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# Duterte names PH Tax Academy governing board members

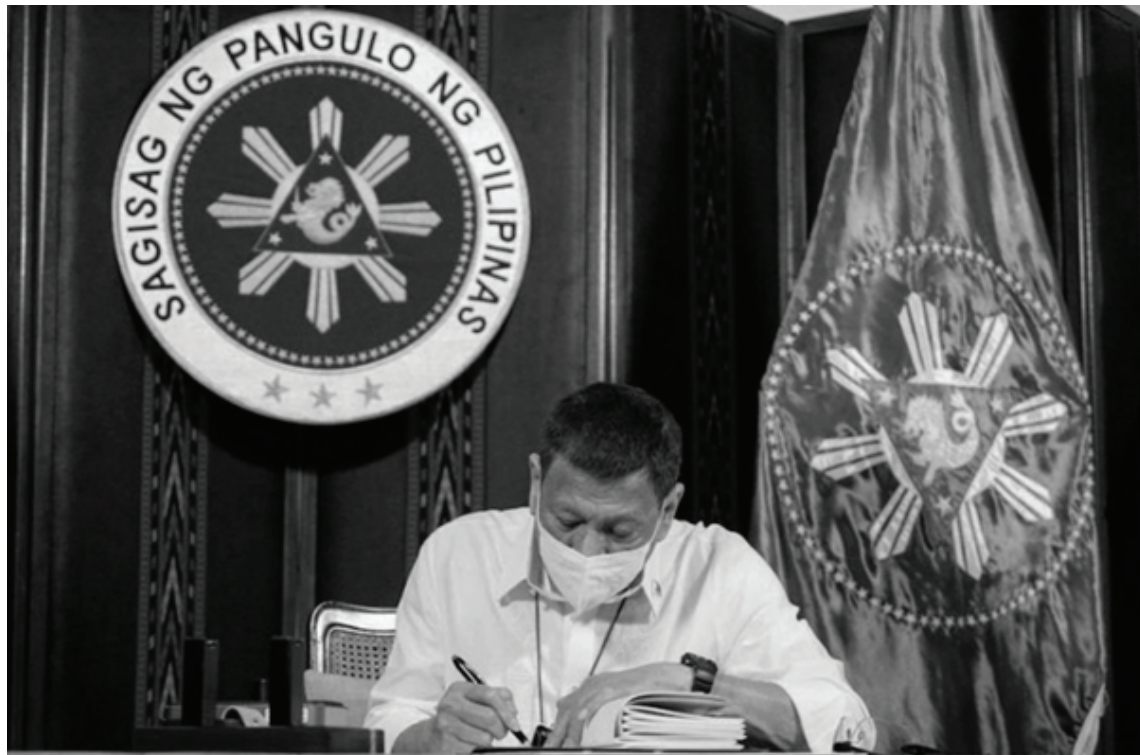


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By Jerome Carlo R. Paunan

CALOOCAN CITY -- President Rodrigo Roa Duterte has approved the appointment of Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III as ex-officio chairperson of the Governing Board of the Philippine Tax Academy (PTA).

The appointments of Commissioner Caesar Dulay of the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) and Commissioner Rey Leonardo Guerrero of the Bureau of Customs (BOC) as ex-officio vice-chairpersons of the PTA Governing Board were likewise approved by the President, the Department of Finance (DOF) said.

In his report during

a recent DOF Executive Committee (Execom) meeting, Finance Undersecretary Gil Beltran said that despite the COVID-9 pandemic, the PTA has continued to provide training to 258 government employees by migrating the courses offered by the Academy online.

"The employees trained from April to June through the PTA's e-learning system. They include 28 from the BIR, 152 from the BOC and 47 from the DOF," Beltran said in his report to Dominguez during the meeting.

Another batch of 31 employees from the BOC was undergoing online PTA training as of the first week of September, he added.

Beltran, who is the DOF's chief economist and anti-raped tape czar, said the PTA is also

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## ATI Calabarzon holds online training in Urban Agriculture for Cavite PWDs

By Ruel B. Francisco  
TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite -- The Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) CALABARZON held an online training seminar on urban gardening titled, "Training on Urban Agriculture: Affordable, Available and Safe Food for Persons with Disabilities" September 14-18, 2020.

The activity was organized in collaboration with the Provincial Social and Welfare Development Office of Cavite and the Provincial Persons with Disability Affairs in support to

the Plant, Plant, Plant Program or Ahon Lahat, Pagkaing Sapat (ALPAS) Laban sa COVID-19 of the Department of Agriculture (DA).

About 30 members of the PWD from federations and associations in the province were able to complete the training seminar with PWD Focal Person, Arlene V. Clemente describing the activity as 'holistic with a strong impact to the participants.'

Aside from the additional skills and knowledge from the

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## DOH 4A, may mga programa, helpline para sa mga nakararanas ng mental health issues

By Charmaine Odong

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna -- Ibinahagi ng Department of Health - Center for Health Development Calabarzon (DOH-CHD 4A) ang kahalagahan ng pag-aalaga sa kalusugang pangkaisipan o mental health ng isang indibidwal.

Sa programang Usapang PIA noong Setyembre 18 ay tinalakay ni DOH-CHD4A Mental Health Coordinator Paulina Calo ang napapanahong usapin tungkol

sa mental health at suicide na isa sa mga nangungunang sanhi ng kamatayan sa buong mundo.

Ayon kay Calo, ang mga kabataan na may edad na 15-29 ang madaling maapektuhan ng depresiyon o iba pang mental health problems na maaaring mauwi sa suicide.

Upang makatulong na maagapang mauwi sa pagkitil ng sariling buhay, lubos na magdudulot ng kaginhawahan ang paghikayat na makipag-usap dahil mabisa itong paraan para

malaman ang kanilang pananaw sa buhay, sa kanilang sarili at kung ano ang tunay nilang nararamdaman.

