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Laguna Water supports DENR in addressing air pollution



In-photo: Estate Water General Manager Barny Kim (2nd from left) shaking hands with DENR-EMB IVA Division Chief of Environmental Monitoring and Enforcement Division Jessie Conde (3rd from left) together with Laguna Water General Manger Shoebe Caong (1st from right); and the other representatives of DENR.

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PHL, Japan sign MOC on Subic regional development

extend technical assistance for the formulation of the Subic Bay Regional Development Masterplan. Story on Page 5



Dr. Hiroto Izumi, Special Advisor to Japan Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, and Finance Secretary Carlos G. Dominguez seal with a handshake their commitment to further strengthen the strategic partnership between Japan and the Philippines after signing the Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) signifying Japan's commitment to

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Manila Water, Maynilad won't pursue payment from gov't P.6

DOT, malls to kick off PH's first nationwide sale in March 2020 P.3

Cavite LGUs recognized for exemplary performance in the ADAC audit



All twenty-three local government units of Cavite were recognized during the Anti-Drug Abuse Council Performance Audit awarding ceremony on December 2, 2019 at The Bayleaf Cavite in the City of Gen. Trias spearheaded by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) in collaboration with the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA). The achievement signifies the functionality of the anti drug-abuse councils of all the cities and municipalities in the province.

The performance was rated based on several indicators including the presence of organized local ADAC, conduct of meetings, allocation of funds as indicated in the POPS Plan, implementation of plans and programs, support to ADACs in component LGUs, and milestones. Bronze award or moderately functional ADAC has a 51-84% score, Silver award or highly functional with 85-99% score and the Gold award or ideal ADAC achieved a perfect score of 100%.

PLTCOL Pablito Naganag of the Cavite Police Provincial Office commended the ADACs for ensuring that anti-illegal drugs programs are implemented down to the barangay level in order to achieve the goal of a drug-free Philippines by 2021.

DILG IV-A OIC Regional Elias F. Fernandez I Director graced the awarding ceremony and lauded Cavite LGUs for the outstanding performance of local ADACs. He reported that out of the 147 LGUs in the CALABARZON region, 12 ADACs achieved a perfect score for functionality, four of which came from Cavite. In addition, 812 out of

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RELIEF ASSISTANCE FOR CAVITEÑOS: Eager to provide immediate help to Caviteños affected by typhoon Tisoy, Cavite Governor Jonvic Remulla, in cooperation with the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office led the distribution of relief goods in the municipalities of Naic, Ternate and Tanza on December 5, 2019. Almost 12,000 packs of goods were distributed to the residents living near the coastal areas of the said municipalities. Local chief executives of the three municipalities along with other local officials showed their appreciation to the governor for his swift assistance to their constituents. (PICAD)

EDITORIAL:

Fading advantage

THERE was a time we took pride in our English proficiency.

Some people still do, citing it as the basis for a thriving business process outsourcing industry. But any complacency in this regard would be misplaced and ill-advised, given the results of the latest international survey of English proficiency.

In the 2019 edition of the EF English Proficiency Index, the Philippines wasn't even in the top 10 list of countries, even though we still rank as the world's fifth largest nation with an English-speaking population (behind the United States, India, Nigeria and Pakistan).

The yearly EF EPI survey gauged the level of English reading and listening skills in 100 countries (excluding the US and the UK) with a standardized online test taken by 2.3 million people.

The Netherlands emerged at the top with an EPI score of 70.27, followed by Sweden (68.74), Norway (67.93), Denmark (67.87) and the only Asian in the group, Singapore (66.82).

The top 10 was rounded out by South Africa (65.38), Finland (65.34), Austria (64.11), Luxembourg (64.11), and Germany (64.03).

The Philippines, with an EPI of 60.14, was in 20th place, just ahead of Lithuania.

The score was still enough to keep the country in the "High Proficiency" category, but not in the "Very High Proficiency" group, and it represented a decline from the country's EPI of 61.84 in 2018.

Beyond the obvious implications that lower proficiency will have on the BPO industry, low English scores are a cause of concern for several reasons cited by the EF study.

First, English and innovation go hand in hand. English is the principal language of international collaboration, and there are correlations between English and various measures of investment in R&D. This finding resonates with recent research showing that companies with managers from many countries earn more revenue from innovation than their less diverse competitors. English-speaking teams are able to attract more diverse talent and access ideas from around the world. They are also more likely to collaborate internationally within their own organizations.

Second, competitive industries use English. Every industry surveyed in this year's report has an English proficiency score clustered within a 10-point range.

Third, countries with high English proficiency tend to more open, given that the language is a medium of international connectivity, and there is an increasingly clear relationship between a society's connectedness to the world and the level of social and political equality experienced by its citizens. Closed societies turn inwards and nurture rigid hierarchies. Open societies look outwards.

There can be no doubt that declining educational standards have something to do with the decline in English proficiency, yet there are underlying cultural influences at work.

One is the view that it is somehow wrong to be fluent in English because it detracts from our own native tongue.

Another view seems to hold that Filipinos are too stupid to understand straight English and need the help of a bastardized "Taglish" to help them along. Along with the usual variety show drivel, some TV networks have taken to serving up dubbed Hollywood movies for those who are "too dumb" to follow. Even our government officials cannot be bothered to speak a straight sentence in English, and ordinary Filipinos laugh deprecatingly at themselves for "running out of English."

If we as a people decide that it is all right to let go of our long-held edge in the international language of commerce and innovation, we should stop deluding ourselves and pretending that such an advantage still exists.

