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Cavite Vet's office conducts pet rescue mission after Taal 's eruption

partner agencies participated and committed to provide veterinary supplies, medicines, animal feeds, logistics and other needs that may be needed in the mission.

Donations in the form of dog food, powder and injectable medicines, veterinary supplies, bottled water and other items already started coming in even before the meeting was finalized. The rescue missions were divided into two teams which were headed by Dr. May Magno and Dr. Gloria Digma separately.

Magno and her team went to Brgy. Zambal, Tagaytay City where 64 rescued horses were kept and cared for. The

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By Ruel Francisco

TRECE MARTIRES CITY - Days after the eruption of Taal Volcano, the Cavite Provincial Veterinary Office and a team of volunteers completed the first leg of an inter-agency veterinary mission designed to treat animals affected by Taal's eruption.

The rescue mission was planned during the emergency meeting conducted by the PVO on January 15 that was held at the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Session Hall, where concerned



Persistent on its goal to safeguard the welfare of the animals who have been affected by the eruption of Taal Volcano, the Provincial Veterinary Office (PVO) led by Dr. May Magno has initiated efforts to visit and conduct veterinary missions at Tagaytay City for the treatment of rescued animals on January 29, 2020.

DOH Calabarzon readies health facilities for 2019-nCoV patients

By Fredmoore S. Cavan

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna - The Department of Health (DOH) Region 4A assured the public that it is ready to respond to the threat of the novel coronavirus-acute respiratory disease (2019-nCoV-ARD) in the event that an nCoV case will be identified in the region.

In a statement, DOH Region 4A Regional Director Eduardo Janairo said all public health facilities and some private hospitals in the region with isolation rooms are now prepared and ready to accept patients who will be suspected or confirmed

with nCoV infection.

He added that the regional health office has already laid out a unified plan for the preparedness, response, and prevention against the novel coronavirus.

The needed logistics for various provincial DOH offices, local health offices, and selected hospitals in Cavite, Laguna, and Batangas are also now in place, according to the regional health top official.

The unified preparedness and response plan formulated by the DOH 4A officials and local health officers on Tuesday, February 4 includes

a risk communication plan with identified protocols on case detection and referral system of patient under investigation and suspected cases.

As of February 5, DOH has recorded 13 patients in the Calabarzon region under investigation for the 2019-nCoV. Shared-responsibility

As the DOH Region 4A maximizes its efforts to prevent the spread of the virus, Janairo called on the public to take necessary precautionary measures against the virus.

He stressed that the efforts to prevent the spread and contracting the virus are shared-responsibility of the DOH and the public.

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MIAA limits visitor passes, airport tour amid 2019-nCoV

PASAY CITY -- In support of government efforts to contain and prevent the possible spread of the 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in the country, the Manila International Airport Authority (MIAA) is requesting the public who have passengers to meet or send-off at the Manila airport terminals, to refrain from coming in groups heeding the advice of health experts to avoid crowded places.

MIAA General Manager Ed Monreal appeals to families and friends of airline passengers not to bring highly vulnerable people to the airport, especially children, elderly, immuno-compromised individuals and those with underlying medical conditions to protect them from possible exposure.

"This call is being made not to alarm the public. This is

our simple way of supporting inter-agency efforts to prevent and contain the spread of the virus," GM Monreal said.

"Let us say our goodbyes at home and not go to the airport in groups when meeting a passenger. It is very hard to fight tradition, but in times like this, everyone should look out for their own safety," the airport chief further explained.

To ensure this, the airport chief is exercising his prerogative in granting access to the four NAIA terminals by limiting the issuance of visitor passes for the purpose of sending-off or meeting passengers. Exception will be given to cases when a companion may be necessary such as medical patients or other related emergency cases, person

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MAKING LIVES BETTER FOR GENTRISEÑOS

IN keeping with the goal of making lives better for the people of Cavite, the Provincial Government conducts medical and dental missions to serve the health needs of indigent constituents. A total of 330 locals of Barangay Pasong Camachile 1, Gen. Trias City were served in another mission performed by doctors and dentists from General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital and

Philippine Airforce 15th Strike Wing on January 29, 2020. Services rendered range from medical and pediatric consultations to dental check-up and tooth extraction. The recipients also received prescription medicines and vitamins for free. Board Member Kerby J. Salazar, City councilors and SK Chairman Luigi Nocon welcomed the mission team and assisted in the activity





Labor Secretary Silvestre Bello III (FILE PHOTO)

OFW deployment ban to Kuwait, partially lifted

By Susan G. De Leon

QUEZON CITY--The Department of Labor & Employment (DOLE) partially lifted the ban on the deployment of Filipino workers to Kuwait.

Labor Secretary Silvestre Bello III recommended to the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) Governing Board the relaxation of the deployment ban after the Kuwaiti government agreed to sign an agreement on the standard employment contract for Filipino household service workers.

"I had a fruitful meeting with my counterparts in Kuwait. Both sides agreed on the harmonized standard employment contract. I will talk with the POEA governing board to recommend the partial lifting of the ban," Bello said.

However, he added, lifting of a total ban will only follow unless an official status report is provided by the Kuwaiti government on the cases of OFW Jeanelyn Villavende, Constanca Dayag, Joanna Demafelis, and on the Filipina who was raped upon arriving at the airport.

"In the case of Villavende, I wanted some validation of their claim that they [accused employers] are formally charged and they are behind bars. We have to be contented who have been charged and what are the nature of the charges," Bello said.

Upon the issuance of the partial lifting of the ban, the labor chief said, they will allow skilled, semi-skilled and professional workers to be deployed in Kuwait, while newly hired HSWs are still covered by the prohibition.

Balik manggagawa workers category on the other hand will be the subject of discussion and decision of the POEA governing board.