Mahalaga rin ang pagbibigay gabay sa paggamit ng mga kabataan sa modernong teknolohiya dahil dito kadalasang nakikita ang mga website na nagpapakita ng karahasan at iba pang mga negatibong pananaw sa buhay.

"Dapat bantayan ang kabataan kung saang website sila

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## PGC's Botika-on-Wheels rolls out to Noveleta town

By Ruel B. Francisco

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite -- Botika-on-Wheels (BoW), the Provincial Government's initiative rolled out in the municipality of Noveleta on September 7 - 10, 2020 giving out maintenance medicines to senior citizens and vitamins to children. About 1,563 Senior Citizens benefited from the activity while 1,817 children in the municipality received vitamins to help boost their immune system.

BoW is the brain project of the Office of the Governor that aimed primarily to help the vulnerable group of Senior

Citizens who are not allowed to leave their houses as well as caring for the children's health during the pandemic, as it brings the health services closer to the people in the barangays.

Since its initial roll out June 5, 2020 the program benefitted about 11,684 Senior Citizens and 2,987 children in 180 barangays in the different areas in the province.

BoW had visited the municipalities of Maragondon, Naic, Kawit, and Noveleta and Cavite City as it continues to serve the people in the province during the pandemic. (Ruel Francisco/ PICAD)

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## Iba pang ahensiyang may isyu ng korapsyon, paimbestigahan din

By Jerome Carlo R. Paunan

LUNGSOD CALOOCAN -- Pinakiusapan umano ni Senator Christopher Lawrence "Bong" Go si Pangulong Rodrigo Roa Duterte na hindi lang limitahan ng Task Force na kanyang naunang binuo, ang imbestigasyon sa mga opisyal ng Philippine Health Insurance, Corp. (PhilHealth), kundi pati na rin sa ibang ahensya na mayroon ding isyu ng korapsyon.

Sa panayam sa senador ng media, sinabi ni Go na kapag may korapsyon na mangyayari sa ibang ahensya, agad na aataasan ng Investigation Task Force ang Commission on Audit (COA) para suriin ang kanilang pinagkagastahan at Office of the

Ombudsman para suspindihin sa serbisyo habang iniimbestigahan.

Ayon sa mambabatas, hindi lang dapat limitado sa imbestigasyon ang gagawin nito kundi isali na ang lifestyle check at kasuhan kung may mga ebidensya na makuha at ikulong kung mapatunayan na nagkasala.

Paliwanag ni Go, kinakailangan ang naturang hakbang para matigil na ang pangungulimat ng mga tiwaling opisyal sa pera ng taumbayan.

Samantala, ikinatuwa naman ng senador ang resulta ng imbestigasyon ng task force kung saan 10 mula sa mga kawani ng PhilHealth na ang kakasuhan dahil sa anomalya at hindi umano titigil ang gobyerno sa paghahabol sa iba pang sangkot. (PIA NCR)

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or transcript of record, and drug test result to the nearest DILG provincial or city field office.

Under the guidelines drafted by the DILG, the contact tracers will earn a minimum of P18,784 per month in a contract of service status. Among their responsibilities are to conduct interviews, profiling, and perform an initial public health risk assessment of COVID-19 cases and their identified close contacts; refer the close contacts

to isolation facilities; conduct enhanced contact tracing in collaboration with other agencies and private sectors; conduct daily monitoring of close and general contacts for at least 14 days, and perform such other tasks in relation to the COVID response.

He said that the National Capital Region (NCR) will get 19.2% of the total number of the new contact tracers to be hired for the simple reason that it remains as one of the hot spots of COVID-19. "Mas

maraming naitatang kaso, doon maglalagay ng mas maraming bagong contact tracer. Our new contact tracers will operate and work in all the regions of country with NCR having the biggest number," said Malaya.

"It is crucial that a candidate must be willing to do research and investigation because that is the very essence of the job. Iyon ang hinahanap natin, isang tao na may pagmamahal sa bayan at handang magsasaliksik ng mga posibleng kaso ng COVID sa komunidad," he said. (PIA NCR)

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program in Metro Manila. So, we re-aligned and re-focused our programs," the DA chief said.

"The momentum is already there marami na ang nagtatanim, individual households and even communities. This effort is good, para yung mga bakanteng areas ay magamit natin for food production and substantially contribute to the food sufficiency level of the country. Gusto natin fresh and nutritious ang ating mga kinakain ngayong pandemic, hindi lang puro delata," he added.

Under the agreement, the DA-ATI will provide initial agriculture inputs, gardening modules, and technical assistance to ensure the maintenance and sustenance of the community gardens.

"Kaisa ninyo po kami sa programang maghahatid ng makabuluhang ambag sa buhay ng mga kababayan nating lubhang naapektuhan ng pandemyang ito. Sa pamamagitan ng partnership na magsisimula ngayon, nakakatitayak po kaming mas marami pang pamilya ang mabibiyayaan ng dala ninyong mga binhi na magdudulot ng inspirasyon at pag-asa sa maraming pamilya," said Mr. Claro of Pinas Forward.

On the part of Project PEARLS, Ms. Aclan thanked the DA for the opportunity and partnership assuring them that the assistance will go a long way especially in making the communities sustainable during the pandemic. "Ang mga seedlings at gardening kits ay

hindi lang magibigay ng pagkain sa mga pamilya pero makakapag-inspire din para mahikayat sila na maging sustainable at tingnan ang agriculture sa panibagong perspektibo," she said.

Meanwhile, AGREA President and Food Security Ambassador Atilano mentioned the importance of public-private partnership and how it can effectively work during this trying time. "During this pandemic, it is evident that public and private sectors can really work together. I am happy to support this kind of initiative. We want to empower the communities to start growing their own food and make their food source sustainable," she said.

On the part of MPIF President Del Rosario, she mentioned how in the last five months, the pandemic has become a "plantdemic" giving birth to "plantitas" and "plantitos" who want to grow their own food.

"We are happy that this program is progressing, and we will continue to cultivate and nurture that environment so that urban agriculture will be successful," concluded Secretary Dar.