Mister, Papunta sana ng Hospital Para sa Checkup, Inatake, Salpok sa Kotse Patay

Cavite - hindi nakarating sa kanya sanang Check-up para sa Puso ang isang Mister matapos na atakihin ito habang nagmamaneho ng kotse at papuntang hospital dahil upang sumalpok ito sa paparating na Hyundai Sedan, kahapon ng umaga sa kahabaan ng Palico diversion road Brgy. Palico 4, Imus City Cavite.

Kinilala ng pulisya ang biktima na si Joel Dado, 57 anyos, may asawa, residente ng Blk. 5 Lot. 15A Mandel St. Parkdale 1 Brgy. Mambog 5, Bacoor City Cavite.

Hawak naman ng pulisya ang driver ng Hyundai na si Joseph De Guzman, 40 anyos, may asawa, residente ng Blk. 1 Lot. 231 - 232 Happy Homes Brgy. Buhay na Tubig, Imus City Cavite.

Sa ulat ng pulisya, alas 9:00 ng umaga ng maganap ang insidente, sakay ang biktima ng

kanyang Mitsubishi Pajero wagon na may plate No. TNE 974 at bumabagtas sa Palico diversion road Brgy. Palico 4 at patungo sana io sa MCI Hospital upang mag pa checkup ng sakit nito sa puso.

Subalit habang bumabagtas, bigla itong sinumpong ng paninikip ng dibdib. Dahil dito nawalan ito ng kontrol sa manibela kung kaya sumalpok ito sa paparating na Hyundai Accent sedan na may plate No. TIX 696 na minamaneho ng suspek

Sa lakas ng salpok ay wasak ang unahang bahagi ng kotse nito na ikinaipit ng biktima. Nang maialis ito sa pagka-kaipit ay agad itong itinakbo sa MCI Hospital subalit idieklarang patay na.

Pumirma naman ng Waiver ang Misis ng biktima na si Mrs. Cristina Reyes Dado patunay na hindina ito magsasampa ng kaso sa driver.

(nag alangan sa pagtawid....) Con Worker, Pisak sa Tourist Bus

By IRINE GASCON

Cavite - dead on the spot ang isang Construction worker matapos itong malsalpok ng isang Tourist Bus

habang ito ay papatawid sana subalit nag alangan, kamakalawa ng gabi sa kahabaan ng Gov's Drive Brgy. Bancal Carmona.

Nakilala ang biktima na si Roberto Nablo, nasa hustong gulang, Construction Worker, stay in sa G-Sat Construction site sa Brgy. Bancal Carmona, Cavite.

Sumuko naman ang suspek matapos nitong tumakas matapos ang insidente na nakilalang si Ryan Simon, 36 anyos, may asawa, residente ng San Juan

Coastal Parañaque, driver.

Sa imbestigasyon ng pulisya, dakong alas 9:00 ng gabi ng maganap ang insidente, papatawid sana ng biktima ng bigla itong mag alangan ng makita ang paparating na Bus kung kaya babalik sana ito subalit nahagip na ito ng Tourist bus na may plate number NAD 4603.

Dahil dito napsak ang biktima at nakaladkad pa ito. Tumakas pa ang suspek subalit kalaunan ay sumuko din ito sa Dasmariñas PNP.

Ayon dito, natakot lang umano siya na mabugbog sa lugar kung kaya ito tumakas.

What's on in Kawit this Christmas

KAWIT, Cavite -- This historic town is inviting the public to experience Christmas the "Kawitenyo" way by joining activities lined up for the season.

Kawit tourism officer Rhouz Camposanto said the various festivities, which range from choral competition, lecture, story-telling, Christmas lighting and night mass, "promotes the educational yet fun way to enjoy the holiday season with family and friends".

"The activities, which cater to various ages, from kids to adult, are consistent with what the town is known for - a repository of culture and tradition," Camposanto said in an interview with the Philippine News Agency.

The town kicks off its month-long celebration with the choral competition at St. Mary Magdalene Church at 2 p.m. on Wednesday (Dec. 11), featuring 10 entries from the town's various public and private schools.

A lecture on "Maytinis", a yearly tradition of the town meant to highlight the journey of St. Joseph and Virgin Mary in search for an inn for Jesus Christ's birth, is set on Friday (Dec 13, 2 p.m.) at the Audio-Visual Room of Museo ni Emilio Aguinaldo.

The lighting of the Liwasang Aguinaldo (Aguinaldo Park) complex is a must-see on Saturday (Dec. 14, 7 p.m.). Dubbed the "Kawit Symphony of Lights", the lights move in sync with the festive Christmas carols played in the background.

The local library (located at the Liwasang Aguinaldo) will host a story-telling activity for kids on Dec. 18 at 3 p.m.

Among the highlights include the "Simbang Gabi" or the traditional night mass practiced by Roman Catholics every 8 p.m. from December 15 to 23 at the Aguinaldo Park and the crowd drawer, "Maytinis" on Dec. 24, which entails a long stretch of the procession around town.

These activities are supported by the religious group, Confradia de Sagrada Familia, and the local library.

Kawit, a first-class municipality, is known as the birthplace of the first President of the Philippine Republic, General Emilio Aguinaldo, whose abode, now turned into a shrine and museum in his honor, is where the Philippine Independence from Spain was declared on June 12, 1898. (PNA)

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KAPANALIG

By Ni Nelson Dimapilis

Filipino households will no longer have to deal with the consequences of having illegally-refilled and poor-quality Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) cylinders once the LPG Act is passed, according to Senator Win Gatchalian.

Gatchalian, chair of the Senate Committee on Energy, has recently filed Senate Bill No. (SBN) 1188 or An Act Providing for the National Energy Policy and Regulatory Framework for the Philippine LPG Industry which aims to strengthen and streamline the laws and regulations overseeing the domestic LPG industry.

