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# DA Calabarzon grants P2.6M worth of agri-interventions to LGU Imus City



Photo courtesy of PIA CALABARZON

By Ruel B. Francisco

TRECEMARTIRESCITY, Cavite --The Department of Agriculture (DA) as part of its campaign to intensify urban agriculture in the CALABARZON region granted more than P2.6M worth of agricultural interventions to the local government of Imus for the local high value crops farmers.

DA IV-A OIC-Regional Executive Director Vilma M. Dimaculangan led the turn-over that include greenhouse

with hydroponics technology, mushroom house, garden tools and various seeds and seedlings for two communal gardens, and other useful farm inputs.

During the activity, Dimaculangan emphasized the need for more communal gardens in highly urbanized localities to help ensure food security.

Imus City Vice Mayor Arnel M. Cantimbuhan in behalf of the city government expressed appreciation to the DA *continue to page 3*

## Dasma fire victims transfer to new homes in Cavite town

By Ruel B. Francisco

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite --About 50 families affected by the fire that razed down more than 80 houses in Barangay Sta Cruz 1 in the city of Dasmariñas on April 7, 2021 were recently transported to their new community in St. Mary Magdalene Ville in the coastal municipality of Naic.

The coordination between the city government of Dasmariñas thru the City Disaster Risk Reduction & Management Office (CDRRMO), and the City Social Welfare Development Office (CSWDO) and the municipal government of Naic made possible for the family

relocatees to get a chance to have their own decent homes.

Dasmariñas City Mayor Jenny Austria-Barzaga personally came to oversee the orderly transfer of her constituents as she handed each family with financial assistance of P15,000 plus essential goods as they start their new life in the new community.

Likewise, Naic Mayor Junio Dualan was present during the activity to welcome the families to the town and assured LGU's support for their needs particularly in terms of livelihood.

Meanwhile, 40 families still remain in the city of Dasmariñas in which 20 of them *continue to page 3*

## Those who missed their COVID jab 2nd dose can still get vaccinated -DOH Sec. Duque

By Joedie Mae D. Boliver

CALOOCAN CITY -- Vaccinees who are missing out on their second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine can still get the shot.

This, after Health Secretary Francisco T. Duque III on Thursday reassured

that those who missed their scheduled second dose can still get vaccinated and reminded the public to complete the required doses for full protection against COVID-19, to protect not only themselves but also their loved ones.

"For our kababayans

who missed their scheduled second dose, huwag kayong mangamba at maaari pa rin kayong makakuha ng inyong ikalawang dose. In fact, we urge you to coordinate with your LGUs to reschedule your vaccination. Makukuha lang natin ang proteksyon ng mga bakuna laban sa COVID-19 sa kumpletong *continue to page 3*

## Priests join 'penitential walk' to implore God's mercy, end COVID-19 pandemic

By Jimmyley E. Guzman

PASIG CITY -- To implore God's mercy for an end to the COVID-19 pandemic, around a hundred Catholic priests joined in the recent "penitential walk" for the country's protection amid global health emergency.

According to the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP), the event could be the biggest gathering of the Manila archdiocese's clergy since the start of the pandemic, the priests braved the heat as they walked the streets in prayer.

Clerics led the way by carrying a statue of the crucified Christ, followed by two bishops and dozens of priests from the archdiocese's different parishes.

Prior to the procession, they gathered for a communal

penitential service led by Bishop Emeritus Teodoro Bacani of Novaliches at the Quiapo Church where they ministered to their fellow priests the sacrament of confession.

From Quiapo, they walked together to the nearby Sta. Cruz Church for a Mass presided over by Bishop Broderick Pabillo, apostolic administrator of Manila. In his homily, the prelate said the day was an opportunity for them to "repent, fast and pray."

"We should use this moment to raise our requests to the Lord and any of our sins will be forgiven," Pabillo said. "With forgiveness, the Lord will give us grace, especially our welfare now during the pandemic."

The CBCP added that nearly half of the archdiocese's diocesan priests attended the religious activity. (PIA NCR)



Priests carry a statue of the crucified Christ during a "penitential walk" from Quiapo Church to Sta. Cruz Church in Manila. (Photo courtesy of Radio Veritas/CBCP)





Health Secretary Francisco Duque III (PIA NCR file photo)

## Not time yet to lift face shield policy -Duque

By Joedie Mae D. Boliver

CALOOCAN CITY -- Health Secretary Francisco Duque III was firm in saying it was not time yet to lift the policy requiring the wearing of face shields in public areas.

This, after Manila Mayor Francisco “Isko Moreno” Domagoso renewed appeals for the national government to stop requiring their use.

“Mayor Isko’s proposal would be okay if we had a wide vaccination coverage,” Duque said during a media interview.

“We can’t drop the face shield policy for now when our two-dose vaccination coverage is a little over 2 percent due to still inadequate vaccine supply,” he added.

Duque has repeatedly stressed that the use of face shields is backed by science, citing a study published in leading

international medical journal The Lancet.

“There are many scientific studies showing that face shields in combination with face masks and more than 1 meter social distancing provide a greater than 95 percent protection,” he said.

The Philippines has only vaccinated over 3.9 million people as of May 30, still far from the government’s target of inoculating 58 million individuals in COVID-19 hotspots by November.

The inter-agency COVID-19 task force made the use of face shields mandatory only in December last year.

Both local and international experts have advised against the use of face shields as a substitute for face masks. A US study showed that shields alone cannot prevent the spread of the virus. (PIA NCR)

## More....

million workers expected to be inoculated as part of A4, Department of Trade and Industry Secretary Ramon Lopez welcomed the start of the A4 vaccination and emphasized that with the expanded A4 definition, practically all workers will have a chance to be vaccinated. Secretary Lopez added that with A4 workers vaccinated, economic improvement can proceed and that there is a chance to achieve the target of 500,000 jobs a day with the A4 group since it is a wide sector.

Meanwhile, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority Chairperson Benjamin Abalos Jr. assured that local government units (LGUs) in the NCR are more than ready to start the vaccination of the A4 group along with the priority groups A1 to A3. Chair Abalos also mentioned the many innovations of LGUs in ensuring that their constituents

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get vaccinated, including going house-to-house to encourage them to register and get vaccinated, and also providing express lanes for those belonging under A1 to A3 priority groups.