Last week, Bello, Undersecretary Claro Arellano, Overseas Workers Welfare

Administration (OWWA) head Hans Leo Caddac, and Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) chief Bernard Olalia met with Kuwaiti officials to discuss and agree on a standard employment contract to ensure the welfare and protection of OFWs in the gulf state.

The salient provisions of the standard employment contract include prohibition for employers to keep any of the worker's personal identity documents such as passport, and the entitlement of a worker to own a phone and use it outside the working hours provided that she keeps the secrets and privacy of the household, and use such phone in a manner consistent with public morals.

The OFWs are also entitled to a paid full day per week break and must not work for more than twelve (12) hours a day. The worker should be allowed to have no less than an hour break after five (5) consecutive hours of work, and the right to at least eight (8) hours of consecutive night rest.

Employers are also prohibited to assign a domestic worker to work outside of the State of Kuwait or be transferred to another employer without the OFWs' written consent. If this occurs without the agreement of the worker, the worker will be returned to the Philippines at the expense of the employer.

The employer should ensure the OFWs adequate life and is obliged to provide the medical treatment and nursing by registering her in the health system applicable in Kuwait.

"All of the provisions which President Rodrigo Duterte requested were all granted. The harmonized employment contract should be retroactive and effective immediately," Bello added.

In early January, the labor department imposed a total deployment ban due to the alleged attempt of the Kuwaiti government to cover-up the true cause of the death of OFW Villavende. (DOLE/PIA-NCR)

President ...

cannot and it might not surface at all."

He also asked them to use state resources wisely.

The welfare of Filipinos and the improvement of their lives are of utmost importance in his administration, the President said in his message.

The administration is facing new challenges particularly with recent calamities such as eruption of Taal Volcano, compelling the government to

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realign its resources, according to the President.

Despite the hurdles, the President expressed optimism saying, "With you by my side...I am confident that we can sustain the gains of the 'Malasakit at Tunay na Pagbabago.'"

Also during his speech, the President raised the need to improve the country's healthcare infrastructure and services. He posed a challenge to the new public officials to check the condition of local hospitals.

"Itong tunay

pagmamalasakit. Try to visit. Hamon ko lang ito sa inyo, hamon ko lang. Try to visit 'yung mga ospital lalo na kung may contagion. Nasa sahig 'yan sila lahat.

Even sa emergency room dito, mag-ano kayo ng gabi. 'Yung ibang pasyente maghintay, they are lying there in the throes of death on the floor. Tingnan ninyong mabuti. 'Yun ang sabi ko na unahin natin pag-ano," he said. A total of 193 new officials took their oath of office during Thursday's event. (PND)

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year commitment of cutting the poverty incidence into half in 1991, Philippines now have a more ambitious and challenging goal of reaching the Ambisyon Natin 2040 which basically aims for zero poverty.

In order to broaden understanding on poverty, she explained that there were two types of poverty such as transient and chronic.

"Ang chronic poverty is hindi ka umaalis doon nang years, kung minsan nga generation upon generation you are always there at this chronic poverty (Chronic poverty is a situation wherein you are not getting out from it through the years, and sometimes even generation upon generation you are always there at this chronic poverty)."

On the other hand, she said that transient poverty means the income fluctuates but it is on the border.

Gacusan stressed the importance of understanding this difference because policies vary depending on the desired outcome.

The 2006 study on Calabarzon's poverty, as she cited, states that 63% of poverty incidence in the region is chronic.

"Matagal sila doon kaya makikita mo iyong data natin ay hindi gumagalaw kasi ang poverty noon ay chronic (They are in poverty for so long that is why if you will look into the data it is not moving because the poverty then was chronic)."

She points out that chronic poverty might have been the reason why poverty in the country was hardly cut into half even

after 24 long years, and chronic poverty particularly persists due to the lack of five capitals.

People are poor if there is lack of human capital like skills, education, and health; absence of social network such as people who may support and link you to opportunities; scarce in financial capital or simply money to buy your needs; and lack of physical infrastructures like access to domestic water supply.

Finally, the scarce in natural capital also makes people underprivileged. For instance, you will be disadvantaged if you live in a barren land that hinders you from producing food and crops to sell or feed your family. "All of these things when put together causes chronic poverty," Gacusan said.

Hence, in order to sustain the thriving shape of Calabarzon in terms of poverty reduction, there is a need to improve the lives of those in the state of "chronic" poverty.

Output....

Club, Inc., the Philippine Harmonious Grand Mason South Luzon Chapter, PICPA Cavite Chapter, the Rebisco Group of Companies with loads of handy pack crackers and the Knights of Columbus Labrador Council 7665 with assorted goods and purified water. Also donating assorted goods were the Anvil Business Club, Maynilad Water Services Inc. with goods and water, and the City Government

"We really focus on education because it is really the way out, and we need to bring down the family size," she explained.

Responsible parenthood is very critical in producing a well-educated generation and in bringing down the family size to improve the population's quality of life, she pointed out.

More so, RD Armonia reported that the poverty incidence among families in Calabarzon in 2018 was estimated at 5.0%, which means 50 out 1000 families have incomes below the amount needed to buy their basic food and non-food needs.

The good thing is the poverty incidence in the region was evidently cut into half from the 9.1% poverty incidence in 2015. While in terms of regional ranking, Calabarzon has the second lowest poverty incidence rating among the regions following the National Capital Region (NCR) with 1.5%.

"This means we are doing well, and the interventions given by the government are good," she finished. (Joy Gabrido/PIA 4A)

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of Navotas while the UNICEF donated Early Childhood Care and Development kits.

