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NAIC MHO HOLDS BUNTIS CONGRESS 2019



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WITH the ultimate goal to achieve zero percent maternal and infant death rate in the province, Naic Municipal Health Office led by Dr. Susan Anselmo-Se, the Department of Health and the Provincial Health Office joined hands to conduct the Buntis Congress 2019 dubbed as "Para sa Ligtas na Panganganak, sa Health Center o Hospital Dapat" which was attended by 115 pregnant women on September 17, 2019 at Daluyan Community Resource Center Brgy. Malainen Bago in the municipality of Naic.

Dr. Se, in her welcome remarks, expressed her gratefulness to the expectant mothers for showing their willingness to learn more about having a healthy pregnancy. She said that in order to save lives, one must undergo regular prenatal checkup to know the condition and position of the baby in the womb.

Likewise, Mayor Junio Dualan also graced the program and advised them that it is beneficial for the parents to value

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6th Regional Career Advocacy Congress held in Tagaytay

By Ruel Francisco

TAGAYTAY CITY, Cavite -- In line with the implementation of the Career Guidance Advocacy Program, the Regional office of the Department of Labor and Employment in partnership with the Advocates for Career and Education Support, Inc. (ACESI) recently held the 6th Regional Career Advocacy Congress with the theme "PH 4.0: Preparing for a Digital-Ready Workforce" at the Alta D' Tagaytay here.

Around 200 members of the region's network of guidance counselors and career advocates, tripartite industry partners, employment service officers and other regional-line agencies gathered to participate and be equipped with the necessary

skills and information to educate and train the students- the future workforce.

DOLE IV-A Regional Director Henry John S. Jalbuena formally welcomed the guests and participants in the event.

In giving an overview of the activity's objective, he reiterated that, "it is necessary for us to continually hone the skills of the students for them to be more employable as they enter the labor force especially on the socio-emotional skills that will be in need such as communication, creative thinking, collaboration, and problem solving."

Jalbuena pointed out that educators must further innovate on teaching soft-skills rather than prepare the students for jobs that would not exist in the near future.

Special guest speaker Labor and Employment Assistant Secretary Mariano R. Alquiza described the need to produce "future-ready workforce" based on data from the World Economic Forum's Report on the Future of Jobs. The report said that about 7M jobs will be lost due to automation while the International Labor Organization predicts that about half of jobs in five Southeast Asian countries which includes the Philippines are at high risk of being affected by automation.

Mr. Alquiza said that "to produce a future-ready workforce, we must change our approaches towards the holistic development of education and training and our view of learning more generally."

He further encouraged everyone to continue the great work that has been done relative to the reforms in education, training, and employment and stressed that all having a stake on this, "We must come and work together to be able to minimize the negative effects and harness the benefits of Industry 4.0."

JobsFit 2022 Labor Market Information Report highlighted that with Industry 4.0, emerging jobs include business process analysts, mobile

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Cavite HIV Council, coordinators to "Act Against AIDS, End It"

By Ruel Francisco

GENERAL TRIAS CITY, Cavite --The Cavite Multi-sectoral HIV Council Meeting titled "Act Against AIDS, End It," aims to build a more cohesive network of offices to work on the probable recommendations, programs and policies towards handling the HIV epidemic, Provincial HIV Program Coordinator Haydelisa Maderaso said.

Representatives and officers of the municipal and city health offices, HIV program coordinators and nurses, members of the Provincial HIV Council and other stakeholders participated in the two-day meeting held at The Bayleaf Hotel here.

Two of the major problems were identified during the activity. The conflict during the testing and screening and the referral system after a patient is diagnosed reactive.

Dr. Michael Angelo Marquez, Bacoor City HIV Medical Coordinator suggested to formulate IEC materials on HIV-

AIDS programs and policies with complete directories of the treatment hubs in the province.

On the other hand, Dr. Ferdinand Mina of Imus City Health Office recommended for a massive HIV awareness campaign tapping the LGBT community through creation of an LGBT organization in Cavite.

Speaking on the 2nd day of the event, Dr. Nelson Soriano, officer-in-charge of the Public Health and Technical Services and Head of Provincial Epidemiology Service Unit of the PHO challenged all the participants to help address the alarming health issue of HIV pointing out that "open networking like social media as a big help in solving the challenges encountered."

6th District Board Member Kerby Salazar, Chairperson-Committee on Health, Nutrition and Population suggested the creation of a program designed for everyone not just focused on LGBT community.

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PDC FULL COUNCIL MEETING

FIFTY-FIVE members of the Provincial Development Council from different Local Government Units, civil society and private sector organizations convened at the Bayleaf Hotel in the City of General Trias for the 2019 Full Council Meeting held on September 10, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator Mr. Jesus Barrera upon determination of quorum by PDC Secretary Ms. Gloria Sarte. This was followed by the approval of the whole provisional agenda by Governor Juanito Victor C. Remulla. The Governor, as chair of the PDC emphasized the significance of working with the same vision to develop programs and grow in a more coherent and responsible manner. He also promoted sustainable agri-tourism in the upland part

of the province, as well as shared possible solution to eliminate traffic which is to establish an accessible mass transportation system for the residents. During the meeting, Mr. Barrera endorsed to the body the Executive and Legislative Agenda (ELA) and Capacity Development Agenda (CapDev) 2020-2022 of the province as well as the 2019 Supplemental Annual Investment Program. Likewise, Engr. EnP Lorna Leyran endorsed the 2020 Annual Investment Program (AIP)/Provincial Development Investment Program (PDIP) 2020-2022.

Resolutions endorsing the Geographic Sector Representative to the Regional Development Council (RDC), and Creation of PDC Executive Committee (ExeCom), Sectoral/Functional Committees, and Provincial Land Use Committee (PLUC) were approved.





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2ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND BASIC PARLIAMENTARY TRAINING FOR 3 RESETTLEMENT SITES' HOA OFFICERS

THE Provincial Housing Development and Management Office (PHDMO) facilitated the 2nd General Assembly and Training on Basic Parliamentary Procedure for the Provincial Government's Resettlement Projects' Homeowners Association from the villages of Pinagbuklod, Pinagkaisa and Pinagkalob located in the municipality of Kawit.

A total of 48 HOA officers and members participated in the event to gain essential tips and knowledge on how to run an effective meeting for the group and learn about the importance of investing and starting a small business on September 11, 2019 at the Ceremonial Hall of the Provincial Capitol in Trece Martires City.

Provincial Administrator for Community Affairs Mr. Alvin Mojica led the oath-taking ceremony of the HOA Officers. He also called for the cooperation of everyone in attaining a safe and peaceful community, assuring the full support of the local government. Livelihood Division Head Ms. Sheryll Loyola shared programs, trainings and services offered by the Provincial

Cooperative, Livelihood and Entrepreneurial Development Office (PCLEDO) to assist the officers in establishing and managing their own business for income generation, as she quoted, "Ang pag-unlad ng isang komunidad ay nakasalalay sa mga taong bumubuo nito".

In the afternoon, Training on Basic Parliamentary Procedure was facilitated by the President of De La Salle University-Dasmariñas Development Cooperative Dr. Jose R. Domingo, Jr., Ph.D. He guided the group on the steps to achieve their goals and objectives for a better village. He also extended tips for an effective meeting and major steps in decision-making, as well as elaborated the flow in taking minutes and what should be included following the correct order of the business.