LGU host for the event, Pasay City Mayor Imelda Calixto-Rubiano affirmed Chair Abalos’ statement on LGU efforts, saying that the Pasay LGU has been doing aggressive efforts to get people to be vaccinated. Mayor Rubiano said that aside from social media posts, they also use public address systems in barangays to remind people to adhere to the minimum health protocols, as well as a barker system that goes around the city to remind people to get vaccinated or to have their second dose.

For those who missed their schedule for their second dose, Health Secretary Francisco Duque III said they are still eligible to receive their second jab and that they only need to coordinate with their LGU’s

health office to have another schedule. Secretary Duque stressed that only getting the first dose will not give optimum protection, as individuals need to complete their second dose to be protected against severe and critical COVID and to avoid hospitalization and death.

For the part of the private sector, several business leaders pledged their commitment to provide a quick and efficient mass rollout of the vaccination program for A4 workers, together with local government unit chiefs of the NCR plus 8. Margot Torres, Managing Director of McDonald’s Philippines said that the vaccination of A4 workers is very important for the private sector as their workers will now be given the opportunity to be vaccinated. Torres also pledged that the private sector would continue to support the IATF and the NTF in terms of demand generation by educating their employees on the importance of getting vaccinated. (OPS-PCOO)

## Body.....

legitimacy of police operations, including the service of search and arrest warrants.

Eleazar said he is just making good on his word to have BWCs used during his term as the 26th head of the 220,000-strong police organization.

He also expressed gratitude to the past PNP chiefs starting from now Senator Ronald dela Rosa, which initiated the review for the procurement of the best body cameras up to retired Gen. Debold Sinas who signed the final papers of the delivery.

PGen Eleazar also thanked the Supreme Court for continuously assisting the PNP in the ongoing preparation of the guidelines for the presentation of the BWC data as court evidence.

“The procurement and eventually the use of Body Camera Worn System is a tribute not only to Kian delos Santos who died of police abuse in Caloocan City but also to the policemen whose ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty were tainted by claims of extra-judicial killings, planting of evidence and other unfair allegations,” said PGen Eleazar.

The PNP chief assured that the BWCs are tamper-proof and cannot be manually turned off by policemen wearing them.

“The cameras capture real-time events and these are

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recorded in our central database. More importantly, footage taken through the BWCs cannot be erased easily as they are only accessible at the PNP Command Center,” he said.

According to the PNP Chief, the BWC System, in support of the S.M.A.R.T. (Secured, Mobile, Artificial-Intelligence driven, Real time Technology) Policing initiative of the PNP, will allow the PNP Command Center to monitor the actual police operations of all units nationwide.

“The BWC will not only satisfy the requirement of transparency in police operations but, more importantly, capture real-life actions for their evidentiary value in investigation and prosecution,” he said.

Under the “Revised Operational Guidelines and Policies on the Use of Body-Worn Camera” PNP personnel would use BWCs in: Anti-Illegal drug operations, except where police operatives act as poseur buyers and perform test-buys; Service of Search Warrant and Warrant of Arrest; Hostage Rescue Operations; High Risk Check/Checkpoint Operations; Security operations during the implementation of decision/orders of the court, and quasi-judicial or administrative bodies; and Security coverage during major events (such as ASEAN, SEA Games, SONA, National

and Local Elections, Festivals, etcetera).

“Ang ating gobyerno ay naglaan ng malaking pondo para sa BWC System bilang tugon sa panawagan at suhestyon ng nakararami nating kababayan. Ang BWCs ang magbibigay ng kasiguruhan sa kanila na ang ating kampanya kontra kriminalidad ay naaayon sa batas at walang paglabag sa karapatang pantao,” PGen Eleazar said.

The Chief PNP, emphasized, “So to those who would be lucky to use this Body-Worn Camera System, I encourage you to do your best and show that every single centavo spent from the taxes of our kababayan is spent wisely. Nakasalalay sa inyo ang tuluyang pagbabalik ng tiwala ng taumbayan sa kanilang PNP, at nakasalalay sa inyo ang ating adhikain na magkaroon ng mas maraming body cameras para sa iba pa nating kasamahan sa serbisyo.”

The PNP will initially be rolling out 2,696 BWCs for the use of personnel in city police stations nationwide.

“Sa pamamagitan ng Body Worn Camera System, ipakita natin sa ating mga kababayan at sa buong mundo ang tunay na kahulugan ng Pulis ng Pilipino—Pulis na Matapang, Pulis na may Interidad at Pulis na Maasahan kapag hustisya ang pag-uusapan,” said PGen Eleazar. “Katotohanan na pangyayari, bodycam ang magsasabi,” he added. (PIA NCR)

## Bong.....

encourage their constituents to get inoculated.

“Huwag natin sayangin ang oportunidad na makapagligtas ng buhay gamit ang bakunang nasa atin. Bawat oras na masayang ay buhay ang kapalit. Kaya ni isang bakuna ay hindi dapat masayang,” he stressed.

Meanwhile, Go encouraged senior citizens and other priority groups to get vaccinated as soon as possible to ensure the utilization of vaccines available and to fast-track the expansion of the national COVID-19 vaccination program.

“Hinihikayat ko po ang ating senior citizens at ibang priority groups na magpabakuna na. Huwag po kayong matakot sa bakuna, matakot po kayo sa COVID-19. Ang bakuna po ang tanging solusyon upang makabalik tayo sa ating normal na pamumuhay,” said Go.

“Prayoridad po nating mabakunahan ang ating mga kababayan na 40 years old pataas dahil dito maraming case load at ‘yung mga matatanda ang delikado sa sakit na ito,” he added.

As Chair of the Senate Committee on Health, Go emphasized that the vaccination of priority groups aims to prevent hospitalization, severe cases and deaths since getting vaccinated will give people the protection needed to lessen the risks.

