

Higit 18,000 residente sa Naic, nabakunahan na kontra Covid-19



Larawan mula sa Facebook Page ng Naic LGU.

36 areas in Calabarzon tagged as 'highrisk' for Covid-19 Santa Teresita and Santo Tomas.

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna-The Calabarzon Regional Task Force Against Covid-19 has identified 36 high risk municipalities and cities amid the rising Covid-19 infections in the region.

As of September 15, the Department of Health Center for Health Development Calabarzon said these local government units were placed under modified enhanced community Quarantine

(MECQ) where stricter guidelines were imposed to prevent the virus from further spreading.

Most of the areas marked as high risk from the Covid-19 infection include 16 towns and cities in Batangas. This includes Agoncillo, Alitagtag, Bauan, Tanauan City, Cuenca, Lemery, Lipa City, Mabini, Malvar, Mataas na Kahoy, Padre Garcia, San Jose, San Luis, San Pascual,

Ika-Apat na Farm Business School sa Cavite, Inilunsad ng DAR

UPANG mabigyan ng patuloy sakahan at maunawaan nila

na suporta ang mga lokal na ang pagnenegosyo upang magsasaka sa Cavite, inilunsad matugunan nila ang mga hamon sa pagmemerkado," aniya. Samantala, nagpaabot rin siya ng pasasalamat sa lokal na pamahalaan ng Dasmarinas para sa suporta sa proyekto.

At least six LGUs in the province of Cavite were also listed as high risk, including Amadeo, General Mariano Alvarez, General Emilio Aguinaldo, Magallanes, Mendez, and Trece Martires City.

In Laguna, the towns of Calauan, Famy, Los Baños, Luisiana, Lumban, Majayjay, Rizal, and Siniloan were also placed under MECQ.

Five areas in Rizal province were also placed under MECQ, including Cardona, Jalajala, Morong, Pililia, and Tanay.

On the other hand, San Antonio town was the only area in Quezon province that was

NAIC, Cavite — Umabot na sa 18,291 ang kabuuang bilang ng mga residente sa bayan ng Naic, Cavite ang nababakunahan ng lokal na pamahalaan, buhat nang simulan ang Covid-19 vaccination program sa kanilang bayan.

Ito ay ayon sa opisyal na pahayag ni Mayor Junio Dualan sa kanyang Facebook page kung saan inihayag rin ng alkalde na patuloy ang pag-arangkada ng pagbabakuna nito sa iba't ibang vaccination sites sa naturang bayan.

Ayon kay Dualan, upang mapabilis ang pagbabakuna, naglunsad ang lokal na pamahalaan ng Mass Vaccination kung saan nasa 1,350 essential worker ang nabakunahan kontra Covid-19.

Dagdag pa ng alklade, tuloy-tuloy ang pagbabakuna ng lokal na pamahalaan tuwing Martes hanggang Biyernes upang mabakunahan ang target na 130,00 populasyon sa Naic nang sa gayon ay makamit ang herd

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DepEd-Imus bares '5 Ms for **Basic Learning Continuity Plan'**

By Ruel Francisco, PIA Cavite

IMUS CITY, Cavite - The Imus City Schools Division Office (SDO) is prepared for the school year with measures developed for distance learning using both modular, and online learning modalities.

The Department of Education discussed the 'Bidang Imuseño Learning 5 Ms' in line with the virtual kick-off this September 13 in line with the opening of classes in the public schools for School Year 2021-2022

Imus City SDO Information Officer Christian Mespher Hernandez said that the plan applied by the DepEd – Imus that will further improve the delivery of its Basic Learning Continuity Plan.

The program includes

to the platforms available and accessible to the learners; Learning Modalities which are the pedagogy and approaches applicable to better teach the learners; MELC-IDEA which refers to the competencies and content or lessons learners should be taught; Learning Management tackles which learning modules, materials, and management system are need to be prepared and; Learning Mastery which highlights the feedback, assessment and proficiency ensuring that children truly learn their lessons.

Teachers undergo regular training for the different learning modalities focusing on adjustments and enhancement of teaching techniques.

Enrolled students are given profiles based on the

ng Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) ang ika-apat (4) na Farm Business School (FBS) kamakailan.

Sa tulong ng proyekto, inaasahang matutulungan ang mga magsasaka na "maging negosyanteng-magsasaka at mapalakas ang kanilang kakayahan sa pagnenegosyo".

Sinabi ni DAR Cavite Provincial Agrarian Reform Program Officer II James Arthur T. Dubongco na matagumpay na isinagawa ang paglagda ng Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) sa pagitan ng DAR, local government unit (LGU) ng Dasmarinas City, Barangay LGU at United Caragao Farmers Incorporated (UCFI) sa kanikanilang opisina.

"Nais namin gawing kumikita ang kanilang mga

Ipinaliwanag naman ni United Caragao Farmers Incorporated (UCFI) Chairman Enrique Paras na makapagbibigay ng karagdagang kaalaman sa pagsasaka ang naturang proyekto ng DAR.

"Tinuruan din ang mga magsasaka kung paano gumawa ng isang farm plan. Sa pamamagitan ng isang plano sa bukid, ang isang magsasaka ay maaaring pag-aralan at ihanda kung ano ang nararapat gawin sa kanyang lupang sakahan at gamitin ang tamang mga diskarte upang kumita ng higit pa at upang matukoy kung ano ang dapat nilang itanim base sa umiiral na panahon, " pahayag niya.

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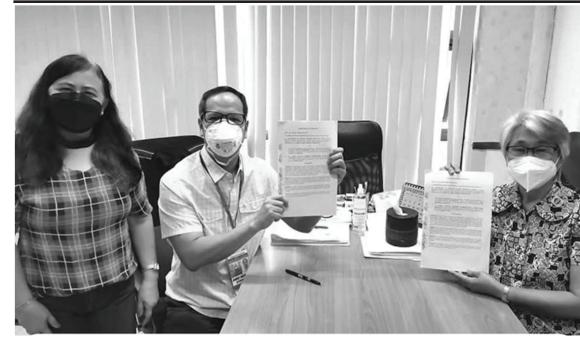


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Photo from Facebook Page of Mayor Corie Poblete

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inyo," he added.

