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Sulong Pilipinas Agribusiness Summit: Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez calls on the participants of the first-ever Sulong Pilipinas Agribusiness Summit to think out of the box and come up with bold ideas to help the government wake Philippine agriculture from its stupor and finally transform it into a key growth driver to let the domestic economy accelerate to a full gallop. This year's summit, held at the SMX Convention in Davao City, gathered around 650 members of the agriculture sector to seek their comments and actionable recommendations on how the government can achieve this goal. (Photos by: Kim Ignacio)



ChriSMiles 2019 at SM City Calamba

Balikbayan Day Caviteño OFs and OFWs Celebrate

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Rae Anne Maranan, SM City Calamba Mall Manager during the gift giving activity



Beneficiaries and employees actively participated during the exciting parlor games.

During this season of gift giving, SM City Calamba Administration employees brings cheers to the members of the community through various Christmas activities.

SM City Calamba's Human Resources Manager Cynthia Marie Nebrao said that the event is dubbed as ChriSMiles, since it aims to bring smiles to the chosen charities.

This year's beneficiaries are the children from Women Crisis and Therapy Center and Children Shelter of Hope. A short program filled with parlor games and gift-giving activities delighted the kids and the employees.

SM City Calamba Administration employees volunteered their time and resources to make sure that these kids have a wonderful holiday season they deserve.

ChriSMiles is a volunteerism activity across all SM Supermalls. KCHT



PILIPINAS ANGAT LAHAT. Go Negosyo partners and mentors THUMBS UP! The 34th rollout of Go Negosyo and DTI's Mentor ME On Wheels for OFW, Seafarers and their family was made possible through successful partnership. In photo is Ms. Tessie Sy Coson for the continuous support for mentorship programs of Go Negosyo.

CARD Bank now serves Danao City, Cebu. As part of its goal to bring the financial services closer to the unbanked and underbanked communities, CARD Bank opened its 96th branch in Beatriz Village, Danao City, Cebu on November 18, 2019. The newly inaugurated office is the bank's 1st branch in the province of Cebu. CARD Bank is driven by its mission to promote accessible, affordable, and adequate financial services for all. The bank offers micro and business loan products, savings products, and remittance services. The bank opening was graced by CARD Bank President and CEO Marivic Austria, Executive Vice President Lourdes Dijan, Senior Adviser Lorenza Bañez, staff, members, and representatives from other CARD MRI institutions. CARD Bank is a member institution of CARD MRI, a group of mutually reinforcing institutions that aims to eradicate poverty in the country by promoting financial inclusion. To date, the bank has served more than 3.1 million clients nationwide.



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EDITORIAL:

A decent life

At a time when stomachs grumble, their echoes sweeping across all levels of our society, we cannot help but remember a previously reported P10,000-budget for a typical family of five: Parents and three children.

In simple arithmetic, that amounts to P333.33 per day, or P66.66 per member per day—absolutely a ridiculously contemptible proposition, even assuming that those who suggest such hypothesis is applicable to the modest aspirations of a few, which should not be taken as the prototype for the majority.

Such submissions, which could be explained and corrected eventually as officials did in fact, are, at the very least unrealistic and sterile as Blanquism—the revolutionary doctrine raised by the French socialist Louis-Auguste Blanqui—against which the 19th century Marxists inveighed so heavily for its shameless impracticability.

We note that the National Economic and Development Authority, challenged by many—not only those who live in makeshift dwellings but in some upper echelon economic blocks—has corrected reports that the P10,000 budget for a typical Fili-

pino family was only “hypothetical” and then added it has no “convention” or protocol over what is an appropriate figure for a “decent life.”

A revelation by the government body that 79 percent of respondents aspired for a simple life, 16.9 percent wanted an affluent life, and only 3.9 percent wanted a rich life—the 0.2 percent likely undecided—has shown enough rungs that invite an honest-to-goodness dissection.

Particularly since respondents have described a “simple life” as consisting of a medium-sized home, enough earnings to support everyday needs, at least one car, financial capacity to support children’s college education, and money for local trips.

To afford these things, we give it to NEDA which argued that a family must have a monthly income of P120,000 to be able to address these things.

With prices of prime commodities rising faster than a thunderclap, not to mention the inflation that rolls on with the capacity of the family to keep up for a decent standard of living, it is incumbent upon employers, legislators and the government to focus on what would make a Filipino live decently.

Caviteño ...

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Cavite Provincial Government through the initiative of Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office and Cavite Migration and Development Office spearheaded the celebration of Cavite Balikbayan Day in observance of the International Migrants Day on December 18, 2019 at the Provincial Gymnasium, Trece Martires City. Hundreds of Overseas Filipinos, Overseas Filipino Workers and their respective families attended the affair.

Provincial Administration for Community Affairs Alvin Mojica officially opened the program by welcoming the guests and participants of the event. He stressed that the provincial government under the leadership of Governor Juanito Victor Remulla will continuously provide assistance and services to Caviteños especially to the OFWs.