“Para naman doon sa parte ng priority sectors, bagama’t hindi namin kayo mapipilit, nakikiusap ako na magtiwala po kayo sa bakuna dahil kapakanan ninyo ang inuuna namin. Kapag panahon niyo na para magpabakuna, huwag na kayo mag-alinlangan pa, magpabakuna na agad kayo,” he appealed.

Go stressed that the national vaccination program can only fully expand to other groups once most members of the A1, A2, and A3 priority groups have been vaccinated.

“Paano tayo uusad sa next priority groups kung maraming ‘di pa nababakunahan sa A1 to A3 groups. Naghihintayan tayo,” he pointed out. “Kaya i-enganyo natin ‘yung mga dapat maturukan agad, lalo na ang mga matatanda at vulnerable sa sakit

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na ito. Para makapagsimula na tayo sa iba pang sektor na nag-iintay ng panahon na pwede na sila,” he added. Go reiterated his earlier appeal to fast-track the vaccine rollout nationwide in order to reach essential sectors and indigents belonging to the A4 and A5 categories. This, he said, will pave the way to reopening more sectors of the economy.

“Ang essential sectors o A4 category, kasama na diyan ang economic frontliners, ay napakaimportante upang mabalanse lalo ang pagprotekta sa kalusugan at pagpapasigla ng ating ekonomiya,” Go said earlier.

“Tulad din ng pangako namin ni Pangulong Duterte, sisiguraduhin nating makakarating ang bakuna sa mga mahihirap at pinaka-nangangailangan, ‘yung mga ‘isang kahig, isang tuka’ at ‘yung mga kailangan lumabas upang buhayin ang kanilang pamilya. Ito ang A5 category kung saan nabibilang ang mga indigent,” he added.

Meanwhile, Go was alarmed over the reported illegal sale of COVID-19 vaccines in certain localities. He urged law enforcement authorities to go after those who are involved in the illegal activity while emphasizing to the public that vaccines acquired by government are provided for free in accordance with the prioritization order of vaccination.

“Huwag natin hayaang may nangsasamantala sa panahon na ito. Libre po ang bakuna mula sa gobyerno. Huwag ninyong pagkakitaan ang isang bagay na napaka-importante para maisalba ang buhay ng kapwa at ibinibigay dapat sa mga nangangailangan nito,” he said.

“Maawa naman tayo sa kababayan nating hirap na hirap na at sa mga frontliners na magbubuwis ng buhay para ilitas ang mga nagkakasakit,” he added.

As of May 31, the Philippines has administered more than five million vaccine doses and has the highest rate and vaccination tempo in the ASEAN region. Almost four million have received their first dose while more than one million have completed their doses.

The country has received more than 8.3 million doses to date. It is expecting to get almost 10 million additional doses in June. (OSBG)



## Pres. Duterte confers Order of Lapu-Lapu for act of heroism to 2 PLM alumni

By Nonette N. Castillo

CALOOCAN CITY -- President Rodrigo Roa Duterte has conferred the Order of Lapu-Lapu to two alumni of the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila (PLM) for their heroic act in responding to a fire that erupted inside the Philippine General Hospital last month.

Dr. Rodney Dofitas and Nurse Kathrina Bianca Macababab were recognized, along with eight other individuals, on Wednesday, June 2, for their quick action that saved the lives of patients in the government-run hospital in Manila. A storage unit on the third floor of the PGH building caught fire on May 15, 2021.

Macababab, who studied at the PLM College of Nursing, and her colleague Nurse Jomar Mallari ran back and forth the hospital's neonatal intensive care unit to transfer 35 babies to safety while carrying emergency medicines and breathing equipment to sustain them through the evacuation.

Meanwhile, Dr. Dofitas, chief of PGH's Division of Surgical Oncology and a product of PLM's Master in Business

Administration-Top Executive Program, was at the hospital that night and led coordination efforts to respond to the fire and oversee the evacuation of patients and personnel.

"PLM welcomes the well-deserved recognition given to Dr. Dofitas and Nurse Macababab and their colleagues for their brave and selfless act. May all other frontliners and Filipinos draw inspiration from their excellence and service," PLM President Emmanuel Leyco said.

President Duterte personally handed over the commendations and tokens to the 10 PGH personnel in a ceremony held in Malacañang as a gesture of gratitude. The Order of Lapu-Lapu is awarded to public servants and private individuals who have provided "invaluable or extraordinary service" to the Filipino people.

Apart from them, other PGH heroes recognized were Safety Officer Joel Santiago, Security Officer Ramil Ranoa, Nurse Quintin Bagay, Jr., Dr. Alexandra Lee, Dr. Earle Ceo Abrenica, Nurse Phoebe Rose Malabanan and Nurse Esmeralda Ninto. (PIA NCR)



President Rodrigo Roa Duterte (center) confers the Order of Lapu-Lapu to Dr. Rodney Dofitas and Nurse Katrina Bianca Macababab (below), alumni of the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila, for their bravery, heroism, and quick action to save the lives of patients during a fire that erupted inside the Philippine General Hospital recently. (RTVM screengrab)

## Those....

doses," Secretary Duque said. The Department of Health (DOH) also reminded the public to complete their second dose of COVID-19 vaccines as scheduled.

This is following the reports that there are vaccine recipients who have missed their schedules for getting their second dose.

The DOH further clarified that the data presented during the DOH Town Hall session on COVID-19 Vaccine Prioritization, Masterlisting, and Registration were independent assessments by health experts and may differ from actual numbers being seen on the ground.

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"The reported missed schedules for 2nd dose are estimates and based on certain assumptions. According to the National COVID-19 Vaccination Operations Center, actual numbers show that 9 percent of people have deferred their second dose, roughly 113,000 individuals, and the most common reasons for such deferrals include: getting sick, getting exposed to someone positive for COVID-19, or undergoing quarantine," said DOH Spokesperson Undersecretary Maria Rosario Singh-Vergeire.

This percentage goes down as the local government units reach out to these vaccine recipients and eventually end up

getting the second dose.