Just like the country's police, Go said that he and President Rodrigo Duterte are committed to exemplifying courage and compassion for their countrymen and women, especially during these difficult times.

"Speaking about Tapang at Malasakit, ako po'y natutuwa. 'Yan po ang ipinangako ng gobyerno ni Pangulong Duterte at nakita ko kanina sa inyong video presentation na iyan rin po ang inyong sinusunod na paniniwala," said Go.

"Hindi lang po tapang ang kailangan dito. Kailangan rin po 'yung pagmamalasakit sa ating kapwa Pilipino lalung-lalo na po sa panahon ngayon. At iyong inyong social responsibility – ako'y natutuwa po 'no," he added.

Meanwhile, Go also acknowledged the progress that PNP has made in fighting crime, illegal drugs and terrorism in the country, saying that he and the President himself are delighted with their successes.

"Nakita niyo naman po kanina 'yung accomplishments ng NCRPO, 'yung pag-aresto, 'yung kampanya laban sa droga, sa mga kriminal, ay tuloy-tuloy po lalong-lalo na po sa mga iligal na gawain, talagang tuluy-tuloy,"

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the Vice Chair of the Senate Committee on National Defense and Security, Go shared that he filed Senate Bill 393 which provides free legal assistance to military and uniformed policemen for cases related to the fulfillment of their duties.

"Alam niyo, masakit sa loob namin ni Pangulong Duterte na nakikita 'yung pulis na nakatiwangwang diyan, nauunahan po ng mga drug addict. Alam naman natin na itong mga drug addict, sabog po ito na hindi natin maintindihan na bigla na lang bubunot, i-secure niyo na po ang sarili ninyo, suportado po namin kayo ni Pangulong Duterte 'pag nagkakaso po kayo," said Go.

"Basta in-line of duty 'pag nasa danger po ang buhay ninyo. Ilang beses na kaming pumunta ni Pangulong Duterte sa mga burol ng pulis noh. Sumasakit ang dibdib namin 'pag kayo po 'yung na... 'yung ano ito sa tagalog...'yung nabubyuda 'yung asawa ninyo dahil naunahan ng mga drug addict. Hindi po kami papayag ng ganoon, i-secure niyo po ang sarili ninyo basta nasa tama lang po kayo suportado namin kayo," he added.

If enacted, any officer

President has fulfilled as early as 2018 his campaign promise to increase the salaries of police personnel and military.

"Kaya isa sa mga inuna ni Pangulong Duterte 'yung pangako niya noong kampanya, in fact ako po 'yung inutusan niyang kausapin 'yung mga senador at mga kongresista noon na maisakatuparan po 'yun noong 2018, 'yung pagdodoble po ng sahod ng mga pulis dahil kulang talaga 'yung sahod ng pulis noong panahong ito," said Go.

Go then congratulated all unit awardees during the event for their excellent performance in discharging their duties and responsibilities as he expressed his full support for them.

"As you look back on the past 120 years, may you continue to pursue reforms and initiatives that will help create positive impact not only on the police force but the entire country as well," said Go.

"I trust that this anniversary will also inspire you to further embodied professionalism, excellence and integrity, so we can defeat all those that threaten our peace and freedom," he added.

He then urged the police to continue enforcing and upholding the law to create a safer nation for the present and future generations.

Silang Mayor appeals for more COVID-19 vaccines

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite — Silang Mayor Corie Poblete appealed to the national government for more vaccine supply as its number of Covid-19 cases rises.

Poblete said the additional vaccines would help speed up the inoculation of the majority of their target residents and achieve the goal of herd immunity in the town.

"We hope that the National Government will grant our request to have more allocation for our town because the number of cases of the disease continues to rise," the mayor said.

The municipal government of Silang continues with its vaccination rollout to protect the residents against Covid-19 with the predominance of the Delta variant that causes the rapid spread of the disease.

While more vaccines are needed, the LGU vaccination efforts through the hardwork and dedication of its vaccination team had established a more efficient system for the safe and effective distribution of the vaccines especially to the members of the vulnerable sectors.

Current Covid-19 update showed total confirmed cases in Silang has reached 4,783 as of Monday, September 13. Of the total positive cases, 596 are active according to the Rural Health Unit.

The vaccination activities are continuously conducted in the town's vaccination sites: Bulihan Sites and Services Project -ES, Tiibig Covered court, Cavite State University (CvSu)-Silang, Adventist University of the Philippines (AUP)-Gym, Pooc II and Pulong Bunga Covered court, and the RHU mobile clinic with additional schedule of vaccination to accommodate more vaccinees. - Ruel Francisco, PIA Cavite

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in 2018, mentioning that "local governments are entitled to a share of all national taxes, not just the national internal revenue taxes."

The ruling has increased the Internal Revenue Allotment or budgets of local governments by around 50% in order to fully execute and deliver basic functions and services to the people.

Under the said order, the Department of the Interior and Local Government is tapped to help improve and augment the capabilities of the local governments to deliver services and deliverables transferred to them.

"Ang pinakamalaking hamon ay nasa local government units ngayon, at ang Kagawaran ng Pagsasaka ay willing na tumulong para sa transition na ito. [The biggest challenge is with local government units today, and the Department of Agriculture is willing to help this transition.]," Sec. Dar said.

He also emphasized that the success of the implementation of devolution can only be attained with the active participation of LGUs and local communities to improve agricultural productivity and promote agricultural development in their respective areas. "Let me assure you that the Department of Agriculture will fully support the devolution of agricultural services to LGUs." he concluded. (PCOO)

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hand, admitted that the agriculture department is not in full capacity to seamlessly implement the devolution of its services due to lack of funds in the local government and insufficient training for modern technologies that can be utilized in agricultural developments.

