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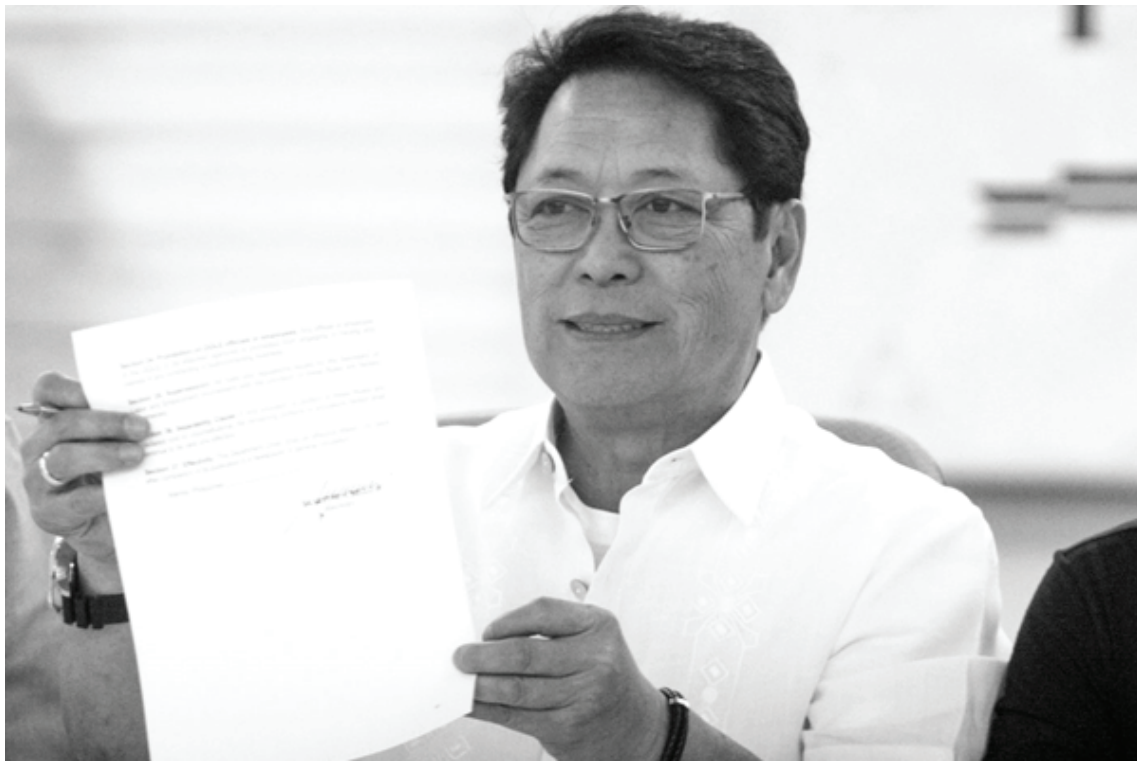
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DOLE chief says govt livelihood assistance for all working Filipinos affected by pandemic



Labor Secretary Silvestre Bello III (FILE PHOTO)

By Joedie Mae D. Boliver

CALOOCAN CITY -- The livelihood assistance program of the government is for all working Filipinos affected by the pandemic brought by the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID 19), the labor department said.

Labor Secretary Silvestre Bello III said the DOLE aid meant to ease the impact of the global health crisis can reach hard-hit workers even those in remote areas.

"The deadly virus doesn't select who to hit. Everybody is affected. So the government is also extending assistance to all workers regardless of their profession and location," Bello said.

Bello cited as example the recent awarding of a P2.8-million check for the benefit of workers from five barangays of Barbaza municipality in Antique who were displaced by the global health crisis. The amount represents the aid provided by the government's 'Kabuhayan Program' to marginalized farmers, small vendors, farm laborers, livestock raisers, senior citizens and low wage earners from barangays Igturanum, Jinalinan, Solingao, Cadiao and Baghari.

"Most of the beneficiaries are residing in remote and mountainous areas of the province," DOLE-Region 6 Director Cyril L. Ticao said.

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DepEd, Bacoor LGU welcome first day of opening of classes for SY2020-2021

By Ruel B. Francisco

BACOOR, Cavite, Oct 10 (PIA) -- The City Government and the Department of Education here welcomed the first day of the opening of the online classes for SY 2020-2021 with preparations to adapt to the new system of teaching and learning.

During last Monday's Flag Raising Ceremony, Congressman Strike Revilla gave a message of greetings in a video recording to the teachers of the city in celebration of the World Teachers' Day and reminded them to stay safe for the children. Likewise, Mayor Lani Revilla

expressed her gratitude to the city's public school officials and teachers who gave their utmost hard work and dedication to be able to prepare for the new teaching approach despite the many issues, concerns and challenges brought by the New Normal set up in education.

"The City Government is doing everything to help the school children as well as the teachers to be able to adapt to the new system of education. We had given funding for the distribution of laptops to the public school teachers, for the acquisition of Risograph machines, inks, bond papers and other materials for the

printing and copying of learning modules, and the provision of three (3) rescue vehicles to the DepEd-Bacoor for use in the distribution of the learning materials for the blended learning modality of education. Also, thru the Office of Vice Governor Jolo Revilla, P7M was allotted to fund for the provision of 12,000 tablets to be given to Grades 10, 11 & 12 public students in the city," said Mayor Revilla.

A total of 885 laptops were turned over to the DepEd-

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SSS itinalaga ang BS2MPC bilang bagong Partner Agent

BACOOR, Cavite --Pormal na itinalaga ang Bagong Silang 2 Multi-purpose Cooperative (BS2MPC) bilang bagong Servicing at Collecting Partner Agent (PA) ng Social Security System (SSS) matapos lumagda ng Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) noong Setyembre 9 sa tanggapan ng BS2MPC.

Sa ilalim ng SSS Partner Accreditation Program, ang BS2MPC ay inaatasang tanggapan at suriin ang registration forms, member loan application forms, funeral benefit claims, at iba pang dokumento na isinumite

ng kanilang mga kasapi na miyembro rin ng SSS.

Maaari rin silang mag-isyu ng Certificate of Fact of Death para sa Death Claim Application na isumite sa kanila. Awtorisado din ang kooperatiba na mangolekta ng SSS contributions, loan amortizations, at iba pang miscellaneous payments.

Sa tulong ng programang ito, mas mapapadali at mapapabilis ang pagpoproseso ng transaksyon ng higit 6,000 miyembro ng kooperatiba dahil sila mismo

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Parañaque LGU, nakatanggap ng donasyong mga laptop mula sa CAVITEX

By Alehia Therese V. Abuan

PARAÑAQUE CITY -- Nakatanggap ang Parañaque City Government ng donasyon na mga laptop mula sa pamunuan ng Manila-Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX) nitong Huwebes.

Malugod na tinanggap ni Parañaque City Mayor Edwin Olivarez ang 37 units na laptop sa ibinigay ng CAVITEX sa isang simpleng seremonya na naganap sa Parañaque City Hall.

Kasama sa seremonya sina Vice-Mayor Rico Golez, Congressman Eric L. Olivarez, at iba pang opisyal ng lokal na pamahalaan.

Ayon kay Olivarez, ang mga laptop ay ibibigay sa Parañaque City College na kasalukuyang ganagamit bilang isang COVID-19 Quarantine Facility.