These assessments from independent experts groups enable the government to triangulate and continuously validate data, to further improve the overall implementation of the national vaccination program. "What was presented was part of an independent assessment of the vaccine prioritization of the national COVID-19 vaccination program. It validated our prioritization criteria and showed that prioritizing the health care workers, senior citizens, and persons with comorbidities will save lives as they are the most at risk for hospitalization and death caused by COVID-19," added Undersecretary Vergeire. (PIA NCR)

## DA ....

Calabarzon officials and to OIC Dimaculangan for the support to the city's agriculture programs.

"We thank DA IV-A for its continued drive to promote urban agriculture by enabling

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cities such as Imus establish or strengthen our own urban agriculture program especially in this time of pandemic," said Cantimbuhan. (Ruel Francisco with report from Imus City Agriculture Office)

## Dasma....

are temporarily renting while the other 20 are still sheltered in the covered court.

According to Barangay Sta. Cruz 1 Head Kirby Andrada, the transfer of these families will take about two to three months, thus they will continue in supporting them particularly those staying in the covered court.

In an agreement with the National Housing Authority (NHA), the Naic LGU provided relocation sites for displaced families from neighboring cities and towns in the province, and in NCR who are affected by disasters like fire, typhoons and even for right of way on

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government projects like road construction and widening.

A unit has a floor area of 36-square meters, and lot area of 40-square meters with pre-approved installation for electric power, water supply, and the required understanding with the NHA.

"Mabuti na rin ito kahit malayo kami sa aming dating pinanggalingan. Mahirap, pero kahit paano ay may masasabi kaming sariling amin," a remark of relief from a mother of a family luckily picked out during the raffle of names for the first batch of relocatees. (Ruel Francisco with reports from Mayor Jenny Austria-Barzaga FB page)

## Briones cites Filipino heroism, bravery as inspiration in nation's COVID-19 battle

PASIG CITY -- With education still facing the challenges brought about by the pandemic, DepEd Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones has looked to history to rally stakeholders in contributing to the improvement of the public health situation.

In particular, Secretary Briones cited the victory of Filipinos during the Battle of Mactan will be the nation's inspiration towards victory against COVID-19 during the Virtual Symposium on the 2021 Quincentennial Commemorations in the Philippines (2021 QCP).

"The bravery and victory of Baganis will be our inspiration towards victory against COVID-19...the time will come when we will defeat COVID-19," Secretary Briones said.

"Let us sustain within us the spirit of heroism and humanity in fighting the challenges of our time," she added.

Sec. Briones also urged Araling Panlipunan (AP) and Edukasyon sa Pagpapakatao (EsP) teachers to enlighten learners on the victories of Filipinos during the pre-Spanish era.

"Since most of the accounts on the Battle of Mactan are Euro-centric, I grew up thinking that we were discovered by the Spaniards. We used the

Philippine Readers as elementary students from 1920 to 1960s. Now, how many million learners whose minds were conditioned to this thinking? We have a lot of work to do, especially we in the Department of Education, to break this perception of being discovered and teach learners that even then, we have a vast culture of victories," she emphasized.

"I grew up reading comic books with Bagani as characters. When we think of Baganis and [our] defenders, they lead where he needs to lead without expecting any return – not thinking that he should do something to become a hero," she added.

Bagani is a Manobo word for 'warrior' and 'leader'. It is also the title of the theme song of the 2021 QCP.

Meanwhile, Undersecretary for Finance Annalyn Sevilla, who served as the Department's representative in the National Quincentennial Committee, elaborated the essence of celebrating the historic event that happened on April 27, 1521.

"It ignited the Filipino spirit of bravery, humanity, unity, and heroism. Our founding fathers have offered and sacrificed everything to ensure and secure our independence as a nation. Therefore, it is our obligation as

successors to fill in and safeguard our independence that our heroes earned," Undersecretary Sevilla said.

At the latter part of the virtual symposium, Undersecretary for External Partnerships Tonisito M.C. Umali, Esq. discussed on the legal bases of the commemoration and its present importance.

"Makikita po natin yung kalagahan ng ating ginagawa, ng pag-aaral ng ating kasaysayan ng bansang Pilipinas. Napakarelevant sa sinabi, lalo ng ating Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones, [inaalala natin ang mga nangyari noong 500 years ago] para makita natin ang ating national identity," Undersecretary Umali said.

In celebration of the 500th anniversary of this historical event, DepEd, alongside the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), hosted the said virtual symposium to open the discourse on the role of the Philippines in the first circumnavigation of the world, victory in the Battle of Mactan, and other related events.

History professor Xiao Chua from De La Salle University gave a lecture titled "Tagumpay at Pakikipag-Kapwa Tao: 500 Taon ng Kagitingan at Tagumpay ng Pilipino". (DepEd)

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## EDITORIAL

### Herd hesitancy

Filipinos' reluctance to take the Covid-19 vaccine could derail any hopes of the country reaching herd immunity.

Authorities say the best vaccine against Covid-19 is the one in your arm. You can't afford to be choosy especially when the unseen enemy could hit you at any given time, no different from a lone bullet inside a gun chamber in that deadly Russian roulette game.

With more than 5,000 Covid-19 cases per day, the threat of the virus lingers, as does the economic hardship.

While health experts say vaccination is a crucial tool in bringing an end to the pandemic, many Filipinos are skeptical, and vaccination take-up remains dangerously low.

For the government, vaccinating the population is the only way out of the current crisis. But it's easier said than done, noting how it is struggling to convince people to take the vaccine.

So far, less than one percent of the country's 108 million people have been fully inoculated, according to data. The country announced last week it had received 8.2 million doses, but so far only four million people have received at least one injection. Some Filipinos say they won't take it at all.

According to a Social Weather Stations (SWS) survey of 1,200 people in May, 68 percent of respondents were uncertain or unwilling to get the vaccine. Their biggest concern was possible side effects, or that they might die from the vaccine. For comparison, a global survey by Gallup of thousands of people in 116 countries and areas during 2020 found 32 percent of people wouldn't take the vaccine.

Mistrust of vaccines is a major issue in the country following a dengue vaccine controversy that hangs like a Damocles sword over the country's efforts to immunize against Covid-19.

About five years ago, the Philippines suspended a large-scale vaccination drive after the French drugmaker Sanofi Pasteur found that its dengue vaccine, Dengvaxia, could have unintended consequences in patients who had never been infected with the mosquito-borne virus.