"Ang problemang ito ang tinutugunan ng Mandanas Ruling sa pamamagitan ng paglalaan ng mas malaking pondo sa local government units. [This problem is already being addressed by the Mandanas Ruling by allocating more funds to local government units.]," he said.

The department also cited the establishment of the Province-led Agriculture and Fisheries Extension Systems or PAFES that keeps agricultural workers in provincial, municipal, and community-level on track on the latest technology and good practices in agricultural production and marketing. The Mandanas ruling

In June 2021, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte signed Executive Order No. 138 ordering "the functions, services, and facilities which shall be fully devolved from the NG (national government) to the LGUs (local government units) no later than the end of FY (fiscal year) 2024.

he said.

He said that the Philippines is now safer due to the efforts of the police, saying, "Maglakad po kayo sa gabi, tanungin niyo po ang inyong mga pamilya, 'yung mga OFWs (overseas Filipino workers) natin, kaya ganoon na lang po sila kakampante."

"Hindi po 'yan mangyayari kung hindi po sa tulong ng mga pulis. Kayo po ang dahilan kaya naging successful po ang kampanya laban sa kriminalidad at nagimprove na po ang ating peace and order. 'Yun naman po ang importante, peace of mind ng mga magulang... nakakauwi 'yung mga anak nila, kaya salamat po sa mga pulis," he added.

Meanwhile, being

or enlisted personnel of the AFP and PNP who is facing before the prosecutor's office, court or any competent body, any charge arising from an incident related to the performance of official duty shall be entitled to free legal assistance.

Go said that he will continue to push for measures, programs and projects that will promote the welfare of the country's police personnel. He also urged them to seek help from Malasakit Centers all over the country should they need medical assistance, including the one to be established at the PNP Hospital in Camp Crame in Quezon City. He also noted that the

During the event, Go also thanked numerous officials of the PNP including National Capital Region Police Office Regional Director PMGen. Vicente Danao Jr., Deputy Regional for Administration; Director PBGen. Benjamin Pacoroa; Deputy Regional Director for Operations PBGen. Jon Arnaldo; Commander of the Joint Task Force - National Capital Region PBGen. Marceliano Teofilo; Acting Chief Regional Staff PCol. Nicolas Torre III; among others. He also thanked Parañaque Mayor Edwin Olivares during the event. (OSBG)

This measure will give local government units more funds starting 2022 under the Mandanas ruling which was penned by the Supreme Court

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mentioned that not only the active members are receiving aid from DOLE but also those who are not members.

"Generally dapat sa mga active members pero sa panahon ng pandemya kailangan intindihin mo ang kanilang kalagayan. Kahit paano yung ayuda na binibigay

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sa regular OFWs binibigyan din natin sila," Bello said.

Other DOLE programs for OFWs are OWWA's Balik Pinas Balik Hanapbuhay (BPBH), Education and Livelihood Assistance Program (ELAP) and Tulong Pangkabuhayan Para sa Pag-unlad ng Samahang OFWs (Tulong Puso). (DOLE)

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DICT, Carmona LGU collaborate for vaccination system

MARTIRES CITY, TRECE Cavite— The local government of Carmona in collaboration with the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) recently held the pilot testing of the latest version of the DICT's Vaccination Administration System (DVAS).

The DVAS would help the Municipal Health Office (MHO) provide an efficient and shorter vaccination process at the vaccination centers, better organize the recipients' records, and facilitate the process of data sharing, integration, and reporting.

The event was graced by DICT Luzon Cluster 2 Regional Director, Reynaldo Sy together with Carmona LCE

Attorney Roy Loyola, 5th District Representative Dahlia Lovola, and DICT Consultant Hadrian Cruz of EBiz-DICT, developer of DVAS, and Engr. Rex Aguila of EBiz-DICT.

The healthcare worker members of the vaccination team underwent training for the DVAS to ensure the proper management of the data and secure data privacy for the information gathered.

Carmona town prides itself for the development and use of Information Technology (IT) supported programs and projects which form part of the town's best practices especially during this time of pandemic. ---Ruel Francisco, PIA Cavite (with reports from the Municipality of Carmona)

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immunity.

Siniguro naman ng alkalde na pagsusumikapan nilang makakuha ng sapat na bakuna upang makapagsagawa ng lingguhang mass vaccination sa kanilang bayan.

Umapela rin ang alkalde sa mga nasasakupan nito na magpabakuna kapag pagkakataon na bilang dagdag na proteksiyon laban sa nakahahawang sakit na Covid-19.

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pakiusap ko sa inyo, mga mahal kong Naicqueño; ang magpabakuna na upang makamit natin ang inaasam nating herd sa COVID-19," immunity pahayag ni Dualan.

"Maganda po na lahat tayo ay may bakuna. Kung lahat tayo ay may proteksyon, tiyak, malalampasan natin nang mahusay ang pandemyang ito. Mag-ingat tayong lahat, mga mahal kong Naicqueño," dagdag ng alkalde. — PB, FC, PIA4A

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private schools as of September 9, 2021.

A total of 78,520 students are enrolled in the public schools, and 25,196 in private schools in the city and was expected to increase by the opening of classes.

The numbers show the high confidence of the parents for the distance learning education which now is the New Normal of education.

Imus City Mayor Emmanuel Maliksi said that the success of the DepEd – Imus is thru the efforts and cooperation of all the stakeholders, and the support of the private establishments and companies to the education sector for the benefit of the Imuseño youth.



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categorized as high risk.

The Department of Health determines the risk level in areas based on the growth rate of Covid-19 cases being recorded, as well as the average daily attack rate or the average number of new cases for every 100,000 people.

Utilization rates for hospital beds in wards and

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Intensive Care Units are also being considered when declaring the risk level in various areas.

Covid-19 cases in the region continue to rise as the DOH-Calabarzon reported over 4,000 new infections four times this month.

As of September 20, the regional health office has logged

47, 327 active Covid-19 cases, bringing the total confirmed infections to 316, 797.