Also present during the MOA signing were DA Spokesperson and Assistant Secretary for Strategic Communications Noel Reyes, ATI Asst. Director Rosanna Mula, and Head Executive Assistant Alexander Arizabal, Jr. ### (Rita dela Cruz, DA StratComms)

mahahalagang programa," ani Gatchalian, Chairman ng Senate Committee on Basic Education, Arts and Culture.

Isa sa mga programang nangangailangan ng pondo ay ang Special Education o SPED program para sa mga learners with disabilities. Pinuna ng senador na walang inilaang pondo para sa SPED para sa susunod na taon. Ngayong taon, nakatanggap ang naturang programa ng tatlong daang (300) milyong pisong pondo ngunit ito ay iniambag sa pagpapatupad ng Bayanihan to Heal As One Act o Bayanihan 1. May 439,000 na mag-aaral ang

suportado ng programang SPED.

"Ang panawagan ko sa kagawaran ay bilisan ang pagtanggap natin sa mga gurong nawalan ng trabaho, lalo na't may 34,000 na teaching positions ang kailangang punan. Bigyan natin ng prayoridad ang mga guro at non-teaching staff mula sa pribadong paaralan na nagsara sanhi ng COVID-19," sinabi ni Gatchalian.

Dagdag pa niya, lalo lamang lolobo ang "unused fund" ng DepEd kung hindi ito gagamitin nang husto ng gobyerno. (PIA NCR)

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address hunger while the government finalizes the NFP and its various projects.

These include cash-for-work programs, emergency subsidies, and funds for micro, small, and medium enterprises through the banking sector—all geared at fueling economic recovery and providing incomes for struggling families.

Another government intervention that would help alleviate hunger among children is the Supplemental Feeding Program that is expected to begin once classes resume in public elementary schools across the country on October 5.

Republic Act 11037 or the Masustansyang Pagkain para sa Batang Pilipino Act mandates the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and the Department of Education (DepEd) to implement a national feeding program for undernourished children attending public day care centers and public schools from

kindergarten to grade six.

"We have been coordinating closely with DepEd and DSWD to ensure that the feeding program for undernourished children at our public day care centers, kinder and elementary schools is implemented successfully. Sila ang most vulnerable kasi hindi naman sila makakapag-trabaho," said the former legislator from Davao.

"Ganitong mga feeding programs at iba pang mga government interventions, lahat bahagi po ng ating National Food Policy," added Nograles.

The NFP will be launched on October 16, to commemorate World Food Day. It will outline the country's anti-hunger priorities based on a comprehensive understanding of the problem of hunger and related issues, and will provide a roadmap for achieving zero hunger.

Among the issues the NFP will address are (1) food

production; (2) food accessibility and availability; (3) nutrition; and (4) food sustainability and resiliency.

"Tuloy-tuloy po ang pagre-review at pag-finalize ng iba't-ibang bahagi ng NFP para matugunan nito ang problema ng kagutuman. We want to come out with a policy framework that will not only address the immediate impact of the pandemic on hunger, but will also provide a long-term strategy to eradicate hunger by 2030."

According to Nograles, the Duterte administration has shown the capability to address hunger in the past, as "we have had a downward trend in hunger since the start of the Duterte admin up to the time before Covid-19 reached our shores."

"Some might say it is more challenging now to fight hunger amidst a public health emergency as we are battling two fronts. But if we ensure that all the mechanisms are properly executed I am confident that we will be able to resume the progress we have made," assured Nograles. (OCS)

## Mga bakanteng posisyon sa DepEd dapat mapunan—Gatchalian

LUNGSOD CALOOCAN -- Hinimok ni Senator Win Gatchalian ang Department of Education (DepEd) na punan muna ang mga bakanteng posisyon sa kasalukuyan, imbes na kumuha ng karagdagang sampung libong mga guro sa susunod na taon, upang matulungan na rin ang mga guro lalo na ang mga nasa pribadong paaralan na nawalan ng trabaho.

Sa pandinig ng Senado

sa panukalang budget ng DepEd para sa susunod na taon, iniulat ni DepEd Undersecretary Jesus Mateo na mayroong tatlung apat na libong (34,000) bakanteng posisyon para sa mga guro, karamihan ay para sa Teachers I, II at III.

Ayon kay Gatchalian, dapat munang bigyang prayoridad ng DepEd na mapunan ang mga bakanteng posisyong ito. Kamakailan lang ay iniulat ng

kagawaran na apat na libong (4,000) mga guro ang apektado ng pagsasara ngayong taon ng mahigit walong daang (865) pribadong paaralan.

Humihingi ang DepEd ng 1.2-bilyong piso para pondoan ang sampung libong (10,000) makukuhang guro sa susunod na taon.

"Ang aking mungkahi ay punan muna ang mga bakanteng posisyon bago tayo tumanggap ng mga bagong guro upang magamit natin ang pondo para sa ibang



## DA chief to urban folks: Support 'Plant, Plant, Plant' program to enhance level of food security

By Jimmy E. Guzman

PASIG-- Agriculture Secretary William Dar today called on metro folks to support the Plant, Plant, Plant program to ensure food availability in the country.

During the Public Briefing this morning, the agriculture chief encouraged Metro Manila residents and those living in other urban areas to continue to support the agency's banner program to enhance food security amid COVID-19.

"We are still in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic. We really have to continue to sustain efforts in terms of increasing food sufficiency levels for all the commodity industry in agriculture and see to it that this will lead to higher level of food security for

the whole country," said Dar.

The agriculture chief expressed hope that people in the areas will be inspired by the program and to support it.

"So with the umbrella program of the Department of Agriculture, Plant, Plant, Plant program this will continue to inspire everyone to be a part and encouraging our metro areas populace to be a part of this Plant, Plant, Plant program," he added.