Nagpasalamat si Olivarez sa CAVITEX at sa mga patuloy na pagbibigay suporta nito sa lokal na pamahalaan. (PIA-NCR)



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Philippine Overseas Employment Administrator Administrator Bernard Olalia (FILE PHOTO)

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government's economic recovery programs are responsive to the needs of MSMEs. Bayanihan 1 launched the largest cash transfer program for small business workers in our country's history along with deferral of loan and utility payments. Bayanihan 2 includes similar programs and infuses capital into GFIs (government financial institutions) for lending to MSMEs and other productive sectors of the economy," Lambino said.

He added that, "The survey results bolster the call made by President Duterte in his most recent SONA (State of the Nation Address) for the Congress to fast-track the passage of CREATE and FIST, which will respectively reduce taxes on most businesses and help banks stay healthy so that they can keep lending to Covid-affected businesses."

"We cannot emphasize enough how critical it is for these measures to be passed by the Congress, primarily for the benefit of MSMEs that comprise over 99 percent of local businesses and employ an overwhelming majority of Filipino workers," Lambino said.

Secretary.....

Secretary Andanar posted on his social media account.

"Our mayor, our police major, our dear uncle, father of cousin Mac, husband of Dr. Agnes, the people's doctor, our frontliner and our hero has fallen. A life well lived, RIP Uncle Rumar. Salute!" he said.

In his message, Secretary Andanar remembered his late uncle's constant regard for his duty as a leader and public servant.

"Uncle Rumar's commitment to public service and dedication to his work will always be remembered by everyone. His untimely demise was a loss of a dedicated public servant to his people," he said.

"This unfortunate event, so as the many similar circumstances our fellow Filipinos have experienced throughout the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, exhibits the sacrifices and risks our frontliners continue to endure

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As of 2017, about 3,150 favored companies registered with investment promotion agencies (IPAs) get to pay discounted taxes equivalent to 6 to 13 percent of net income under the current tax system while MSMEs and other firms pay the regular rate of 30 percent.

The DOF is working with the Congress on the immediate passage of CREATE that aims to accelerate economic recovery by immediately lowering the CIT to 25 percent--the highest in the region--and modernizing the Philippines' fiscal incentives system.

Such reforms in corporate taxation as proposed by the CREATE bill are expected to attract more and better foreign direct investments (FDIs) into the country, and would thus create jobs, stimulate industries, and boost economic growth in the long term.

Earlier, Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III said the immediate reduction of the corporate income tax rate by five percentage points to 25 percent would mean savings from reduced tax payments. This will allow entrepreneurs, especially owners of MSMEs, expand their

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each day of their service to our collective fight against the virus," he added.

The PCOO chief went on to remind the public to remain cautious and maintain compliance with the issued safety protocols to protect themselves and other people from getting infected.

"We call on all our countrymen to remain in compliance with the health protocols our government continues to remind us of. This as we aim to assist and protect our frontliners, also to strive to heal and recover from COVID-19 as one nation," he said.

Secretary Andanar's father, former Surigao del Norte governor and former DILG undersecretary Atty. Wencilito Andanar, said his brother's death was a great loss not only to his family, but also to the medical chapter in the CARAGA Region. "I am in grief over the death of my dear brother who since childhood had stayed by my side, even so in difficult and trying

businesses and hire more workers.

"The hefty corporate income tax cut will free up around P37 billion pesos for businesses in the second half of 2020 alone," Dominguez said.

Lambino said the DOF is also pursuing the legislative approval of FIST, which aims to mitigate the threat of non-performing assets (NPAs) to the country's banking system.

Lambino said FIST aims to enable banks to offload souring loans and assets, clean up their balance sheets, and extend more funds to more sectors in need of credit.

The bill improves upon the law that created Special Purpose Vehicles in response to the Asian Financial Crisis in the early 2000s, he said. (PIA NCR)

"Without the FIST bill, the economy is going to be worse off. The worst hit are going to be the small and medium enterprises," said Lambino. "Helping banks clear their books allows them to lend more money to MSMEs and other businesses."

CREATE and FIST are currently under the periods of interpellation and sponsorship, respectively, in the Senate.

Both measures have already been passed by the House of Representatives.

periods of my life. I will always remember his kindness and wit," Atty. Wencilito Andanar said.

"We commend you for fulfilling your Hippocratic Oath till the end. We love you, Rumar. For Dr. Agnes and Macmac know that our family will always be here for you. "Brother, when I see you in the sun, I shall tell you much," he added.

The Santa Monica local government led by Mayor Fernando Dolar also mourned the passing of former Mayor Rumar. "The LGU family of Santa Monica and all Sapaonons mourn the untimely passing of our beloved former mayor and board member, Dr. Rumar Andanar. May you rest in peace, pare. Our heartfelt condolences to Dr. Agnes, Mark, and to the Tan-Andanar family," Vice Mayor Arwela Dolar said.

Dr. Andanar is also the brother of incumbent provincial board member of the first district of Surigao del Norte, Edgar Andanar. (PCOO)

Govt gives 10,000 medical workers green light to work abroad

By Jerome Carlo R. Paunan

CALOOCAN CITY-- The government has allowed around 10,000 medical workers to go abroad amid the temporary suspension on the deployment of health personnel due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a report by PTV-4 Sentro Balita, Philippine Overseas Employment Administrator (POEA) Administrator Bernard Olalia explained majority of those to be deployed are returning nurses or those who spent a vacation in the country but were stuck.

"Pinapayagan natin 'yung ating mga agency hires

na nurses. Ito namang mga agency hires na mga ito ay mga idene-deploy ng mga licensed recruitment agencies kung saan mayroon silang napirmahang kontrata (We are permitting nurses hired by agencies. They are those deployed by licensed recruitment agencies with signed contracts [as of August 31])," Olalia said.

Similarly, health workers who were accepted under bilateral labor agreements with complete requirements as of August 31 have also been allowed to leave the country.

The POEA, however, is open to expand the exemption in case of formal appeals on the matter. (PIA NCR)

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or trigonometry. I see a lot of computations. It's very difficult for an ordinary student to pick it up right away. This is where the TV and radio modalities would come in. TV, in this particular case, would play a very big role," the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Basic Education, Arts and Culture explained.

To roll-out the use of television-based instruction, the Department of Education (DepEd) launched DepEd TV, which airs K to 12 subjects from 7:00AM to 7:00PM, Monday to Saturday. The lessons are being aired on state-run Intercontinental Broadcasting Corporation (IBC-13), People's Television Network (PTV-4), and other channels that partner with DepEd.

To complement the reach of DepEd TV, Gatchalian cited the role of partnerships between local government units (LGUs) and local radio and television stations, which can air localized episodes.

The lawmaker flagged, however, a recent error in a math lesson that aired on DepEd TV, which has since gone viral on social media. While DepEd has already apologized for the error and vowed to address it, Gatchalian reiterated that quality control of lessons should never be compromised.

Meanwhile, Gatchalian again urged telecommunication companies to ensure the stability of internet connectivity to avoid online learning woes. He cited the case of the Valenzuela Live Online Streaming School, which utilizes Facebook Live to broadcast lessons.

Despite the airing of these lessons, some learners cannot view or stream the lessons because of connectivity problems, Gatchalian explained. He added that while they are expecting as many as 10,000 students to watch per lesson, some 3,000 students are not able to watch. (Office of Senator Sherwin 'Win' Gatchalian)

PSMBFI provides 8.3M for PNP's Comprehensive Educational Assistance Program

By Nonette N. Castillo

CALOOCAN CITY-- The Philippine National Police received a check amounting to 8.3 million pesos from the Public Safety Mutual Benefit Fund Inc. (PSMBFI) to be allotted to the PNP Comprehensive Educational Assistance Program.