Total number of recoveries has already reached 260, 426 after the DOH reported 2,586 newly recovered patients in a single day. Covid-related deaths in the five provinces have reached 9,044 as health authorities recorded 66 new fatalities. — Patricia Bermudez, PIA4A

USAID supports launch of first Nonstop Philippine Shipping Service between U.S., Philippines

MANILA — The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), through its Regulatory Support Program Reform National for Development (RESPOND) project, supported the Export Development Council (EDC) and University of the Philippines Public Administration Foundation to partner with Royal Cargo and Iris Logistics to launch the first nonstop Philippine shipping service between the Philippines and the United States in decades.

USAID Acting Mission Director Sean Callahan joined Department of Trade and Industry Secretary Ramon Lopez, Manila Mavor Francisco "Isko" Moreno Domagoso, Royal Cargo Chairman Michael Kurt Raeuber, and other government and private sector partners for the MV Iris Paoay's maiden voyage ceremony on September 20.

and at the same time, the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the diplomatic relations between our two countries," said Acting Mission Director Callahan. "We hope to foster an enabling environment for local business and to build the capacity of enterprises."

MV Iris Paoay will be the first Philippine flag container vessel to sail nonstop from the Philippines to the U.S. West Coast and back.

The shipping service offered by logistics firm Iris Logistics, Inc., a Royal Cargo subsidiary, is expected to reduce shipping time and ease U.S. and Philippine traders' burdens resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

USAID worked with the EDC to organize a series of high-level discussions to find solutions to the Philippines' high international shipping costs and inadequate vessel space, and the nonstop service was identified as one of the solutions. This service is expected to increase the overall

exchange of goods, especially highly perishable agricultural products, and enhance food security through on-time delivery of shipments.

The Philippines is the United States' ninth largest export market for agricultural and related products, and the United States is the second largest customer of Philippine agricultural and related exports. Two-way trade amounted to \$4.3 billion in 2020. According to Dr. Henry

Basilio, Chairman of the EDC Networking Committee on Transport and Logistics, this initiative has inspired other local shipping lines to also consider providing regional (intra-Asian) and trans-Pacific shipping service.

For the past 60 years, USAID has partnered with the Philippine government and local organizations to achieve shared development goals, investing around P257 billion (\$5.1 billion) to support the Philippines since 1961. (U.S. Embassy in the Philippines)

DepEd-Imus reports - Ruel Francisco, PIA Cavite, a total of 103,716 combined GG (with reports from SDO enrolees in the public and Imus)

"USAID is proud to be part of this momentous occasion, an excellent way to mark our 60th year here in the Philippines,

religious

Tanza encourages mayor fellowships to get vaccinated

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite — Tanza Mayor Yuri Pacumio convened with religious leaders of 30 Christian fellowship groups to promote Covid-19 vaccination to their members.

The said meeting was the mayor's first public appearance since testing positive and recovering from a mild case of Covid-19.

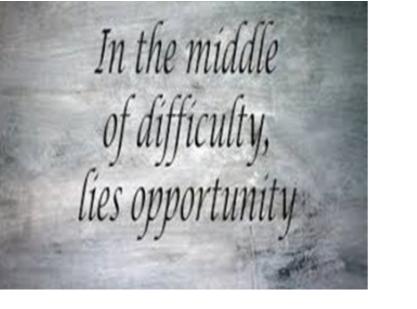
"With the protection from the CoViD-19 vaccine, I only had two days of colds which did not develop into cough and fever," said Mayor Pacumio.

The mayor and Rural Health Officer Dr. Ruth Punzalan explained and answered questions from the religious leaders regarding the challenges they have, and might encounter regarding CoVID-19.

Mayor Pacumio said that they need to encourage their members to get vaccinated because it is the key to stay safe, achieving herd immunity, and overcoming this pandemic. According Dr. to

Punzalan, the current CoViD-19 update shows more than 7,000 confirmed cases recorded since the pandemic started with the continuous increase at an alarming rate which may be due to the prevalence of the Delta variant.

The local government also distributed rice and relief packs to the religious leaders after the meeting to augment their daily needs. - Ruel Francisco, PIA Cavite, GG (with reports from Balitang Tanzeño)



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EDITORYAL Pang of guilt

Seven years after the PRC board faced off, no independent and extensive investigation was made on the allegations of irregularities.

Sometime in 2014, the grand lady of the Philippine Red Cross (PRC), Rosa Rosal, joined former officials of the humanitarian agency in seeking a probe into how donations were used amid allegations of misappropriation by the agency's secretary general, Gwendolyn Pang.

Rosal wrote to the PRC's Board to complain about questionable transactions using P200 million in Red Cross funds.

Rosal bared a letter from former Red Cross chief accountant Jeric Sian, who questioned how PRC funds were used.

Sian was later fired and sued for libel by the PRC. Later on, John Bo, a former PRC governor, also raised a complaint about some transactions and policies that resulted in his removal from the Board.

The PRC is shielded until now from state audit as it is supposed to be an independent, autonomous, nongovernmental organization, which is an auxiliary of the government in the humanitarian field.

It is an organization which is largely dependent on donations as it receives implicit funding support from the private sector, government, international partners, and the general public.

On 23 and 25 July 2012, anonymous emails circulated exposing financial anomalies within the PRC, with allegations of corruption against Pang, including attachments of documented evidence. In it was also a clamor for change and an appeal to the PRC Board for transformation.

On a 26 July 2012 Board meeting, fireworks erupted as some governors insisted at looking into the allegations of funds misuse, while others blocked the proposal as they asserted that anonymous emails have no value.

Bo, who was then PRC National Youth Council president and concurrently youth representative of the PRC Board, asked a theoretical question: If someone owned up to the emails, would there be an investigation?