Dar also assured that the DA will continue to help in many ways so that there will be enough food during this time that we are fighting the COVID-19 pandemic and that the prices of food commodities are acceptable, affordable, and in general stable. (PIA-NCR)



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## ATI....

seminar, the PWD participants will be receiving urban gardening kits of seedling trays, vegetable seeds, soil media (garden soil, carbonized rice hull, and vermicompost), and garden tools which would help them start their own backyard gardens.

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Sarah Cuento, a parent of a child with autism shared, "I joined the training to increase my knowledge on gardening and apply the information gathered from the online training on tending my small garden." (Ruel Francisco/ATI Communications Office)

## DOH ....

pumupunta at huwag pagalitan o kutsahin bagkus gawin natin itong paraan para makilala natin sila ng husto upang mapalakas ang ating relasyon sa kanila," ani Calo.

Dagdag pa niya na palaging tandaan na ang mga simpleng pangangamusta ay makapagdudulot ng malaking pagbabago sa buhay ng isang tao, lalo na sa panahon ng pandemya na ating kinakaharap marami ang lubos na naapektuhan dahil sa pagkawala ng nakasanayang pamumuhay.

Kaugnay nito, inihayag ni Calo ang kasalukuyang programa ng ahensya na Kapit-Bisig Calabarzon Helpline na patuloy na isinusulong upang makapagbigay ng libreng konsultasyon o counseling online.

Layon ng Kapit-bisig Calabarzon Helpline na inilunsad ng DOH-CHD 4A noong Abril 27, 2020 na matulongan ang mga indibidwal na nakakaranas ng psychosocial ang mental health issues dahil sa nararanasang COVID-19 pandemic.

Ayon kay Calo, gumagamit ang Kapit-Bisig

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Helpline ng online platforms gaya ng Facebook Messenger upang makapagbigay ng mga kinakailangang tulong tulad ng psychological first aid (PFA), psychological interventions, psychiatric consultation at referral sa mga iba pang kaugnay at kinakailangang serbisyo.

Batay pa sa pahayag ni Calo, kabilang sa nalalapit na paggunita ng mental health month ngayong darating na buwan ng Oktubre ang paglulunsad ng DOH Calabarzon ng telemedicine program.

"May ilulunsad na tinatawag na 'mental neurological and substance use disorder using referral system thru telemedicine kung saan sa mga komunidad ay magkakaroon ng mga consultation sa mga espesyalista tulad ng psychiatrist, neurologist at psychologist," ani ni Calo.

Hinihikayat naman ni Calo ang mga indibidwal na nakakaranas ng mental health issues na magpakonsulta sa mga espesyalista upang malunasan at masolusyunan ang mga sakit na dulot ng pangkaisipan na kalusugan. (CO/PIA4A)

## Duterte....

conducting its basic Integrity Education Program covering 79 BIR employees and a separate refresher and integrity education course for 2,000 BOC workers assigned to the Customs main office and the bureau's various ports.

By the end of their PTA training, around 600 new BIR employees will be inducted into

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the service before the end of 2020, Beltran said.

Beltran said local government treasurers also continue to receive training online through the PTA's e-learning system.

Under Republic Act (RA) 10143, the PTA "shall serve as a learning institution for tax collectors and administrators

of the government and selected applicants from the private sector."

This law provides that, "All existing officials and personnel of the BIR, the BOC and the BLGF (Bureau of Local Government Finance) shall be required to undergo the re-tooling and enhancement seminars and training programs to be conducted by the Philippine Tax Academy." (PIA-NCR)

## DENR 4A launches radio program, pilot highlights initiatives, pandemic response

By Patricia T. Bermudez

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna – The Department of Environment and Natural Resources- Region 4A (DENR-4A) highlighted its various initiatives during the pilot episode of its official radio program, 'Talakayan sa Kalikasan'.

Special guest DENR-4A Regional Executive Director Nonito Tamayo discussed the agency's ten priority programs, including their pandemic response and participation in the Manila Bay Rehabilitation Program.

Wildlife conservation

The DENR-4A is continuing its efforts in preserving wildlife in the region amid the pandemic.

After conducting the Asian Waterbird Census last January 7 to 24, Tamayo said they recorded a total of 13,742 migratory birds, which include endangered species such as the Philippine Duck, Black-bellied Tern, and White-shouldered Ibis.

They also assessed the mangroves in Noveleta, Cavite, where a science-based mangrove will be built in partnership with

the Forest Foundation Philippines and the Zoological Society of London.

Anti-illegal logging

The regional environment and natural resource office will continue its crackdown on illegal loggers under the Intensified Forest Protection and Anti-illegal Logging Program.

Through its field offices, the DENR-4A strictly monitors the lumber trade in the region, and closely coordinating with deputized law enforcement agencies to monitor illegal activities in forests.

Manila bay rehabilitation project

Tamayo assured that they are committed to the implementation of the Manila Bay Rehabilitation Program amid the pandemic.

But due to the social distancing order of the national government, the regional office said only a limited number of river rangers can be hired to watch over Manila Bay.

However, DENR regional chief added that they will continuously provide complete personal protective equipment

(PPE), alcohol, and vitamins to protect the river rangers from possible infections.

"By October this year, we are looking forward to officially launching the Calabarzon Sanitasyon at Basura Watch (CASABWATCH) program, which focuses on the strict implementation of the anti-littering and anti-illegal dumping ordinances," he assured.

COVID-19 pandemic response

DENR-4A officials and staff also organized an initiative to provide PPEs, hygiene and sanitation kits, and food packs to some hospitals in the region.

Provincial offices also launched their own initiatives to promote food security through backyard and office vegetable gardening. Several health programs were also initiated to promote holistic health among employees amid the pandemic.

Launched last September 25 at DZJV 1458 Radyo Calabarzon, 'Talakayan sa Kalikasan' aims to inform the public of the various environmental issues in the region. (PTB with reports from DENR 4A)

## Micro entrepreneurs in Cavite town receive livelihood kits from DTI

By Patricia T. Bermudez

TERNATE, Cavite – A total of 25 micro and small-scale entrepreneurs in Ternate, Cavite received livelihood starter kits from the Department of Trade and Industry - CALABARZON (DTI-4A), through the Livelihood Seeding Program - Negosyo Serbisyo sa Barangay (LSP-NSB), last September 24.