Analysis found people who received the vaccine could suffer a more serious case of dengue if they were later infected. By the time the rollout was stopped, more than 730,000 Filipinos had received Dengvaxia.

Filipinos' reluctance to take the Covid-19 vaccine could derail any hopes of the country reaching herd immunity — or even the government's own target of vaccinating 50 million to 70 million people by the end of the year.

The government started rolling out its Covid-19 vaccine program in March, and progress has also been slow as medics are still in the first phase of vaccinating health care workers, the elderly and those with preexisting medical conditions. To increase public confidence in vaccines, President Duterte even took a dose from Chinese drugmaker Sinopharm in early May, an event broadcast on national television. But the public display backfired, and Duterte halted the Sinopharm deployment a few days later after critics pointed out the vaccine had not been approved by the country's drug regulator.

So how do you solve a problem like vaccine hesitancy? Let Filipino marketing ingenuity take care of that.

In a recent article, it was reported that local government units have come up with different strategies in a bid to entice those who are still reluctant to get vaccinated.

Cows, sacks of rice, and hold your breath, even a brand-new house and lot are reportedly being offered as a giveaway to those who will submit themselves for vaccination.

In the municipality of San Luis in Pampanga, anyone who gets vaccinated will have a chance to win a cow worth P30,000.

The monthly raffle, which is set to begin in July, aims to vaccinate around 40,000 to 50,000 individuals who belong to the A1 (health care workers), A2 (senior citizens) and A3 (persons with comorbidities) priority groups.

In Barangay Sucat in Muntinlupa, residents who get shots can win a 25-kilo sack of rice. The weekly raffle will choose 20 winners.

The biggest come-on, however is the one offered by Las Piñas City as a brand-new house and lot await the lucky winner who only needs to get at least one vaccine dose. The raffle promo, set 15 June to 23 December, is said to be courtesy of the daughter of real estate magnate Manny Villar.

Aside from the house and lot, two motorcycles will likewise be given away in the grand draw, slated for 24 December this year.

With these irresistible prizes, would the choosy Pinoys bite?

We certainly hope so. Otherwise, we may be left grappling with herd hesitancy.



# KAPIRASONG Kritika

Ni Teo S. Marasigan

## Jan-jan, Dito-dito

(1) Walang pagtatalo: Kahirapan ang pangunahing usapin sa eskandalong kinakasangkutan ngayon ni Willie Revillame at ng batang si Jan-jan. Kahirapan ang nagtulak sa batang si Jan-jan at sa kanyang mga kaanak na pumunta sa palabas na Willing-Willie at ihain ang pamoso na ngayong sayaw ng bata. Kahirapan ang sinasamantala ng palabas ni Willie: pinapapunta ang mahihirap, pinagkukwento ng kahirapan, ginagantimpalaan at minsan ay pinagkakatuwaan din ang kahirapan.

(2) Ang problema, sa harap ng kampanya para ipatigil ang palabas ni Willie, may mga bumababa ang antas ng pagsusuri at pumapatol sa antas ng indibidwal: “Kung may kasalanan si Willie, may kasalanan din ang bata at ang kanyang kapamilya.” At dito na pumapasok ang pagsusuri sa masa, na hindi pwedeng maging makatwiran: kung hindi bobo at utu-uto dahil nahahatak ng premyo ng palabas, tuso at oportunistang dahil sinamantala rin ang ibinubukas na pagkakataon ng palabas para kumita nang kaunti.

(3) Ang problema sa ganitong pagsusuri, pabalat-bunga lang na kinikilala ang kahirapan bilang dahilan pero hindi mahigpit na tinatanganan. Hindi kinikilala ang buong bigat ng pwersa ng kahirapan na nakapasan sa mahihirap at nagsusubsob sa kanila sa pagsali sa palabas ni Willie. Hindi kinikilala ang kawalan nila ng oportunidad, ng mapagpipilian. Inaakalang ang laya ng mga petiburgis — at mas masahol, ng burgis — ay siya ring laya ng mahihirap. Pinipilit na magkapantay ang talab ng istruktura at ng indibidwal.

(4) Hindi pantay ang pananagutan ni Willie at ng mahihirap tulad ni Jan-jan at ng kanyang pamilya. May pagpipilian si Willie sa klase ng “pagpapasaya sa tao” — at iyan ang salita niya — na ihahain niya. Sa kabilang banda,

limitado ang pagkakataon ng mahihirap na kumita at magkapera. “Pagpapasaya sa tao” — iyan ang kailangang ilusyon na hindi pwedeng bitawan ni Willie at ng mga kasama niya sa palabas. Pero alam nating pormula na ang modus operandi nila; imposibleng hindi nila alam ang ginagawa nila.

(5) Ang masaklap ay hindi ang pagkilala ni Willie sa kalagayan ng mahihirap na ibinubugaw: na kahit umiyyak ay sige lang sa paggiling. Tama siya sa pahayag na iyan. Ang masaklap ay ang patawa at pakutyang pagkilala niya rito, na parang ayos lang na kasiyahan o i-enjoy ang ganitong sitwasyon ng maralita. Sabay-bigay ng P10,000. Na para bang nagagantimpalaan ang modang pag-iyak kasabay ng paggiling. Na para bang ayos lang i-enjoy ang ganitong moda ng mga maralita basta babayaran naman sila.

(6) Ang problema, kaya bumababa ang antas ng pagsusuri sa lebel ng indibidwal kahit ng mga naniniwalang mahalaga ang papel ng kahirapan sa eskandalo, ay ito: wala silang tinatanaw sa hinaharap na malalimang pagbabago sa sistemang ito — o hindi sila konsistent sa pagtanaw sa ganito. Sa tingin nila, hindi ang pagbabago ng sistemang panlipunan na nagluluwal ng kahirapan ang kailangan, kundi ang pagtukoy sa indibidwal na pananagutan sa kasalukuyan. “Ayos lang ang sistema ngayon, basta ba...”