During the the Flag-Raising Ceremony at Camp Crame, Quezon City on Monday, PNP Chief, Police General Camilo Pancratius Cascolan along with Acting Director for Personnel and Records Management, PBGen Rolando Hinanay, and members of the PNP Educational Board received the check from the PSMBFI officials representing the refund of Special Group Term Insurance (SGTI).

The PNP Chief said the fund will be helpful "to enhance work performance, morale and welfare as part of the strategic thrusts under the PNP Sustainable Development Plan."

Cascolan thanked PSMBFI officials present during the hand-over ceremony led by its Vice Chairman Lyndon Cubos, President Mario Avenido, Vice President (OIC) for Operations Michelle Caybyab, and Marketing Manager Wenzel Sermonia.

"This educational assistance will greatly boost the morale of our law enforcers in rendering service with initiative," he added.

According to PSMBFI, the proceeds were merely allotted to the PNP scholarship programs and educational assistance for qualified PNP personnel and their dependents.

"This kind of gesture strengthens the capacity of every police officer by knowing that their education, and even their dependents, will be well-secured amidst the pandemic. Rest assured that this generous donation will further motivate and inspire our police personnel to better perform their sworn duties," Cascolan concluded. (PNP PIO/PIA-NCR)

TESDA-NCR launches special program for repatriated OFWs

By Jimmy E. Guzman

PASIG CITY -- The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority National Capital Region (TESDA NCR), through the Quezon City and CaMaNaVa districts, recently launched the special program on Contact Center Services NC II and Contact Tracing Level II for repatriated overseas Filipino workers (OFWs).

The initiative is in response to the directive of TESDA Secretary Isidro S. Lapeña to intensify the programs for OFWs, as one of TESDA's prioritized clients. President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, during his SONA on July 27, 2020, asked TESDA to develop programs that will help retool OFWs with new skills to find employment opportunities while they are home.

TESDA NCR QC District initiated the Regional Launching and Training Induction Program of Contact Center Services NC II, while

TESDA NCR CaMaNaVa initiated the Launching and Training Induction Program of Contact Tracing Level II. A total of 50 returning OFWs were the beneficiaries of said programs.

According to TESDA-NCR, TESDA Sec. Lapeña participated in said events and said that the agency focuses on reskilling and upskilling of returning OFWs to help rebuild their livelihood. He said that the skills these OFWs will acquire will still be in demand even after the crisis. Lapeña also guaranteed new opportunities waiting for the OFW scholars after their training.

TESDA officials and other officials also participated in said events.

Meanwhile, TESDA NCR assures the continuity of support for the returning OFWs by providing them the scholarship programs that will improve their skills and teach them with new skills while they are waiting to be deployed either locally or internationally. (PIA-NCR)

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ang maghahatid ng sebisyo ng SSS sa kanilang komunidad. Dahil katuwang na ng SSS ang BS2MPC, inaasahang may benepisyo at pribilehiyong matatanggap ang mga miyembro sa oras ng kanilang pangangailangan.

Pinangunahan nina SSS Bacoor Branch Head

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II Josephine S. Hipolito at BS2MPC General Manager Maria Jenet S. AVECILLA ang paglagda sa MOA habang naging saksi sina BS2MPC Board of Directors Chairperson Cecilia S. Asuncion, at BS2MPC Human Resource/Administrative Head Analey R. Lopez. (PIA-Cavite at ulat mula kay Haidee Consignado, SSS)

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Bacoor during the Monday Flag Raising ceremony on September 28, 2020 which were distributed to the public school teachers that will aid them with their online teaching approach.

Meanwhile, Mayor Lani said that the 12,000 tablets will be given to the students 'on a staggered basis' as delivery of the units were made while thru the efforts of the MIS Department of the City Government, internet connectivity was strengthened and improved to be able to provide good internet service to children with their online classes. Also, school supplies were given to kindergarten pupils in the city to inspire them to start their education.

Meanwhile, some

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preparations by the public schools in the city like the Bayanan Elementary School held the distribution of learning modules to the different barangays thru their Modules-on-Wheels project to give parents and students easy access to these learning materials prior to the opening of classes on October 5, 2020.

On the other hand, the Mambog Elementary School had set up a health and safety measure device at the school entrance, a Robotic Health Protocol that takes temperature 'handsfree' and an automated alcohol dispenser for sanitation to all those who will enter the school premises to avoid transmission of the COVID-19 disease. (Ruel Francisco/Bacoor City Information Office)

AFP Chief Gapay gets fourth star

By Nonette N. Castillo

CALOOCAN CITY -- The Armed Forces of the Philippines Chief of Staff Lieutenant General Gilbert I. Gapay has been promoted to the rank of general and received his fourth star in a donning of ranks ceremony on Wednesday, Oct. 7 held at the Department of National Defense in Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City.

Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana administered the donning of rank to General Gapay in a ceremony attended

by senior military officers led by AFP Vice Chief of Staff Vice Admiral Gaudencio C. Collado Jr.

The general's family was also present to witness his promotion. To recall, President Rodrigo Duterte has approved the appointment of the AFP Chief of Staff to the rank of general effective Sept. 02.

Gapay took over as the 54th AFP Chief on August 03, replacing General Felimon Santos Jr. who bowed out from service



TESDA Director General Isidro Lapeña (FILE PHOTO)

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Ticao said the support aims to provide alternative sources of income for those displaced by COVID 19 outbreak.

"We took the opportunity in providing other ways for them to feed their families and meet their basic needs amid these trying times," Ticao said. Part of the Kabuhayan Program assistance amounting to P360,000 was given to 18 beneficiaries in Barangay Igtunaram for their

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cattle fattening project.

On the other hand, P520,000 went to 26 beneficiaries from Barangay Jinalinan who are venturing into hog fattening, sari-sari store and poultry raising.

At Barangay Soligao, P480,000 was released to 24 recipients for their rice retailing, sari-sari store, swine and cattle fattening projects while P940,000 found its way to 47 beneficiaries of Barangay Baghari who are trying their luck in hog fattening,

rice retailing and sari-sari stores.

Further, a total of P500,000 was released in Barangay Cadio for the benefit of 25 beneficiaries planning to engage in swine fattening, in rice retailing and sari-sari stores.

Bello said these new projects being financed by DOLE is proof that "the helping hand of the government is long and far-reaching. We just hope that we will not run out of resources in helping our needy workers." (PIA NCR)

RTF-CALABARZON launches aggressive community testing

By Patricia T. Bermudez

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna – With the National Task Force (NTF) Against COVID-19 all eyes in CALABARZON amid the region's rising infection rate, the Regional Task Force (RTF) Against COVID-19 has launched an aggressive community testing efforts in Batangas to expand its detection, isolation and treatment capacity.

With a goal to release swab results within 24 to 48 hours, the aggressive community testing is seen to expedite the national government's Prevent-Detect-Isolate-Treatment-Reintegration (PDITR) strategy in preventing the virus from spreading, especially in Batangas province.

The testing conducted in coordination of the Provincial Government of Batangas and the Batangas Provincial Task Force Against COVID-19 started Saturday, October 3 and will end Tuesday, October 6. It carry out about 1,500 tests per day in a bid to stop the spread of the disease. Currently, the province of Batangas has three testing centers located at Dream Zone, Capitol Compound in Batangas

City; Laurel Memorial District Hospital in Tanauan City; and, Don Manuel Lopez District Hospital in Balayan, Batangas.