The full list of donors are as follows:

- Metro Water Trading Corp.
- Atty. Maan Sumagui
- Federation of Cavite Filipino Chinese Business Club, Inc.
- Philippine Harmonious Grand Mason South Luzon Chapter

- Jill Ramos
- PICP Cavite Chapter
- CFP Strategic Transaction Advisors Inc.
- Registry of Deeds-Cavite
- Rebisco Group of Companies
- City of Imus Cooperative Development Council
- Makati Development Corp./ Ayala Corp.
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- Knights of Columbus Labrador Council 7665
- Ministry of Altar Servers
- Anvil Business Club Inc.
- Margaretha Home for the Blind Inc.
- Koldstor Centre Philippines Inc.
- PEMSEA
- Maynilad Water Services Inc.

- City Government of Navotas
- Municipal Treasurers, Provincial Treasurer & Municipal/City Assessors
- UNICEF
- Anonymous donor
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Cavite provincial government extends its sincerest gratitude to all who have reached out and offered whatever they can to help those who are in need. The goods that were donated will go a long way in providing the affected families some basic necessities while they are coping with the aftermath of Taal volcano eruption. These acts of kindness restore their faith that they can rebuild again after the tragedy and fuel their hope for better days to come.

Continuing care for rescued animals

MORE animals are receiving the needed treatment and care on their way to recovery from the effects of Taal volcano eruption with the continuing inter-agency veterinary mission headed by the Provincial Veterinary Office (PVO). Led by the team of Dr. May Magno, Provincial Veterinarian, volunteers join hands to assist private shelters looking after the welfare of rescued animals and pets while under foster care.

On January 24, two teams were dispatched to conduct veterinary mission in Silang, Magallanes and the City of Dasmariñas. In Silang, they visited Pam's Shelter, Wagging Tails Rehab and Sanctuary, Philippine Animal Rescue Advocate, Eden for the Furangels Rescue Shelter, and a private residence in the City of Dasmariñas. They conducted health assessment and treatment, anti-rabies vaccination

and provided dog food. In Magallanes, they visited a private shelter owned by Mr. Edsel Paredes where they treated dogs, provided vitamin supplements and anti-rabies vaccination.

Another mission was held on January 27 in Magallanes at Julie's & Nene's Resort and Farm in Brgy. Medina conducting site inspection and animal checkup and donated dog food, vitamins, antibiotics, disinfectant and animal treats. A follow up visitation was done at Mr. Paredes' shelter where they also donated disinfectants.

Partners who joined the PVO in the recent vet missions were from the Cavite Veterinary Medical Association (CAVMA) and the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences (CVMBS) – Cavite State University.



MEDICAL AND DENTAL MISSION SERVES HUNDREDS OF INDIGENT FAMILIES IN NAIC

Another successful medical and dental mission was held serving hundreds of indigents at the Municipal Covered Court in Naic, Cavite on January 30, 2020. Volunteer doctors and dentists from General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital performed medical and pediatric consultations to 184 children, 239 adults and 35 senior citizens as well as dental check-up and tooth extraction to 50 patients with the assistance of barangay health workers of the municipality. The patients also received prescription medicines and vitamins. Board Member Virgilio "Ver" Varias was so grateful to the mission team and the provincial government for always granting his request for his constituents.

MIAA....

with disability, unaccompanied elderly, unaccompanied minor and unaccompanied pregnant woman.

Exception is also given to government repatriation efforts and activities in fulfillment of government international commitments.

Issuance of passes to VIP rooms will likewise be limited to airport reception of official guests of the

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Government and of foreign embassies.

To further prevention efforts, GM Monreal is also suspending familiarization tours, movie/ad filming and other non-airport related activities.

He also advised his administrative chief to confine deployment of student on-the-job trainees to MIAA offices that are outside the four NAIA Terminals. (MIAA)

Cavite...

horses' condition were assessed and they were fed with grass and feed concentrates, started vitamin supplementation, antibiotic injection as needed, anti-tetanus injection for wounded horses and IV fluid infusion for those severely dehydrated and weak horses.

Likewise, Digma's team visited Brgy. Cabulusan in the municipality of Magallanes where 300 rescued pet animals (dogs, cats, goats) from Taal are temporarily sheltered. After clinical assessment and checkup of the animals, they also conducted deworming, gave antibiotic injections, wound treatment and IV fluids for sick animals.

Succeeding activities were conducted in Silang where the team visited Pam's Shelter, Wagging Tails Rehab and Sanctuary, Philippine Animal Rescue Advocate, Eden for the Furangels Rescue Shelter, and a private residence in the City of Dasmariñas.

A private shelter owned by Edsel Paredes located in the municipality of Magallanes was visited where they treated dogs and provided vitamin supplements and anti-rabies vaccination.

On January 27, animals sheltered at Julie's & Nene's Resort and Farm in Brgy. Medina were also visited for checkup and distribution of donated dog food, vitamins, antibiotics, disinfectant and animal treats.

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Partner agencies and volunteers who donated and participated during these activities were from the Bureau of Animal Industry, Department of Agriculture Region 4A/Agricultural Program Coordinating Office (APCO), Imus, Bacoor and Cavite City Veterinary Offices, City/Municipal Agriculturists, Cavite State University-College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, Cavite Veterinary Medical Association, Cavite Livestock, Poultry and Feedmillers Association Inc. (CALIPFAI), animal care industries, different private veterinary clinics and doctors, concerned families and individuals and assisting offices from the provincial government.

In other reports, PETA Asia a private organization also conducted animal rescue mission when they went to the volcano island rescuing animals one boatload at a time and gave food and fresh water for those still there.

PETA Asia has rescued 132 animals off the island and had worked round-the-clock days after the eruption leaving food and water for the abandoned animals in the evacuated zone (the 14 kilometer radius surrounding the Taal Lake).

PETA Asia has operated veterinary clinics for horses on Taal Island for several years now, and to date their rescue team had rescued many dogs, cats, chickens, ducks, and herons. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite with reports from PICAD)

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Janairo stated.

"This is everybody's concern kaya kailangan na nating magtulong-tulong. We have to maximize our efforts and utilize everything that we need to prevent the spread of the virus," Janairo said.