This will govern the following activities in the LPG value chain: importation, refining, refilling, transportation, conveyance, distribution, marketing of LPG and manufacturing, requalifying, exchanging, and swapping of LPG pressure vessels. The said act covers all LPG industry players from the bulk suppliers, refillers, brand owners and marketers to the dealers and retailers.

"By providing a comprehensive legal framework, this measure seeks to institute reforms in the LPG

industry, address concerns in health, safety, security and the environment and effectively ensure that consumer welfare remains paramount," Gatchalian said.

Data from the Department of Energy (DOE) show that in 2011, 53% or 49,174,460 Filipinos relied on LPG for their basic needs, such as cooking, water heating, and lighting needs. The DOE also reported that in the commercial sector, LPG consumption rose at a rapid pace of 10.4% annually from 2007 to 2017.

In filing the bill, Gatchalian took into consideration the reported LPG-related accidents this year and in 2018 which resulted in the loss of lives, limbs and properties.

"Notwithstanding the noteworthy contribution of LPG in addressing the energy needs of Filipinos and the Philippine economy, the regulation of the industry has failed to keep up. This is evidenced by a series of accidents involving LPG causing loss of life, limb, and property," the lawmaker from Valenzuela said.

The DOE will be tasked to regulate, supervise, and monitor the LPG industry participants. The bill sharpens the teeth of DOE to implement and ensure compliance with the quality and safety stan-

dards prescribed in the Philippine National Standards (PNS).

The proposed measure will require LPG players to secure a license to operate for a specific activity prior to their commencement of commercial operation. Under SBN 1188, the DOE will have the exclusive authority to issue the license to operate which will be valid for three years.

SBN 1188 enumerates the corresponding administrative and criminal penalties for specific violations such as hoarding, underfilling, illegal refilling and engaging in an activity without a valid license to operate, among others.

Fines range from as low as five thousand pesos (P 5,000) to as high as ten million pesos (P 10,000,000) depending on the offense. Penalties also include suspension of the license to operate, permanent disqualification from engaging in any activity as an LPG industry participant, impounding of LPG products and even imprisonment, depending on the nature of the violation.

Meanwhile, as the country expects a rise in LPG consumption this holiday season, Senator Gatchalian reminds everyone to be wise in buying LPG cylinders to enjoy a risk-free season.

CARD Bank set up konek2 CARD Digital Communities



As part of CARD Bank's goal to realize financial inclusivity for all, the bank launched its konek2CARD digital communities in Barangay Santisimo in San Pablo City. Through these digital communities, clients living in the outskirts will not be left behind in accessing affordable financial products and

services. These digital communities are provided with free Wi-Fi access for all konek2CARD users.

"CARD Bank provides support to these communities in giving the easiest and fastest banking experience to our clients through our digitalization initiatives," said Marivic Austria, President

and CEO of the Bank.

She also added that with these digital communities, more CARD Bank clients have the opportunity to download and register konek2CARD app. This will also give income opportunity not only for konek2CARD Agents but also for members with Sari-sari stores because members transacting can be their sure clients as well. Agents generate income from cash-out, agent assisted

payments, bills payment and e-load.

After the pilot test, CARD will expand its konek2CARD digital communities in other Barangays with the same profile like Barangay Santisimo (with more than 15 Centers in the Barangay).

To date, CARD Bank already has more than 183,000 konek2CARD users with more than 2,400 active konek2CARD agents nationwide.

DOT...

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MANILA -- The Department of Tourism (DOT) and major malls across the country partnered to attract highly-coveted shoppers from China and other Asian nations with its planned month-long nationwide shopping event in March 2020.

Dubbed "Philippine Fun Sale", DOT Secretary Bernadette Romulo-Puyat said the event would be the first of its kind in the country and is seen to promote the Philippines as an emerging shopping hub in Asia.

"By March we will have the first Philippine Fun Sale, for the first time, all malls will hold a sale at the same time," Romulo-Puyat said at a forum in Malate on Wednesday.

"It will be in Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao to attract tourists to come during March," she added.

At present, the agency is still polishing the details about the event, but DOT Assistant Secretary Howard Lance Uyking said the Philippine Fun Sale will be the country's version of the Great Singapore Sale and Hong Kong's Summer Sale.

"What makes this different aside from our image of fiesta and fun is the fact that we're also an archipelago so we're not just concentrated in one city like Singapore and Hong Kong, we have several cities here so we're also promoting tourism that way," he said in an interview.

For the shopping event's pilot run in March 2020, Uyking said the

government is targeting visitors from Southeast Asia, East Asia, and North Asia, mainly the Chinese, Japanese, and Taiwanese market.

"We're still in talks with the malls and some of the brands but we want to give premium discounts to foreigners with the current sales that we have right now and also the focus would also be on local products," he told the Philippine News Agency (PNA).

"We're promoting this abroad so there will be a campaign starting early next year. More than the arrivals, this whole event is really for the revenue so we're in the talks to set the revenue target that will be brought about by this sale," he added.

Presently, 10 mall chains have confirmed to join the Philippine Fun Sale. These are SM, Ayala Malls, Megaworld, Vista Land, Robinsons, Stores Specialists, Inc., Shangri-La Plaza, Power Plant, Ortigas & Company, and The Aranea Group.