With the help of Barangay Development Councils (BDCs), the LSP-NSB aims for a more inclusive development by delivering the DTI's business development assistance services to help MSMEs in poor barangays expand their operations.

The beneficiaries were given P200,000 worth of starter kits, which include 22 sari-sari store packages, one (1) auto

repair package, one (1) goto and tapsi food house package, and one (1) eatery package.

"We have our Negosyo Centers all over the province of Cavite to inform our beneficiaries and the public about our programs and projects. Our Business Counsellors will be able to assist and guide them [on] how to start, sustain, and level up their

business," DTI 4-A Regional Director Marilou Q. Toledo said.

Meanwhile, Mayor Lamberto Bambao expressed his gratitude to the DTI-4A for the project, saying that he is looking forward to more livelihood projects for the Municipality of Ternate.

As of September, the provincial trade office has already

distributed starter kits to 135 beneficiaries in the province of Cavite, meeting their target of LSP-NSB beneficiaries for 2020.

The DTI plans to further expand the LSP-NSB Program to complement the Negosyo Centers, which provides various assistance to MSMEs, ranging from business registration to product development.



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## EDITORIAL

### Lie legislated

De Lima has little regard for the intelligence of his colleagues in the Senate and the Filipino people on her underhanded attempt at substantiating a lie.

Detained Senator Leila de Lima filed a self-serving bill that seeks to create something out of nothing.

Since it can't be proven that so-called extrajudicial killings (EJK) that are being alleged on state forces supposedly abetted by President Rodrigo Duterte exist, then why not legislate it?

Since EJK is not part of any law, the persistent detractors of the President take great pain to use it in the ouster effort.

According to the suspected drug trafficker's proposal, EJK should have a definition in the law "to prevent perpetrators... from circumventing the law, and seeks to impose punishment on state and non-state actors involved in the acts."

It also stated that there should be a prima facie case for arbitrary deprivation of life and disputable presumption of liability on the part of the Chief Executive, chief of police and other relevant officers involved in an EJK incident.

The bill defines EJK as unlawful or arbitrary killings committed by state agents or non-state actors who are acting under authority or instruction by policy of the state, or killings carried out without judicial process or without the benefit of full due process guarantees.

The term EJK was coined largely in the heat of the demonization campaign against Mr. Duterte, a little after he became president, tagging him on supposed summary executions in Davao City when he launched, as its mayor, an anti-drugs campaign.

Mr. Duterte adopted the uncompromising war on drugs on the national level as among his first agenda as President, resulting to daily police operations against drug traffickers. This was the reason for De Lima being made accountable for orchestrating the shabu network inside the New Bilibid Prison.

Thus far, by the count of the failed putschist Antonio Trillanes IV, 27,000 were killed through EJK.

Since the narcotics trade during the term of former President Noynoy Aquino, in which De Lima was Justice Secretary, became so widespread, cops faced huge resistance while drug syndicates that involved members of the police force started a purge on probable agents and whistleblowers.

At the start of the campaign, the deaths expectedly mounted, which in turn fueled the demonization efforts led by the yellow mob to oust the President.

A host of investigations held proved that the term EJK was manufactured and tailor-fitted to whip up public furor against the President.

The probe handled by the Senate Committee on Justice and Human Rights found that the President did not have a hand in the spate of vigilante killings ascribed to the fabled Davao Death Squad (DDS), which the report said did not exist.

A Trillanes creature named Edgar Matobato started the EJK yarn during an investigation called by De Lima. Matobato claimed he was a DDS assassin, which was accordingly assembled to carry out executions on drug recalcitrants. Matobato testified before the Senate along with former Davao policeman SPO3 Arturo Lascañas about their alleged involvement in the death squad.

Then came lawyer Jude Sabio, another pawn of Trillanes, who volunteered as Matobato's lawyer pro bono.

"Based on the testimony of Edgar Matobato and Arturo Lascañas, it is already an established fact that there was a system of death squad killings in Davao City. And based on the pronouncements of President Duterte, when he was still mayor, when he was a presidential candidate and when he was even a president, it is still clear that he continued the system in the war on drugs," the lawyer then claimed.

He would later file a complaint against the President and his men with the International Criminal Court (ICC) using the made up figures of Trillanes.

The latest from Sabio was that he was withdrawing the ICC case since Trillanes reneged on the lawyer's collectibles.

De Lima has little regard for the intelligence of his colleagues in the Senate and the Filipino people with her underhanded attempt at substantiating a lie.



## KAPIRASONG Kritika

Ni Teo S. Marasigan

### Bonifacio Unang Pangulo

SA pagpapaliwanag niya sa konsepto ng "ideolohiya," minsang tinuntungan ng pilosopong Slovenian na si Slavoj Zizek ang antropologong Pranses na si Claude Levi-Strauss. Mayroon daw pinag-aralan ang huli na isang tribo na nahahati sa dalawang grupo. Nang ipina-drawing niya sa dalawang grupo ang tanaw sa kanilang lugar mula sa itaas, dalawang larawan din ang lumabas: ang isa, bilog na may bilog pa sa loob habang ang ikalawa, bilog na may linyang humahati sa gitna. Itinuturo nito, ayon kay Zizek, ang "kung anong antagonismong panlipunan na bumabaluktot (distorts) sa tanaw ng mga miyembro ng tribo sa aktwal na pagkakahayan-hanay ng mga bahay sa kanilang lugar."

Hindi kaya lantad din ang antagonismong panlipunan sa bansa ng iba't ibang pagtingin kay Andres Bonifacio? Ayon sa balita, noong Agosto 23, naghain ng petyon si Michael Xiao Chua, propesor ng kasaysayan, at ang Philippine Historian Association kay Pang. Noynoy Aquino at sa Kongreso na kilalanin si Bonifacio na unang pangulo ng Pilipinas. Simula raw Agosto 24, 1896, hindi na isang rebolusyonaryong kilusan lang kundi isang gobyerno na ang Katipunan, ang organisasyong itinatag ni Bonifacio. Ani Chua, na umaasa sa social media para itulak ang kahilingan, baka

magsilbing "oomph" na tulak o inspirasyon sa bansa ang pagkilala. Hiling din nila ang state funeral para sa bayani.