Moreover, issues and concerns of every site were discussed during the open forum led by PHDMO Head Ms. Ma. Karen Camañag-Tupas.

Highlight of the event were the presentation of 3 HOA Village Sites expressing their appreciation to the provincial government and awarding of certificates.

Quezon...

rate (CPR) at 47.51%. CARAGA region has the highest CPR at 77.11% followed by Region 12 at 75.63% and Region 11 at 74.58%. Cavite province has the highest CPR at 81.53% followed by Quezon at 77.90% and Laguna with 53.27%. Batangas has 48.08% and Rizal with 33.77%. Among the top three family planning method commonly used is pills, injectables and bilateral tubal ligation (BTL).

According to Ms. Maria Luisa M. Malana, Nurse V and Outcome Manager for Family Planning and Gender and Development (GAD) programs, the implementation of family planning is in line with the couple's values and choice of

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method. "We are advocating for Informed Choice and Voluntarism (ICV) and focusing on health intervention, especially for the mother.

"Child spacing and the choice of contraceptive method is a couple's decision. Our role is to educate them and provide them the proper information regarding their choice of family planning method. And it is the duty of frontline health workers to give them the essential knowledge and ensure that this are fully understood," she disclosed.

Malana emphasized that training health workers and giving them the means and the right tools will help correct myths & misconceptions that modern family (mFP) is either harmful to

health of the mother or a form of abortion.

The RPRH Law (RA 10354) stated that all health service providers must undergo this revised basic training program to ensure family planning services are consistent with new developments in program policies and contraceptive technology, updates in the modern training approaches, and aligned with 2014 FP Clinical Standards Manual.

A total of 42 nurses and midwives from various remote areas in Quezon, including Polillo Island attended. A second batch is scheduled to be conducted on the third week of September 2019 to completely train all the new RHU personnel of the province. (DOH IV-A)

PCOO...

cure," Andanar said.

Andanar thanked the nonprofit organization for recognizing the work of the PCOO.

"Thank you so much to the Philippine Cancer Society for recognizing my hard work and my commitment to spread the word that this society is a good society and it has a noble cause of helping cancer patients, and I will do everything I can within my powers and whatever influence I have to further the cause of the Philippine Cancer Society," he said.

This is the second award given by the PCSI to Secretary

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Andanar. In 2017, he was recognized among the "men of extraordinary influence."

"They never failed to recognize to appreciate our work at the Presidential Communications Operations Office. It is not about me. I believe that our good work at the PCOO is a reflection of the hard work of the people of the PCOO. My lieutenants, my staff, and everybody who has put so much effort, dedication, and hard work to the government for the sake of nation-building and public service," Andanar said.

Also recipients of special awards include Senator Francis Tolentino, receiving the

"Bold and Perceptive Thinker" award, and businesswoman Alice Eduardo bagging the "Luminary of Philanthropy."

The PCSI also awarded 12 "Men of Extraordinary Influence," including mayor Franciso "Isko Moreno" Domagoso, Senator Sherwin Gatchalian, Ormoc Mayor Richard Gomez, Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea, basketball player James Carlos Yap, and Sterling Bank of Asia President and Chief Executive Officer Cecilio San Pedro. Rounding off the list include, Eddie Chua, Jonathan Dizon, Arlu Gomez, Wilson "Howee" Go, Charles Stewart Lee, and Nelson Licup. (PCOO)

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would be very happy for as long as you are doing it right and I said be assertive and do not succumb or surrender to the corrupt people."

The administration has already achieved a lot, and the President said he does not want these gains destroyed. The country's good standing is obviously the reason why Golden Topper Group Inc., a well-known real estate company, is investing in the Philippines.

President Duterte said he wants everybody to behave. "And I also expect that behavior from you. We just obey... There are rules to be followed. Just obey the rules and nobody is going to disturb you. Nobody is going to molest you. Nobody is going to, well, ask for this and ask for that."

At the same time, he warned the company to stay away from illegal activities and not to allow its infrastructure for narcotics trade or kidnapping for ransom.

He then expressed his gratitude to the people behind Golden Topper Group Inc. for recognizing the country's achievements and for showing their trust in the administration by investing in the Philippine real estate industry.

based socio-civic organizations/associations; and OFW Family Circle (OFCs). Nomination from overseas may be accepted provided the family of the nominee is in the Philippines. No individual nomination shall

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"May these groundbreaking projects not only set the standard for excellence, creativity, and innovation in your industry, but also cultivate an environment that will encourage healthy competition among the best real estate developers in this region," the President said.

"Indeed, the success of this endeavor will surely cement your status as the government's reliable partner in propelling the Philippine economy forward. It will also highlight your role as an important partner in spurring infrastructure development, generating more jobs, and sustaining the steady growth of our economy," he added.

The President also expressed optimism that with the success of Golden Topper's business venture, it will not only expand foreign investments in the Philippines, but also enable the country to strengthen its relations with other countries, especially with its Asian neighbors.

Also present during Wednesday's event were Trade Secretary Ramon Lopez, Golden Topper Group Inc. Chairman Lam Kiu San, Chief Executive Officer Joseph Ramil Lombos, Chief Investment Officer Allan Crisologo, and Sen. Christopher Lawrence "Bong" Go.

be accepted.

Nomination forms and other details of the 2019 MOFYA are available at OWWA Regional Welfare Offices, and may be downloaded from OWWA website www.owwa.gov.ph

OWWA announces call for nominations for the 2019 Model OFW Family of the Year Awards (MOFYA)

THE Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) has opened their call for nominations for the 2019 Model OFW Family of the Year Awards (MOFYA).

On its 14th year, OWWA continues to honor the sacrifices of Filipino migrants abroad by highlighting their unsung stories of success. It also recognizes the invaluable contributions of OFWs and the unparalleled support their families play in pursuit of a better life.

The annual search places great emphasis on OFW families in achieving professional and educational advancement, financial success and stability, positive community involvement and most importantly, maintaining family unity and solidarity amidst life challenges.

Two (2) outstanding OFW families per region (one each for the Land-based and Sea-based Category) will be selected as Regional Winners, and only two winners per category will be determined as grand winners for the national level.

The criteria of the selection process include the following:

- Wholesome OFW Family (50%)
- Civic/Community Involvement of OFW and Family (20%)
- Success in OFW and/or Family member/s education or profession (20%); and
- Success in Managing Family Finances (10%);

To qualify, nominees should comply with the following requirements:

- The OFW, either single or married and with proof of

OWWA membership, should head the family & may be presently employed overseas or former OFW;

- The OFW should have at least 4 years of work experience abroad; that he/she has returned to the country for good for no longer than 10 years of the time of nomination;
- The OFW family is known as a solid/stable family in the locality;
- The OFW family should be financially stable; and
- The OFW family is actively involved in community projects.

The group who may nominate an OFW family that meets the qualifications must be any of the following: registered Non-Government Organization (NGOs); Peoples organization (POs); Religious organizations or associations; Community-

PTCAO'S CALYE CULINARYA IN ITS 2ND YEAR

THE Provincial Tourism and Cultural Affairs Office (PTCAO) continue to intensify the promotion of Cavite as an emerging food destination in the south of Luzon highlighting its rich historic culinary heritage. In celebration of the Tourism Month, PTCAO launched Calye Culinarya 2019 which was participated by twenty-four culinary students from eight schools consist of Brookfield College, Cavite State University-Main Campus (CVSU), Emilio Aguinaldo College (EAC), Imus Institute of Science and Technology, International School for Hotel and Restaurant Management (ISHRM), Lyceum of the Philippines University-Cavite (LPU), St. Gregory College and University of Perpetual Help System Dalta-Molino (UPHSD).