"Napakaimportante na nagkakaintindihan tayo at alam natin ang ating gagawin. This is not the concern of the regional office and the DOH alone, it is the responsibility of all Filipinos upang hindi tayo maunahan sa pagkalat ng 2019-novel corona virus," the regional health chief added.

Janairo emphasized the need to protect the Calabarzon (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, and Quezon) region being the most populous region in the country and home for more than 15 million people.

"We must safeguard the entry and exit of the virus, including colleges/universities dahil meron tayong mga foreign students coming from identified countries with positive NCOV,"

"Kasama rin dito ang mga factories dahil ang CALABARZON ang industrial gateway kung saan marami ang mga investment lalo na sa probinsya ng Laguna at Cavite and unfortunately marami sa mga companies are owned by foreigners," he added.

Janairo said the DOH Region 4A is also closely monitoring tourist spots in the region such as Tagaytay City where virus could thrive longer due to its cold weather condition.

He explained that one of the most important and effective interventions in public health response to 2019-nCoV is "to proactively communicate what is known, what is unknown and what is being done to get more information with the objective of saving lives and minimizing adverse consequences."

"Remember, lahat ng sinisipon ay may corona virus. Dahil ang virus na ito ang cause ng sipon natin. It's not necessarily

na galing ito sa paniki gaya ng nakita nila sa China."

Janairo enumerated other ways to prevent and reduce the spread of infections such as getting the appropriate vaccine, staying at home when sick, not sharing eating utensils.

He also reminded the public to cover the mouth when coughing or sneezing, observe personal hygiene, sanitation, and healthy lifestyle, and avoid crowded places.

"Ang pinakamabuting gawin ay ugaliing maghugas ng kamay bago at pagkatapos kumain gamit ang sabon at malinis na tubig. Make good hygiene practices a habit to prevent the spread of any disease," he reminded.

According to DOH Region 4A, patients who acquire CoV were shown to exhibit respiratory symptoms, such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, and breathing difficulties. In more severe cases, the infection can cause pneumonia, severe acute respiratory syndrome, and kidney failure. (PIA4A)

PPA sets conditions for cargo ships docking on PH ports

By Joedie Mae D. Boliver

QUEZON CITY--Philippine ports remain open to all ships even from those originating from China and its Special Administrative Regions (SARs), however, the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) said crews are not allowed to disembark from their vessels in any PPA-controlled port. PPA General Manager Jay Daniel R. Santiago said that majority of Philippine cargoes originate from hub ports located primarily in China and its SARs like Hong Kong and Taiwan as Philippine ports are predominantly considered as feeder ports.

"We cannot afford to ban the entry of international ships to our shores in the midst of this nCoV ARD scare as doing so will surely paralyze our supply chain as most of our imports and exports go to the hub ports located in China and its SARs," Santiago stressed.

"Instead, we are banning the disembarkation of the crew of any

vessel which called in China or any of its SARs within the 14-day period prior to its arrival in any Philippine port," Santiago said, adding that no visitors are also allowed within such period in order to minimize person-to-person interaction with the crew.

"We also noted that vessel operators also change crew at some point in the voyage of the vessel, and if such case happens in the Philippines, the crew who will be replaced shall undergo strict quarantine period and only be allowed to go home if cleared by the Department of Health," Santiago added.

However, Santiago reiterated that ships calling in the Philippines more than 14 days after calling out at a port in China or its SARs shall be allowed to dock without restrictions.

The Philippines, meanwhile, is tightening its grip in almost all of its local and international gateways in order to prevent the entry of the deadly Novel Coronavirus

Acute Respiratory Disease (nCoV ARD).

A couple of days ago, the country stopped issuing visas to Chinese nationals and stopped giving upon-arrival visas to foreign nationals particularly those coming from China and any of its SARs.

This after the Philippines recorded the first-ever nCoV ARD death outside of China. Suspected nCoV cases in the country have also jumped to about 80 after the reported death.

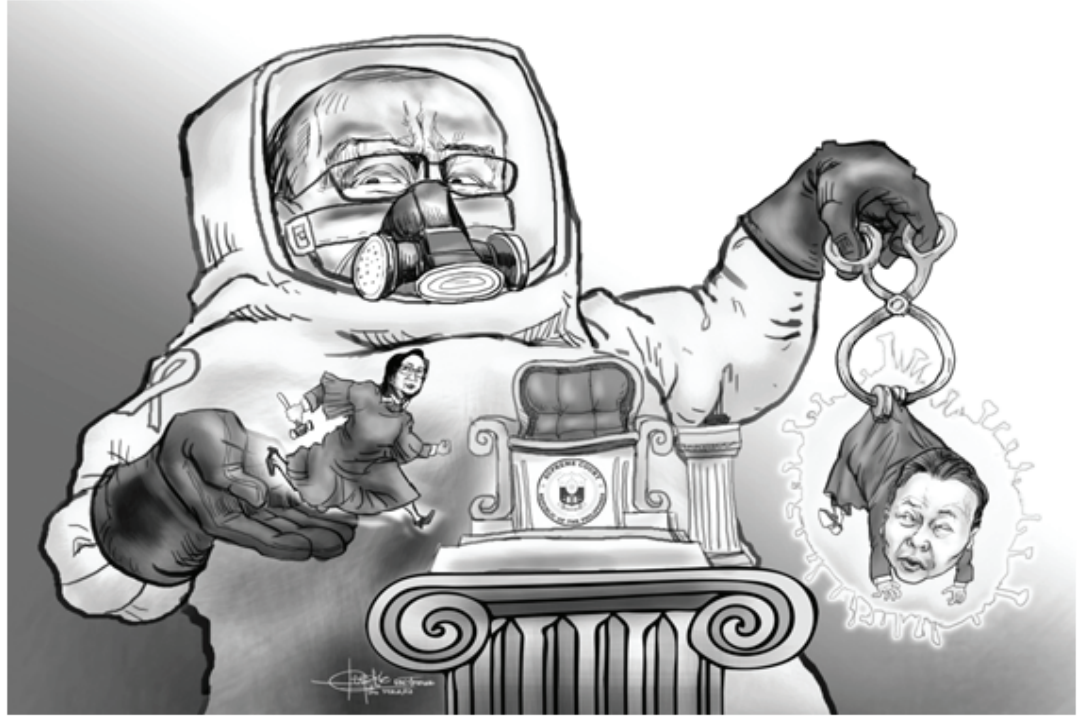
"Shipping operators need not worry as long as you follow this condition and those listed in the guidelines of the Bureau of Quarantine relative to concerns with a declaration of public health emergency with international concern, you can call at any Philippine port," Santiago said.