Maaaring may kurot sa puso ang panawagang "unang pangulo;" samadaling tingin ay pagpaparantal ito kay Bonifacio. O kaya ay "pagtinging muli sa mga tala ng kasaysayan at pagsulat nang patas sa pamamagitan ng paglalarawan sa kanya nang batay sa katotohanan," na pinakamataas na pagpaparantal kay Bonifacio ayon sa isa sa kanyang mga inapo. Pero kaduda-duda: Sa unang balita hinggil dito, prominente ang Alliance of Progressive Labor (APL) – alyado ng Akbayan at malapit sa gobyernong Aquino. Kasama si Daniel Edralin, tagapangulo ng APL, sa mga lider ng Social Security System na nagbulsa ng P10 milyong bonus para sa 2012 mula sa pondo ng mga manggagawa.

Parangal ba kay Bonifacio ang ituring siyang unang pangulo? Hindi niya ikakaangat ang maihanay sa mga pangulo mula kina Aguinaldo at Quezon hanggang kina Arroyo at Aquino. Hindi karapat-dapat ang mga naging pangulo na maituring na kasunod ni Bonifacio; isa ring ilusyon ang isiping huhusay ang mga susunod na pangulo dahil sa ganyang pagkilala kay Bonifacio. Hahalaw lang sila ng makabayan at makamasang sinag kay Bonifacio kahit naglilingkod

sa dayuhang kapangyarihan at kumakatawan sa iilang naghahari sa lipunan. Hindi parangal kay Bonifacio ang gusto nila, kundi pagbango ng sarili at sistemang naghahari, at paglabnaw sa imaheng rebelde-radikal ng bayani.

Sa kabilang banda, matagal nang dinadakila ng Kaliwa si Bonifacio. Inuugat nito sa kanya ang sariling proyekto: Para rito, ipinaglaban ni Bonifacio ang pambansang kalayaan at demokrasya sa pamamagitan ng armadong rebolusyonaryong pakikibaka, na kailangang ipagpatuloy at paunlarin ngayon. Ginawa nitong huwaran si Bonifacio, na mula sa uring anakpawis, para ipanawagan sa masang anakpawis ang paglahok sa pambansa-demokratikong pakikibaka at pagkabayani. Hindi ang pagkilala kay Bonifacio na unang pangulo ang iginiit nito, kundi bilang anakpawis na rebolusyonaryo. At pagkilala hindi ng namamayaning gobyerno, kundi ng masang anakpawis mismo.

Sa pagitan ng muling pagsulat ng kasaysayan at ng paglikha nito, ng pagpanawagan sa gobyerno at pagmumulat at pag-oorganisa sa karaniwang tao, malinaw kung alin ang pinakamataas na pagpaparantal ng sambayanang Pilipino kay Andres Bonifacio.

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

Regional Trial Court  
Fourth Judicial Region  
Branch 121  
City of Imus, Cavite

Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real  
Estate Mortgage Under Act No.  
3135, as Amended, Republic Act  
No. 4118

FC NO. 17012-20

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND

(otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund)

Represented by its Atty-in-Fact  
Atty. RAYMUNDO R. AQUINO,  
Mortgagee,

-Versus -

JULIETA B. RULIDA for herself and as  
Atty.-in-Fact of her husband ALAN L. RULIDA  
Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (Pag-IBIG), mortgagee with principal place office at The Petron Mega Plaza Building No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, represented by its Atty.-in-Fact ATTY. RAYMUNDO R. AQUINO, with principal place of business at ANCHOR COLLECTION SERVICES INC., Bldg. #2 Malakas cor. Mapagmahal St., Brgy. Pinyahan, Quezon City against JULIETA B. RULIDA for herself and as Atty.-in-Fact of her Husband ALAN L. RULIDA, mortgagors with Lot 5, Block H, Phase 5, ACM Woodstock, Alapan 1-A, Imus Cavite and/or Lot 51, Block 5, Phase A, The Legian Imus Subdivision, Carsadang Bago II, Imus, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of January 17, 2020 amount to FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY ONE PESOS & 32/100 (P532,891.32) Philippine Currency, including interest and penalties, but excluding attorney's fees, sheriff's fees and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure sale, the undersigned will sell at Public Auction on October 20, 2020 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC Imus City Hall of Justice Aguinaldo Highway, Imus Cavite, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all the improvements therein, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2010002034

"A parcel of land (Lot 51, Block 5 of the consolidation – Subdivision Plan, Pcs-04-023917 being a portion of Lots 1313, (RS-04-004172), 1315, (RS-04-004439) and 1314, Imus Estate), situated in the Bo. Of Carsadang Bago II, Municipality of Imus, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NW., along line 1-2 by Road Lot 13; on the NE., along line 2-3 by Lot 53, Block 5; on the SE., along line 3-4 by Lot 52 Block 5; on the SW., along line 4-1 by Lot 49, Block 5 all of the Cons-Subd. Plan. x x x containing an area of THIRTY SIX (36) SQUARE METERS xxx"

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on October 27, 2020 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning 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.

Imus, Cavite, Philippines, July 20, 2020.