Several topics of interest to OFWs were discussed. Ms. Aileen Constantino Peñas, Executive Director of Atikha, Inc. talked about the migration and development regional situation. According to the data, CaLaBaRZon has the biggest share of OFWs in the country with 17.9% of OFWs coming from the region. She also tackled the GEAR UP (Go Earn Achieve Return Uplift Philippines) Reintegration Preparedness Program that focuses on bringing home OFWs and providing them with sustainable jobs and businesses through social and economic programs such

as facilitation of savings, investments and engaging in entrepreneurial activities. Likewise, Ms. Rozelle Carrera, Administrative Officer III of the Commission on Filipinos Overseas discussed the Balikbayan – overseas Filipinos’ one stop online portal for diaspora engagement. Mr. Rommel Ramallosa, Supervisor of Pag-ibig Fund - Dasmariñas Branch, explained the Modified Pag-ibig 2 Program and encouraged OFs to save and invest under the MP2 Program. Furthermore, a former OFW, Mr. Roel Pamintuan shared the hardships and trials they went through after leaving the country and returning home as well as their story of success as entrepreneur.

Participants were entertained by the cultural dance presentations performed by the senior citizens from the municipalities of Carmona, Mendez and Naic and the cities of Bacoor and Imus. Municipality of Mendez took the first place while Carmona and City of Bacoor got the second and third spot, respectively.

Moreover, certificate of recognition was awarded to the municipalities of Carmona and Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo as well as to Kaysuyo OFW Association of Alfonso, Daine I and II OFW Association and Agus-os OFW Association of Indang for their efforts and initiatives in promoting programs on migration and development in their localities. (Janice D. Patulot)

Multi Purpose Center Para sa Kapulisan, Pinasinayaan sa Laguna

BAY ,LAGUNA- Pinasinayaan noong nakaraang Miyerkules ang multi-purpose center ng 1st Laguna Mobile Force Company sa Camp Sandigan Brgy.Macban, na pinangunahan ni Command Officer PLTCOL Elmer Bao.

Dumalo naman si Laguna Police Provincial Director PCol Eleazar P. Matta na nanguna sa pagpapasinaya at unveiling ng Marker ng nasabing gusali.

Nagsagawa naman ng candle lightning ceremony si Pastor Marlon Lorenzana na kung saan ang lahat ay binigyan ng pagkakataon ng maka pag partake ng Banal na hapunan.

Nakibahagi din ang Advisory Council sa nasabing programa sa pangunguna ni Chairman Romeo Race na siya naman nanguna sa ginawang fund raising. Upang maisakatuparan ang pgpapagawa ng building. Habang kabilang dito ang apat na lider ng Maneuver Platoon ng 1LPMFC.

Nabuo ang Multi-Purpose Center na ito dahil sa mga proyekto na isinagawa ng Advisory Council una ay ang fun run sa Mount Bulalo Uphill Challenge na ang konsepto ay binuo naman ni PSMS. Ivan Velasco. Kasunod nito ang Dinner For a Cause noong buwan ng Nobyembre sa Villa Riza Mini Garden Pavilion sa San Pablo City.

Personal din naman nagbigay ng donasyon ng halagang 10,000.00 si Mr.Romeo Race kay Col.Elmer Bao para sa karagdagan pondo sa pagpapagawa nito.

Tunay nga na ang matibay,matatag at magandang samahan ng Advisory Council at ng 1LPMFC ay maituturing na katagumpayan ng bawat isa. Dahil ito ang naging susi upang maisakatuparan na mabuo ang Multi- Purpose center. (Kevin Pamatmat)

SHARE A BEAR THIS CHRISTMAS WITH SM BEARS OF JOY!



Make this Christmas merrier as you share a bear this season! Collect all four (4) cute SM Bears of Joy 2019 for only 200Php per pair, one for the generous shopper and one for a child in need of a cuddly friend this season. Donating shoppers can leave a sweet holiday message in the bear that might go to orphanages or schools chosen by SM. So grab your gifts for the kiddos and tell them they made a child happier this season as well! SM Bears of Joy 2019 is available at the Event Center, SM City Bacoor lower ground floor.

EXTRAJUDICIAL

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF STATE WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late FELIX TALPLACIDO, 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 philippine currency 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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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,xxxxconsisting 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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With the sudden surge in Grab fares, Senator Win Gatchalian wants to see a logical basis why the ride-hailing firm imposes such fare matrix. Gatchalian not only asks the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) to make sure rules on surge pricing is being followed, the lawmaker also wants the transport regulator to re-assess Grab’s fare matrix.

“The high fare is killing the festive mood of many Filipino commuters. We don’t want to let Grab play the Grinch who stole Christmas from Juan de la Cruz because of high fare,” he said.

Based on the fare matrix approved by the LTFRB last August 1, 2019, Transportation Network

Transport regulator needs to re-assess Grab fare matrix

Vehicle Services (TNVS) companies shall charge a flag down rate of up to PHP40 for car sedans, up to PHP50 for premium Asian utility vehicles/sport utility vehicles (SUV) and up to PHP30 for hatchbacks/sub-compact vehicles.

The LTFRB also allowed a PHP15 additional charge per kilometer for sedans, PHP18 for SUVs, and PHP13 for hatchbacks—aside from the PHP2 charge per minute of travel. It also allowed TNVS companies to double their per kilometer and per minute charge through surge pricing.

Grab has explained that the company is currently “working on a very limited number of drivers to serve an exponentially high demand.” On the other hand, Gatchalian wants Grab to explain why it has to impose surge pricing even in the wee hours of the morning when the demand is low and there are fewer vehicles on the road.

As a long-term solution to the problem, Gatchalian cited the importance of having and pro-

moting real competition in the ride-hailing industry. By having real competition in the industry, Gatchalian said, Grab may be forced to lower its surge pricing as commuters will have the option to choose which service provider they will take.