To unleash the youth's artistry and creativity in preparing and cooking local dishes, participants were asked to revolutionize traditional cuisines and delicacies using local ingredients for the appetizer, main course and dessert in about 2.5 hours.

The competition was

won by the ISHRM team of Ms. Kyle Jermaine S. Samonte, Mr. Clyde Irvin T. Dimayuga and Mr. John Vher Carlo R. Torrero who received the grand prize of P 10,000.00 for their winning dishes "Okoy", "Adobong Lamang Dagat na Dilaw Fettuccine" and "Carioca". The 1st runner-up were Mr. Angelo D. Hermoso, Ms. Anne Zhiel R. Pamat and Mr. Diether T. Dizon of CVSU-Main. Meanwhile, Mr. Harold Jerome Ivan G. Cruz, Mr. Ahron Rhamzes A. Tamayo and Mr. Marvin Leon D. Zabala of LPU-Cavite, and Mr. Ashley R. Vinas, Mr. Joshua A. Labine and Mr. Justine Paul E. Fabrero of UPHSD-Molino placed as the 2nd and 3rd runners-up, respectively. The culinary competition was judged by Chef Christopher Carangian, Chef Matthew Pacumio, Chef Michelle Ortega-Arce and Chef Marie Cecilia Brazos.

PTCAO Head Ms. Elinia Imelda Rozelle S. Sangalang delivered words of encouragement motivating the partakers to embrace Cavite's own culture, continue to innovate and promote the local cuisines of the province.

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The status and accomplishments of the four treatment hubs: the Bacoor Social Hygiene Clinic; Imus Reproductive and Wellness Center; Dasmariñas Social Hygiene Clinic; and Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital Treatment Hub were discussed by their respective HIV program coordinator. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite/with reports from PICAD)

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MHO technical staff; and some laboratory services such as free HIV Testing and Blood Typing rendered by Ms. Jennifer S. Casamar, MedTech II of MHO with the assistance of Lab Aide Ms. Myla D. Armendi. They also received free maternity set and giveaways from Mega Soft Hygienic Products and Huggies.

Highlights of the program was the Search for Gandang Buntis 2019 participated by 16 candidates from different barangays. Ms. Chemarie Faustino of Brgy. Calubcob was named as the Gandang Buntis 2019 while Ms. Cyries Arandia of Brgy. San Roque and Ms. Shiela Velo of Brgy. Molino bagged the first and second runners-up, respectively. Other special awards were received by Ms. Kreezha Joy Halipot of Brgy. Bucana Sasahan for Best in Costume (Recycled) and Ms. Velo for Best in Maternity Casual Dress.

In closing, Development Management Officer IV Ms. Liza L. Madlangbayan from the DOH reminded everyone to always have a quality healthcare as the key to a successful and safe pregnancy journey.



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app developers, search engine optimization analysts, and social media analysts.

Relevant topics tackled included: Gearing up for the Future of Work: Harnessing the Impacts of the Fourth Industrial Revolution; Role of Career Guidance and Employment

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Coaching in Shaping the Future Workforce; Developing the Future Workforce: The Academe Perspectives; and Mental Health and Socio-Emotional Skills Development in the Digital-Age.

These topics will help the participant stakeholders to be better informed and competent to continuously shape their students

on becoming more employable and adaptive to a productive employment.

Quoting Alvin Toffler Mr. Alquiza said, "The illiterate of the 21st Century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn and relearn." (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite/with reports from PICAD)

DTI cracks down over Php 17M-worth of uncertified products in NCR,Luzon

MAKATI - Since the start of 2019, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) has already confiscated over Seventeen million (Php 17,000,000.00) worth of uncertified products in the National Capital Region and its adjoining provinces in Luzon as a result of its continued intensified monitoring and enforcement efforts for the promotion of product quality and consumer safety.

Led by its enforcement arm, the DTI-Fair Trade Enforcement Bureau (FTEB), a total of 84,477 pieces of construction materials, household items, and electrical products such equal-leg angle bar, deformed steel bar, rerolled steel bar, GI wires, electric fan, circuit breakers, socket-outlet, snap switches, CFL, fuse holders, inner-tube for motorcycle tires, electrical tape, uPVC rigid electrical conduit, sanitary wares, Edison screw lamp holder, and Monobloc stool/chair pipes were confiscated for alleged violation against the technical regulations being implemented by the DTI.

"We are reiterating our commitment to protect consumers from uncertified products. This serves as a warning to all establishments selling substandard and uncertified products. Apart from the fine and confiscation of products, they are also losing their investments. Their credibility as well as safety of consumers and the public are what's at stake here," said DTI Secretary Ramon Lopez.

For the first eight months of the year, the FTEB has monitored 9,764 firms. Of this number, 550 Notices of Violation (NOVs) were issued to those found selling alleged substandard and uncertified products that bear no Philippine Standard (PS) or Import Commodity Clearance (ICC) mark.

The FTEB explains that through the NOVs, the establishments were given 48 hours to submit their written explanation to the DTI as part of the administrative due process

before the filing of formal charges.

Several cases have already undergone the adjudication process and were administratively charged for failure to comply with the mandatory product certification and other technical regulations.

The following 34 business establishments were imposed with penalties totaling to Php1.8million: S.O.T. TRADING OWNED AND OPERATED BY SAMMY O. TAN; BM LYNNE CONSTRUCTION SUPPLY OWNED AND OPERATED BY MARLENE MARIMLA; GENUINE STAR CONSTRUCTION SUPPLY OWNED BY SHOINY C. SHI; CMC LUMBER AND CONSTRUCTION SUPPLY INC.; HIPOLITOS HARDWARE & GENERAL MERCHANDISE OWNED AND OPERATED BY IRENE H. HERBA; RSN TRADING AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES OWNED/OPERATED BY: REYNAN JAY LIMBO; GOLDEN LIBJO TRADING & CONSTRUCTION SUPPLY OWNED/OPERATED BY: SHENA Q. MARASIGAN; RMJC COCOLUMBER & GENERAL MERCHANDISE OWNED/OPERATED BY: RONALD CERENO; KING VINCENT TRADING OWNED/OPERATED BY: JOSE RODRIGO P. ESPINA; SKY KING HARDWARE AND CONSTRUCTION SUPPLY; A.C. AMORADO BUILDERS & SUPPLY; JG STEEL AND CONSTRUCTION SUPPLY; SHINY WOOD HARDWARE OWNED BY JERICO L. KUA; HAPPY FUTURE STEEL AND WOOD CENTER OWNED BY JOSEPH C. CHEN; OROMAX HARDWARE OWNED BY JAYSON D. WONG; WCDJ GENERAL MERCHANDISE; GERCO BUILDERS AND FARM SUPPLY, INC.; GLOW ENTERPRISES; MAXIWIN TRADING AND CONSTRUCTION SUPPLY, INC.; KEN 31

HARDWARE CORPORATION; CESCO HARDWARE & CONSTRUCTION SUPPLY; NEW CUÑA HARDWARE; J & E STEEL CENTER, OWNED BY JUN JUN APOLINARIO BANTIQUE; CAPITLY'S TRADING, OWNED BY HARVEY D. CAPITLY; PINGYIN GENERAL MERCHANDISE; ABC HARDWARE & MULTI STEEL INC.; J. CASIM CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES, INC.; SDB HARDWARE AND CONSTRUCTION SUPPLY; AJS STEEL GENERAL MERCHANDISING; EASTERN SUN MERCHANDISING and ELISON'S STEEL BARS MARKETIN; EUROTOOL HARDWARE & CONSTRUCTION SUPPLY; STAMFORD TRADING; KRJ TRADING; and REAL STEEL AND CONSTRUCTION SUPPLY OWNED BY SHENA Q. MARASIGAN.