DWIGHT ALDWIN S. GERONIMO  
Sheriff IV

APPROVED:  
ARMIE A. FRANCISCO  
Clerk of Court V  
OIC – Office of the Clerk of Court

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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (Pag-IBIG)  
The Petron Mega Plaza Building No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City  
ATTY. RAYMUNDO R. AQUINO,  
ANCHOR COLLECTION SERVICES INC., Bldg. #2 Malakas cor. Mapagmahal St., Brgy. Pinyahan, Quezon City

JULIETA B. RULIDA for herself and as Atty.-in-Fact of her Husband ALAN L. RULIDA at Lot 5, Block H, Phase 5, ACM Woodstock, Alapan 1-A, Imus Cavite and/or Lot 51, Block 5, Phase A, The Legian Imus Subdivision, Carsadang Bago II, Imus, Cavite

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REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT  
TRECE MARTIRES CITY

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND,  
Mortgagee,

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-091-20

-versus-

RODOLFO O. RUECA SR., MARRIED TO EVELYN

G. RUECA

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, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND, located at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati Ciy, against the Mortgagor, RODOLFO O. RUECA SR., MARRIED TO EVELYN G. RUECA both of Filipino, with postal address at 1910-A Campillo St., Malate Manila and/or Lot 34 Block 47 Grandiosa Bagtas, Tanza Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of February 17, 2020 amounts to THREE HUNDRED SIXTY SIX THOUSAND SEVENTY SIX PESOS AND 77/100 (P366,076.77), Philippine Currency, including interest, penalties and other charges as of said date but exclusive of all other expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will set at public auction on November 26, 2020 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. 057-2016064673

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 34, BLK. 47 OF THE CONS./ SUBD. PLAN. PCS-04-016562, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONS. OF LOT 2552.N. 3628 &3627, FLS-2351 lot 3629, FLS-2351 (RS-04-002646) AND 3636 (RS-04-002645), STA. CRUZ DE MALABON ESTATE AND LOT 3630-B PSD-04-00656, LRC REC. NO. 6832), SITUATED IN THE BRGY. OF BAGTAS, MUN OF TANZA, PROV. OF CAVITE, IS. OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 3003, FLS-204, STA. CRUZ DE MALABON ESTATE ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 35 BLK. 47 OF THE CONS./ SUBD. PLAN; ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY RD. LOT 19; AND ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 33, BLK. 47, BOTH OF THE CONS./SUBD. PLAN BEGINNING AT A PT. MARKED "1" ON PLAN x x x Containing an area of FIFTY NINE SQ. M. & FIFTY SQ. DECIMETERS (59.5). MORE OR LESS xxx

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on December 03, 2020 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 9, 2020

REYNALDO L. SALOMA

Sheriff IV RTC-Branch 131

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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND

c/o

ATTY. NELSON I. GATIGAN

RM. 209 Megastate Bldg., No. G. Araneta Avenue Tatalon, Quezon City

RODOLFO O. RUECA SR., MARRIED TO EVELYN G. RUECA

1910-A Campillo St., Malate Manila and/or Lot 34 Block 47 Grandiosa Bagtas, Tanza Cavite

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OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT  
City of Bacoor, Cavite

Foreclosure No. 2020-10

For: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of

Real Estate Mortgage

NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORP.,

Mortgagee,

-versus-

ALEX L. CHENG married to CARMELITA M. CHENG,

Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

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

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-320178

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

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

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

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

Bacoor City, Cavite, September 15, 2020

ATTY. LIZA D. VICTA

Clerk of Court VI

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ATTY. DANTE Q. RIZADA

5th Floor, Filomena Bldg., 104 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City

Mr. & Mrs. ALEX L. CHENG & CARMELITA M. CHENG

-377 Quirino Avenue, Don Galo, Paranaque City

Econtrend Subd., Lot 18, Blk. 20 Ligas, Bacoor City

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AFFIDAVIT OF SOLE ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

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

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AFFIDAVIT OF SOLE ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late AMALIA R. BAQUIR AND CRISPIN C. BAQUIR who died on December 28, 2006 and August 29, 2004 at Brgy. Mabolo 2, Bacoor, Cavite, respectively leaving a parcel of land covered by TCT No. T-98167 located at Barrio Panapaan, Bacoor Cavite has been extrajudicially settled by their heirs as per Doc. No. 242; Page No. 65; Book No. XI; Series of 2020, Notary Public Atty. Zenaida O. Balmas.

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## Substitute bill para sa mas maagang pagboto ng mga senior citizen, PWDs pinamamadali

By Jerome Carlo R. Paunan

LUNGSOD CALOOCAN-- Pinamamadali na ang panukala para mas maagang makaboto ang mga senior citizen at persons with disability o PWDs sa Kamara.

Sa ulat ng Radyo Pilipinas, ito ngayon ang tinututukan ni Cagayan de Oro Representative Rufus Rodriguez para sa agarang pag-apruba sa substitute bill para makaboto ng maaga ang mga senior citizen at persons with disabilities sa 2022 elections.

Nauna nang naipasa sa House Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms ang panukala habang nakabinbin naman ito sa Committee on Appropriations para aprubahan naman ang budgetary provisions.

Sa ilalim ng House Bill 2839 itinutulak na magsasagawa ang Commission on Elections ng mas maagang botohan para sa senior citizens at PWDs, pitong araw o seven working days bago ang petsa ng national o local election.

Magsasagawa din ng nationwide voter registration para sa mga senior citizens at PWDs upang makasama sa early voting habang ang mga hindi naman makakapagparehistro ay sa mismong araw ng halalan makakaboto.