Shopping tourism is one of the 10 products indicated in the agency's National Tourism Development Plan of 2016-2022, coming in line with the recent report by the United Nations World Tourism Organization that cited shopping as an "increasingly relevant component" of the tourism value chain as it becomes "a determinant factor affecting destination choice" and in some cases the prime travel motivation. (PNA)

EXTRAJUDICIAL

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF STATE WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late FELIX TAL-PLACIDO, consisting of ONE (1) parcels of land covered by transfer Certificate of Title No. T-125993 with an area of (279) Two Hundred and seventy Nine square meter of the Registry of Cavite Province, consideration of sum (1) One Million have been the subject of Extra-Judicial Settlement of Estate of the Deceased among the legal heirs With Deed of Extrajudicial settlement of State with Sale as per Doc.No.331; Page No.66; Book No. III and series of 2019 of Notary Public VELLA VEDA V. MANCINIDO-GAYO

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ESTATE OF THE LATE CAROLINA B. MINTU HAS BEEN EXTRA-JUDICIALLY SETTLED BY HER HEIRS THRU EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE AS PER DOC. NO. 413 ; PAGE NO. 84 ; BOOK NO. 42 ; SERIES OF 2019 , BEFORE NOTARY PUBLIC ATTY. CESARIO G. GONZALES, JR.

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Enchanted Kingdom Kicks Off the Christmas Season

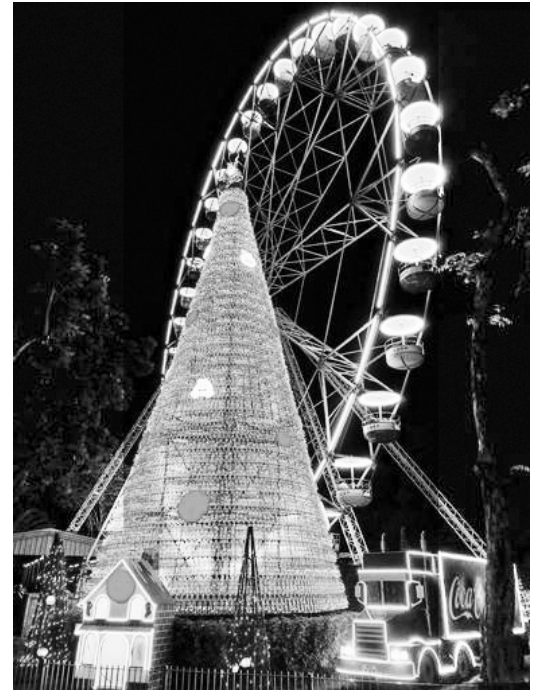


Enchanted Kingdom officially welcomed the yuletide season with the launch of Eldar's Magical Light Symphony and EK's sparkling Christmas Tree in partnership with Coca-Cola and Coke Studio. Guests were wowed by the spectacular lights and sound show around the park while experiencing a bit of a "White Christmas" at Brooklyn Zone.

In partnership with Coca-Cola, EK also officially lit its towering 25-feet tall Christmas Tree using more than 4,000 recyclable bottles-- an initiative that supports Coke's "World Without Waste" effort.

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8 microentrepreneurs honored at Citi Microentrepreneurship Awards



The 2019 Citi Microentrepreneurship awardees shared their success stories during a breakfast meeting hosted by Presidential Adviser for Entrepreneurship and Go Negosyo founder Joey Concepcion joined by CITI PH CEO Aftab Ahmed. In photo: CMA Microentrepreneur of the Year Eduardo Azores of Ali-Ali Pastil; Regional Awardees were Lea Mancera of Daniel's Handicraft Weaving and Metal Frame (Luzon), Merly Domingo of Ebina Garment Manufacturing (Visayas), Lucrecia Neri of Manna's Alternatives Herbal Products and AtiMana Organic Hub (Mindanao); Youth Microentrepreneur of the Year Romualdo Blanco, Jr. of PK Maja Special; Special awardees for Agripreneur-

ship were Rolando Pega, a Spring Onion Farmer and Rosanna Sinapilo of Coco Deli; Special Award for Preservation of Tradition Caroline Jamias of Carol Line's Ethnic and Fashion, who's also a graduate of our KMME program last 2018. Eight outstanding microentrepreneurs received recognition in this year's Citi Microentrepreneurship Awards (CMA), organized by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), Citi Philippines, and the Microfinance Council of the Philippines, Inc. last November 26 at the BSP central office in Manila. Bagging the Special Award for Preservation of Traditions was Go Negosyo former mentee Caroline Jamias of Tabuk City, Kalinga.

Jamias owns the native shop Carol Line's Ethnic and Fashion, who supplies handwoven textiles and other handicrafts to different parts in the Cordillera region. Jamias is a graduate of Go Negosyo and the Department of Trade and Industry's mentorship program Kapatid Mentor ME (KMME) in 2017. Around 7,000 microentrepreneurs to date have already been helped by the program. Presidential Adviser for Entrepreneurship and Go Negosyo founder Joey Concepcion, who served as a member of the national selection committee for the annual microentrepreneurs search, emphasized, "Like our athletes, these inspiring microentrepreneurs have excelled in

different fields, using their own unique sets of skills and expertise. But they all have been enabled by reliable financing institutions, as well as a community of mentors, that have helped them enhance their competencies and develop their potentials. Through collaborations with organizations from both the public and private sectors, we aim to provide an enabling environment for our MSMEs, so they can win as one in the race towards prosperity." The other awardees of the 2019 CMA were: Rosanna Sinapilo, owner of Coco Deli and Rolando Pega, a spring onion farmer, for Special Award in Agri Micro-business; Romualdo Blanco, Jr., owner of PK Maja's Special for the

Youth Microentrepreneur of the Year; Lea Mancera, owner of Daniel's Handicraft Weaving and Metal Frame for Luzon Regional Award; Merly Domingo, owner of Ebina Garment Manufacturing for Visayas Regional Award; Lucrecia Neri, owner of Manna's Alternatives Herbal Products and AtiManna Organic Hub for Mindanao Regional Award; and grand winner who bagged the Citi Microentrepreneur of the Year Eduardo Azores, owner of Ali-Ali Pastil. Since 2002, CMA has recognized more than a hundred microentrepreneurs across the country for their notable contributions in various areas such as community leadership, agriculture, cultural preservation, and environmental sustainability. According to the 2018 Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) data, micro, small and medium-sized enterprises