Consumer Protection Group (CPG) Undersecretary Atty. Ruth B. Castelo reiterated that, "The DTI will stop at nothing in tracking down unscrupulous businesses. The protection of consumers is our utmost priority and we remain steadfast in our commitment. As the Department continues to intensify its monitoring and enforcement efforts, we advise the public to remain vigilant when purchasing products, especially construction materials. Always look for the PS or ICC mark to be assured of quality and safety."

In July 2019, the FTEB started implementing the Oplan Kidlat Project for furtherance of the monitoring and enforcement efforts of the DTI on all products and services that are under its jurisdiction, with a special focus on those covered by technical regulations.

For the complete list of products that should bear the PS and ICC marks, please visit the BPS portal at www.bps.gov.ph. To report establishments selling uncertified and non-conforming products, please call the One-DTI (1-384) Hotline or send an email to consumercare@dti.gov.ph.

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"More than increasing awareness, activities and programs that can help end the stigma should be formulated," said BM Salazar and promised to utilize his term to improve the healthcare and nutrition program in the province.

The event also served as a venue for the recognition of the major accomplishments of the Provincial HIV Program.

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the importance of proper birth spacing and family planning to provide for the needs of every child.

During the program, short video clips showing the significance of family planning, HIV screening, newborn screening and breastfeeding were played to intensify and promote awareness on good nutrition and health for the mother and child before, during and after pregnancy. Meanwhile, Philippine Health Insurance Corporation Representative, Ms. Aleli Ramento discussed the PhilHealth membership process and benefits.

Participants also enjoyed some services offered in the event such as free oral prophylaxis performed by Provincial Oral Health Coordinator Dr. Mary Ann Montenegro along with Dr. Cristy Lim, Dr. Suzette Pulido and MHO dentists; free HIV counselling and screening by Prov'l HIV-AIDS Coordinator Ms. Haydelisa Maderazo, Asst. Prov'l TB Program Coordinator/TBHV Nurse Mr. Raffy Macdonald and

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EDITORIAL

Moving on!

TO be honest, the transport strike last Monday felt like a reprieve for motorists who enjoyed a smoother and faster flow of traffic in a rare while.

Simply put, less volume on the road equals less traffic.

It is true, though, that such a strike can cripple a portion of the populace. "The struggle is real," as often said these days, often in reference to the hours and energy it takes to traverse through Metro Manila, no longer just on Fridays and payday weekends, but almost on a daily basis.

The term "road warrior" has taken on deeper connotations of grit and courage these past years as the transport system situation has gone through a rollercoaster of ups and downs.

Much faith, of course, was placed on the Duterte administration's promise to address this problem.

Hardworking departments, strong programs and cooperation among agencies have contributed, in the last three years, to improving traffic solution-related needs such as infrastructure development.

While this, too, is not without its challenges, other possible solutions have been drawn up to keep moving toward the goal — nay, the "dream" of a traffic-free EDSA and a modern transport system for all Filipinos.

This is why a transport strike, designed to halt the usual movement of citizens in the metro, meets with mixed reactions.

The inconvenience it causes commuters coupled with the fact that undisciplined jeepney drivers do not get the sympathy of the public result in the feeling of great annoyance whenever such strikes happen. This sentiment was voiced out by Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) Assistant Secretary Celine Pialago who, though she got flak for it, stood by her belief that the way of transport groups was not the right one to take under the current circumstances.

Transport groups led by the Pinagkaisang Samahan ng mga Tsuper at Operator Nationwide (PISTON) held a strike in Metro Manila to protest the Public Utility Vehicle Modernization Program.

They wanted to disrupt the flow, so to speak, in order to bring attention to their opposition of the program that entails phasing out of jeepneys that are 15 years and older.

PISTON declared their strike a success, but the MMDA official begged to differ. This caused a barrage of reactions anew, this time over differing opinions about the transport strike.

For its part, government strove to lessen the impact of the strike by suspending classes in Metro Manila and offering free rides to the public.

It was not, therefore, as "crippling" as it was meant to be, and moreover, it did not convince government to change its mind about implementing the modernization program for public utility vehicles.

In fact, the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board says this plan will be rolled out as planned.

Change, as we had asked for, is coming and yet people do not seem to be so open to it.

What this recent skirmish tells us is that even with the fear or opposition to change — change that has long been needed — life will move forward.

Of all people, the transport groups should know this. The old units no longer serve the populace's need for low-emission and fuel-efficient vehicles that would help reduce air pollution and provide more comfortable transportation for commuters.

However, because we are all in the same "jeep" anyway, government, transport groups and citizens should strive to address the challenges together. It does not bode well for our country to be divided about something that helps move us all forward, literally and figuratively.

So, it is with optimism that we once more put our faith on government's openness to dialogue with the concerned groups, and the latter's openness to the idea of change.

Maybe with a more positive outlook, we can all move on.



KAPIRASONG Kritika

Ni Teo S. Marasigan

Planking bilang Protesta

HINDI ko inakalang magiging ganito ka-sikat ang planking. Noong ipinapakilala pa lang ito ng mga kabataang aktibista sa bansa, ang inisip ko, uso lang ito na lilipas din. May reserbasyon pa nga ako dahil pasibo ang itsura, hindi palabán. Tapos mas madalas ay iilan lang ang gumagawa, hindi maramihan. Parang mas indibidwal na kalokohan kaysa sama-samang pagkilos o paglaban. Parang mas pakikiuso kaysa pakikibaka. Peace!

Utang ng planking ang kasikatan nito ngayon sa bansa hindi lang sa mga aktibistang gumawa nito. Kundi sa gobyernong Aquino, partikular kay Edwin Lacierda, tagapagsalita ng pangulo, na nangmaliit dito. Sa mga pulitikong moralista at mapanupil sa mga kabataan at estudyante, tulad ni Kong. Winnie Castelo ng Quezon City. At sa mga kontra-maralita at kontra-aktibistang taong-midya tulad ni Mike Enriquez.

Alam na natin ang istorya: sa protestang bayan at welgang pantransportasyon noong 19 Setyembre, nag-planking ang ilang kabataan sa España Avenue. Kahit pa maraming sentro ng protesta sa Kamaynilaan at buong bansa, minaliit ni Lacierda ang protesta sa España bilang "photo ops lang." Pinapalabas niyang larawan ng kabuuan ang larawan ng bahagi lang ng kabuuan. Napakaraming "photo ops" lang pala ang araw na iyun.