While there are small players in the industry, Gatchalian admits that they cannot effectively compete with Grab’s resources. That’s why he encourages big players with deep pockets to enter the TNVS space in the country.

“Without competition in the ride-hailing industry, our poor commuters will always be at the mercy of high fares. Kaya naman sinusupportahan natin ang pagpasok ng ibang players sa industriyang ito, gaya na lamang ng TNVS GoJek, upang may pagpipilian ang ating mga commuters at hindi sila nagtitiyaga sa mataas na singil ng pamasaha ng Grab,” the senator said.

Since the departure of Uber in the country, commuters have constantly complained of high fares as a result of Grab’s dominance in the industry.

Launching of “Byaheng Masaya Lang” Vlog

The Municipal Government of Carmona, through its Municipal Information, Tourism, Culture and Arts Office (MITCAO), launched the first episode of their first ever local government unit (LGU) vlog entitled “Byaheng Masaya Lang”, patterned after its battlecry acronym BML or Bayan Muna Lagi, on December 18, 2019 in their official social media accounts. The first episode of “Byaheng Masaya Lang” was shot during the Christmas Lighting ceremony of the municipality held on November 15, 2019 where they featured the locals enjoying the Christmas lights presented at the municipal plaza. The video also contained short but fun-filled interviews with the citizens of Carmona regarding Christmas-related questions, songs, and events. “Nawa ang liwanag na ibinibigay ng ating mga ilaw ay magpaliwanag din ng ating damdamin at isipan tungo sa mas matibay na pagmamahalan, pagtutulungan, at pagkakaisa,” said Atty. Roy M. Loyola, the Municipal Mayor of Carmona, in

GIFTS FOR EVERYONE AT THE SM STORE

With Christmas fast approaching, spread the magic and prep for holiday gift giving with a little help from The SM Store.

Glorious gifting ideas for everyone spread cheers as you enter the store. This year promises an extra magical shopping experience: from the wide merchandise selection, to the cool window displays, and festive decorations, customers will happily agree #ItsChristmasAtSM. After all, The SM Store is all about festivity, love, and celebration! It is the go-to destination for everything you need for the holidays.

Here, you can find best gifts for your loved ones – jewelry to cherish for her to gifts of time in dapper designs for him; fragrances and gifts of style – clothes, accessories, shoes and bags. Cute bling for kids and kids at heart. Coffee makers for coffee lovers and other home entertaining picks.

And there’s more! Check out The SM Stores’ holiday gift guide catalog filled with the best giftables in-store, plus a naughty or nice checklist for the kids. Don’t forget the voucher next time you’re in the store to get the special discount.

Visit The SM Store today and share the joy with us on social media using #ItsChristmasAtSM.



Photo caption: Pro-tip: Throw in a penny board if you’re feeling extra generous. Get stylish gifts for kids this Christmas at The SM Store.

SM HYPERMARKET-SM CITY MOLINO WELCOMES PERSONS WITH AUTISM IN THEIR FAMILY

SM CITY MOLINO, CAVITE - Shoppers can’t help but notice the welcoming vibe of the new members of SM Hypermarket at SM City Molino. Cheery employees are added to the Autism at Work Initiative of SM Market creating a workplace inclusion and immersion program for Persons

With Autism (PWAs) in partnership with the Autism Society Philippines. ASP National President Mona Magno-Veluz commended this effort as SM leads the way in HR and training best practices in handling neurodiverse workers. “ Using existing procedures, they were

able to provide reasonable accommodations to PWAs, by innovating their recruitment, training and performance management processes. We hope more companies emulate SM Market’s approach to inclusive employment.”

This year, the

program aims to successfully immerse over 90 PWAs in 32 SM Markets stores nationwide. The success reached by the program in 2018 was recognized by the International Association of Business Communicators during the recent 17th Philippine Quill Awards.



REBISCO CELEBRATES FILIPIBO HERITAGE

THE 219 rebisco Special Designer Tin Cans A Celebration of Filipino Heritage

As part of continuing efforts to promote a strong sense of Filipino Heritage, the Iconic Filipino Biscuit brand, Rebisco, Brings back the Rebisco Special Designer Tin Cans.

Rebisco partners with the Regional Lead School of the Arts of Agono (RLSAA) and with other well-known artists to help bring to life this year's theme.

"When we say heritage, we refer to two things: The heritage of Agono as the cradle of art and cultural treasures, and the heritage of the Rebisco Special Designer Tin Can as an important

part of Filipino life". says Rey de los Reyes, Marketing Director of Rebisco.