(MSMEs) comprise 99.52 of the total businesses in the country. The program has brought to light inspiring stories of Filipino microentrepreneurs who were able to achieve a higher level of success through hard work and with the help of various public and private stakeholders. A number of Go Negosyo mentees and graduates have been given recognition by the CMA. The CMA grand winner received a PHP200,000 cash prize. Regional winners and special awardees, meanwhile, received PHP100,000 each. Microfinance Council of the Philippines chair Eduardo Jimenez, BSP Governor Benjamin Diokno, and Rizal Microbank branch head Vivian Quenequez were also present during the awarding ceremony.

EXTRAJUDICIAL

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late SONIA C. BONDAD, consisting of two parcels of land (Lot 1009-A-1 of the subd. plan Psd-04-043166, being a portion of Lot 1009-A, (LRC) Psd-111060, L.R.C. Rec. No.) situated in the Brgy. of Bucana, Mun. of Naic, Prov. of Cavite.xxxx-consisting of ONE HUNDRED (1000) SQUARE METERS embraced and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-380040 and Lot 451 of the Naic Estate as shown on Plan Rs-04-003182, L.R.C. Rec. No.) situated in the Poblacion, Mun. of Naic, Prov. of Cavite.xxxxconsisting of FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTEEN (418) SQUARE METERS, both of the Registry of Cavite Province, have been the subject of an Addendum to an Extra-Judicial Settlement of Estate of the Deceased among the legal heirs With Waiver of Rights as per Doc.No.327; Page No.67; Book No. XXI and series of 2019 of Notary Public Jameswell M. Resus of Naic, Cavite.

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 Family Judicial Region
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Foreclosure Case No. F-309-19

EAST-WEST BANKING CORPORATION,
 Mortgagee,

- Versus -

**SPOUSES FLORDELIZA PALABRICA MONZON
 & GENARO VANGUARDIA MONZON (SPA)**
 Mortgagors,

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, EAST-WEST BANKING CORPORATION, with business address at East-West Corporate Center, the Beaufort, 5th Avenue, cor. 23rd St., Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City, against the Mortgagors, SPOUSES FLORDELIZA PALABRICA MONZON & GENARO VANGUARDIA MONZON (SPA), both of legal, Filipino citizens, with residence and postal address at: 1.) Upper Ground 105 El Pueblo 1, Kingsport Subd., Novaliches, Q.C. 2.) Lot 9, Block 1, Somerset 16, Brgy. Navarro Gen. Trias, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness as of October 15, 2019 amounts to ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED NINE PESOS & 95/100 (P1,792,709.95), 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 January 23, 2020 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE Government Center 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 057-2017013991

Lot No. 9 Block: 1 Plan No. PCS-04-030150

PORTION OF: THE CONS./SUBD. OF BLOCK 8, BLOCK 9, PCS-04-028206 & LOT 1711-A, (LRC) PSD-61615, DECREE NO. 4270; LRC REC. NO. 5964
 LOCATION: BARANGAY OF NAVARRO, MUNICIPALITY OF GEN. TRIAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON

BOUNDARIES:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	SE	ROAD LOT 2, PCS-04-030150
2-3	SW	LOT 8, BLOCK 1, PCS-04-030150
3-4	NW	LOT 20, BLOCK 1, PCS-04-028206
4-1	NE	LOT 10, BLOCK 1, PCS-04030150

AREA: ONE HUNDRED SQUARE METERS (100), MORE OR LESS

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date. In the event the public auction should not take place on said date and time, it shall be held on January 30, 2020 without further notice. Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrances thereon, if any there be. Trece Martires City, November 28, 2019

(sgd.) ANDRES B. ESPINA
 Sheriff IV

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 Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City

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 GENARO VANGUARDIA MONZON (SPA)
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 Lot 9, Block 1, Somerset 16, Brgy. Navarro Gen. Trias, Cavite

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PHL, Japan...

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HAKONE—The Philippines and Japan signed Friday (December 6) a memorandum of cooperation (MOC) signifying the latter's commitment to provide technical support to the Duterte administration's formulation of a regional development master plan designed to maximize the economic potentials of the Subic Bay and its surrounding areas.

Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez, representing the Philippine government, and Dr. Hiroto Izumi, the Special Advisor to Japan Prime Minister Shinzō Abe, on behalf of Japan, signed the MOC at the conclusion of the 9th meeting of the Philippines-Japan Joint Committee on Infrastructure Development and Economic Cooperation and Economic Cooperation, which was held at the Hilton Odawara Resort in this scenic town west of Tokyo.

Under the MOC, the Subic Bay Regional Development Master Plan may include possible projects in the fields of road network development, logistics terminal development, disaster risk

management and the development of public utilities.

"The Philippine government may require cooperation from Japan, including Official Development Assistance (henceforth, 'ODA') and other financial resources, for the implementation of the prioritized projects listed in the finalized Master Plan. Projects to be financed by Japanese ODA and other financial resources will be determined following a master plan survey and in light of both Governments' priorities," the MOC states.

Japan first made known its commitment to provide technical assistance to the Philippines for the development of Subic and its surrounding communities during the bilateral meeting between President Rodrigo Duterte and Japan Prime Minister Shinzō Abe last November 4 on the sidelines of the 35th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit and Related Summits in Bangkok, Thailand.