Ain't Scalice to Forget

PART 2

Second, contrary to what he again labels as the "myth" that the Diliman Commune was a "victory," Scalice claims that the commune was an "unmitigated defeat." He makes three claims in this respect, which, with characteristic carelessness, he again fails to untangle and differentiate from each other: (1) the commune was a defeat for the leading youth activist organizations of the time, the Kabataang Makabayan (KM) and the Samahang Demokratikong Kabataan (SDK), (2) the commune was a defeat for the students, faculty and other sectors of UP, and (3) the commune failed to stop Martial Law.

The third claim is dealt with later in this article. The first, I leave to those knowledgeable about the students' reaction to campus activism, the student council elections of 1971-1972. and activists' connection with the striking jeepney drivers in the aftermath of the Diliman Commune. Activist and nonactivist participants of the Diliman Commune were not interviewed by Scalice, even if many are still alive and capable of sharing their experiences. I suspect that there is much to unpack and refute in Scalice's claims, as he one-sidedly blames the Diliman Commune for problems faced by activists in these areas. He accuses student activists, for example, of breaking up jeepney unions and preventing another wave of jeepney strikes. As any activist who has worked with unions and mass organizations knows, however, organizational divisions are sometimes necessary when there is politicizationradicalization among members and when leaders refuse to lead protests that are necessary to uphold members' interests. There are instances when such divisions are necessary to lay the foundation for an organization's expansion and

strengthening.

As protests are assessed as victory or defeat in relation to the interest of the sectors of society that they aim to serve, it is the second claim that I focus on here. The following is Scalice's main basis for claiming that the Diliman Commune is a failure for the students and UP sectors: "The barricades were taken down without a single demand being granted." He quotes the list of demands published in Bandilang Pula, the official publication of the Diliman Commune, which includes a rollback in gasoline prices, a guarantee against military or police invasion of the campus, justice for Mesina, free use of the radio station DZUP and the UP Press, among others.

This is such a narrow yardstick for measuring the success or failure of the Diliman Commune - or any such huge protest action. The fact that none of these demands were granted or attained does not mean that the commune was a failure. On the contrary, the Diliman Commune was a success. for the following reasons: (1) It drove away the police and the military from campus. The Diliman Commune was successful on the main issue that it raised: military and police presence in the UP Diliman campus. Scalice narrates that on February 3, almost two days after the barricades were erected, "Marcos called [UP president Salvador P.] Lopez and stated that he was ordering the withdrawal of all troops and that students would not be issued a deadline for the removal of the barricades." Rather than attribute the victory to the commune, however, Scalice points to Marcos' guile: "Marcos, it seems, astutely decided to allow the students to tire of the barricades, which lasted for five more days." He gives more credit to the main representative of the class enemy than to the student protestors, a most un-Marxist

assessment given the level of the protests. There are none so blind as those who refuse to see, and Scalice refuses to recognize this victory of the Diliman Commune even if he has no choice but to recount this important turning point in its struggle.

(2) It raised the banner of academic freedom "in a grand manner," to quote a well-known phrase. The Diliman Commune made a strong political statement against military and police presence in campus and in favor of academic freedom. It was a loud condemnation of Marcos' deployment of military and police forces in the campus and issued a strong warning to him not to do it again.

(3) It embodied and fomented anti-authoritarian opposition. The Diliman Commune was a clear expression of, and a contribution to, the people's opposition to the creeping Martial Law of the period and to the Marcos regime in general. Parallel and in response to the Marcos regime's degeneration into outright dictatorial and cronyist rule, the people were holding various forms of protests, including

The faction blocking a probe agreed that if someone assumed responsibility for the mystery communications, there would be a full-blown investigation. Bo then declared he was the author of the anonymous emails.

As expected, Bo got the raw end of the deal. On 30 August 2012, an Inquiry Committee submitted a report recommending: • To disregard and dismiss both the email and sworn formal complaints of Bo for being baseless and without merit, and for failing to establish with substantial evidence the alleged anomalies committed by Secretary General Pang; and

• To file charges against Bo, and investigate him for his supposed violation of trust and confidence of the Board of Governors, as well as his fiduciary duties to the PRC and, if found guilty, cause his removal or expulsion from the PRC.

Rosal, with 62 years of devoted service to the Red Cross, issued a signed statement, which said: "I am in favor of the full-blown investigation into all the charges and allegations against the Secretary General of the Philippine Red Cross."

Rosal was supposedly offered a vehicle after that, to which she replied: "You cannot buy me."

Pang remains an enigma, while it is apparent that seven years after the PRC Board faced off, no independent and extensive investigation was made on the allegations of irregularities.

major ones, against the regime.

(4) It set a powerful historical precedent. The Diliman Commune is an heir to the 1961 protest against the Committee on Anti-Filipino Activities or CAFA investigations that also attacked academic freedom. It is a statement that military and police presence in campus and academic freedom are issues that are very important for students and other university sectors. It surely served as an inspiration for students and faculty who fought to have the Soto-Enrile Accord signed in 1982 and the UP-Department of National Defense Accord signed in 1989, the revocation of which after more than 30 years Scalice implies to be one of the "attacks on academic freedom."

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DOH Calabarzon boosts response as Delta cases rise to 406

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna Department of The Health Center for Health Development Calabarzon assured the public that a response well-coordinated and stringent measures are in place to ensure effective management of Covid-19 infections in the region amid the ongoing threat of the highly contagious Delta variant.

Regional Director Eduardo Janairo said the DOH CHD 4A has already established regional а 'One Hospital Command Center' which link the health and medical services of Calabarzon's hospitals including the Southern Tagalog Regional Hospital in Cavite and the Batangas Medical Center in Batangas.

"Kabilang sa network na ito ang ibang malalaking public hospitals sa probinsya ng Laguna, Quezon at upang magbigay Rizal ng kinakailangang health services sa ating kababayan lalo na sa mga positibo ng Covid virus. Kaya mayroon tayong well-coordinated response at referral system na syang namamahala sa ating mga Covid cases," Janairo said in a statement issued Sunday.