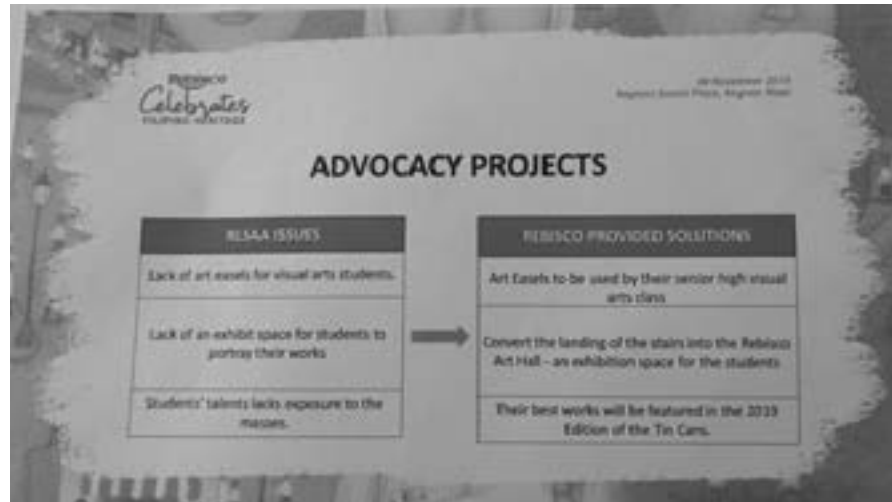
"This year, we are bringing back the Special Designer Tin Cans featuring artworks from a news set of artists- Dominic Rubio and Aljo Pingol, plus 3 budding artists from the city's first and only art-based academic school, the Regional Lead School for the Arts in Angono or RLSAA," he adds.

Rebisco also extends to RLSAA much needed assistance to the RLSAA and the young visual artists in the school by donating art materi-

als and easels, stressing the importance of helping even through small means.

de los Reyes says "To most people, art is a hobby, a diversion, a passion, or a collection, but to these students, art could be a ticket to a better life. We're proud to say that some of the graduates of this school are now successful artists and art practitioners."

The 2019 Rebisco Special Designer Tin Cans will be unveiled in an event that happens on Nov. 8, 2019 at the Reynors Events Place, Angono, Rizal.

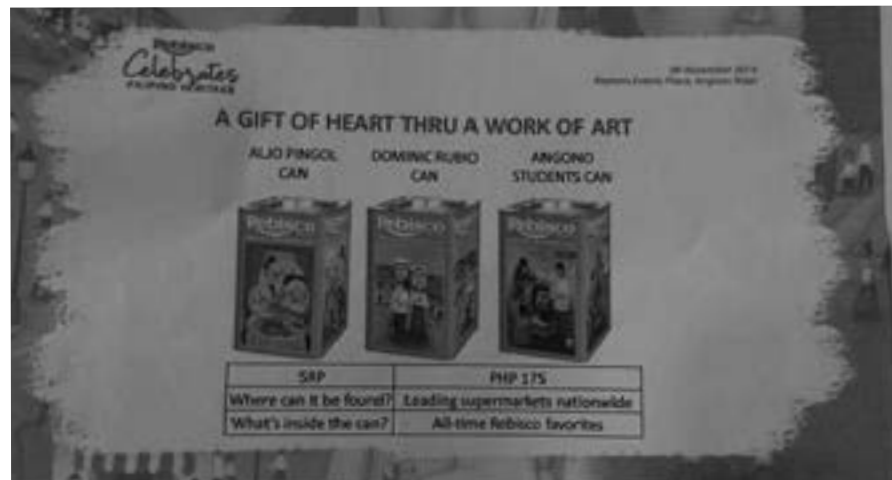
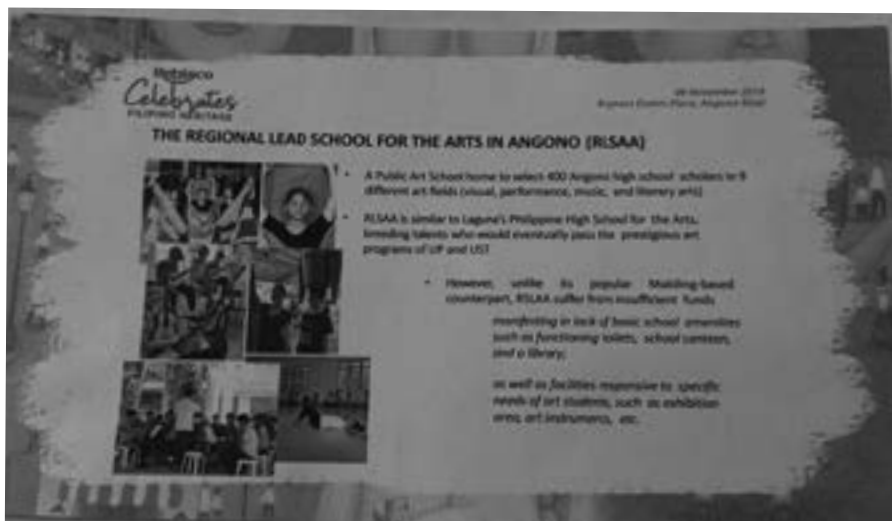
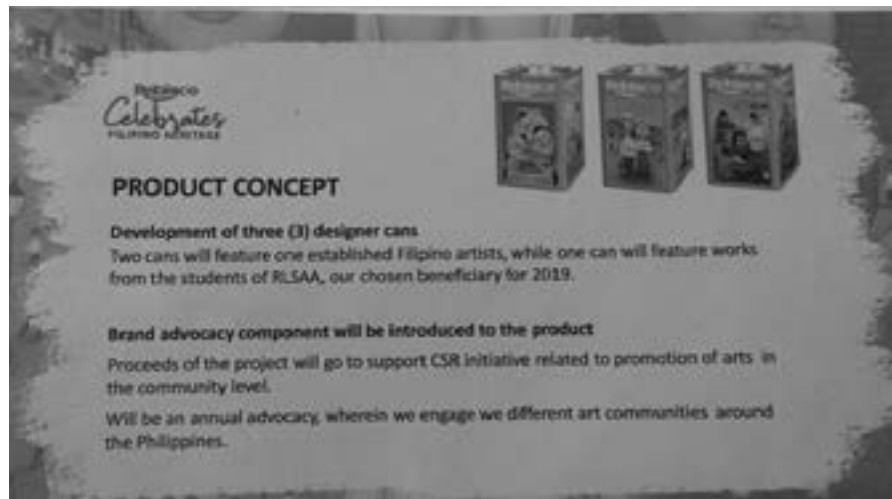


REBISCO'S COMMITMENT: MOVING FORWARD

To help sustain Philippine Art Communities nationwide, every year a different town/ar community that serves as a wellspring of art.