Prime Minister Abe and President

Duterte described the Japanese commitment of assistance "as a testament to the deepening strategic partnership between Japan and the Philippines."

The proposed master plan will outline possible projects in Subic Bay and its surrounding areas covering road network development, logistics terminal development, disaster risk management, and other public utilities development.

This commitment of assistance from Japan was first conveyed to President Rodrigo Roa Duterte by Japan Prime Minister Shinzō Abe during their bilateral meeting on November 4, 2019 held on the sidelines of the 35th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit and Related Summits in Bangkok, Thailand.

The signing ceremony was held at the conclusion of the 9th Meeting of the Philippines-Japan High-Level Joint Committee on Infrastructure Development and Economic Cooperation on Friday (December 6) at the Hilton Odawara Resort in Hakone, Japan. (dof.gov)

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Cavite LGUs...

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the 829 barangays in Cavite achieved moderate to high functionality reflecting the LGUs commitment to the anti-drug abuse campaign making Cavite the number one province in terms of the number of functional ADACs.

The Bronze award was received by the LGUs of Trece Martires City and Alfonso. Silver awardees were Amadeo, Carmona, Cavite City, cities of Bacoor, Imus and Dasmariñas, municipalities of Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo, Gen. Mariano Alvarez, Indang, Magallanes, Maragondon, Naic, Noveleta, Silang, Tanza, Ternate, and Tagaytay City. The four LGUs that achieved a 100% score in the performance audit with ideally functional ADAC were the City of Gen. Trias and the municipalities of Mendez, Rosario and Kawit.

As incentive for the LGUs ADAC performance, the Provincial Government awarded equipment to support their anti-drug abuse programs. Bronze awardees received a desktop computer with printer while Silver awardees received the same with additional laptop. Gold awardees received additional DSLR camera aside from the desktop computer, laptop and printer.

Cavite was also a Regional awardee for the functionality of the Provincial Anti-Drug Abuse Council with a 95% performance rating. The award was received by Mr. Alvin Mojica, OIC-Provincial Administrator on behalf of Governor Jonvic Remulla, PADAC Chair.

Agent Billy Viray of PDEA Cavite thanked all the LGUs for being active partners in the fight against illegal drugs and hoped that they remain proactive in implementing programs to ensure that the province will be drug-free and safer for every Caviteño. (PICAD)

Manila Water ...

MANILA -- Water concessionaires Manila Water and Maynilad on Tuesday said they would no longer ask the government to pay them more than PHP10-billion they got in the arbitral award as compensation for losses and damages in the non-implementation of water rate hikes a few years ago.

Manila Water president and chief executive officer (CEO) Jose Almendras on Tuesday said, during a hearing by the House Good Government and Public Accountability, that the water company would cooperate with the government by not collecting the award recently made by the Permanent Court of Arbitration in Singapore in the water concessionaire's case.

"Susunod po kami sa kagustuhan ng gobyerno at ng Pangulo (We will comply with the wishes of the government and the President)," Almendras said.

Almendras also said Manila Water would delay the implementation of its approved water rate increase, which was originally scheduled for January 2020.

Almendras said the company has already written the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) regarding its intention to cooperate with the agency to reach an agreement regarding the implementation and delay in the water rate hikes.

Furthermore,

Manila Water is "more than willing" to discuss the onerous provisions in the concession agreement.

"Tumutugon kami sa utos ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte na muling pag-aralan at pag-usapan ang ilang provision ng mga concession agreement (We will comply with the directive of President Rodrigo Duterte to review and discuss certain provisions in the concession agreement)," Almendras said.

For his part, Maynilad President and CEO Ramoncito Fernandez said they would also no longer pursue the government to pay the PHP3.4 billion arbitral award by the same Singaporean court due to the Philippines' refusal to allow it to increase prices for 2013 to 2017.

"Sang-ayon po kami sa direktiba ng presidente... na wag na po naming habulin yung historical arbitral award sa amin (We will comply with the President's directive... not to pursue the historical arbitral award)," Fernandez said.

Fernandez, meanwhile, said they are open to delaying their scheduled water rate hike.

"Kami po ay bukas mag-delay. Pumapayag po kami mag-delay, kailangan lang pag-usapan ang timing at ano yung mga provisions (We are open to delay [the water rate hike]. We agree with the delay, but we just have to discuss the timing and the provisions)," Fernandez said.

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andez said.

The MWSS approved Maynilad and Manila Water's rate increase petition in 2018.

For Maynilad, the approved rate increase is PHP5.73 per cubic meter which will be applied on a staggered basis for five years or until 2022. On the other hand, Manila Water had been allowed a rate hike of PHP6.22 to PHP6.50 per cubic meter.

However, because the National Water Resources Board (NWRB) has yet to increase Metro Manila's water allocation, water service interruption is still to be experienced by Maynilad and Manila Water consumers despite the expected rate hike. (PNA)

Laguna Water ...

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Laguna Water, together with its sister company, Estate Water, furthered its support on environmental sustainability by contributing to the Adopt An Air Quality Monitoring Station project of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Environmental Management Bureau Region IV-A Calabarzon (DENR IV-A).

The two water companies donated a 55-inch vertical type touch digital signage, an equipment that will be part of the Data Management Center Hardware for the department's existing Differential Optical Absorption Spectroscopy Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations (DOAS-CAAQMS) situated in Santa Rosa, Binan, and Antipolo City. It will serve as a public information system that will display real time data from DENR-EMB IV-A's air quality monitoring stations.