As of Monday, October 5, confirmed cases count in Batangas has reached 7,309. Of the total number, 4,252 patients have recovered while 176 succumbed to the disease, bringing down the active confirmed cases to 2,881. Testing capacity

With the region's continuously rising infections, the RTF aims to increase its testing capacity and conduct the same aggressive community testing in other CALABARZON provinces in the coming weeks.

According to Office of Civil Defense (OCD) CALABARZON, chair of the RTF, it is closely working with the different provincial and local COVID task forces in the region for the conduct of the aggressive testing. It also called on LGUs to support the NTF initiative saying it is an opportunity to fight COVID-19.

Civil Defense Officer Randy dela Paz said LGUs can help by allotting well-ventilated venues, such as sports complex and gymnasiums, that can accommodate hundreds of

swabbers and test subjects daily.

Dela Paz added that although the IATF sees no need to hire additional medical technologists as they already have their own, the RTF through the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Region 4A is looking to hire around 4,810 contact tracers, who will help the task force in identifying the infected patients' close contact, as well as maintaining their database by providing accurate data and information.

'No Home Quarantine' Policy

With the tourism and hospitality sectors on hold, the Regional Task Force aims to decongest overcrowded government facilities, such as the Alonte Sports Arena in Biñan, Laguna, by utilizing hotels to house asymptomatic patients.

Despite boosting the region's testing and treatment capability, the Inter Agency Task Force maintains its advise against home quarantine, following the advice of Presidential Peace Adviser and NTF chief implementor Carlito Galvez Jr. against the practice, citing reports of a significant drop in new cases in other regions where home quarantine is prohibited. (PTB/FSC)

after reaching the mandatory retirement age.

Prior to his assumption as the AFP Chief of Staff, Gapay was the 61st Commanding General of the Philippine Army. He is a member of the Philippine Military Academy Sinagtala Class of 1986 and graduated as the batch valedictorian.

As the AFP Chief of Staff, Gapay has outlined

four priority areas during his leadership namely; operational effectiveness, organizational efficiency, personnel development and well-being, and stakeholders collaboration.

Military honors was accorded to the official at the GHQ Canopy right after the donning ceremony.

"We remain dedicated to

the performance of our mandate. This achievement is a realization of not only the sacrifices which we have already made, but also of the obligations we have yet to fulfill for our country and its people. I am hopeful that the AFP will continue working collectively to provide a secure and peaceful environment for every Filipino," he said. (PIA NCR)

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EDITORIAL

Do the math

THE Department of Education has been allotted a huge chunk of the 2021 budget, but with the recent turn of events, who knows when it will be able to release funds it may need to subsidize the electronic needs of the poorest elementary and high school students in the country?

This being budget season, numbers have been flying around like a slew of arrows. If they hit you, you just might bleed.

Businesses have been bleeding, that is for sure.

Numbers show just how bad it has been for local firms, with the most successful food giant, recording a P12-billion loss in the first six months of the year, as one flaming red example.

This is why, when quarantine restrictions were eased and the economy reopened in July, business owners were still cautious, in fact “not optimistic,” about bouncing back from the damage caused by the pandemic.

A survey conducted by the World Bank in the second week of July revealed that “45 percent of 74,031 participating firms were unsure when to restart business after getting shuttered for three months by state-imposed movement restrictions to control the spread of the coronavirus.” Looking around now, three months later, it's easy to see that the same study was almost spot-on in concluding that many businesses would try to sustain operations but likely shut down.

Sales continue to be bleak in spite of efforts to lure customers into malls and stores with massive sale signs and holiday decor meant to enliven the commercial soul.

Jobs have been lost, after all, salaries cut and parents faced with added expenses for the new methods of education.

“Put together, families are looking at upwards of P12,000 for a laptop, on top of P300 to P500 (elementary) or P800 to P1,200 (high school) per month for data. This may easily double for a family with two children,” an online news source computed. Internet data, it adds, costs P13.50 per hour. “Considering the monthly cost of data and a device, on top of rent, food and basic utilities — it is simply not enough,” the report sums up — “it” being the basic monthly salary of about 105,000 people in the National Capital Region alone.

Bleeding as many parents may be, an “academic freeze,” as students have been hashtagging since classes began on 5 October, is simply not an option.

Experts agree that even under the current circumstances, canceling one academic year would be even more detrimental because it might give rise to teenage pregnancy and the possibility of children losing interest in receiving formal education.

The Department of Education has been allotted a huge chunk of the 2021 budget, but with the recent turn of events, who knows when it will be able to release funds it may need to subsidize the electronic needs of the poorest elementary and high school students in the country?

The House of Representatives has been engaging in a cockfight of late, with Speaker Alan Peter Cayetano suddenly passing the proposed P4.5 trillion budget on second reading before terminating deliberations and changing the manner of these deliberations following the suspension of sessions until 16 November.

The recent uproar, with some critics tagging Cayetano as a “poor loser,” could result in the dreaded delay in passing the budget on third and final reading on the agreed date, 14 October. This is the day that the speakership should supposedly be declared vacant and for Marinduque Rep. Lord Allan Velasco to step in for the next 21 months.

But a perceived avoidance tactic has been noted as a move to derail this term-sharing agreement brokered by President Rodrigo Duterte in 2019.

With the House in a tense standoff, people going about their daily travails — businesses losing profit or closing shop; parents hard-put to provide in these cash-strapped times, and with schools rolling on anyway in spite of all the challenges to both students and their families — can only hope the national budget won't end up all tied up in the political equation.



KAPIRASONG Kritika

Ni Teo S. Marasigan

Shhh... Tumulong ka na lang.

PAGKATAPOS manalanta ng superbagyong “Yolanda,” napansin ko ang isang meme sa Facebook na nagsasabing “Shhh... Tumulong ka na lang.” Katabi ng teksto ang larawan ng gutay-gutay na bandila ng Pilipinas na nakatanaw sa isang pamilyar na eksena ng napinsala ng bagyo. Madaling isiping tuligsa ito sa mga nagyayabang o nagsasamantala ng kanilang pagtulong sa mga nasalanta. Sa karanasan, gayunman, pampapahiya at hindi malamyang “Shhh” ang inaabot ng mga pulitiko, halimbawa, na nagbabalandra ng pangalan at larawan sa pagtulong. Mas may batayang isiping tuligsa ito sa mga nagkokomento o namumuna sa iba’t ibang usapin kaugnay ng kalamidad – pangunahin, madalas, sa kapalpakan ng gobyerno, lalo na sa paghahatid ng tulong sa mga appektado.

Kung gagamitin laban sa mga nagyayabang sa pagtulong, humahalaw ito ng lakas sa Kristiyanong paniniwala sa tahimik na pagtulong na hindi nakikita ng kapwa-tao pero nakikita ng Panginoon. Pero kung gagamitin sa mga nagkokomento o tumutuligsa, humahalaw ito ng lakas sa lohika sa mga panahon ng emergency – personal o pulitikal, pero lalo na sa panahon ng gera – na ang turing sa mga nagsasalita pa, lalo na sa mga kumontra, ay hindi nakakatulong o sagabal pa nga. Bagamat bago ang meme, hindi na bago ang sentimyentong ikinakalat nito. Sa kasagsagan at pagkatapos ng mga bagyo at iba pang disaster, pinapatahimik – kadalasan ng mga nagpapakilalang kampeon ng demokrasya – ang mga tumutuligsa: Tsaka na lang, o huwag na lang, daw magsalita.