How?

- > Art communities that will be tapped for the Cans, will rotate every year.
- > It will be a nationwide campaign, seeking to also help the underdeveloped art communities in Visayas and Mindanao as well.



IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR WITH SM CITY BACCOOR'S SECOND RUN OF THE GRAND MAGICAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

SM CITY BACCOOR, CAVITE - The grandest and most spectacular Christmas Parade made more shoppers merrier this season at SM City Bacoor as performers sprinkled the fun around the mall on its second leg. A sparkly and galammed up musical parade with colorful floats of Princesses, mascots, and lots of Christmas characters including our all time favorite Santa Claus made everyone cheer with delight. Kids were thrilled at the sight of these friendly and charming Princes and Princesses who made the show even more magical and enchanted.



SM CITY BACCOOR EMPLOYEES RETURNED CASH AND LOST ITEMS AMIDST THE CHRISTMAS RUSH



SM CITY BACCOOR, CAVITE - In the midst of the holiday rush, shoppers who are in panic and ecstatic about discounts and exclusive offers sometimes forgets about their valuables in places they cannot recall. Good thing SM City Bacoor have honest employees who are valuing integrity more than the value of the items they have found in the mall. Some of these are SG Ryan Tangcalagan of Combined Blue Dragon Security Services Inc. who values hard earned money more than easy cash from someone who might need them, SG Johndory T. Villa of Combined Blue

Inc. who said that his job is more important than the money he found, and LG Michelle Minguez of Combined Blue Dragon Security Agency, were also highly commended with their sincere act of returning the cash they found during their respective roving inspection while on duty.

"I did not hesitate surrendering the items I found for several reasons; it is part of my training and responsibility to secure lost item, the said items do not belong to me, and my conscience cannot bear to take away what is not mine." LG Minguez stated. "More than anything else, I think the person who lost it worked hard for it and needs it. I also would not trade my credibility as a security officer of this establishment into any amount."

Aside from these commendable employees of SM City Bacoor, SG Aaron Sindac of Defense Specialist Security Agency Inc., SG Reynaldo Dulaca of Defense Specialist Security Agency Inc. returned a camera found unattended.



These deeds are reflective of SM's Corporate value of honesty and integrity and bespeaks well of the attribute of a good member of SM Security force, worthy of praise and emulation. Truly, these heroes brought honor and pride not only to themselves, their family and security agency but also to SM group of companies in general. In this regard, SIC LEYIS and SG ALBINO both deserves a commendation.

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City of Bacoor

Foreclosure No. 2019-214

For: Extra-judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage

NATIONAL HOMES MORTGAGE FINANCE CORP., Mortgagee,

-VERSUS-
BENJAMIN M. DE GUZMAN, married to BELEN DE GUZMAN

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE

Upon Extra-judicial for Sale under Act 3135 as Amended by Act 4118 filed by the mortgagee-assignee NATIONAL HOMES MORTGAGE FINANCE CORP., OF 104 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City, and against the mortgagors, BRNJAMIN M. DE GUZMAN married to BELEN DE GUZMAN od #14 Tuschia St., Manuela Subd., Las Pinas City to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of October 2019, amounts to ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY NINE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FOUR PESOS & 95/100 (P1,489,904.95) Philippine Currency. Exclusive of interest, penalty charges, the undersigned or her duly authorized representative will sell at the public auction on January 24, 2020 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the main entrance of the Hall of Justice of Bacoor City, Cavite, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to-wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-403429

"A parcel of Land (Lot 15 of the cons-subd, plan. Pcs-042103-007290, being a portion of the the cons of Lots 2,6,8,9,10,11,12,14,15,16,17,19,21,22,23, 24,25 & 26, blk.7 (LRC) Pcs. 5578, L.R. C Rec. No.), situated in the Brgy. of Molino, Mun. of Bacoor, Prov. of Cavite. X x x, containing an area of EIGHTY EIGHT (88) SQUARE METERS."

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

"In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on January 31, 2020, without further notice." Prospective buyers or bidder are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrances, if any there be.