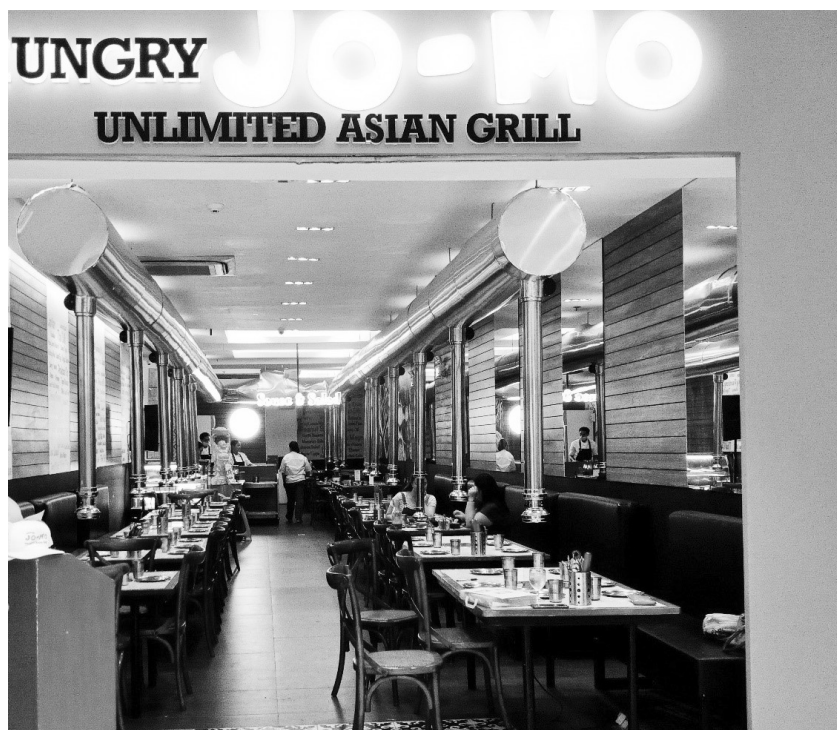
As part of the environmental program, DENR-EMB IV-A promotes clean air through ambient air quality monitoring, which measures the amount of pollution and the atmosphere's average purity. The agency partners with various private companies in setting up equipment that will aid in monitoring air quality around the country.

The donation of the equipment stresses the importance of collecting and conveying data that would assist in championing environmental protection and stewardship. "We need to be properly informed about what is happening around us, especially to our environment. We all have a responsibility to protect and preserve our resources, not only for us but most especially for the future generations," said Laguna Water General Manager Shoebe Caong.

Laguna Water has upheld its long running support for the various projects and programs of DENR. This year, the company also participated in DENR's tree planting program in Mt. Batulao, Nasugbu Batangas held last June.

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We love because he first loved us

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Tanaueño Inter-Division sports medalists, ipinakilala – Higit dalawandaang (200) medalyang hinakot ng mga atletang Tanaueño sa katatapos pa lamang na Batangas Inter-Division Sports Competition na ginanap sa Lipa City noong Nobyembre 25 – 27, 2019. Buong pagmamalaking ipinakilala

sa Pamahalaang Lung-sod ni Gng. Apolonia Landicho, Education Program Supervisor-MAPEH ng DepEd Tanauan City Division, ang mga mag-aaral sa elementary at sekondarya na nagdala ng karanigan sa lungsod sa larangan ng palakasan sa ginanap na "flag raising ceremony" noong Disy-

embre 9, 2019. Malugod namang tinanggap ng Sangguniang Panlungsod ang mga manlalaro sa pangunguna ni Vice Mayor Atty. Herminigildo Trinidad Jr. kasama ang mga konsehal na sina Kon. Joseph Castillo, Kon. Herman Trinidad, Kon. Angel Burgos, Kon. Glen Win Gonzales, Kon. Dra. Kristel

Guelos, Kon. Herman De Sagun, at Acting ABC President Isidro Fruelda. Nakasungkit ng apatnapu't walong (48) medalyang ginto ang mga kabataang manlalaro sa larangan ng "baseball", "softball", "swimming" at "table tennis". Dagdag pa dito ang animnapu't dalawang (62) medalyang pilak at isandaan tatlungpu't pitong (137) medalyang tanso sa iba't ibang kategorya ng isport na naiwi ng mga batang atleta. (Maireen Jenzen Nones / CIO Tanauan | Photo Courtesy: Roderick Lanting/ December 11, 2019)#

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Youth groups call for much higher excise taxes on alcohol, heated tobacco products and vapes

Various youth groups have called on the Congress to urgently pass significantly higher taxes on alcohol, heated tobacco products (HTPs) and e-cigarettes to help ensure sufficient funding for the Universal Health Care (UHC) program.

They urged lawmakers to pass the "sin" tax version principally authored by Senator Pia Cayetano--Senate Bill (SB) No. 1074--and which the Departments of Finance (DOF) and of Health (DOH) jointly support.

The bill represents a component of Package 2 Plus of the Duterte administration's comprehensive tax reform program.

In a press conference after the recent Sulong Pilipinas: 2019 Students Tax Convention at the University of Santo Tomas (UST) in Manila, the Youth for Sin

Tax--a member of the Sin Tax Coalition of civil society groups--described "sin" taxes as "the single most effective way of significantly reducing consumption of 'sin' products among the youth who are sensitive to price increases."

The National Capital Region (NCR) chapter of the National Federation of Junior Philippine Institute of Accountants (NFJPIA), which has 20,000 members in different colleges in Metro Manila, likewise gave its nod to higher "sin" taxes.

NFJPIA-NCR pointed out that "alcohol is the leading cause of death for young people," and that "1 out of 5 e-cigarette users is aged 10-19 years old."

"We reiterate our support for the Package 2 Plus in its entirety, for this will allow us to make a significant investment in our country's health, and

ultimately, the nation's long-term development," NFJPIA-NCR said in its statement.