Pero bago siya, habang nagaganap ang planking, nagwala sa programa niya sa radyo si Enriquez. Kahit pa tuwing red signal lang nag-planking ang mga aktibista, planking ang sinisi niya sa matinding trapik sa kalsada. Kahit pa ang dapat sisihin, sabi ni Terry Ridon, tagapangulo ng League of Filipino Students, ay ang pagsuspinde ng gobyerno sa color-coding scheme — dahil labis itong nangamba na magiging malakas ang protesta.

Nauso ang planking bilang laro o paligsahan ng mga

kabataan sa mga bansang abanteng kapitalista. Naghahanap ng mga pinaka-orihinal o pinakakakaibang lugar at doon nagpapa-picture nang nakadapa at tuwid na tuwid. Kadalasan, mga lugar na walang katao-tao ang paligid. Pagkatapos, ilalagay ang larawan sa Facebook o social networking sites. Hinikayat ito ng mga bagong teknolohiya ng kamera at Internet.

Bilang praktika, mas nagpapatawa ito, hindi nagpoprotesta. Mas nang-iisa sa awtoridad, partikular marahil sa mga security guard, nang hindi nagiging banta rito, at hindi talaga direktang kumontra lalo na sa gobyerno. Ang mga karaniwang lugar ng mga eksena ng dangal, paggalaw at pagmamadali, ginagawang larawan ng pagtigil at katatawanan. Kakaiba itong larawan ng mga tao sa mga social networking sites.

Lagi't lagi, ang layunin ay makita. May ganyan din namang paligsahan sa Facebook at ibang social networking sites. Kumakain ng ganito, may suot ganyan, kumakain kung saan, nagbabakasyon doon. Ang lahat, nakadireksyon sa pagiging "glamoroso," na tineorya ni John Berger sa Ways of Seeing [1972]: ang pagiging kainggit-inggit dahil may kung anong mayroon na wala ang iba. At dito, mahalaga ang makita, "being seen."

Sa isang banda, nagpapatianod dito ang planking, pero lumilihis din. Bagamat gusto rin niyang makita, hindi tradisyunal na "glamoroso" ang dating ng taong naka-planking. Ginagawang tanawin, itinatanghal, ang katawang nakatigil at nakadapa — posisyong hindi "natural" sa lipunan na nagbibigay-halaga sa produktibong paggalaw, sa paggawa, o kung magbigay-halaga man sa hindi paggalaw ay para pa rin paglaon sa paggawa.

"Perwisyo" ang pinawalang pagtingin ng gobyernong Aquino, sa bibig ni Sek. Mar Roxas

ng Department of Transportation and Communications, sa kilos-protesta sa araw na iyun. At maagang naghain si Enriquez ng "patunay," kahit walang batayan. Batay sa paghahanda nito sa pulisya at militar, gusto ng gobyerno na supilin ang mga magpoprotesta at takutin ang publiko. At naghain si Enriquez ng madaling palusot.

Madali kasing naidikit ang planking sa pagtigil sa mga pumapasadang sasakyan kapag welgang pantransportasyon. Pero ang totoo, kapag pinipigilan ang mga pumapasada kapag welga, sa mga terminal iyan, hindi sa gitna ng kalsada. At kung pinipigilan man sa gitna ng kalsada ang mga sasakyang pampubliko, iyan ay para magpaliwanag sa mga tsuper at hikayatin silang huwag nang pumasada, hindi ang pisikal na pigilan sila.

Sabay-eksena si Castelo. Parang hindi pa nasiyahan sa batikos na inabot sa panukalang gawing apat na araw ng pagtatrabaho sa isang linggo, naghain siya ng panukalang batas na patawan ng regulasyon ang planking. Mas malamang, nabahala siya sa dating ng planking na palabán sa gobyerno pero uso sa kabataan, bagong porma ng pagkilos na pwedeng magdala ng mga lumang panawagan. At lalo lang niyang ginalit ang kabataan.

Kahapon, nagmartsa ang libu-libong estudyante at kabataan sa Mendiola para iprotesta ang pagkaltas ng gobyerno sa subsidyo sa mga kolehiyo at unibersidad na pampubliko. Nag-planking sila papunta at nag-planking sila pagdating sa Mendiola. Dahil ginagawa nila ang tinutuligsa at sinisiraan ng mga nasa awtoridad, militante ang dating nila. Dahil marami sila, hindi sila mukhang nagkakuwaan lang, kundi lumalabag, lumalaban.

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Let's talk about polio

By Ma. Joreina Therese A. Blanco

Polio is back in the Philippines after 19 years of being freed from this infectious disease in 2000.

This year, two cases of polio victims are confirmed in Lanao del Sur and Laguna.

It only takes one case to declare polio outbreak in a country.

With this declaration of outbreak in the Philippines, should we be afraid of this phenomenon?

Poliomyelitis or polio is defined by the World Health Organization (WHO) as a highly infectious viral disease, "which mainly affects young children."

In a radio guesting of Dra. Janice Camarillo, a pediatrician from the Laoag Polyclinic, at Philippine Information Agency (PIA) Ilocos Norte's radio program "Danggay ti Panagdur-as," she revealed that polio virus can be transmitted by person-to-person through faecal-oral transmission.

"Basically, if may close exposure sa dumi ng taong may polio at hindi siya nag-sanitize, the virus will be transmitted sa kanya," Dra. Camarillo said.

Initial signs of polio are fever, stiff neck, fatigue, stiffness in the neck, and pain in the limbs.

"This is a serious case because it's a lifetime paralysis. Wala ng gamot and death is possible," she added.

Moreover, there is no cure for polio but it can be prevented through multiple

doses of polio vaccines since this virus mainly affects children below five years of age.

"Since this is a virus. Most of the viruses, walang gamot. But the good news is mayroon tayong bakuna," the pediatrician later on revealed.

This proves prevention is better than cure to get rid of lifetime regret.

"These vaccines ay binibigay sa mga baby pa. Ito 'yong sinasabi nating 'Patak sa Center'. Usually, ibinibigay ito sa baby na six weeks or one-and-a-half months old. Two-and-a-half months old at three-months-old. So, three doses po ito. Pag natapos ito, may mga boosters na ibinibigay for one year old at four years old," the pediatrician discussed.

Given the vulnerability of babies, this religious monitoring of vaccines is

essential in saving lives of children under five years old.

"Kaya naman ine-encourage namin ang mga magulang to check the medical booklet of your children kung nakatanggap na siya ng immunization," she encouraged.

Aside from the parents, she urges the public to observe proper hygiene.

"Ugaliing mag-practice ng proper personal hygiene like paghugas ng kamay, uminom ng malinis na tubig, at siguraduhing lutuin nang maayos (ang pagkain)" she ended.

Vaccines can actually save lives.

In ending, Camarillo also engages the full cooperation of the public for the implementation of the synchronized polio vaccination, date to be announced soon.

CAVITEVIEW

Shoes Jhaz for you: A Success Story of Jhaz Footwear

HAVING a pair of quality shoes usually costs an arm and a leg, much more an entire collection. Some people even shop in the Metro or go abroad just to buy shoes. The thing is, not many people know that Liliw, a small town in Laguna and widely regarded as the Tsinelas (slippers) Capital of the Philippines and Footwear Capital of Laguna has a wide array of durable and quality but low-priced shoe styles and designs. The footwear industry has been one of the town's major industries for decades.