(7) Hindi lang hirarkiya sa usapin ng uring panlipunan ang ipinapakita ng eskandalo. Pinapatampok din nito ang kontrol ng mga magulang sa mga bata — na walang iba kundi ang kontrol ng kanilang uri sa huli. Sumasanib ito sa isa pang agos, ang sekswalisasyon ng mga bata — na para bang inihahanda sila sa kung anong trabaho sa pagtanda. Isang resulta ng pagsasanib ng dalawang agos, sa balangkas pa

rin ng kahirapan, ang mga batang babaeng kung umasta't sumayaw ay parang mga Sex Bomb.

(8) Sa panig ng resepsyon, isang usapin ang kasarian. Dahil nga hindi “Careless Whisper” ang pinatugtog, natanggal ang pagsayaw ni Jan-jan sa pakahulugan ng pagkutya kay Hayden Kho at napalabas na pagma-macho dancer sa pangkalahatan. Kaya tiyak ding nag-iimbiba ng pagkiling na kontra-homoseksual sa lipunan. At may elemento ng pagkabagabag ng mga konserbatibo't tradisyunal ng lipunang pyudal sa pagkayurak ng maskulinidad. Ang pormang ito ang naging itsura ng kahirapan.

(9) At hindi ang ganitong paglabag sa moralidad ng mga konserbatibo't tradisyunal ang dapat ipagdiwang ng mga rebeldeng liberal ng ating lipunan. Paglabag din naman sa ganyang moralidad, paala ng isang manunulat, ang pagpapakulo sa mga sanggol. Ang paglabag sa nasabing moralidad lang ang naging kongkretong itsura ng kahirapan. Tulak at hatak din ito ng kahirapan, hindi kusa at malayang pinili. Sa mga nasusuklam sa naganap, may konserbatibo ang moralidad at may nakakaunawa sa kahirapan.

(10) May sipi si Richard Bolisay, kritikong pampelikula, sa pelikulang Aliwan Paradise kaugnay ng isyu ni Willie: “Nasa paglalantad ng ating tunay na kalagayan ang bagong bagong aliwan. At ang bagong bagong entertainer, marunong gumamit ng kahirapan.” Ani Walter Benjamin, palaisip na Marxista, ang pagkatiwalag sa sarili (self-alienation) ng tao “ay umabot na sa puntong kaya niyang danasin ang sariling pagkawasak bilang pinakamataas na klase ng kaligayahang estetiko” — bagay na paborable sa pasismo.

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
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FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT  
CITY OF IMUS, CAVITE

NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE  
FINANCE CORPORATION (NHMFC)  
Mortgagee,

EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF  
REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT  
3135 AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118

-versus-

SPOUSES REYNALDO A. BATHAN and  
ANAV. BATHAN, and Ms. SUSAN A. BATHAN  
Mortgagors.

FC NO. 17075-20

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AMENDED NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by National Home Mortgage Finance Corporation, mortgagee/ assignee, with principal office at 104 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City, against SPOUSES REYNALDO A. BATHAN and ANA V. BATHAN, and Ms. SUSAN A. BATHAN, mortgagors, with residence and postal address at 2348 Radium St., San Andres, Manila and/or Golden City- Lot 26 Block 46 Brgy. Anabu II, Imus, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of December 31, 2019 amounts to ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN PESOS and 79/100 (P1,178,318.79), Philippine Currency, excluding interest and penalty charges, attorney's fees, sheriff's fees and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff IV will sell at public auction on July 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC-Imus, Bulwagan Ng Katarungan, Aguinaldo Highway, Imus, Cavite, to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all the improvements therein, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITE NO. T-375964

"A parcel of land (Lot 26, Blk. 46 of subd. plan, Psd-042109053270, being a portion of Blk. 39, Pcs-04-006191, LRC Rec. No. ), situated in the Brgy. Of Anabu II, Mun. of Imus, Prov. Of Cavite, Is. Of Luzon. Bounded on the NW., along line 1-2 by Lot 25; on the NE., along line 2-3 by Lot 24, both of Blk. 46; on the SE., along line 3-4 by Rd. Lot 40; & on the SW., along line 4-1 by Lot 28, Blk. 46, all of the subd. plan. x x x containing an area of EIGHTY EIGHT (88) SQ. METERS. x x x"

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 July 27, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. without prior notice.

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

Imus, Cavite, Philippines, May 25, 2021

ISRAEL S. MEDINA  
Sheriff IV

APPROVED:

ARMIE A. FRANCISCO  
Clerk of Court V  
Officer in Charge

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National Home Mortgage Finance Corp.  
104 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village  
Makati City

SPOUSES REYNALDO A. BATHAN AND  
ANA V. BATHAN, and Ms. SUSAN A. BATHAN  
2348 Radium St., San Andres, Manila and/or Golden City-Imus  
Lot 26 Block 46 Brgy. Anabu II, Imus, Cavite

Ang Cavitenon  
May 31, June 07 & 14, 2021

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
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FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION  
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CITY OF IMUS, CAVITE

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND  
(PAG-IBIG FUND) represented by ATTY.  
NICOLINA C. MADRID,  
Mortgagee,

EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF  
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-versus-

JOEBETH A. MAGKAISA  
Mortgagors.

FC NO. 17001-20

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Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (PAG-IBIG FUND) represented by ATTY. NICOLINA C. MADRID, mortgagee, with principal office at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against JOEBETH A. MAGKAISA, mortgagor, single, of legal age, Filipino citizen, with residence and postal address at Lot 31, Blk. 7 Ph 6 ACM Woodstock Homes, Alapan I, Imus, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of December 27, 2019 amounts to TWO HUNDRED TWENTY TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWELVE PESOS and 19/100 (P222,112.19), Philippine Currency, including interest and penalty charges but excluding attorney's fees, sheriff's fees and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff IV will sell at public auction on July 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC-Imus, Bulwagan Ng Katarungan, Aguinaldo Highway, Imus, Cavite, to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all the improvements therein, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITE NO. T-803710

"A parcel of land (Lot 31, Blk. 7 of the subd. Plan. Psd-04-101436, being a portion of Lot 1288, Imus Estate (Rs-04-002511), L.R.A. Rec. No. 8843), situated in the Bo. of Calsadang Bago, Mun. of Imus, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the W., along line 1-2 by Lot 29, Blk. 7; on the N., along line 2-3 by Rd. Lot 7; on the S., along line 3-4 by Lot 33, Blk. 7, and on the E., along line b4-1 by Lot 32, Blk. 7 all of the subd. Plan. x x x containing an area of THIRTY SIX (36) SQ. METERS. x x x"

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

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JOEBETH A. MAGKAISA  
Lot 31, Blk. 7 Ph. 6 ACM Woodstock Homes, Alapan I, Imus, Cavite

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JACKSON G. BRIONES,  
Petitioner,

Civil Case No. TMCV-085-19  
For: Declaration of Nullity of Marriage

Versus

VIVIAN C. DULAY,  
Respondent.