Aside from putting up the regional command center, the DOH CHD 4A also strengthened its mass testing efforts under the 'Project DELTA' (Detect Early Local Transmission through Antigen Testing) initiative targeting areas where Delta variant cases were recorded.

As of September 16, the DOH CHD 4A recorded 406 confirmed cases of Delta variant in the region with Laguna having the highest number of cases at 112, followed by Cavite with 99 cases; Rizal, 83; Batangas, 6; Quezon, 33; and, Lucena City with 14 cases.

According to the regional health department, most of the Delta variant infection comes from local transmission, with 355 cases. Laguna also topped



ACB at 16: Working Together in ASEAN for Biodiversity

TODAY, we mark the 16th founding anniversary of the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB). The 10 ASEAN Member States established the ACB 16 years ago in recognition of the need for an intergovernmental body that will facilitate stronger cooperation among the member states on conserving and protecting the region's rich biodiversity.

Over the past year, we faced seemingly insurmountable challenges: the more transmissible COVID-19 variants have tested many countries in the ASEAN, caused surges anew, and took a toll on lives and livelihood in a region that is raring to recover.

Another global concern that we cannot afford to treat blithely is climate change. In its most recent report, the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate change concluded that the planet is already 1.1 degrees Celsius warmer and is likely to cross the 1.5-degree boundary within two decades. With the worsening climate, the region experienced more destructive and deadly weather events in the past year. These unprecedented times have disrupted us, called for a rethinking of business as usual, and compelled us to work collectively to transform systems and institutions. On the flip side, we have also seen some notable successes. The discovery and development of new vaccines against the COVID-19 gave us slivers of hope. More so, we have

seen increased recognition of the value of biodiversity and nature in our healing and recovery. The pandemic has allowed us to reexamine our relationship with biodiversity and nature, with which the ASEAN is richly bestowed, and come up with action plans and programmes that address the region's immediate needs and long-term recovery.

The adoption of the ASEAN Comprehensive Recovery Framework of the ASEAN leaders last year was a welcome development. The challenge now rests on operationalising this framework and aligning the ASEAN Member States' existing and future work and programmes to integrate the complex relationships among human health, animal health, and environmental health. This year, the number of ASEAN Heritage Parks, or protected areas recognised for their high conservation value, has grown to 50 with the addition of Thailand's Khao Sok National Park. In collaboration with our partners, the European Union, the German development agency GIZ, and Germany's KfW Development Bank, our assistance to the management of designated AHPs through integrated management planning, livelihood opportunities, and law enforcement have contributed to the ASEAN Member States' efforts towards achieving their targets, both in quantity and quality.

major regional events online, including the closing event of the Third ASEAN Conference on Biodiversity and webinars on various thematic agenda. Similarly, last month's launch of the ASEAN Green Initiative, or the AGI, rallies the support of communities, government and non-government institutions, and the private sector in planting and growing 10 million native trees across the 10 ASEAN Member States in 10 years. The AGI is a demonstration of the region's commitment to global ecosystem restoration.

Wealsolaunchedthisyear #WeAreASEANBiodiversity Our Home. Our Lives. Our Storiesthe list among the five provinces with 102 Delta variant cases from local transmission followed by Cavite with 82 cases; Rizal, 78; Batangas, 52; Quezon, 28; and Lucena City with 13 cases.

Data also showed that 41 Delta variant cases came from returning overseas Filipino workers: Cavite, 17; Batangas, 13; Rizal, 5; Quezon, 5; and Lucena City with one case.

Janairo also emphasized that Covid patients admitted in government health facilities in remote areas need not worry as they have been conducting telemedicine consultations since 2018.

"Marami ng health facilities na nalagyan ng telemedicine services sa iba't-ibang malalayong probinsya and the most recent is the tele-icu system placed at Quezon Medical

-a region-wide campaign that amplifies the call for everyone's meaningful participation to save biodiversity. Under this call, the ACB has partnered with media personalities and ASEAN citizens, each doing their part for ASEAN biodiversity and paying it forward for people and nature.

As the regional hub for biodiversity, the ACB has been forging links and strengthening partnerships with various networks at the national and regional levels to scale up biodiversity mainstreaming efforts. In just a few years after moving to our new office, our premises have already been identified as a popular place to visit in Los Baños, Laguna, Philippines. In the past months, we welcomed dignitaries from France, the Republic of Korea, Switzerland, and the United States of America, who expressed interest in exploring areas of cooperation with the ACB.

Our work in supporting science-based decision-making processes in the region, on the other hand, does not stop. With the operationalisation of the ASEAN Biodiversity Dashboard, a project of the ACB in collaboration

Center in Lucena City, to monitor critical Covid patient in intensive care units (ICU) which is also designed to protect health-care workers from possible infection due to less exposure," the health regional director said.

With the ongoing threat of the highly transmissible Covid-19 Delta variant and rising cases of infection in the region, Janairo encouraged the public to strictly observe and follow the minimum health public standards and sign up for the vaccination program of the government to get additional protection against the deadly disease.

"Follow health protocols, for young children and senior citizens better stay indoors just to be safe and get vaccinated if you have not yet received your dose. It is better to have an additional protection than none at all," Janairo said. – FC, PIA4A (with reports from DOH CHD 4A)

with NatureServe, the ACB's role as a knowledge institution benefitting will intensify, policymakers and the public as they are able to better visualise the status of biodiversity conservation in the region through its tailored visualisation platform. Our aim is that the ASEAN Biodiversity Dashboard and the ASEAN Clearing House Mechanism will strengthen the monitoring indicators and improvement of informed decision-making in the region.

The challenges of the changing climate and the emergence of new diseases compel us to boost our collaboration across sectors and reset our thinking on the value of nature and its contribution to our health and well-being. In our 16th year, we continue to share information and facilitate the exchange of knowledge across previously set boundaries. And, we know we are not alone we all can do this together because we are all part of the solution, #WeAreASEANBiodiversity. Happy 16th anniversary, ACB! Message from ACB Executive Director Dr. Theresa Mundita S. Lim

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION REGIONAL TRIAL COURT OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT TRECE MARTIRES CITY

BANGKO MABUHAY (A RURAL BANK.), INC., Mortgagee

-VERSUS-

MARIA LORENA T. RODELAS , married to RODRIGO M. RODELAS JR., Mortgagors.