Duguan ang kamay ng ideolohiyang nasa likod ng meme na ito. Naliligo ito sa dugo ng mga biktima ng superbagyong Yolanda at iba pang disaster sa bansa. Isa ito sa mga responsable sa matinding pinsalang idinudulot ng mga

disaster sa ating mga kababayan. Ang katahimikang ipinapataw nito sa mga tumutuligsa ay karugtong ng katahimikan ng sementeryong ipinapataw nito sa mga biktima ng disaster. Nagsisilbi ito sa mga nasa gobyerno at sa elite ng bansa, at maipagpapalagay na mulat nilang pinapalaganap. Noong sinabi ng Kalikasan: People’s Network for the Environment na walang leksyong natutunan ang gobyernong Aquino matapos ang maraming krisis-disaster, naipapaalala nito na laging pinapatahimik ang mga naghahanap ng mga leksyon sa mga disaster.

Masdan ang tugon ng gobyernong Aquino sa Yolanda: sa esensya, ordinaryong tugon sa extraordinaryong Signal No. 4 na bagyo. Bago ang bagyo: Babala sa tindi at panawagan ng evacuation kasabay ng matikas na paggarantiya na nakahanda ang pamahalaan. Habang nagaganap: Kumpanyansang pagsasabing magiging kaunti lang ang pinsala. Pagkatapos: Pagdalaw sa mga lugar na appektado at pagpapamidya ng pagtaya sa pinsala. Hindi sineryoso ng gobyernong Aquino ang sariling babala: Halatang inasahan nitong katulad ng mga naunang bagyo lang ang Yolanda. Inakala nitong lilipas din sa balita ang isyu tungkol sa pinsala. Napalampas ni Noynoy ang pagkakataong makabangon sa tatak na Pork Barrel King; lalo niyang ibinabaon ang sarili niya sa galit ng mga mamamayan.

Nitong nakaraang mga taon, ilang beses nang nagsilbing panggising, pang-alerto, kung hindi man pang-alarma, ang mga disaster na hindi na tayo pwedeng magtiyaga sa bulok na sistema ng paggogobyerno sa bansa. Pero ang mga panggising na iyan ang laging nilulunod ng ideolohiya ng meme na “Shhh... Tumulong ka na lang.” Pinabalik nito ang mga kababayang namumulat sa agad na paghimbing, ikinakanal ang malasakit nila sa pagbibigay ng donasyon o pagtulong sa repacking ng mga ito, at ipinagpapalagay

na magiging maayos ang lahat. Nagsisilbi itong unang linya ng depensa ng climate change, pagwasak sa kalikasan, kriminal na kapabayaang ng gobyerno, pagkurakot sa pondo sa disaster, at iba pang suliraning panlipunang tumatampok dahil sa mga disaster. Isa ang ideolohiyang ito sa masisisi kung bakit tumigas nang tumigas ang konsepto ng Estado na isinabuhay ng gobyernong Aquino sa harap ni Yolanda: tagapagbigay ng babala, tagapagsinungaling tungkol sa mga paghahanda, tagapag-utos sa mga lokal na pamahalaan. Tila neoliberal ito, pero mas masahol na pang-Third World. Sintomas na pork barrel ang tampok na isyu bago humambalos si Yolanda: Estado itong hindi makaangkop para maigting na maghanda sa pagdating ng bagyong extraordinaryo dahil nahutok sa tanging ginagawa, ang payamanin ang iilang elite sa panahong pre-kalamidad o ordinaryo. Maagap na impormasyon at evacuation, pagtatayo ng matatag na evacuation centers, nakaimbak na relief goods – ni wala ito sa hinagap ng gobyerno.

Anu’t anuman, ipinapahiya ang meme ngayon ng nagpapaihiya rin sa gobyernong Aquino: ang tindi ng pinsalang dulot ni Yolanda, partikular ang krisis humanitarian sa mga lugar na appektado; ang kawalan ng pagkain, tubig, gamot, gatas at kuryente sa mga ito. Sa ganitong kalagayan, lutang na lutang ang kapalpakan ng gobyernong Aquino na ihatid ang relief goods sa napakaraming nangangailangan. Marami ang tahimik na tumulong at nagbigay, bumuhos na rin ang donasyon mula sa ibang bansa, pero kasuklam-suklam na marami pa ring survivor ang hindi nakakatanggap ng relief goods. Lantad na salot ang “Shhh... Tumulong ka na lang” dahil ang kailangang tulong ay ang mag-ingay at kalampagin ang gobyernong Aquino na ihatid ang relief sa mga appektado. Shhh... Tumulong ka na lang? Makibaka... Relief now!

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Quaran'time' Journal on self-care, self-love, rediscovery

By Leonard T. Pineda, I

NOWADAYS, when one hears the word "quarantine," it may bring up anxiety, loneliness, stress, and isolation.

But the Department of Health Center Western Visayas Center for Health Development, through its COVID-19 Coordinated Operations to Defeat Epidemic (CODE) Team Reintegration, has launched an initiative to help those who are under quarantine find opportunities for self-care and rediscovery.

The "14-day Self Care Quaran'time' Journal," which provides tips and ideas for one's day-to-day self care, self love, and rediscovery, was the brainchild of Dr. Marlyn W.

Convocar, DOH WV CHD regional director.

"Quarantine days should not be boring; it should be enriching and very productive," she said, adding that the journal aims to promote good mental health support and resilience to our affected countrymen.

The self-care journal is intended for individuals who are in COVID-19-related isolation.

"It consists of recommended day-to-day activities that 'quarantimers' can do inside the quarantine facility," she said.

She said that the activities would mentally and physically prepare them before they go back to their respective communities.

Although the journal was primarily crafted for

those who are in quarantine, Convocar said that this material can be useful for everyone.

"You can use this journal in your life; you can start your day with a prayer and with the activities in the next 14 days," she said.

Meanwhile, Dr. May Ann Sta. Lucia, DOH WV CHD Health Emergency Management Staff (HEMS) Head, said that the Quaran'time' Journal contains tips and ideas on how an individual can keep oneself preoccupied while in a temporary quarantine facility.

"From day 1, they have something to look forward to until we congratulate them as they end their quarantine," she said.

She said that 'quarantimers' may choose to divert their attention to the brighter side of things such as praying and having a quiet conversation with God, call their family, send a message to a best buddy, arrange things, listen to one's phone's playlist, reflect on God's words, watch a movie, read inspirational quotes, exercise, or play games.

"The journal has Bible and Quran verses, both for our Christian and Moslem brothers and sisters," she said.

She said inspiration quotes and poems such as "Desiderata" can also be found in the journal.

"If you want to relieve your stress and anxiety, you may play a game or do Zumba exercises," she shared.

She said the journal also allows the person to create his/her own playlist during the 14-day quarantine.

(Solcom), kaugnay sa pagkondena ng kasundaluhan sa ginagawang recruitment ng CTG sa mga kabataan at mga batang katutubo na ginagawang child warriors.

Kaya naman, ani Villaflores, maingat ang kabuho pa lamang nilang samahan sa pagtanggap ng mga youth group na nagpapaabot ng interes na mapabilang sa LOMIO. Dagdag pa ng Pangulo ng Youth for Peace, sumasailalim muna ang mga ito sa masusing pagsisiyasat kung saan pangunahing kwalipikasyon na dapat taglay ng isang grupo ay ang sinserong layunin na makatulong.