One of the famous footwear stores in Liliw known for its comfortable, durable, fashionable, and affordable shoes is Jhaz Footwear which was established by Nephtali and Elvie Moneda in 2004. The Humble Beginnings

Jhaz rose from humble beginnings. The couple's teenage love blossomed into marriage. He was 16, and she was 17. For four years, they borrowed shoe stocks from friends and relatives, reselling them to nearby provinces to support their family. At that time, they earned at least P 3,000 to P4,000 by selling 100-200 pairs of shoes. However, because the couple were both studying while working, they realized the need for additional income to secure the needs of their growing family. That's when Nephtali thought of having his own shoe business.

"I grew up in a family of shoemakers. My mother pioneered in Liliw the use of abaca in shoes. Our family relied on shoemaking for a living. It was a skill passed on from generation to generation," said Nephtali. The Struggles

"In the first few months, I was alone making shoes at a small laundry area in my mother-in-law's house. I worked day and night to craft shoes and sold them to acquaintances and shoe stores."

Because he didn't have a physical store, Nephtali would lay down a banig (mat) and display his crafted shoes outside other stores. Oftentimes, he was driven away by security guards and store owners. For Nephtali, those difficult and sad moments became his motivation to not give up.

Nephtali began designing more slippers, sandals, and shoes using more materials such as abaca, textiles, rubbers, synthetic leathers, plastic, etc. All his hard work paid off because he was able to save money and rent a shoe stall. He then started hiring his own workers and expanding his shoe business.

"As we receive more orders from customers, my husband and I were

able to save up money and build our own house, which we also use as our production house for quite some time. Thankfully, the business was doing well, so we decided to build a small factory made of bamboos beside our house," said Elvie.

That small workshop made of bamboos became their factory for several years. It also became a showroom for visiting clients and guests.

"Nakakahiya nga po sa mga clients namin na pumupunta sa production house namin kasi kapag maulan, sobrang maputik. Maliit din ang space kaya siksikan ang mga workers namin. Hirap din sila kapag summer kasi napakainit sa loob at kapag tag-ulan naman, halos mabasa na sila," said Elvie nostalgically.

One of Jhaz's biggest challenges, however, is other stores copying or imitating their shoes.

"Once we launch a new shoe design and it becomes an instant hit to customers, other shoe stores will follow suit by producing replicas of our shoes," said Nephtali.

"It's becoming a major problem for us because the copied shoes are cheaper. That's why we always tell our buyers that the difference lies in the quality. Handcrafted by our skilled shoemakers, we use high-quality materials in our shoes to make our shoes durable. We assure our customers that our shoes will last them for years," said Nephtali.

The process of handcrafting shoes is laborious. Each pair is shaped and designed fastidiously. Over the years, the couple has designed and produced more than a thousand shoe designs, taking inspiration from shoe designs they find on the Internet. Some are customized items requested by their clients here and abroad.

DTI's Intervention

Jhaz was only a start-up business during that time and in order to survive in the footwear industry, Nephtali decided to take his business to another level by taking advantage of the programs offered by the Department of Trade and Industry.

"Before, we did not think about going outside Liliw to sell our shoes. Our focus was catering only to customers in Liliw and our neighboring towns. But after attending the DTI's seminars and workshops, our mindset changed. We realized that there are more opportunities waiting for us outside our town and that we can improve our products to make them more appealing to

the market."

"We therefore, joined many small bazaars and local fairs. After a while, we expanded our customer base by taking part in national and international trade fairs. Through DTI's fairs, we were able to gain our longtime buyers who also became our friends."

Jhaz also joined the One Town, One Product (OTOP) Next Generation. DTI's program that offers a package of public-private assistance for MSMEs with minimum viable products to come up with new or better offerings with significant improvement and innovation in the areas of quality, product development, design, packaging, standards compliance, marketability, production capability, brand development, among others.

"After joining the OTOP, our products improved in terms of design, branding, and packaging. We underwent several training sessions and workshop on financial management, capacity building, and marketing platforms and promotion. We're also able to promote our shoes through the OTOP Philippines Hub," said Nephtali.

As another flagship market access program by the DTI, the OTOP Philippines Hub or OTOP.PH is a retail store or spaces where products from One Town One Product offerings can be found. It serves as a marketing vehicle and incubation platform to promote and champion OTOP products. The hub is located mostly in airports, terminals,

pasalubong centers, tourist spots, Negosyo Centers, public markets, and other consumer-frequented locations including malls.

Leadership and Loyalty

Jhaz caters to both local and international buyers. They are an expert in using jute-abaca and native materials for their shoes. Most of the buyers are traders, retailers, and wholesalers.

When asked about how he is as a boss, Nephtali answered, "I am a hands-on boss. I personally train my employees in shoemaking."

Isabelo Royera, one of the first three employees Nephtali hired, has been with Jhaz for almost two decades now.

"Dahil sa paggawa ng mga sapatos, napagtapos ko po ng pag-aaral ang aking anak. Nabubuhay ko po ang aking pamilya. Maganda ang kita at nag-eejoy po ako sa aking trabaho, nakakaipon pa po kami," said Isabelo.

"Magaan ang trabaho pero minsan kapag malalaki ang order ng kliyente, nag-overtime kami para ma-meet ang targets."

For Isabelo, it takes hard work, focus, and patience in shoemaking. He also mentioned the importance of building good relationship with coworkers and enjoying and loving one's work.

Achievements

Currently, Jhaz has employed 60 workers and is supporting the community by offering side jobs to families such as abaca braiding and embroidery. They are capable of producing 5,000 pairs per month of espadrilles and doll shoes, 2,000 to 3,000 pairs of wedge and clogs, and 5,000 pairs of flat slippers.

"From a shoe workshop at the laundry area, to a production area at the first floor of our house, to a small workshop made of bamboos beside our house, and now to a factory made from

concrete materials which has an area of 140 square meters for production, 70 square meters for sole and clog production, and 110 square meters for warehouse, we have come a long way," said Elvie proudly.

"Nang dahil sa paggawa ng mga sapatos, nakabili kami ng aming sariling bahay, lupa, at mga sasakyan. Nabibigyan din namin ng magandang buhay ang aming mga anak."

Of course, they have a few failed attempts, but they didn't allow these hindrances to keep them from going. According to Nephtali and Elvie, they have managed to secure a successful shoemaking business because they never give up on their goal and they continue to improve and innovate.

Moving Forward

Nephtali and Elvie dream of seeing their own shoe stores at the malls all over the country. But for the meantime, their goal is to have a physical store outside Liliw so that it will be convenient for their customers to shop their shoes.

When asked for an advice to aspiring and existing entrepreneurs, Nephtali and Elvie revealed that to remain competitive in the business, it is important to keep abreast of market trends through attending seminars and researching and to join government programs.

"Do not hesitate to seek help from government agencies like the DTI because they will help entrepreneurs like us to get to the place where we want to be," Elvie concluded.

Presently, Jhaz lives true to its company motto that "for every footwear that you need, they have it Jhaz for you."

Learn more about the programs and services of the Department of Trade and Industry Region 4-A on www.dti.gov.ph/regions/region4a. To receive updates, follow the DTI 4-A on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.



(Photo courtesy of PIA)

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. 210; Book No. 43: Page No.II: series of 2019: Notary Public of John Arvin B. Atie

Ang Cavitenó
September 23, 30 & October 07, 2019

EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late ARLENE R. RATILLA who died on 23 April 2015 in Las Pinas City leaving 2014 Toyota Vios with plate no. AAK163B registered in the name of "TFSPH LEASED TO: ARLENE R. RATILLA which was used as security for a loan under a chattel mortgage with China Bank which is now fully paid has been extra-judicially settled by her heirs as per Doc. No. 400; Page No. 81; Book No. LXXV; Series of 2019, Notary Public Atty. Epifanio M. Almeda.