The Philippine government tightened its grip and conducting strict surveillance in all its local and international gateways to prevent the spread of 2019-nCoV in the country.

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EDITORIAL

Aquino's Corona virus

“UNFORTUNATELY, justice was neither the objective of the Corona removal nor was it even the impetus to start Aquino's viral circus.

Several events compel us to review the record of injustices inflicted by the past administration of Benigno Aquino III not only on specific individuals, or government departments and agencies but also on democratic institutions and pillars of government from the Legislature to the Executive and the Judiciary. Old onerous contracts are surfacing, its instigators being held accountable. Aquino's scam artists are being dredged and hauled before the bar. The long arm of the law is finally catching the thieves.

Never in our history, outside the reign of a tyrannical dictatorship, has the destruction of institutions been as widespread and profound, ironically spawned from a bungling bevy so deeply buried in its own viral buffoonery. First, allow us to identify our compelling impetus. It is the result of an unlikely convergence of related and unrelated events that nudge forgotten memories long relegated to the dustbin and yet now shake cobwebs off precariously rotting rafters that hold up unresolved injustices. These range from the coincidental to the deeply conceptual.

There is that name “Corona,” now attributed to a deadly virus, that recalls when a victimized former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court would later be replaced by a factotum so sorely unqualified ab initio that had she remained in her undeserved perch would have damaged the Judiciary irreparably worse than had a sham impeachment spawned by a personal vendetta.

It was a distant mirror that reflects a somewhat similar fiasco recently prosecuted thousands of miles away in the United States where the most dazzling legal argument against such political circuses teach us that what we once inflicted on our institutions should never have come to pass.

Never mind that ours was exponentially worse. Ours was a grand conspiracy spawned by personal vengeance employing bribery and the patently illegal rechanneling of committed taxpayer's funds as doggy biscuits parceled over by the Executive branch to a pork-fed congressional kennel.

Before the American Senate Harvard Law Professor Emeritus Alan Dershowitz brilliantly argued on the basis of the Founding Fathers and framers that to subject to trial and remove one of the three highest officials elected and mandated by the people, a crime so severe as to impact on the whole state, on democratic institutions and damage the whole nation irreparably must be committed.

The United States Constitution had set four impeachable offenses namely treason, bribery, high crimes and misdemeanors. The last two must expressly be stated in the statutes, their severity so grave as to be akin and equal to the first two.

The Philippine Constitution implores a tad more. Our crimes include the culpable violation of the Constitution, treason, bribery, graft and corruption, other high crimes, or betrayal of the public trust. In each, contextually, criminality must be on the same level as the most grave so as to damage institutions irreparably and be inflicted on the nation wholesale.

In 2012, the Senate convicted former Chief Justice Renato Corona under only one of eight articles of impeachment, thus effectively acquitting him of seven. This pertained to his failure to disclose his statement of assets, liabilities and net worth (SALN).

The SALN is a disclosure document akin to a balance sheet. Its veracity is limited to the day it is submitted as changes can technically occur the day after thus rendering it immediately inaccurate. Due to its fluidity, amendments are allowed.

The bases for Corona's removal were inaccurate entries, unrecorded assets and in general, unexplained wealth. Ironically, were we to impose similar standards on all on the assumption that justice indeed was our objective in removing the Chief Justice, then those charges might well be sought against both prosecutors and jurors then sitting in judgement.

Unfortunately, justice was neither the objective of the Corona removal nor was it even the impetus to start Aquino's viral circus. It began with greed, avarice and the personal desire of an elitist to retain the family jewels despite the demands of the law.

It was prosecuted via partisanship and the subsequent portioning out of millions in bribes. It based a perceived high crime against the nation on a piece of paper whose contents were at best indeterminate, fluid and changeable. And ultimately the vendetta led to the appointment of an unqualified schoolmate so damaging to our system of justice.

KAPIRASONG Kritika

Ni Teo S. Marasigan

Kaarawan ng Isang Abogado ng Bayan

KAARAWAN pala ngayon ni Atty. Remigio “Meng” Saladero, Jr., ang legal counsel ng Kilusang Mayo Uno at, isang malaking karangalan para sa akin, kapwa-kolumnista sa Pinoy Weekly. Naging laman siya ng balita noong 2009 dahil ikinulong siya ng gobyernong Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo batay sa mga gawa-gawang kaso – bahagi ng malupit na atake ng rehimen sa kilusang paggawa at mga manggagawang Pilipino.

Kakaibang abogado – hindi, kakaibang nilalang – itong si Atty. Meng. Hindi katulad ng mga istiryutipikal na abogado laging magara ang bihis at magarbo ang pananalita, simple lang gumayak at mangusap itong abogado ng mga manggagawa. Hindi katulad ng inaasahan sa isang abogado tulad niya, tahimik siya sa mga usapan, nakikinig sa sasabihin ng iba, pasensyosong naghihintay ng kanyang pagkakataong magsalita.