FORECLOSURE CASE NO F-080-21

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, BANGKO MABUHAY (A RURAL BANK.) INC, with business address at A. Soriano Highway, Daang Amay III, Tanza , Cavite, against the Mortgagor, MARIA LORENA T. RODELAS, married to RODRIGO M. RODELAS JR, with residence and postal addresses at 97 D.P Jimenez Wawa III, Rosario, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness as of 26 July 2021 amounts to FIVE HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY NINE PESOS & 60/100 (Php516,559.60), Philippine Currency, including interest, penalties, and other charges as of said date but exclusive of all the other expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on NOVEMBER 25, 2021 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the main entrance of the Government Central Bldg. located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder of CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 077-2015003888

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 2,BLK.19 OF THE SUBD. PLAN,PSD-04-083941, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 1, BLK,148,PCS-042122-009141,LRC REC NO.). SITUATED IN THE BRGY M. GREGORIO, CITY OF TRECE MARTIRES, BOUNDED ON THE E, ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT3, BLK 19, ON THE S., ALONGLINE 2-3 BY RD LOT 16, ON THE W., ALONGLINE 3-4 BY LOT 1, & ON THEN, ALONG" I'ON PLAY XXX CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) SQ. METERS. XXX

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on DECEMBER 16, 2021 without further notice.

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

Trece Martires City, SEPTEMBER 14 2021

REYNALDO L. SALOMA Sheriff IV

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MARIA LORENA T. RODELAS, married to RODRIGO M. RODELAS JR.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, BDO UNIBANK, INC., with business address at BDO Corporate Center,7899 Makati Avenue, Makati City against the Mortgagor, Ryan Bandong Samson, with residence and postal addresses at (1) Blk. 4, Lot 24 Green town II Subd., Toclong II-B, Imus, Cavite; and (2) Blk. 8 Lot 2 Phase 5, Somerset, Navarro, Gen. Trias City, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness as of 15 June 2021 amounts to THREE MILLION NINE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY PESOS AND 98/100 (Php3,920,845.98), Philippine Currency, including interest, penalties, and other charges as of said date but exclusive of all the other expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on NOVEMBER 25, 2021 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the main entrance of the Government Central Bldg. located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder of CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2016022899

LOT NO. 2 BLOCK;8 PLAN NO: PCS-04-028155

PORTION OF : LOT 1706-R-1,(LRA) PSD-413926; LOT 1706-S,PSD-04-002033; LOT 1709,S.F.D.M ESTATE: LOT2, BLOCK 9, PCS-04-028063 & BLOCK 11, PCS-04-028064, DECREED NO.4270; LRC REC NO. 5964

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3-4	NW	LOT 1, BLOCK 8, PCS-04-028155						
4-5-6	NE	ROAD LOT 7, PCS-04-028155						
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RYAN BANDONG SAMSON

(1) Blk. 4. Lot 24 , Greentown II Subd, Toclong II-B, Imus ,Cavite

(2) Blk. 8 Lot 2 Phase 5, Somerset, Navarro, Gen. Trias City ,Cavite

Block 70, Lot 21, Phase 1, Phirst Park Homes-Tanza, Brgy.

DOLE to run after perpetrators of fake, 'for sale' work certificate

MANILA — The Department of Labor and Employment has recommended a full investigation and tracking of the perpetrators of fake and 'for sale' certificate of involuntary separation required in availing Social Security System (SSS) benefit.

Labor Secretary Silvestre H. Bello III said the Department will pursue the investigation with the assistance of a regulatory agency after they uncovered a proliferation of counterfeit Certificates of Involuntary Separation using the DOLE National Capital Region's template form and DOLE-NCR Regional Director Atty. Sarah Buena Mirasol's electronic signature, including other key officials of the regional office.

"As far as the DOLE-NCR is concerned, the issuance of a certificate of involuntary separation for SSS is free of charge. Clients may file directly through our e-filing services at http://ncr.dole.gov.ph/index.php," Mirasol said.

The DOLE-NCR Director added that hard copies of the certificates can only be acquired at the DOLE Field Office that has jurisdiction over the employee's workplace.

"Any person or entity found illegally reproducing the document will be dealt with to the full extent of the law," Mirasol said.

Workers may access the DOLE-NCR's e-filing services at http://ncr.dole.gov.ph/default. php?retsamlakygee=1071&resource=55c78123 8aa2cb40d26efb0450f823c2.

The DOLE certificate is a requirement for application for payment of unemployment insurance or involuntary separation benefit (cash grant) per Social Security System (SSS) Circular No. 2009-011.

The unemployment insurance covers employees, including house helpers (kasambahay) and overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) who were involuntarily separated from their job due to authorized causes, such as, installation of labor-saving devices; redundancy; retrenchment or downsizing; closure or cessation of operation; or disease/illness of the employee whose continued employment is prohibited by law or is prejudicial to his or his co-employees' health.

DOLE will be signing a joint memorandum with SSS to establish guidelines on the enhanced online filing of SSS unemployment benefits claim through the SSS website. (DOLE)

ERRATUM

AND LOT 16 BLOCK 2 VILLE DE PALME SUBD SANTIAGO GEN TRIAS, CAVITE

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Tanauan, Tanza, Cavite 4108

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AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late JOHANN K. TAN AND MARICEL D. TAN, who died intestate on September 25, 2019 at Malay, Aklan, leaving a parcel of land covered by TCT No. 005-2015000776, located at Barangay Talon Dos, Las Pinas City, Metro Manila and leaving also Memorial Service Plan with Contract No. AP-0012366-E, Contract No. AP-0013401-P, Contract No. AP-008375-P, Contract No. AR-36195-C has been extrajudicially settled by their heirs as per Doc. No. 262; Page No. 54; Book No. 7; Series of 2020, Notary Public Atty. Antnio T. Nicolas

Ang Caviteno September 20, 27 & October 04, 2021 In our issue of July 12, 19 & 26 RE:BDO UNIBANK, INC, vs. MARYROSE JIMENEZ GOCHIOCO, ONE MILLION EIGHTY ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTEEN PESOS AND 40/100 (Php1,081,213.40), was erroneously printed as ONE MILLION EIGHTY ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTEEN PESOS AND 45/100 (Php1,081,213.45).