City of Bacoor, December 16, 2019

LIZA D. VICTA
Clerk of Court IV

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Mr. & Mrs. BENJAMIN M. DE GUZMAN and BELEN DE GUZMAN-#14 Tuschia St., Manuela Subd., Las Pinas Metro Manila-Camella Homes Springville Heights Bldg 7, Lot 15, Molino, Bacoor, Cavite

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

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Talented Tanauenos, nag-pasiklaban sa Soloista at Dance Revolution 2019 - Bilang bahagi ng pagdiriwang ng Kapaskuhan sa lungsod, isinagawa ang mga paligsahan na naglalayong kilalanin ang mga Tanaueno na may angking talento sa pag-awit at pagsayaw, ang Tanauan Soloista na ginanap noong Disyembre 14, 2019 sa Pres. Jose P. Laurel Memorial Gymnasium I at Tanauan Dance Revolution na ginanap naman noong Disyembre 15 sa Tanauan City Gymnasium II. Tagumpay na isinagawa ang programa sa pangunguna ni Mayor Mary Angeline Haili at ng Sangguniang Panlungsod sa pamumuno ni Vice Mayor Atty. Herminigildo Trinidad Jr., sa ilalim ng pangangasiwa ng Community Affairs Office. Mayroong tatlong (3) kategorya ang Tanauan Soloista kung saan namayagpag ang galing sa pagkanta ni Jannah Drish V. Cayaban mula sa Brgy. Pantay Matanda sa Kids Category na para sa mga batang edad anim (6) hanggang labindalawang (12) taon. Si

Nicole L. Arañez mula sa Brgy. Bilogbilog naman ang nanalo sa Junior Category para sa labintatlo (13) hanggang dalawampu't isang (21) taong gulang, at tinanghal namang kampeon si Mary Ann V. Tablada ng Brgy. Maria Paz sa Senior Category na para sa mga kalahok na edad dalawampu't dalawa (22) hanggang apatnapu't lima (45). Samantala, humataw naman sa sayawan ang mga kalahok sa Dance Revolution kung saan umangat ang talento ng grupong Agent Family na nagmula sa Brgy. Poblacion 3 na siyang tinanghal na kampeon mula sa sampung (10) magkakatangal-ing pangkat. Bukod kay Kon. Glen Win Gonzales na nauna ng dumalo sa "grand finals night" ng Tanauan Soloista, dumalo din at nakiisa sa paggawad ng parangal para sa Dance Revolution ang ilang miyembro ng Sangguniang Panlungsod na sina Kon. Cylene Marqueses, Kon. Angel Burgos at SK Federation President John Kennedy Macalindong. (Maureen Jenzen Nones / CIO Tanauan | Photo Courtesy: Jun Mojares / December 18, 2019)#

Government to consult stakeholders to transform PHL agribusiness sector

More than 500 stakeholders involved in agribusiness will be discussing issues affecting the sector at the 10th Sulong Pilipinas this week at the SMX Convention Center in Lanang, Davao City, in a move to call government action for reforms in the farm sector.

The Departments of Finance (DOF) and of Agriculture (DA), in partnership with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), will host this large delegation of public and private/business sector stakeholders for the Sulong Pilipinas 2019 Agribusiness Summit on Dec. 17.

DA Secretary William Dar said the country's public and private stakeholders will continue to work together in "transforming traditional agri-fishery farms into inclusive, resilient and globally competitive agribusiness enterprises."

For his part, Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III said the holding of the Sulong Pilipinas for Agribusiness "is how public-private partnership works. The government side delivers the medium. The private sector delivers the content. It is a productive symbiosis."

Sulong involves a series of consultative conferences between the Duterte administration and the private sector, which started in June 2016 also in Davao City before then-Mayor Rodrigo Roa Duterte took over as President.

For the 10th edition of this dialogue, participants from the agribusiness community will discuss a wide range of issues to produce actionable recommendations to help the government focus its efforts on implementing game-changing reforms in the agribusiness sector.

fisheries; coconut; high-value crops (cacao, coffee, rubber, banana, mango and vegetables); infrastructure; and farm consolidation/clustering and agri-tourism.

Recommendations to accelerate the implementation of these actionable programs will then be presented to President Duterte.

In addition to Dar and Dominguez, also invited to the event are other Cabinet members, among them Secretaries Roy Cimatu of Environment and Natural Resources, John Castrociones of Agrarian Reform and Eduardo Año of the Interior and Local Government.

Representatives from the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI), Go Negosyo advocacy group, Makati Business Club (MBC) and Davao City Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc. (DCCCI) have signified their participation in the event.

This collaboration between DA and DOF with private sector stakeholders is expected to make for a more robust agribusiness sector founded on Dar's eight paradigms of the 'New Thinking' for agriculture, which includes modernization and industrialization, among other crucial elements in sectoral transformation.

President Duterte has carried out initiatives to energize the farm sector, including signing Republic Act (RA) No. 11203 or the Rice Tariffication Law (RTL) that has lowered the retail cost of rice while establishing an annual P10 billion Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF), which is meant to boost rice productivity by providing farmers with inputs like modern farm machinery and equipment, high-yield seeds, cheap and easy credit, and skills training programs on farm mechanization and modern farming techniques. (dof.gov.ph)

Share the gift of SMiles this Christmas at SM



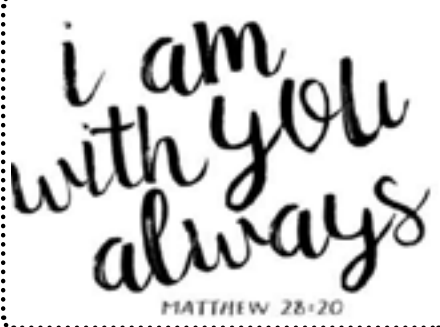
While Christmas is a season of great joy, many people around the world are so burdened by life's hardships that they can see little else. That is why sharing what you have, as simple as giving warm hugs can be a source of hope this Christmas.

