Grandstand in Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City. Among the highlights of the ceremony were the awarding of outstanding reservists and reservist units, and the parade of troops and capabilities. Photos by Cpl Joel Manzano PA of PAOAFP. (AFP PAO)