Ang Cavitenó
September 30, October 07 & 14, 2019

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late EPIFANIO SARTE SALVADOR SR. AND MERCEDES CAMEL SALVADOR who died intestate on February 15, 2003 at Bagong Silang, Sucat Muntinlupa City and on February 15, 2003 at Bagong Silang, Sucat Muntinlupa City, respectively leaving a parcel of land covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-28157 located at Imus, Cavite has been extra-judicially settled by their heirs as per Doc. No. 232; Page No. 47; Book No. LXVII; Series of 2019, Notary Public Atty. Brian B. Pellazar.

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AMONG LEGAL HEIRS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late JULIETA ISABEL F. ESTOLLOSO who die intestate at Queen's Row Central, Bacoor, Cavite, on April 28, 2019 leaving No will nor debts settled to date but leaving PEOCEEDS remained unclaimed from PAG-IBIG Home Mutual Development Fund for selling aa parcel of land covered by Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT): 167-2019001484 situated at Blk. 15, Lot 2, Brgy. Molino, Mun. Of Bacoor, Province of Cavite the unclaimed proceeds with an estimated amount of TWO MILLION ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN PESOS (P2,181,447.00) PHILIPPINE CURRENCY has been extrajudicially settled by her heirs as per Doc. No. 252; Page No. 51; Book No. LXVII; Series of 2019, Notary Public Atty. Brian B. Pellazar.

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AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION OF ESTATE OF MARIANITO T. ANICO

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late MARIANITO T. ANICO, who died on March 28, 2017, leaving 3 parcel of land covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-125691, Transfer Certificate of Title No. 057-2011002687 and Transfer Certificate of Title No. 057-2011002680, situated at Poblacion of Naic Cavite and Sitio Gugo Naic Cavite respectively, has been extrajudicially settled by his heirs as per APOSTILLE (Convention De La Haye de 5 Octobre 1961) Country of Norway, signed by Brita By Notary Public bears the seal/stump of: Ovre Romerike District Court and Notary Public Certified Oslo, Date 17.09.2019 No. 2019-63036, Country Governor of Oslo and Viken.

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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 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

WARNING: It is absolutely prohibited to remove, deface or destroy this notice of
Extra-Judicial Sale on or before the date of sale

Ang Caviteño Newsweekly
September 16, 23 & 30, 2019

Statement of PCOO Sec. Andanar on Maria Ressa's opinion piece at The Los Angeles Times

WE have read Maria Ressa's 25 September 2019 opinion piece at The Los Angeles Times, entitled "Opinion: Americans, look to the Philippines to see a dystopian future created by social media."

It is tragic that Ms. Ressa remains out of touch with the political realities on the ground as she continues to insinuate that President Rodrigo Roa Duterte won through lies and fake propaganda as she claims that "lies laced with anger and hate began to systematically tear our democracy apart in the Philippines," and that "Like a virus, this disease spread fast. With the help of social media, President Rodrigo Duterte was elected in May 2016."

The President won fair and square and trashed his nearest political rival with the largest electoral margin in Philippine history. Simply put, the CEO of Rappler refuses to accept that the President is what the people truly wanted and needed. The people hoped for an action man who can bring positive change to their lives and the Filipino people got what they wanted and truly wanted. His style of governance, albeit unorthodox, resonates with the people. This is not democracy being torn apart but rather democracy naturally playing out.

The results speak for themselves. Three years into President Duterte's term, he maintained a high satisfaction rating where 80% of Filipinos are satisfied with his performance, and 85% approve of and trust the President according to two independent pollsters, notwithstanding all the black propaganda and loud political noise waged against the President and his Administration.

To debunk the "destruction of democracy" (in the words of Ms. Ressa), a non-commissioned survey conducted in the third quarter of 2018, disclosed that 84% of Filipinos are satisfied with the way democracy works in the country. Ironically, the latter was even reported by Ms. Ressa's own news website.

Again, Ms. Ressa continues to cite the baseless number of "27,000" drug addicts that were allegedly

killed, which is actually the total homicide cases including cases not related to the drug war. Sticking to the hard facts that came from our law enforcement agencies, the number of unfortunate deaths from legitimate police operations are only 5,526.

The government reiterates that this anti-illegal drug campaign is backed by the public. In the second quarter, 82% of adult Filipinos are satisfied with this campaign according to another Social Weather Stations survey.

Moreover, the government assures that it does not employ "disinformation tactics." This is not the policy and the practice of the Duterte administration. Our office at the Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) is at the forefront to combat disinformation not only to clear out matters that concern the government but also to empower individuals to be responsible and vigilant consumers of media, especially in the digital space, through our "Dismiss Disinformation" campaign and other of our many programs.

The allegations of Ms. Ressa that activists and news organizations face "top-down persecution by the government" are baseless and absurd. In fact, despite hurling criticisms against news organizations that carry fake news about his administration, the Chief Executive still signed his very first administrative order as Chief Executive creating an inter-agency body tasked to protect members of the press. The President also recently signed Republic Act 11458, which expands the coverage of exemptions from revealing the source of published news or information obtained in confidence.

Nevertheless, the Duterte government makes sure that justice is served, regardless of any political leaning. It is not the policy and practice of the current government to "harass" dissenters, as we only present our side of the story. The national government will keep on telling the truth, and we remain confident the people themselves will tell President Duterte's true legacy. (PCOO)

Ondoy's 10th anniversary: Groups urge all LGUs to commit to building disaster-resilient, healthy communities

QUEZON CITY -- As the 10th anniversary of the devastating tropical storm Ondoy (international name: Ketsana) is observed tomorrow, September 26, environmental health groups urged all cities and municipalities to re-commit to building disaster-resilient and healthy communities as the impacts of deteriorating global climate continue to unfold.

"As we recall the wrath of Ondoy, we urge all city and municipal governments to assess their compliance to the provisions of two vital post-Ondoy laws - Republic Acts 9729 and 10121 - in order to foster climate adaptation and disaster resilience, especially in our poor and vulnerable communities," said Noli Abinales, founder of Buklod Tao and former president of the EcoWaste Coalition.

RA 9729, or the Climate Change Act of 2009, directs local government units, among other things, to put together and regularly update their Local Climate Change Action Plans (LCCAPs) to reflect changing social, economic, and environmental conditions and emerging issues.

While RA 10121, or the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010, requires Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Plans (LDRRMPs) to be drawn up, reviewed and tested, among other provisions.

"The effective implementation of holistic people-driven LCCAPs and LDRRMPs is essential if we are to strengthen the disaster preparedness and emergency response

capacities of families and communities, particularly those living in hazard-prone and high-risk localities," Abinales said.

"Let the tragic memories of Ondoy and other extreme weather disturbances remind us of the need to faithfully carry out the provisions of RA 9729 and RA 10121," he added.

Recalling the massive garbage crisis in the aftermath of Ondoy, Abinales also emphasized the need to fully enforce RA 9003, or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act, to alleviate the impact of natural disasters.

"The proactive enforcement of RA 9003 will prevent garbage from blocking waterways and aggravating the flooding due to heavy rainfall," he said.