It's reaching out to people who endured a lot, spending time with impoverished orphans or elderly adults who have no family to care for them may seem simple but can turn out to be the best Christmas gift. This is the goal behind SM Cares, sharing the love and compassion to those who

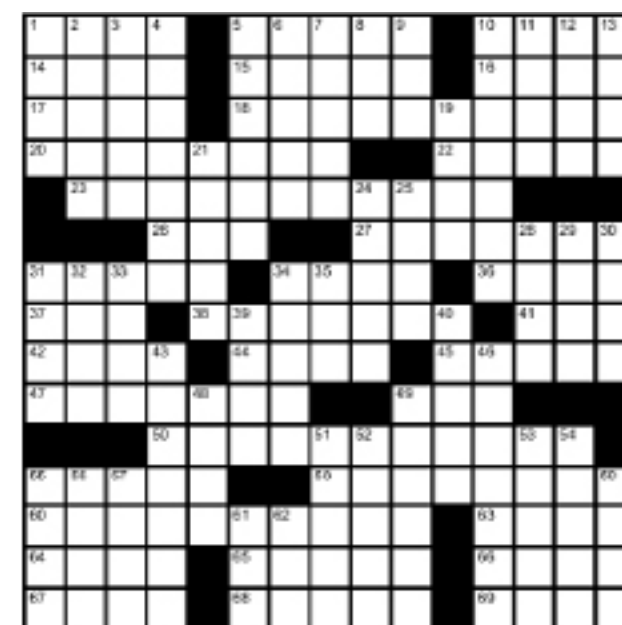
needed it most.

SM believe sharing the message of hope goes hand in hand with showing people how we can take care more for them. This is the heart behind the "ChriSMiles", the gift-giving tradition continues as employee's gives their time for a cause and this project was held simultaneously across different SM Malls nationwide. While that may sound like a cliché, focusing on the true meaning of Christmas can actually be a surprising source of comfort. It leads directly to hope and pervasive healing.

Ms. Niña Wong said that SM employees are humbled by the experience. SM Senior HR Manager Jaymee Guinto said that the volunteers are mostly the SM frontliners from the Customer Service Department, Mall Operations and SM Admin. Ms. Nina Wong emphasized that the activity is really a celebration of hope, love and peace. "Faith makes all things possible, Hope makes all things work, Love makes all things beautiful, May you have all the three his Christmas. Merry Christmas." Ms. Wong added.



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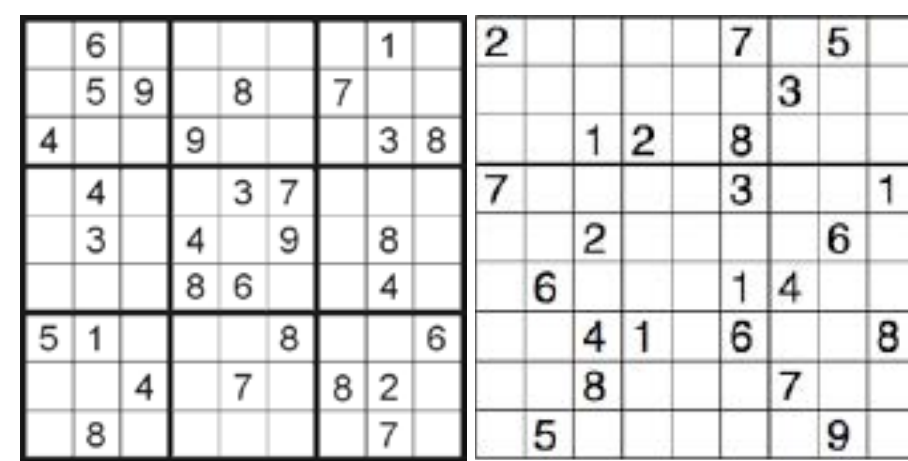
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HALAMANG GAMOT

NEEM TREE



Scientific name: Azadirachta indica A. Juss.
Common name: Nim (Tagalog); Neem tree (Ingles)

ANONG BAHAGI NG HALAMAN ANG GINAGAMIT BILANG GAMOT, AT PAANO GINAGAMIT ANG MGA ITO?

- Dahon. Ang mga dahon ay maaaring dikdikin at ipantapal sa ilang uri ng kondisyon.
Ugat. Ang ugat ng halaman ay karaniwan namang nilalaga at ininom.
Bunga. Ang bunga ng halaman ay maaaring ding kainin para sa ilang kondisyon.
Balat ng kahoy. Karaniwan ding nilalaga ang balat ng kahoy para mapakinabangan sa panggagamot.
ANO ANG MGA SAKIT NA MAAARING MAGAMOT NG NEEM TREE?
1. Pagdurugong gilagid (gingivitis).
2. Pilay (sprain).
3. Bulate sa tiyan.

sa sikmura.
4. Lagnat. Mabisa rin para sa lagnat ang pag-inom sa pinaglagaan ng balat ng kahoy ng neem.
5. Almoranas. Makatutulong naman sa kondisyon ng almoranas ang madalas na pagkain ng bunga ng neem.
6. Galis. Maaari namang ipampahid sa balat na appektado ng galit ang dinikdik na dahon ng neem.
7. Malaria. Matutulungan naman ng pag-inom sa pinaglagaan ng sariwang dahon ng neem na mapahupa ang sintomas na nararanasan kaugnay ng sakit na malaria.
8. Sugat. Mabisa naman na panlunas sa sugat ang pagpapahid ng dinikdik na dahon ng neem.