"Sa unang pulong, na-identify na namin ang mga pangunahing areas na aming

"These playlists will suit you and will describe you, your feelings, and your disposition," she said, adding that there is also a game that will test your ability to match the hit song to its decade.

The journal also has recommendations for a movie to watch such as "Meet the Parents" or for a book to read like "The Happy Prince" by Oscar Wilde.

The journal also contains guidelines for nutrition to remind persons of the nutrients their body needs.

Sta. Lucia said that the DOH WV CHD has started posting the series in its official Facebook page.

She added that the local government units in the region, through their provincial health offices and mental health coordinators, were provided a copy for their production and distribution. (LTP/PIA-Iloilo)

CAVITEVIEW

Mga Lider-Kabataan ng Oksi, inorganisa para makatulong sa lalawigan

By Voltaire N. Dequina

Pinagbuklod ng iisang layunin na mas maging kapaki-pakinabang at makatulong sa pagsulong ng lalawigan, binuo kamakailan ng ilang lider-kabataan ng probinsiya ang League of Occidental Mindoro Independent Organization (LOMIO), sa Sikatuna Beach Hotel, sa bayan ng San Jose.

Ayon kay Ian Villaflores, presidente ng Good Samaritan Youth Association of San Jose at isa sa mga nanguna sa pagbuo ng nasabing organisasyon, pawang mga pangulo ng iba't ibang youth organizations ang bumuo ng LOMIO na nagkaisang magsama-sama para tumulong sa bayan at sa kapwa.

"Ang totoo nyan, may kanya-kanya nang proyekto ang bawat isang samahan na kabilang sa LOMIO. Magkakaibigan din ang iba sa grupo at naisip namin na kapag tinipon at pinag-isa ang aming resources, ay mas malalaking programa ang magagawa namin para sa kapakanan ng mga kababayan

natin dito sa Occidental Mindoro," ani Villaflores.

Labing-anim na samahan ng mga kabataan ang bumubuo sa LOMIO. Ang mga ito ay ang 4-H Club, Occ Min Tamaraw Anglers, Outdoor Tribe, San Jose Youth Network, Youth Mask Force, Donate 2 Create Sablayanihan, Young Volunteers for Youth Welfare and Development Coalition, Content Creator – Occ Min Vlogger, Kabataan Kontra Droga at Terorista, Squid Riders Club, Kamote Riders Community, Tamaraw Riders Club, National Anti-Poverty Commission, Onli Oksi Page, Good Samaritan at Youth for Peace. Isa sa mga pangunahing consultant at tagapayo ng grupo ang 4th Infantry Battalion, sa pamumuno ni Commander Lt Col Alexander Arbolado.

Paliwanag ni Villaflores, malaking bentahe para sa LOMIO na maging adviser ang Philippine Army (PA). Bukod aniya sa matutulungan ang kanilang grupo sa koordinasyon sa mga ahensya at indibidwal lalo na sa mga lokal na pamahalaan, magagabayan

din sila ng militar upang hindi mapasok ng mga recruiter ng Communist Terrorist Group (CTG). Sinabi pa ni Villaflores na bukod sa direktang gabay ng PA sa LOMIO, lagi ring napapaalalahanan ang kanilang hanay ng mga mensahe sa social media ng 2nd Infantry Division ng PA at Southern Luzon Command



Karamihan ay mga pangulo ng iba't ibang youth organizations ang bumuo ng League of Occidental Mindoro Independent Organization (LOMIO) na nagkaisang magsama-sama para tumulong sa bayan at sa kapwa. (VND/Occ Min)

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
MULTIPLE SALA
IMUS, CAVITE

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

F.C. NO. 14366-16

PAG-IBIG FUND or HDMF,
Mortgagee,
-versus-

NOEL P. LAGDAMEO married
to MERCEDITA D. LAGDAMEO,
Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by PAG-IBIG FUND or HDMF, mortgagee, with principal office at 14th Floor, JELP Business Solutions Center, No. 409 Shaw Blvd., Mandaluyong City against NOEL P. LAGDAMEO married to MERCEDITA D. LAGDAMEO with residence and postal address at Lot 83, Blk. 4, The Istana (Barklane), Malagasang Imus, Cavite and/or Lot 31, Blk. 2 Diamond St., Silvertowne 2 Subd., Malagasang 1-E, Imus, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of March 28, 2016 amounts to SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY TWO THOUSAND SIXTY FIVE PESOS AND 16/100 (P682,065.16), 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 November 17, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC Multiple Sala, 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 TITLE NO. 057-2012031408

A parcel of land (Lot 83, Blk. 4 of the cons.-subd. plan. Pcs-04-024408, being a portion of Lot 2382-F (LRC) Psd-207775, Lot 2384-A, Psd-04-198262 and Lot 5896, Imus Estate (Rs-04-004664), situated in Malagasang, Imus, Cavite, Is. of Luzon. Bounded on the SE., along line 1-2 by Road Lot 2; on the SW., along line 2-3 by Lot 85, Blk. 4; on the NW., along line 3-4 by Lot 84, Blk. 4; on the NE., along line 4-1 by Lot 81, Blk. 4, all of the cons.-subd. plan. x x x containing an area of THIRTY SIX (36) SQUARE 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 should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on June November 24, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. without prior notice."

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

Imus, Cavite, Philippines, July 8, 2020.

ISRAEL S. MEDINA
Sheriff IV

APPROVED:

ARNIE A. FRANCISCO
Clerk of Court V
Officer in Charge

Copy Furnished:

Pag-Ibig Fund or HDMF
14th Floor, JELP Business Solutions Center
No. 409 Shaw Blvd., Mandaluyong City

Noel P. Lagdameo married to
Mercedita D. Lagdameo
Lot 83, Blk. 4, The Istana (Barklane)
Malagasang Imus, Cavite and/or
Lot 31, Blk. 2, Diamond St., Silvertowne 2 Subd.
Malagasang 1-E, Imus, Cavite

Ang Caviteño
October 05, 12 & 19, 2020

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

Foreclosure No. 2020-10
For: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of
Real Estate Mortgage

NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORP.,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

ALEX L. CHENG married to CARMELITA M. CHENG,
Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

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

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-320178

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

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

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

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

Bacoor City, Cavite, September 15, 2020

ATTY. LIZA D. VICTA
Clerk of Court VI

Copy Furnished:

ATTY. DANTE Q. RIZADA
5th Floor, Filomena Bldg., 104 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City

Mr. & Mrs. ALEX L. CHENG & CARMELITA M. CHENG
-377 Quirino Avenue, Don Galo, Paranaque City
Econtrend Subd., Lot 18, Blk. 20 Ligas, Bacoor City

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

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LandBank loans to cooperatives reach P20-B

By Rhodelia R. Divina

CALOOCAN CITY-- State-run Land Bank of the Philippines (LandBank) has extended a total of P20.86 billion in outstanding loans to 1,081 cooperatives and farmers' associations as of end-August, expressing its continued commitment to support the role of local co-ops in getting communities and the economy back on its feet amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

During the virtual celebration for Cooperative Month this October at the House of Representatives on Monday (October 5), with the theme, "Koop Kalinga sa Pandemya," LandBank President and CEO Cecilia C. Borromeo assured cooperatives of readily available credit facilities with low interest rates to finance recovery projects and initiatives. The virtual event was hosted by the House Committee on Cooperatives Development, which is headed by Coop-NATCCO party-list Rep. Sabiniano Canama.

"As your long-time partner in growth, we in LandBank reaffirm our unwavering commitment and solidarity to the noble objectives of the cooperative sector. We recognize the important role of co-ops in helping revive the local economy, with your presence in communities, especially in the countryside," said Borromeo.