Noong nakulong siya, lumabas ang isa niyang secret weapon: ang kanyang misis na si Maricel. Katulad nina Ka Osang Beltran at Edith Burgos, tumampok siya sa panahong sinisikil ang kanyang asawa. Ipinakita niyang kapag pinaparangalan ang mga lalakeng aktibista, kailangan ding parangalan ang kanilang misis – na hindi lang nagsisilbing “inspirasyon”

kundi aktibong katuwang sa pakikibaka, kasing-husay ng mister nila.

Isa sa mga tampok na kasong huling hinawakan ni Atty. Meng ang sa 20 manggagawa ng Karnation Industries and Export Inc. na gumagawa ng handicraft. Matapos ang mahigit dalawang taon ng pagkakakulong, dahil sa kasong isinampa ng kanilang employer kaugnay ng inilunsad nilang welga, nakalabas sila sa kulungan sa tulong ni Atty. Meng – pero ito ay matapos dalawa sa kanila ang mamatay sa loob ng piitan.

Nagkaroon ako ng pagkakataong makita in action itong si Atty. Meng. Pinuntahan niya ang isang pagpupulong ng mga manggagawang lumalahok sa isang certification election. Wala siyang kotse, at lalo na ako, kaya nagdyip at naglakad lang kami. Maputik at maamoy ang mahabang daan papunta, habang mabanas at mausok sa loob ng bahay. Wala siyang reklamo, nakikinig at pangitngiti sa pagpapalano ng mga manggagawa.

Noong siya na ang magsasalita, tinanong siya ng manggagawa: Ano ang pwedeng aksyong ligal laban sa kapitalistang naga-outsourcing sa sarili niyang kumpanya na pinagmumukha niyang pag-aari ng iba? Kiling ang batas sa kapitalista, pero hindi ito tahas na sinabi ni Atty. Meng. Inisa-isa lang niya ang mga probisyon ng batas. Paulit-ulit ang manggagawa

sa pagtatanong: Ibig ninyong sabihin, mahirap talagang kasuhan?

Hanggang sa halos sumisigaw na ang manggagawa sa pagtatanong, nanggagalaiti hindi kay Atty. Meng kundi sa batas. At ang pobreng atorni, mahinahon pa ring nagsasalita, nangingiting nailing sa limitasyon ng batas na sa pagpipilit niyang ipaliwanag ay lalong nalalantad na maka-kapitalista. “Show, don't tell” ang isang panuntunan ng mga manunulat ng katha, at napakahusay rito ng abogado ito.

Kongkretong ipinakita niya sa manggagawa ang nasasabi niya sa kanyang kolum: na walang mapapala ang mga manggagawa kung todong sasandig sa batas. Pwede at dapat pumasok sa mga aksyong ligal, pero hindi ito ang mapagpasya sa pagsulong ng karapatan at interes ng mga manggagawa. Ang mapagpasya pa rin ay ang sama-samang pagmumulat, pag-oorganisa at pagkilos para isulong ang interes ng uri.

Abogadong maka-manggagawa muna bago abogado, unyonista at hindi ligalista, alam ang lugar ng batas sa pakikibaka para sa maka-manggagawang bukas, minamahal ng napakaraming obrero sa hindi pagtahak sa landas na pinili ng marami niyang pañero, at yumayakap sa kaakibat na hirap at sakripisyo. Maligayang kaarawan, Atty. Saladero.

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
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FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-326-19

EAST-WEST BANKING CORPORATION,
Mortgagee,

-Versus -

SPS. DARWIN RAMA CURAY AND
LUISA ALMOJUELA CURAY
Represented by their Atty-in-Fact
LEONORA ALMOJUELA DELGADO,
Mortgagor/s.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by Mortgagee, EAST-WEST BANKING CORPORATION, with business address at East-West Corporate Center, The Beaufort, 5th Ave. cor. 23rd St., Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City against the Mortgagor/s, SPS. DARWIN RAMA CURAY AND LUISA ALMOJUELA CURAY represented by their att-in-Fact LEONORA ALMOJUELA DELGADO, with residence and postal addresses at Kensington 22, Blk. 16, Lot 14, Brgy. Bacao I, Gen Trias, Cavite and/or 2169 B Road 10 NDC Compound, Sta. Mesa, Manila, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of October 30, 2019 amounts to ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED FORTY SEVEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIXTY PESOS and 07/100 (P1,547,960.07) Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest and penalty charges as of said date but excluding the foreclosure and other necessary expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on April 09, 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. 057-2017043309

Lot No.: 14 Block No: 16 Plan No: Pcs-04-028977

Portion of: the cons/subd of Lots 1632-A; 1632-B, 1632-C, Psd-04-134487; Lot 1631 (FRS-04-005440) & Lot 1642 (Rs-04-002863) San Francisco de Malabon Estate; Decreed No. 4270, LRC Rec. No. 5964

Location: Barangay of Bacao I, Municipality of Gen. Trias, Province of Cavite.

Boundaries:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	SW	Lot 13, Block 16, Pcs-04-028977
2-3	NW	Road Lot 29, Pcs-04-028977
3-4-5	NE	Road Lot 25, Pcs-04-028977
5-1	SE	Lot 12, Block 16, Pcs-04-028977

Are: NINETY EIGHT SQUARE METERS (98), more or less

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said time and date, it shall be held on April 16, 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, January 23, 2020

LUCIO C. ALEJO III
Sheriff IV

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

SPS. DARWIN & LUISA CURAY
MS. LEONORA A. DELGADO
Kensington 22, Blk. 16, Lot 14, Brgy. Bacao I, Gen Trias, Cavite and/or
2169 B Road 10 NDC Compound, Sta. Mesa, Manila

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Ang Caviteño
January 27, February 3 & 10, 2020

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

Foreclosure No. 2019-242

For: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of
Real Estate Mortgage

NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORP.,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