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DOF thanks Congress for ratifying bill on tax hikes for alcohol, e-cigarettes

The Department of Finance (DOF) has thanked the Congress for ratifying the bill increasing excise taxes on alcohol, heated tobacco and vapor products, a reform expected to raise an additional P137.2 billion over a 5-year period to augment funding for the Universal Health Care (UHC) Program.

Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III said the reconciled version of the bill, which was ratified Wednesday by the Senate and the House of Representatives, will increase funds for the UHC, and at the same time is hoped to deter binge drinking and the use of harmful vaping and heated tobacco products (HTPs), especially among the youth and low-income consumers who are sensitive to price increases.

"We thank the Senate and the House of Representatives for ratifying the bill, which is an investment in the future of our people, and will help

President Duterte deliver on his administration's goal of providing a safe, comfortable, and healthy life for every law-abiding Filipino," Dominguez said.

Dominguez also thanked Senator Pia Cayetano, who chairs the Senate ways and means committee, and Albay Representative Joey Salceda, the chairperson of the House ways and means committee, for "painstakingly studying the measure and holding extensive consultations with concerned stakeholders, and spearheading efforts that led to the swift approval of the bill in their respective chambers."

He said Sen. Cayetano and Rep. Salceda both demonstrated their strong advocacy to push for better health care for our people by committing to align the proposals of the Senate and the House to ensure that the ratified version will get approved before the Congress adjourned for the

holidays. This gives the President enough time to review the measure and sign it into law, in time for its implementation at the start of 2020.

President Duterte earlier certified the Senate version of this sin tax reform bill as an urgent measure. The House of Representatives approved its version of the measure in August.

Finance Undersecretary Karl Kendrick Chua said that under the reconciled bill approved by the bicameral conference committee, 60 percent of revenues collected from the excise taxes on alcohol products and e-cigarettes, such as heated tobacco and vapor (vaping) products, will go to the UHC, while 20 percent will be spent for medical assistance and health facilities.

The remaining 20 percent will go to programs that will help the government fulfill its commitments under the

United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

He said the bill is estimated to raise an initial P22.2 billion in the first year of implementation, based on Department of Finance (DOF) estimates.

Over a five-year period from 2020 to 2024, the DOF estimates revenues totalling P137.2 billion.

The ratified bill also includes a provision that would exempt the sale and importation of all prescription medicines for high cholesterol, diabetes, and hypertension from the value-added tax (VAT).

This VAT exemption would then be extended to include medicines for mental illness, cancer, kidney diseases, and tuberculosis by 2023.

Chua said the DOF is studying the revenue impact of these VAT exemptions as preliminary data suggests the projected revenue loss from this

tax break can reach P5.2 billion on the first year of implementation or a total of P35.1 billion by the end of 2024. With this, the net incremental revenue of the ratified bill is P17.1 billion in 2020, and a total of P102.1 billion by 2024.

The ratified bill also prohibits the sale of HTPs and vaping products to non-smokers and those below 21 years old.

For fermented liquors, a specific tax of P35 per liter will be imposed in 2020, which will subsequently increase by P2 per liter per year until it reaches P43 per liter in 2024. Thereafter, the rate will increase by 6 percent every year.

Distilled spirits will be taxed with a 22 percent ad valorem tax on top of a specific tax of P42 per proof liter in 2020, which will increase to P47 per proof liter in 2021, P52 per proof liter in 2022, P59 per proof liter in 2023 and P66 per proof liter in 2024. Thereafter, the rate will in-

crease by 6 percent every year.

Alcopops will be taxed similar to the rates for distilled spirits.

For wines, both still and sparkling, the specific tax is at P50 per liter in 2020, and will increase by 6 percent yearly thereafter.

HTPs will be taxed with new rates of P25 per pack in 2020, P27.50 in 2021, P30 in 2022, P32.50 in 2023, and 5 percent yearly thereafter.

A tax of P45 per 10 milliliter of conventional freebase vapor products will be imposed in 2020, P50 in 2021, P55 in 2022, P60 in 2023. Thereafter, the rate will increase by 5 percent every year.

For salt nicotine vapor products, the tax of P37 per millimeter will be imposed on the first year, and additional P5 per ml per year until the rate reaches P52 per ml in 2024. Thereafter, the tax will be increased by 5 percent every year.

Enchanted Kingdom Hosts CALABARZON Tourism Expo 2019

The DOT Region IV-A held the CALABARZON Tourism Expo last December 11-13, 2019 at the first and only world-class theme park, Enchanted Kingdom, in Sta. Rosa City, Laguna. The expo showcased the best tourism spots of the region, along with local products, and special cultural presentations.

The first day of the expo was kicked off by a Tourism Appreciation Night attended by special guests, partners, and local officials. DOT Region IV-A Officer-in-Charge Marites T. Castro and DOT Assistant Secretary Maria

Rica Bueno expressed their gratitude to the public and private sectors, travel and tourism partners, for their continuous support in promoting tourism which has contributed to the region's progress.

The Pledge of Commitment of Support Toward Sustainable Tourism was also signed in order to strengthen the commitment to responsible tourism, especially where rich natural resources are involved.

Other highlights of the evening were the CALABARZON Regional Branding Launch

and the Tourism Excellence Recognition Ceremony, where Enchanted Kingdom was one of the awardees.

The regional branding #DiscoverCALABARZON aims to promote the region as a unique destination.



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