The Benilde Central Student Government, meanwhile, expressed support for the reform, more so because additional funding for UHC can "make mental health interventions more accessible."

The Junior Philippine Economics Society (JPES), the leading national organization of economics students, also called for the immediate passage of SB 1074.

"SB 1074 is an advantageous measure insofar as public health and fiscal health are concerned," the official statement by JPES read.

SB 1074 is now in the period of plenary interpellation and has been certified as an urgent bill by President Duterte.

Joining other youth groups in support-

ing the call for higher "sin" taxes is the Youth Alliance for Health Reform (YAHR), a national organization of young medical professionals and students of health-related programs.

"The proposed measure under Package 2+ will provide policy-level interventions that will lead to significant health and societal impact. This will further secure the necessary funding for the full implementation of UHC," YAHR said in a statement.

"We affirm the need for the full implementation of UHC that will cater to the health and medical needs of all Filipinos, especially those who cannot afford quality and reliable healthcare services," YAHR added.

Youth for Sin Tax, YAHR, NFJPIA-NCR, and JPES presented their statements to Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III, who acknowl-

edged the youth groups for their support for the tax reform in his speech at the close of the Sulong workshop.

"You, the young Filipinos, are the direct beneficiaries of the sustained growth we seek to achieve through the reforms we now undertake. The future belongs to you. You have the greatest stake in our economy's success. It will shape your career paths and the quality of your lives. Your voices must be heard," Dominguez said.

Other youth groups have submitted statements of support on significantly higher excise taxes on alcohol, HTPs, and e-cigs, through their official channels.

These groups include the Youth for Mental Health Coalition, Bicol Youth Brigade, and the Sangguniang Kabataan officials of Guinobatan, Albay.

"We, Sangguniang Kabataan officials of Guinobatan, Albay express our full support for the measures to impose higher taxes on alcohol and e-cigarette products as part of our mandate to prevent young people from abusing dangerous and addictive substances," the statement signed by the SK Federation president of Guinobatan, Albay read.

The Youth for Mental Health Coalition said that "Higher taxes on alcohol makes it less accessible to all, which will not just benefit us financially but also psychologically."

The Bicol Youth Brigade also said the group's members "support the proposals to tax alcohol products at a level that truly discourages excessive consumption among young people." (dof.gov)



CARD Bank Microentrepreneur Client hailed as Citi Regional Awardee 2019

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), Citi Foundation, and Microfinance Council of the Philippines, Inc. (MCPI) awarded eight outstanding microentrepreneurs in the country for the 2019 Citi Microentrepreneurship Awards on November 26, 2019.

Among the 141 nominees from 31 different institutions across the country who competed for the award, Lucrecia Neri, a microentrepreneur client of CARD Bank from Midsayap, North Cotabato was recognized as Citi Regional Awardee for Mindanao held at BSP Headquarters, Malate, Manila.

Lucrecia is the owner of Manna's Alternative Herbal Products and Atimana Organic Hub. She started with a production of turmeric tea, mangosteen tea, and rice coffee. "It was in 1999 when I was diagnosed with cancer, and then I learned about the benefits we could get from the tur-

meric," said Lucrecia Neri.

Lucrecia added that after her medical operation, she is the first one who tried her product. "After doing further research on turmeric, I tried it and believed that through this, it bested my cancer."

She eventually ventured out in capsuling these as health supplements. She added that she started with just a mortar and pestle and some turmeric.

"It's very difficult in the beginning since many find it very old and traditional, but I believe in my product since I am the living testimony that it is effective in curing cancer," she explained.

Now, her products are sold outside Cotabato, and reaching the mainstream market in Luzon and Visayas.

"CARD Bank plays a very important role in the success I am experiencing today. The institution helped me more than the financial access they provided for me," she added.

She also encouraged her employees to be CARD Bank clients where they can develop good financial habits through the weekly training sessions conducted by the institution.

"I'm grateful for the opportunity CARD Bank has given me. I will continue my advocacy in promoting organic farming and help the underprivileged in our community," she concluded.

Citi Microentrepreneurs Awards

The Citi Microentrepreneurship Awards (CMA) is a six months nationwide search for the outstanding microentrepreneurs across the country to celebrate and honor their achievements in overcoming their struggles as they bring their business in the mainstream market. Their efforts helped them improve their quality of lives with their families and contributing to the growth of their local economy by generating income activities to

their community.

"It's our way of recognizing our microentrepreneurs who have beaten the odds and lifted themselves and others out of poverty, and it would not be possible without the unwavering strong support from microfinance institutions as partners in providing financial inclusion and enterprise development for all," said BSP Governor Benjamin Diokno.

He stated that the partnership between MCPI and Citi Philippines remains one of BSP's foundation in stakeholder engagement for financial inclusion. "This activity highlights how these microentrepreneurs serve as models of sharing their stories on winning struggles with their hard work and determination to succeed to their fellow microentrepreneurs."

CARD Bank vows support for microentrepreneurs

According to CARD Bank President

and CEO Marivic Austria, the award is a manifestation of how microfinance helped in eradicating poverty in the country.

"We are happy that another client from us is recognized again as an outstanding microentrepreneur, we believe that through our financial and non-financial services, we are steps closer towards our mission in eradicating poverty in the Philippines,"

said Marivic Austria, President and CEO.

She also added that the institution will continue its goal to strengthen and support the microentrepreneurs nationwide.

"We are very proud to be part of every client's success in pursuing their dreams to reach the success, and this is our commitment on reaching our mission to end poverty in the country," she concluded.



2019 Citi Regional Awardee for Mindanao Lucrecia Neri (center) receives her award from Citi Philippines CEO Aftab Ahmed (left) with her husband Virgilio (right).