MELCHOR P. PECHON,
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, MELCHOR P. PECHON, of 190 Ranger Road, Brgy. Holy Spirit Veterans Village, Diliman Quezon City, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of October 31, 2019, amounts to ONE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY NINE PESOS & 77/100 (P1,843,929.77), Philippine Currency, exclusive of penalty charges, the undersigned or her duly authorized representative will sell at the public at the public auction on March 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-477580

"A parcel of Land (Lot 6, of the cons./subd. Plan, Psd-042103-008216, being a portion of the cons. Of Lots 9 & 11, Blk. 6, Pcs-5578, L.R.C. Rec. No.) situated in the Brgy. of Molino, Mun. of Bacoor, Province of Cavite. x x x , containing an area of EIGHTY (80) 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 March 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, February 03, 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. MELCHOR PECHON
190 Ranger Road, Brgy. Holy Spirit Veterans Village, Diliman Quezon City
Camella Homes Springville Heights, Blk. 6, Lot 6, Molino, Bacoor, Cavite

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Ang Caviteño Newsweekly
February 10, 17 & 24, 2020

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late JAIME S. CARREON who died in the City of Imus, Province of Cavite leaving 3 parcel of land covered by Transfer Certificate of Title Nos. T-520502; T-520925 and T-520924 situated in Bo. Of Medicion, Mun. of Imus, Prov of Cavite has been extrajudicially settled by his heirs as per Doc. No.99; Page No. 20; Book No. 02; Series of 2019 Notary Public Atty. Constancio DC. Velasco.

Ang Caviteño Newsweekly
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DOST reiterates support for S&T research on herbal and other products for health and related purposes

THE Department of Science and Technology (DOST) has reiterated its support commitments to initiatives and collaboration undertakings in scientific research, production and commercialization of organic herbal food supplements and other product that beneficial to Filipinos and the entire world.

Representing DOST Secretary Fortunato de la Peña at the groundbreaking rites for a facility at the Isabela State University (ISU) main campus in Echague, Isabela recently, Undersecretary Brenda Manzano affirmed their agency's "full support for collaborative undertakings" related DOST's mandate and mission.

The ISU facility is designed as a storage and processing center of materials for the manufacture of herbal food supplements and alternative herbal medicine preparations. It has financial assistance from DOST and the Filipino-Chinese Chamber of Commerce Inc. which was facilitated by former ISU Board of Regents member Charles T. Lim.

The groundbreaking ceremonies were presided over by Usec Dr. Nazareth-Manzano, ISU president Dr. Ricmar Aquino, Charles T. Lim of FCCC, and Bauertek Corp. Board Chair and General Manager Richard Nixon Gomez. The project is a partnership undertaking among DOST, ISU, FCCCI and Bauertek Corp. Also present at the rites were Cagayan Valley (R-2) Regional Director Engr. Sancho Maborang and other officials of the project's partner institutions.

Immediately after the groundbreaking rites, the partner agencies' officials signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the project. Dr Manzano described the undertaking as a "rare and ideal partnership among the government, private industry sector and academe."

A 10-hectare area of the ISU Echague campus has been set aside as a prototype model plantation of "Malunggay" (moringa) and other herbs like Piperine (pepper), Curcumin (tumeric) and Guyabano which have been proven to have medicinal value and properties. Scientific botanical research studies on plant growth, nutrient enhancement, medical value exploration and related concerns will be undertaken in prototype plantation which may later be expanded. Gomez noted that the plants mentioned are used in cosmetic and related products.

"Turmeric, however, is a real deal," for herbal food supplements which can be upscaled to global marketing since it is a leading herbal supplement ingredient and tops traditional medicine worldwide, said Gomez, Bauertek's founder. The processed plantation products will subsequently be transferred to Bauertek for laboratory treatments, commercialization and packaging for commercialization and marketing distribution.

In a statement, Manzano said the partnership linkage will bolster the science and technology (S&T) ecosystem, making it productive". She also lauded ISU president Ricmar Aquino for prioritizing S&T, which commitment will "add to the body of knowledge with outputs that benefit the general public."

Director Maborang, for his part, stressed the "undertaking goes beyond mere research and would redound to community empowerment." He said it will help farmers cultivate and raise and raise high-value alternative crops that can provide them significantly higher income than traditional farming to which Gomez eagerly agreed.

ISU president Ricmar Aquino thanked the partner-agencies for involving their institution in the partnership. In his speech during the rites, he pledged that ISU "will do its part with all the technology and resources it has to help make in Region number one" in agricultural productivity.

Simultaneous with the talks on herb production, another agreement was forged between ISU and the Red Dragon Farm (RDF) Feed Livestock and Foods Inc. the firm behind the Fresh Options Meat shop. The accord will make the Technology Business Incubation (TBI) project of ISU's Cagayan Valley Small Ruminants Research Center (CVSRRC) Integrated Slaughterhouse and Meat Processing Center, as the platform for RDF's North Luzon expansion, and its production of processed-meat products particularly pork tocino, pork longganisa, and pork tapa.