As of August 2020, LandBank said outstanding loans to the agriculture sector reached P224.66 billion, of which P20.86 billion was extended to farmers' co-ops.

This amount includes P428 million in loans provided to cooperatives under the Agricultural Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (ACEF) and the Expanded Rice Credit Assistance under the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (ERCA-RCEF) administered with the Department of Agriculture (DA), as well as the Socialized Credit Program under the Sugarcane Industry Development Act (SCP-SIDA) in partnership with the Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA).

The LandBank-managed ACEF aims to increase productivity of farmers and fishers by providing the necessary credit to farmers and fishers and their cooperatives and associations, and micro and small-scale enterprises, for the acquisition and establishment of production, postharvest, and processing machineries, equipment and facilities, farm inputs and improvement. A maximum of P5 million can be availed by farmer and fishers cooperatives, associations, and micro and small enterprises.

The RCEF is mandated under the Rice Tariffication Law or Republic Act 11203 with a total of P10 billion to

AFFIDAVIT OF SOLE ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

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

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AFFIDAVIT OF SOLE ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

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

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EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF
ELLA MAE ABUBO CAAMIC

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late ELLA MAE ABUBO CAAMIC who died on October 2, 2018 at City of Dasmarias Cavite leaving Peso Deposit Account under Account No. 7393-0163-58 amounting to P130,229.22 and Peso Deposit Account under Account No. 7396-1806-55 amounting to P463,746.63 and Peso Deposit Account under Account No. 7396-1894-15 amounting to P11,612.67 at BPI Family Savings Bank-Aguinaldo Highway City of Dasmarias Cavite has been extrajudicially settled by her heirs as per Doc. No. 190; Page No. 38; Book No. 13; Series of 2020, Notary Public Atty. Marian O Dupalag.

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be allotted annually and will be incorporated under the General Appropriations Act to be used in boosting the agricultural productivity in the country and help the lives of farmers. Of this annual amount, P1 billion (P500 M per year for 2 years now) is allocated for credit which is being administered by LandBank.

Meanwhile SCP-SIDA is funded by 15 percent (or about P300 million) of the annual P2-billion fund allocated for the development of the country's sugar industry.

Borromeo said LandBank supports the government's move to promote cooperatives and farmers' associations—particularly those involved in the farming sector—as a means to achieve economies of scale and efficiency.

Alongside extending loans, LandBank will also be providing financial literacy trainings to 220 micro and small co-ops from 92 unbanked municipalities under the FIT-Coop Program. Together with the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA), the program is designed to help improve the business operations and strengthen the capacity of cooperatives to access formal credit.

Meanwhile, under the Bank's SPEED PUV (Special Package for Environment-Friendly and Efficiently-Driven Public Utility Vehicles) Loan Program—which is implemented in partnership with the Department of Transportation (DOTr) and the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB)—LandBank continues to accept and process loan applications from transport cooperatives. As of August this year, total loans approved for transport cooperatives reached P356 million for the acquisition of 197 modern units.

Last April, LandBank also launched the I-RESCUE (Interim REhabilitation Support to Cushion Unfavorably-affected Enterprises by Covid-19) Lending Program for cooperatives that offers additional credit and loan restructuring under more flexible terms and conditions.

"Once again, rest assured that LandBank stands shoulder to shoulder with you—our partners in cooperativism. Together, let us work our way to a new normal that promotes greater cooperation, resilience and sustained economic growth for one and all," Borromeo added.

Interested borrowers may contact the nearest open LandBank Lending Center or Branch nationwide, or call LandBank's customer service hotline at (02) 8-405-7000 or at PLDT Domestic Toll Free 1-800-10-405-7000. (PIA NCR)

Word Search Puzzle

Songs From the Year 2001

Find and circle all of the songs from 2001 that are hidden in the grid. The remaining 22 letters spell an additional song title from 2001.

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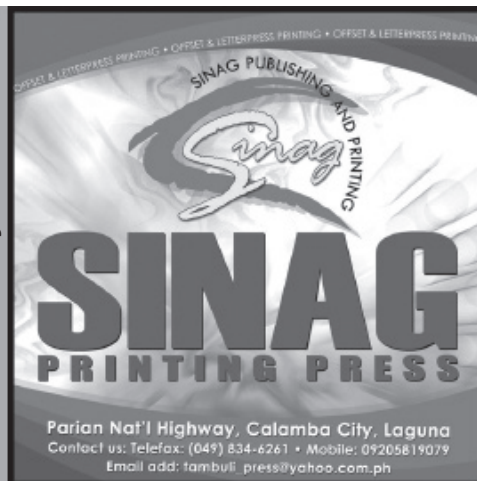
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Fill in the blank squares so that each row, each column and each 3-by-3 block contain all of the digits 1 thru 9. If you use logic you can solve the puzzle without guesswork. Need a little help? The hints page shows a logical order to solve the puzzle.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

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Secretary Andanar honors frontliner uncle who died fighting COVID-19

MANILA - Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) Secretary Martin Andanar paid homage to former Santa Monica, Surigao del Norte mayor and his uncle, Dr. Rumar Andanar, who succumbed to complications from COVID-19 on Monday.

The Northern Mindanao Medical Center (NMMC) in Cagayan de Oro, where he was previously admitted, confirmed the death of Dr. Andanar early morning.

Over the course of his career, Dr. Rumar Andanar was a former mayor of his hometown in Siargao, former provincial board member, former president of Rotary Club of Surigao City, and a former police major of the

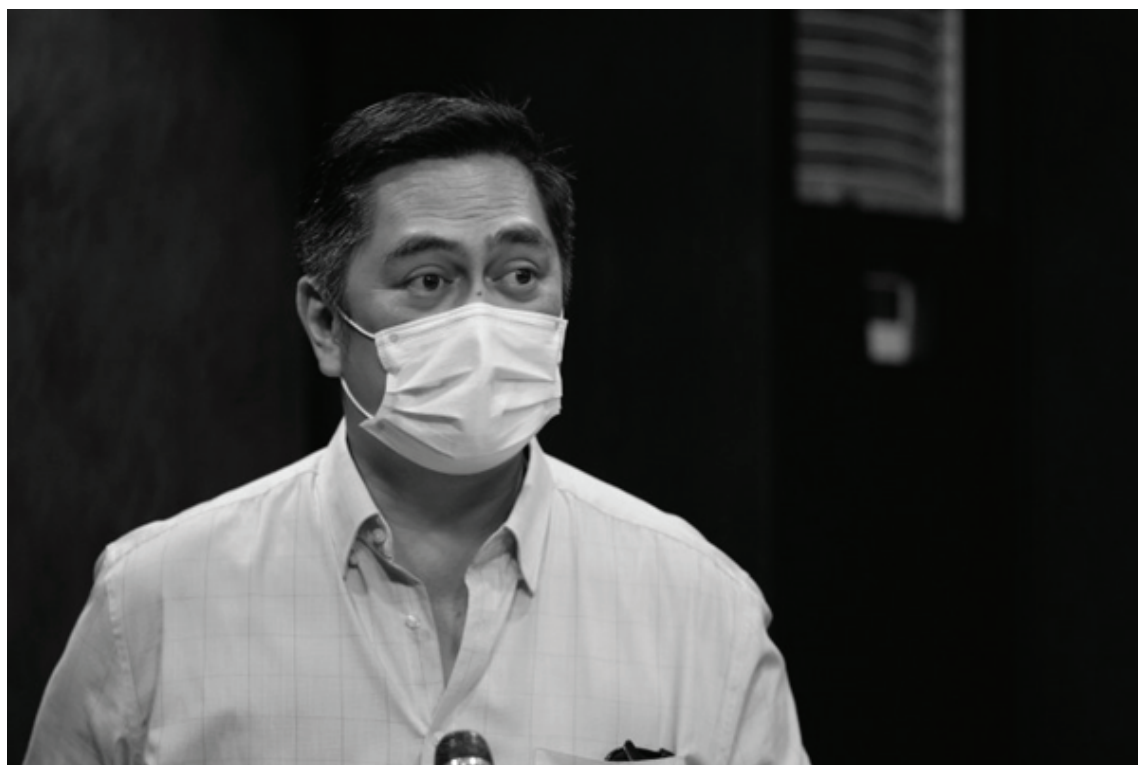
Philippine National Police.