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ORDER

Pursuant to A.M. No. 20-12-01-SC, videoconference hearings shall be allowed in court towards all cases where the conditions warrant to prevent the spread of the Corona Virus Disease and to protect the health and welfare of the court personnel, litigants and other court users. The court allows videoconference hearings provided that the technical equipment are all complied with, there is no problem with the internet connection of all the parties, and the court can observe the demeanor of the witness while testifying.

During today's remote videoconference hearing, the petitioner Jackson G. Briones and his counsel Atty. Cecilia M. Misola are present. The respondent is absent. Prosecutor Crisostomo A. Dario, Jr. appeared for the state.

Since the respondent is now working abroad and is no longer

residing at Sta. Rita West, Aringay, La Union as stated in the Sheriff's return, petitioner's counsel moved that summons be served through publication which was granted by the court. The petitioner is hereby directed to serve a service of summons through publication once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines. In addition, a copy of the summons shall be served on the respondent's last known address at Sta. Rita West, Aringay, La Union by registered mail.

The summons to be published shall be contained in an order of the court with the following date: 1) title of the case; 2) docket number; 3) nature of the petition; 4) principal grounds of the petition and the reliefs prayed for; 5) a directive for the respondent to answer within thirty (30) days from the last issue of publication.

The petitioner is hereby directed to coordinate with the Clerk of Court for the publication of summons.

Let this case be set for monitoring on the publication on 30 July 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

SO ORDERED.

GIVEN IN OPEN COURT on 7 May 2021 in Trece Martires City, Cavite, Philippines.

FLORDELIZACABANLIT FARGAS  
Presiding Judge

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Pros. Crisostomo A. Dario, Jr. Conforme: \_\_\_\_\_  
Trial Prosecutor

Atty. Cecilia M. Misola Conforme: \_\_\_\_\_  
Counsel for the petitioner

Jackson G. Briones Conforme: \_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner

Vivian C. Dulay Conforme: \_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent

Office of the Solicitor General  
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SUMMONS  
(by Publication)

TO: VIVIAN C. DULAY  
Sta. Rita West, Aringay, La Union

GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, on 9 December 2019, JACKSON G. BRIONES though counsel, Atty. Cecilia M. Misola filed before this court a petition for declaration of nullity of marriage against VIVIAN C. DULAY.

WHEREAS, on 7 May 2021, counsel for the petitioner moved that Summons be served through publication.

WHEREAS, on 7 May 2021, an Order was issued granting the motion of th petitioner to served summons by publication.

NOW THEREFORE, VIVIAN C. DULAY, you are hereby directed to get a copy of the Petition personally or thru an authorized representative, and re required to file your answer at this Court sitting at the Government Center Building, Trece Martires City, within thirty (30) days from the last publication of this summons. If you fail to answer within the aforesaid time, the petitioner will take judgement against you and may be granted the relief for in said petition.

Let a copy of the Summons and the Order of the Court be also served upon respondent VIVIAN C. DULAY at her last known address at Sta. Rita West, Aringay, La Union.

WITNESS THE HONORABLE FLORDELIZA CABANLIT-FARGAS this 25 May 2021 at Trece Martires City.

MICHAELA. LEVITA  
OIC/Acting Clerk of Court

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# Word Search Puzzle

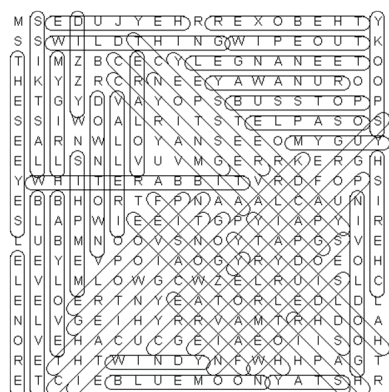
70's Songs

Find and circle all of these songs from the 1970's that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell the title of an additional song from the 70's.

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- CONVOY
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- DANCING QUEEN
- DREAMING
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- FREE BIRD
- GREASE
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- HOTEL
- CALIFORNIA
- ISLAND GIRL
- JIVE TALKIN'
- LAYLA
- LE FREAK
- LOLA
- LOVIN' YOU
- LOWDOWN
- MACARTHUR PARK
- MAGGIE MAY
- MISS YOU
- MONEY
- NIGHT MOVES
- OHIO
- POP MUZIK
- RHIANNON
- RHINESTONE COWBOY
- RICH GIRL
- ROXANNE
- SAD EYES
- SIR DUKE
- STAYIN' ALIVE
- SUPERSTITION
- THE JOKER
- TRAGEDY
- VENUS
- WATERLOO
- YOUR SONG

## Sagot sa nakaraan



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## Sudoku hint

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# Sudoku

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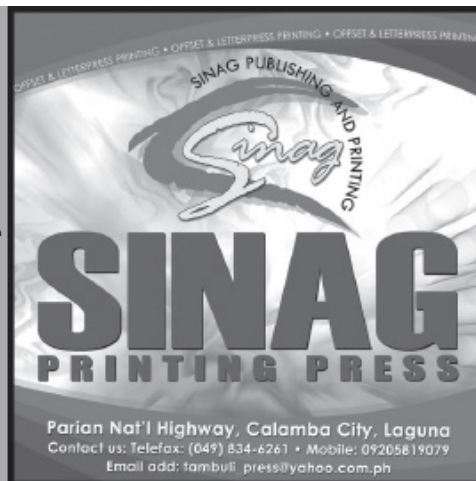
Fill in the blank squares so that each row, each column and each 3-by-3 block contain all of the digits 1 thru 9.  
 If you use logic you can solve the puzzle without guesswork.  
 Need a little help? The hints page shows a logical order to solve the puzzle. Use it to identify the next square you should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

### RELEASE QUITCLAIM AND UNDERTAKING

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late Mary Jane B. Abellanos who died at Imus Cavite leaving a bank account at Philippine Savings Bank (PSBank) with account number of 200111004548 amounting of THREE HUNDRED SIXTY ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE PESOS AND 16/100 (P361,985.16 ) has been extrajudicially settled by her heirs as per Doc. No. 307; Page No. 22; Book No. XVIII; Series of 2021 Notary Public Atty. Eliseo S. Calma, JR.