Our Apology, Editor

Ang Caviteno September 27, 2021

NOTICE TO DISSOLVE

The public is hereby informed that KAAKBAY KA MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE, Balsahan, Naic, Cavite, has been voluntarily dissolved as of October 25, 2019

Board of Directors

Ang Caviteno September 20, 27 & October 04, 2021

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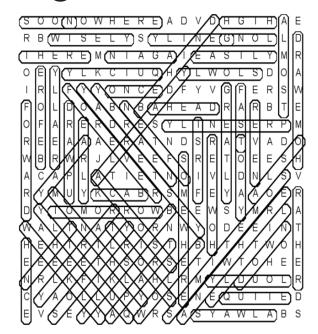
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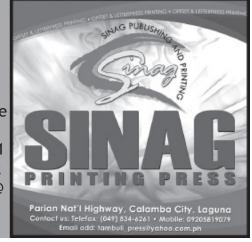
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Agri Chief: Implementation of devolution to further strengthen gov't efforts for agricultural developments

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MANILA — The agricultural developments in the country will be sustained in the coming years as the government prepares to fully devolve its functions and services to local government units, according to the Department of Agriculture.

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In an interview with Presidential Communications Secretary Martin Andanar on Friday, September 24, during the Cabinet Report, Agriculture Secretary William Dar pointed out that the impending devolution will strengthen the department's relationship with local government officials with the aim of fully developing the agricultural sector.

"Gusto kong idiin na lahat ng mga sangay o unit ng kagawaran na dapat i-devolve sa local government units po na sa ilalim ng Local Government Code of 1991 ay nagawa na ng departamento matapos ipasa ang batas 30 years ago. [I would like to emphasize that all branches or units of the department that should be devolved to local government units under the Local Government Code of 1991 have already been done by the department after the law was passed 30 years ago.]," he added.

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He cited as an example the recent battle of the country against the spread of African Swine Fever that affected the hog industry in the country since last year. Aside from the national government's support, the local government has been playing a vital role in fighting the spread of the animal disease, he added.

Sec. Dar, on the other *continue to page 2*



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Bello assures jobs abroad for displaced OFWs

MANILA — The labor department is working towards enhanced deployment and protection of overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) as it is set to forge agreements with more countries of destination.

Labor Secretary Silvestre 'Bebot' Bello III on Friday said a huge number of jobs is on the table and the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) will prioritize OFWs who lost their jobs since the start of the pandemic. restrictions in some countries, Bello, in the meantime, advised Filipino workers to continue honing their skills while in the Philippines.

The labor chief also said a total of 702,000 OFWs were repatriated and have been reunited with their families after undergoing the required quarantine protocols.

nent The Overseas Workers FWs Welfare Administration start (OWWA), an attached agency of DOLE, leads in providing various we assistance to OFWs. PASAY CITY — Senator Christopher "Bong Go" has expressed his gratitude to the Philippine National Police for continuing to honor their duty to protect Filipinos amid the threats of the COVID-19 pandemic during his virtual attendance in the 120th Police Service Anniversary on Friday, September 24.

In his speech, Go said that for more than a century, the PNP has become the dependable guardians of peace and order, and security in the Philippines.

"Through its mandate,

the organization has enforced our laws and safeguarded our communities so that we could continue working towards progress as one nation," he said. Even in this time of pandemic, Go acknowledged how the country's police, together with other uniformed personnel, continue to risk their lives to protect Filipinos from the dangers posed by lawless elements.

Bong Go expresses gratitude to the country's police

force for their service especially during pandemic as he

virtually attends the 120th Police Service Anniversary

"Salamat sa mga pulis sa inyong sakripisyo sa panahon ngayon. Bago ko po makalimutan, sa lahat po ng mga pulis, mga militar, lahat – bumbero, BJMP. Salamat po sa inyong sakripisyo sa panahon ngayon dahil kayo po ang maituturing na mga frontliners sa panahon ngayon," said Go.

"So, salamat po sa inyong serbisyo. Hindi po natutumbasan ng kahit anuman po ang inyong serbisyo sa panahon ngayon. At mahihirapan po si Pangulong Duterte sa kampanya laban sa kriminalidad at sa iligal na droga kung hindi po sa tulong ng mga pulis. Saludo po kami sa

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"In the meantime, we are creating more employment destination for the overseas Filipino workers. That's the reason why we are entering into agreement with Canada, Russia, China and even Bangkok so that we will have bilateral agreements with them to provide work destination for OFWs," Bello said.

Bilateral Labor Agreements (BLAs) are formal agreements entered into by the Philippines with countries of destination to govern deployment, labor cooperation on the protection and promotion of rights and welfare of OFWs, and human resources development.

As OFW deployment is still limited due to travel

"Meron ding program na tinatawag na Abot Kamay ang Pagtulong o AKAP. Kung hindi pa nakakauwi at nandun sila, [sa ibang bansa] walang trabaho dahil sa pandemya, binigyan namin sila ng tig-200 US dollars pero kung nakauwi na sila, binigyan namin sila ng equivalent na P10,000," Bello explained.

Children of OFWs are also receiving aid through scholarship grants under OFW Dependent Scholarship Program (ODSP), an educational assistance of P20,000 per school year to qualified dependent of an active member OFW whose salary is not more than 600 dollars.

The Secretary also *continue to page 2*



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