He entered the police force on July 1, 1987 and was reinstated on December 17, 2003. He retired from the service on October 21, 2014 at the age of 56.

He served as a Municipal Health Officer from 1993 to 1995; a Provincial Board Member from 1995 -1998; and the Municipal Mayor of Sta. Monica from 1998-2001. Prior to his demise, he worked as a Medical Officer for a rehabilitation center at Barangay Anomar, Surigao City.

“Uncle Rumar T. Andanar, you have fought a good battle that will forever distinguish you from the rest of us. You continued healing people even at your retired and senior age,”

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Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) Secretary Martin Andanar. Photo courtesy of PIA NCR

DOF says CREATE, FIST to address top concerns of COVID-hit businesses

By Lucia F. Broño

CALOOCAN CITY -- The Department of Finance (DOF) today said the speedy passing by Congress of the Corporate Recovery and Tax Incentives for Enterprises (CREATE) and Financial Institutions’ Strategic Transfer (FIST) bills can provide immediate aid to COVID-hit businesses across the country.

Pandemic-hit businesses have earlier identified cheap credit, cash transfers, deferral of rent and mortgage payments along with sizable tax cuts as their most needed forms of government support.

This is according to a World Bank Philippines survey of 74,031 firms from all over the Philippines, more than 90 percent of them are micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs). The online survey was conducted from July 7 to 14.

Finance Assistant Secretary Antonio Joselito Lambino II said such survey findings should serve as a “strong impetus” for the Congress to immediately pass the pending Corporate Recovery and Tax Incentives for Enterprises (CREATE) and Financial Institutions’ Strategic Transfer (FIST) bills, as “these measures aim to address the urgent concerns of businesses reeling from the

global economic downturn brought about by the prolonged outbreak of COVID-19.”

“The survey findings are directly aligned with the objectives of Republic Act (RA) 11469 or Bayanihan 1 and RA 11494 or Bayanihan 2 along with the pending CREATE and FIST bills. We hope that this recent report helps persuade our lawmakers to pass both priority measures to provide immediate aid to Covid-battered businesses and spur the quick recovery of the domestic economy from the pandemic,” Lambino said.

In partnership with the Department of Finance (DOF) and the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), the World Bank Philippines conducted the business survey to measure the impact of the pandemic on companies, with a focus on MSMEs.

Topping the most desired forms of state intervention by MSMEs and other businesses reeling from the pandemic’s economic fallout, he said, are cash transfers (46 percent); loans at subsidized rates (36 percent); tax exemption or deduction (22 percent); deferral of rent, mortgage or utilities (22 percent); and deferral of loan payment (22 percent).

“The findings of the study confirm that the Philippine

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Gatchalian cites importance of TV-based instructions in distance learning

PASAY CITY-- Though around 59 percent of more than 22 million learners enrolled in public schools are using printed self-learning modules (SLMs) for distance learning, Senator Win Gatchalian said that learning through television-based instruction is a big help in teaching more difficult and complicated subjects.

During the first day of classes, Gatchalian made rounds among Valenzuela’s households to see how parents and learners were

coping with distance learning. In one household, Gatchalian met a learner studying fractions, which he said could be challenging to understand without the guidance of a teacher. This is where videos should be helpful in teaching the learners, Gatchalian said, noting that these would feature teachers going through the lessons step by step.

Gatchalian added that television-based instruction should be leveraged in teaching difficult lessons, noting that

television has a wider reach in the country compared to the internet. Global data firm Dataxis revealed that in 2019, 18.7 million households in the Philippines have their own TV sets at home. Last August, the Department of Education’s (DepEd) enrollment data showed that around 6.3 million households have no internet access.

“I looked at some of the modules. Some of the subjects are very complicated, like geometry

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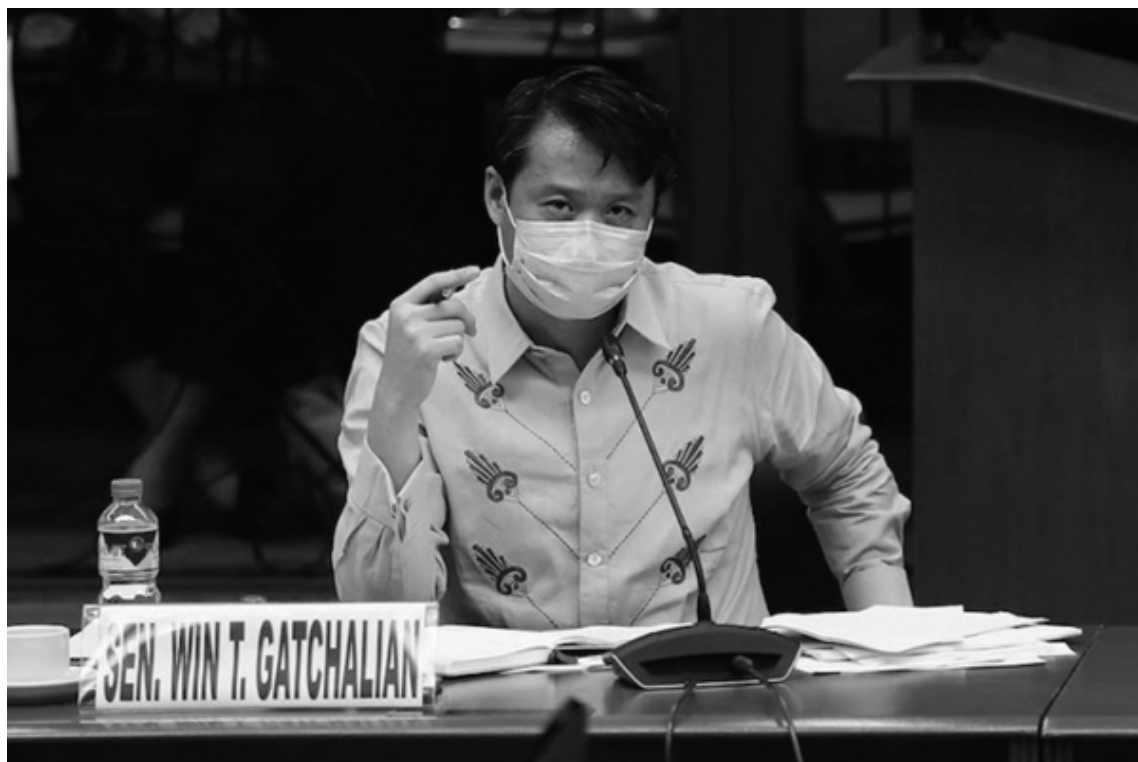


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