According to the groups, the ecological management of discards before, during and after any calamity must form part of effective LDRRMPs.

Preventing the generation of garbage and ensuring that discards are properly sorted, recycled, reused or composted will help families and communities in minimizing the adverse impacts of any disaster to health, environment and the economy.

The groups noted that mismanaged wastes exacerbate hygiene and sanitation problems in disaster-affected communities and cause the spread of preventable diseases.

Word Search Puzzle

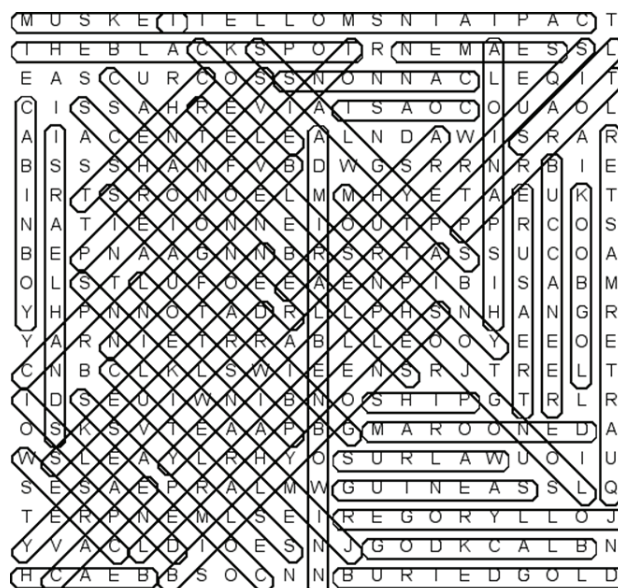
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Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining 48 letters spell a secret message.

M T H S E E W A L O O H A K R E S A U T
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| BEACHES | NAPALI COAST | WAIMEA BAY |
| CANOEING | N'IHAU | WARM |
| COFFEE | NORTH SHORE | WHALE WATCHING |
| GRASS SKIRT | O'AHU | |
| HAWAIIAN | PACIFIC OCEAN | |
| HONOLULU | PEARL HARBOR | |
| HULA | PINEAPPLES | |
| HUMPBACK | RESORTS | |
| WHALES | SAND | |
| ISLANDS | SCUBA DIVING | |
| KAHO'OLAWA | SNORKELING | |
| KAUA'I | STATE | |
| KAYAKING | SUGARCANE | |
| KONA COAST | SURFING | |
| LANA'I | TOURISTS | |
| LUAU | TROPICAL | |
| MACADAMIA NUTS | UKELELE | |
| MANTA RAYS | VACATION | |

Sagot sa nakaraan



Sudoku

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7	1	2	8	9	4	3	6	5
3	9	5	2	7	6	4	8	1
4	6	8	3	1	5	2	7	9
9	8	7	1	4	2	6	5	3
6	2	3	9	5	7	8	1	4
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Hint

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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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To fight corruption, red tape, President Duterte asks investors to be assertive

MANILA -- Local and foreign investors can profit in the Philippines as long as they play by the rules and back government's fight against corruption, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte said on Wednesday.

In a speech at the Golden Topper Corporate Launch in Parañaque City, President Duterte said that in the past, Southeast Asian countries had a bad reputation for rampant corruption, discouraging businessmen from investing their money in the region.

Putting the fight against corruption, criminality, and illegal drugs at the forefront of his endeavors, the President assured investors that, under his tutelage, he would not tolerate abuses in the government.

"I would like to stress to you again this evening for the nth time that the Philippines, at least during my term, is trying to

minimize or altogether remove corruption. And I would appreciate it very much if you investors, whether aliens, foreigners or Filipinos would come here to invest and be clear about the policy of this government," he told businessmen.

"I do not tolerate corruption. I hate corruption. And I will go out of my way to punish people who are into graft and corruption," he added.

He asked them not to hesitate and inform authorities if there are corruption and abuses in their dealings with the government.

"That is the only way where you can help me and you can help yourself from harassments, from oppressors, extortionists. Be assertive because whether you are a Filipino or an alien, you must stand for your rights," he stressed.

"And in my country, I

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President Rodrigo Roa Duterte delivers his speech during the Golden Topper Corporate Launch at the Aseana Business Park in Parañaque City on September 25, 2019. KING RODRIGUEZ/PRESIDENTIAL

Quezon Health Workers Undergoes FP Competency Trainin

QUEZON CITY-- Department of Health (DOH) - CALABARZON (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, Quezon) conducted another week-long training for nurses and rural health midwives of Quezon province on the Revised Family Planning Competency Based Training (FPCBT) to improve their skills in order to provide quality Family Planning Service to their community held from September 9-13, 2019 held in Eurotel North Edsa, Quezon City.

Regional Director Eduardo C. Janairo stated that frontline health care providers, especially those who are newly hired and assigned in rural health units (RHUs) in island barangays must be properly trained because most of them have not undertaken comprehensive family planning training. "We are now on the process of strengthening primary health care as mandated by universal health care (UHC) law and Quezon is one of the provinces where the UHC will be rolled-out. "Kailangan nating ayusin lahat ng mga RHU at mabigyan sila ng sapat na pangangailangan upang makapbigay ng wastong serbisyong pangkalusugan."

"Priority natin dito and mga remote island barangays, geographically isolated and

disadvantage areas (GIDA), dahil ang mga front line workers natin sa mga lugar na ito ang tanging nag-uugnay sa mga pamilyang nakatira ditto upang maikjonekta sila sa ating health system. They serve as the first point of contact for patients and families when scheduling appointments, coordinating patient follow up, and arranging transportation for patients to and from the nearest health facility," he stressed.

Janairo added that the regional office has prioritized health workers of RHUs from island communities and hard to reach areas to address Zero Unmet Need for mFP as mandated by Executive Order No. 12. The activity will enable them to develop the knowledge, attitude, skills and competencies fundamental to the provision of quality family planning services particularly infection prevention, client assessment, provision of FP methods (i.e., SDM, hormonal contraceptives, and condoms), counseling, and FP clinic management.

The 2018 DOH-Field Health Service Information System (FHSIS) ranks CALABARZON in the 16th place on contraceptive prevalence *continue to page 2*

PCOO chief named as most effective communicator

MANILA -- The Philippine Cancer Society Inc. (PCSI) awarded Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) Secretary Martin Andanar as the "Most Effective Communicator" during their charity event on Wednesday evening.

Secretary Andanar received the Most Effective Communicator

special award during the Best Dressed Women of the Philippines, 17th Annual Awards Ball -- a fundraising activity of the PCSI -- held at the Okada Manila in Parañaque City. The PCOO chief expressed appreciation for the PCSI's advocacy to prevent the development of cancer, especially among the disadvantaged families and individuals, through education, service, and research

programs. "I deeply appreciate the award given to me by the Philippine Cancer Society. But you know this award, the symbol and the importance of this is really what we can do to help cancer patients in our country. The Philippine Cancer Society has been in the advocacy of helping cancer patients especially those patients who cannot afford medicine and *continue to page 2*



Presidential Communications Secretary Martin M. Andanar receives the "Most Effective Communicator" special award during the Philippine Cancer Society Inc. Best Dressed Women of the Philippines 17th Annual Awards Ball on September 25, 2019, at the Okada Manila in Parañaque City.