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# Bong Go urges LGUs to bring vaccines directly to constituents

PASAY CITY -- Senator Christopher "Bong" Go appealed to local government units and authorities in charge of the vaccine rollout to bring vaccines directly to constituents who are part of the priority groups to be inoculated.

"Sa mga LGUs, paigtingin pa natin ang pagbabakuna. Dapat 'di magtagal ang stocks sa inyo. Marami nang gustong magpabakuna pero naghihintay. Nagagalit na ang iba. Pabilisin natin ang sistema para pag-distribute ng bakuna, maiturok na agad sa dapat maturukan," he appealed.

He stressed that time is of the essence and all necessary steps must be taken to ensure that those in the A1-A3 categories are vaccinated immediately so that the rollout can proceed to other priority sectors in line with the

goal of reaching herd immunity in communities.

"Dagdagan po natin ang ating vaccination sites para kahit saang sulok ng komunidad ay makaabot ang bakuna. Kung kailangang puntahan mismo sa mga bahay ang mga matatanda at mga may comorbidities ay gawin na dapat agad," he urged.

"Huwag tayo magkumpanyansa sa kung ano na ang ginagawa ngayon. Paigtingin pa natin lalo upang mas mabilis nating marating ang herd immunity sa ating community at tuluyang matigil na ang sakit na COVID-19," he added.

Go then called on local leaders, in coordination with the national government, to strengthen their local vaccination rollout and vaccine education awareness campaigns to further

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Senator Christopher "Bong" Go appealed to local government units and authorities in charge of the vaccine rollout to bring vaccines directly to constituents who are part of the priority groups to be inoculated. Photo by OSBG.

## More than 10-M vaccine doses expected in June, as A4 vaccination kicks-off

PASAY CITY -- Some 50 workers belonging to various economic sectors received their first dose of COVID vaccine today, June 7, 2021, as part of the symbolic vaccination of the Priority Group A4, signaling the start of mass vaccination for workers in both formal and informal sectors.

In a press briefing that followed the said event held at the SM Mall of Asia in Pasay City, Presidential Spokesperson Secretary Harry Roque Jr. said that the vaccination of the A4 group was launched as more vaccine doses are expected to arrive this June.

"Ayon sa NTF, mahigit na sampung milyon na iba't ibang anti-COVID vaccine brands ang inaasahan nating darating ngayon buwan," said Sec. Roque.

This includes the one million doses of Sinovac vaccines that arrived yesterday, June 6. "Kabilang ito sa 5.5-M doses ng Sinovac na inaasahan nating maddeliver ngayong Hunyo," Sec. Roque said.

Aside from the Sinovac vaccine, National Task Force Against COVID-19 (NTF) Chief Implementer Secretary Carlito Galvez Jr. said that vaccines from the COVAX for this month is also expected to increase, with 4.2 million doses expected to be delivered from the said facility

for this month. Sec. Galvez also disclosed that some 30 to 40 million doses of vaccines are expected for the months of June, July, and August, which is expected to cover the vaccination of A4 and A5 priority groups.

"Sinobahong bumubuo ng A4 o eligible para maging A4? Sila ay ang mga worker sa pampubliko at pribadong sektor, mga nasa informal sector, kasama ang mga self-employed at mga nagtatrabaho sa mga pribadong pamamahay," explained Sec. Roque.

The Palace official and concurrent spokesperson of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) further added that there are two categories under A4: those who need to physically report to work and those who needed to be deployed or assigned to do field work.

The IATF has recently approved the expanded A4 list and the initial distribution rollout for the said priority group, which will initially focus on the National Capital Region (NCR) plus 8 composed of Metro Manila, Batangas, Cavite, Laguna, Rizal, Bulacan, Pampanga, Metro Cebu, and Metro Davao.

With more than 35  
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## Body-worn cameras can now guard against incidents of possible police abuse -Eleazar

By Nonette N. Castillo

CALOOCAN CITY -- Philippine National Police (PNP) Chief Police General Guillermo Lorenzo T. Eleazar today said the use of body-worn cameras by PNP field personnel can now guard against incidents of possible police abuse.

"Ang mahalaga dito ay masisiguro ng mga BWCs na walang paglabag sa Police Operating Procedures o sa karapatang pantao na magaganap bilang proteksyon ng ating mga

kababayan," Eleazar said, and that he already gave the go-signal for its use starting Friday, June 4. He said the cameras will also protect the police against any malicious allegation of human rights violation.

"Magsisisilbing proteksyon na din ito ng ating mga kapulisan laban sa mga malisyoso at maling paratang. Sa ating mga kababayan, may proteksyon na kayo sa pang-aabuso at kalokohan ng iilan naming tiwaling kasamahan. At sa mas maraming bilang ng mga

matitinong pulis, may proteksyon na tayo laban sa mga pagdududa at maling akala," he added.

The initial agreement is that the use of the BWCs will only start after all the personnel assigned to them are trained. But since a total of 623 policemen were already trained to use the body-worn cameras.

It took the PNP some three years, since the program was first introduced, before finally utilizing the body-worn cameras to ensure the transparency and  
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PNP Chief General Guillermo T. Eleazar holds a body worn camera to present to members of media on Friday, June 4. (PNP photo)