Word Search Puzzle

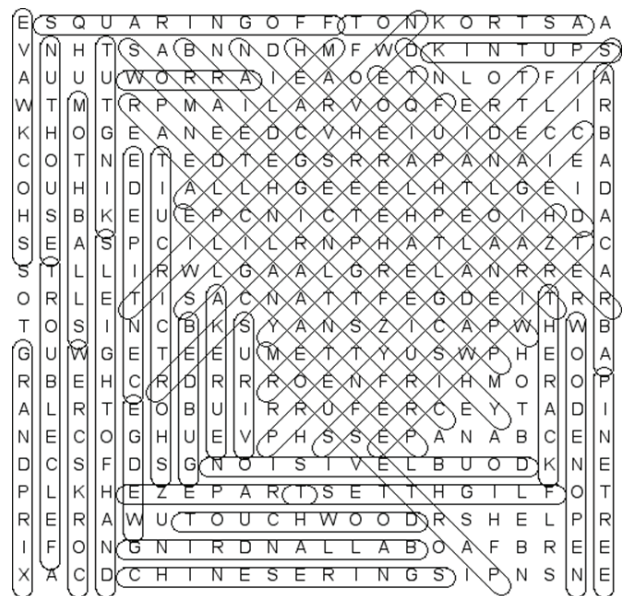
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- KARMA POLICE
- KID A
- KNIVES OUT
- LET DOWN
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- LURGEE
- MORNING BELL
- MY IRON LUNG
- NICE DREAM
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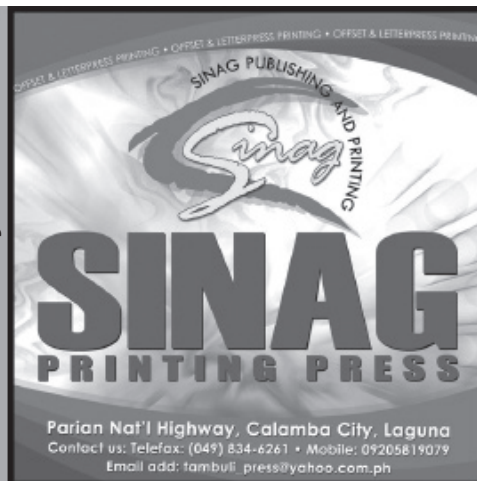
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President Duterte tells new civil servants to be vigilant vs corruption

MANILA-- Newly appointed government officials were sworn in by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte on Thursday, February 6, reminding them of their sacred duty as public servants and their role in the administration's fight against corruption.

During his speech at the oath taking rites in Malacañang Palace, the Chief Executive expressed optimism that the new public officials will advance the development agenda of the administration in their respective offices.

The President reminded the new government officials of their noble obligation to serve the country with integrity, impartiality and independence.

"As government workers, we are duty bound to uphold the Constitution, aid in the administration of justice, serve selflessly and promote

transparency and good governance," he said.

He expects them to lead by example and inspire their fellow civil servants to be "strong willed, dedicated, able, fearless and honest in dealing with our people."

At the same time, President Duterte called on the newly sworn-in officials to be vigilant against corruption and other unethical motives and interests that diminish public trust.

The President said he hasn't wavered in combating corruption in government and remains serious in firing officials who committed abuses and wrongdoings.

He admitted, however, that he does not have the wherewithals of how to go about weeding out corruption at the lowest level saying, "Kung ako ang magbantay doon sa baba, mahihirapan ako. I

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President Rodrigo Roa Duterte delivers a speech during the oath-taking ceremony of the newly-appointed government officials at the Malacañan Palace on February 6, 2020. TOTO LOZANO/PRESIDENTIAL PHOTO

Calabarzon thrives against poverty

By Rachel Joy Gabrido

"FOR us in NEDA, it means the projects that we identified are the correct ones, the policies are being implemented. Ang importante lang we sustain this (What's important is we sustain this)."

National Economic and Development Authority Region 4A (NEDA 4A) Assistant Regional Director Gina T. Gausan said, as the result of the 2018 Full Year Official Poverty Statistics for the Calabarzon region implicates that the government is employing the correct policies and taking the right actions, but must make efforts to sustain them.

The Philippine Statistics Authority Region 4A (PSA 4A) has presented the Calabarzon 2018 Full Year Official Poverty Statistics based on the Preliminary 2018 Family Income and Expenditure Survey through Regional Director Charito C. Armonia during the Regional Dissemination Forum held at Hotel Marciano, Calamba City on January 30, 2020.

Numbers The poverty incidence rate among families at 12.1% or 16.1% among population at the national level and a lower

rate of 5% among families and 7.1% among population in the Calabarzon region in 2018 have significantly reduced from the 2015 figures.

Relatively, with the 2018 estimates, the poverty threshold for a family of five with Php11,604 income per month in Calabarzon is high compared to the national figure of Php 10,727 per family.

Among the Calabarzon provinces, it was seen that Laguna has the lowest poverty incidence rate, while Quezon has the highest poverty incidence rate. However, these rates are still better than the national figures.

In fact, as reported, Batangas and Quezon still fall within the fourth cluster and Cavite, Rizal and Laguna are among the fifth cluster, whereas the first cluster is the poorest and the fifth cluster is the least poor in the country.

This implies that the provinces in the region are among the least poor clusters echoing a fair standing among all the others in terms of poverty.

Meaning behind numbers ARD Gacusan provided a big picture and story behind the numbers presented by PSA 4A.

She emphasized that despite not reaching the first 24-
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Outpour of support for Taal volcano affected families

AFTER the eruption of Taal volcano on January 12 that left a huge number of displaced families and communities from Batangas, all forms of help began to come in from the government, the non-government and the private sector. In the Provincial Government of Cavite, call for donations has been answered in heaps with the continuous outpour of donations for the evacuees who have fled in different cities and municipalities of Cavite.

Governor Remulla openly expressed his desire to help the residents from the

neighboring province of Batangas. This, amidst the fact that even residents of several LGUs in Cavite were also affected and remain at risk especially during the height of volcanic activities where some areas fall within the 14-kilometer danger zone. His assurance is that the province will not turn its back on anyone during this time of crisis and made sure that all necessary actions were undertaken to facilitate response operations.

Organizations began pooling their resources to extend the much-needed aid for the victims who have left everything behind in the fear of imminent

danger, taking only what's within arm's reach and most valuable, their loved ones.

With the passage of Sangguniang Panlalawigan Resolution No. 1390-2020, the PGC was able to accept donations in cash and in kind, all of which are accounted for, properly received, stored, distributed and prepositioned for release.

Among the early sponsors who handed over their donations of assorted goods to the provincial government were members of the Federation of Cavite Filipino Chinese Business

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