Tinukoy ni Rodriguez ang "early voting" sa Estado Unidos na nagdulot ng mas madaling pag-boto at nakapagbigay din ng mataas na turnout ng votes. (PIA NCR)

# Word Search Puzzle

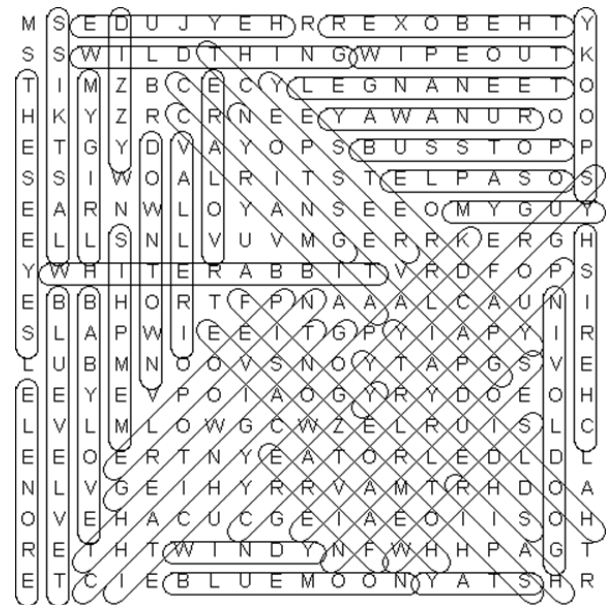
## 1950's Songs

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- BYE BYE LOVE
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- DONNA
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- FEVER
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- TEQUILA
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- YAKETY YAK
- YOU SEND ME

## 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.

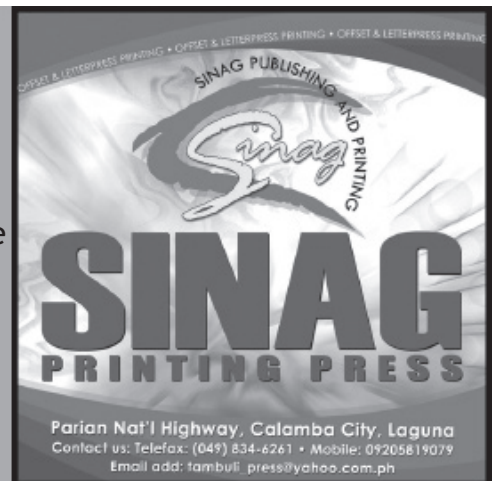




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# Andanar: Build trust through open access to information

QUEZON CITY-- Following the positive feedback of urban agriculture and its continued expansion to stabilize food supply and foster social integration and protect the environment through eco-friendly methods and innovative gardening methods, the Department of Agriculture (DA), through the Agricultural Training Institute (ATI), ties up with four civic organizations.

Agriculture Secretary William Dar signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Pinas Forward Chief Operating Officer Josemaria Claro, Project Pearls Operations and Programs Director Monica Aclan, Metro Pacific Investment Foundation (MPIF) President Melody Del Rosario, and AGREA President and DA Food Security Ambassador Cherrie Atilano on

September 17, 2020 in Quezon City.

“Every effort will always lead to a higher level of food production, ensuring food security for this country. At kapag mas organisado ang isang grupo, mas malaki ang makikita nating outcome from our efforts on urban agriculture,” said Secretary Dar.

Urban agriculture, a banner program under DA’s Plant Plant, was launched in April as an immediate response to the food supply disruption due to the pandemic.

“With all the lockdown and quarantines, this has initially become a challenge, especially among residents in the cities. But we also saw this as an opportunity to produce a food production *continue to page 2*



PCOO Secretary Martin Andanar

## Government calibrating National Food Policy to address rising hunger numbers amid pandemic—Nograles

MANILA--Government is in the process of calibrating the soon-to-be rolled out National Food Policy (NFP) in order to address reported rising cases of hunger, one of the expected adverse effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Cabinet Secretary Karlo Nograles revealed this on Monday in response to a mobile survey recently released by the Social Weather Stations (SWS), which showed that 7.6 million Filipino households had experienced involuntary hunger in the three months prior to the conduct of the survey from September 17 to 20, 2020.

“The figures validate the views of experts warning us that following the Covid-19 pandemic, the next biggest challenge we will need to overcome is hunger,” said Nograles, head of the government’s Inter-Agency Task Force on Zero Hunger.

The Palace official explained that the different components of the NFP seek to address the food needs of all Filipino families.

“One key result area is to increase the productivity of our farmers and fisherfolk. This will ensure abundance of food supply that would lead to stable

food prices,” said the Malacañang official.

“However, even at lower prices, food will still be inaccessible to families if their breadwinners are unemployed. This is why we must push for programs like urban gardening and home farming, wherein families can grow their own produce, para kahit kulang ang kita, makakakain ang pamilya.”

Nograles also pointed out that the recently-passed Bayanihan to Recover as One Act, or Bayanihan 2, include interventions that could help *continue to page 2*

## Continuous hiring to fill up 50,000 slots for contact tracers adopted

By Jerome Carlo R. Paunan

CALOOCAN CITY -- The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) has adopted a continuous recruitment system until it has hired and trained at least 50,000 contact tracers as part of its efforts to ramp up contact tracing in the country.

DILG Spokesperson Undersecretary Jonathan Malaya said all DILG provincial and city field offices will continue to accept applications until the slots allocated to them have been filled up.

“What’s important to us is to fill up the slots and recruit the most number of Contact Tracers as provided in the Bayanihan 2 law so those who meet the deadline will immediately be processed but we will continue to accept applications until we have met our targets,” he said.

Malaya said that they intend to have the first batch of DILG-hired contact tracers deployed to the LGU Contact Tracing Teams by first week of October.

He said that some 10,000 individuals have already applied in Metro Manila but many with incomplete documents so they are giving them more time to complete their documents on a first come first served basis. “As soon as they are deemed qualified

by the selection board, they will be hired, trained, and deployed to the various LGUs,” he added.

He said that contractual personnel whose employment were not renewed, Overseas Filipino Workers whose employment were disrupted, local employees whose service have been recently terminated, and Barangay Health Workers may be given priority in the hiring process if qualified.

To qualify, the applicant must have a Bachelor’s degree or college level in an allied medical course or criminology course. Aspirants must also be skilled in data gathering and have assisted in research and documentation; able to interview COVID-19 cases and close contacts in order to gather data; possess the ability to advocate public health education messages; and have investigative capability.

“While our first preference is college graduates or college level of allied medical courses or criminology, we are also open to graduates or college level of any course. So, we urge them to apply and help the country defeat COVID-19,” he said.

Malaya said applicants are required to submit an application letter, Personal Data Sheet, National Bureau of Investigation clearance, diploma *continue to page 2*



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