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From L to R: Senator Koko Pimentel's Chief of Staff Jeffrey Yu, DTI Assistant Secretary Demphna Du-Naga, DTI Regional Director Marcelina Alcantara, DTI Secretary Ramon Lopez, Senator Cynthia Villar, DTI Undersecretary Blesila Lantayona, and Atty Peter Pardo, Chief of Staff of Mayor Emi Calixto-Rubiano

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The City Government of Dasmariñas headed by Mayor Jennifer A. Barzaga provided all the 43 public schools with duplicating machines intended for learning materials and examination papers reproduction.

The City Government and the City Schools Division of Dasmariñas share the vision of putting premium in the education of every student.

In order to increase access for free learning materials and other paper-based learning assessments, each school received a duplicating machine from the City Government that will help lessen the schools' expenses for the said purpose.

Every young Dasmariño is a priority as we work together for a liberating education that truly changes lives.

CARD RBI brings financial services to Dipolog



CARD MRI Rizal Bank, Inc., a microfinance-oriented rural bank based in Laguna, extended its financial services to Dipolog City, Zamboanga del Sur on November 18, 2019. This is the second branch of CARD RBI in the Mindanao region.

CARD RBI President and CEO Elma Valenzuela shared that the bank is promoting financial inclusivity in Dipolog City as everyone is given equal access to financial services offered by the institution.

CARD RBI offers financial prod-

ucts and services such as micro and SME loans, savings products, and remittance services.

"We, at CARD RBI, aims to establish our bank in the marginalized sectors to meet their financial needs and eventually improve their lives," Valenzuela added.

The branch is its 30th branch in the country. Also present during the opening ceremony were CARD RBI BOD member Pascuala Geñoso, CARD MRI officers and staff, and CARD RBI clients.

CARD MRI RBI is a member institution of CARD MRI that aims to end poverty in the country through its financial and non-financial products and services.

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EDITORIAL:

Prevailing over fear

The landmark decision of Quezon City Judge Jocelyn Solis-Reyes in the Maguindanao massacre case was an important blow against impunity, but the 10-year legal battle to get to that point is far from over.

On Dec. 19, five members of the powerful Ampatuan clan were found guilty beyond reasonable doubt of the murder of 57 people, including 32 journalists and media workers, in the Nov. 23, 2009 massacre in Ampatuan town in Maguindanao, the worst case of election-related violence and the single biggest attack on journalists in the country's history.

Former Datu Unsay Mayor Andal Ampatuan Jr. and his brother, former Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao Gov. Zaldy Ampatuan, were convicted for 57 counts of murder. A 58th death, of photojournalist Reynaldo Momay, was not recognized by the court because his body was never found.

The two brothers and three other members of the clan were sentenced to 40 years in jail without parole, but it would be folly to believe that this is where the case ends.

Those found guilty may appeal the decision, a process that could add more years to the 10-year-old case.

Furthermore, the damages that the guilty were ordered to pay to the victims' families, may be delayed as well until the Supreme Court upholds the verdict, which could take two years if the ruling is contested by the accused.

In this time, the accused may try to sell or transfer their real estate and other properties so that

these cannot be used to settle the damages.

Then of course, there are 80 more suspects still at large, many of whom are said to be the triggermen who carried out the massacre. The fact that the authorities have been unable to find them in 10 years highlights law enforcement gaps that must be filled.

All these give credence to the assessment by the Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism that "we still have unfinished business."

The government, the group noted, must consider the security concerns of the victims' families since 80 other suspects are still at large. The government must also move to preserve the assets of those who were found guilty to make sure they can be used to settle the damages imposed by the court. Finally, journalists, too, have a duty to their fallen colleagues to remain vigilant in their coverage of the continuing story.

None of this, of course, takes away from the achievement of Judge Reyes, who in a decade of hearings considered the testimony of 357 witnesses and a case record that reached up to 238 volumes.

Her decision to accept the case when the judge originally assigned to it begged off for fear about his own safety speaks of her courage, sense of duty, and ultimately, her triumph over fear.

This is the fear that the powerful seek to sow on their political rivals, their constituents—and the press. But a free press must speak truth to power—and not be cowed into keeping silent when the stakes are so high.

Bong Revilla...

FROM PAGE 1

Senator Bong Revilla wants all elementary and high school students to take a road safety and comprehensive drivers' education

He earlier filed Senate Bill No. 451 which aims to integrate basic road safety and comprehensive drivers' education in the curriculum of the K-12 program.

"The World Health organization considers road safety as a public health issue since one of the leading causes of death is road accidents," Revilla said.

"It is alarming that a lot of adults today have little or no knowledge of basic road safety and traffic rules and regulations," he said.

Studies show that many road accidents and mishaps resulted from ignorance or false understanding of traffic rules and regulations, he said.

A 2019 report from the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) showed that from 2012 to 2017, road accident is the

top leading cause of death among teenagers aged 15 to 19 and the 2nd leading cause of death from 2007 to 2011 among teens of the same age group.

The same report showed that road accident is the top leading cause of death among young adults aged 20 to 24 from 2013 to 2017 and the 2nd leading cause among young adults of the same group from 2006 to 2012.

The PSA also reported a 107.54 percent increase in deaths from road accidents among teens aged 15 to 19 or from 504 deaths in 2006 to 1,046 deaths in 2017.

There was also an 88.32 percent increase in deaths from road mishaps among young adults aged 20 to 24 or from 839 deaths in 2006 to 1,580 deaths in 2017.

According to the report, 8,886 teens aged 15 to 19 died from road tragedies between 2006 to 2017 while 13,509 young adults aged 20 to 24 died from the same cause between 2006 to 2017. (POLITICS.COM.PH)

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 LT-

Transport regulator needs to re-assess Grab fare matrix

FRB last August 1, 2019, Transportation Network 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 sinusuportahan 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.

Cavite PCPC Launches the First Milk Feeding Program in TMC

In accordance with Republic Act No. 11037 or the Masustansiyang Pagkain Para sa Batang Pilipino Act - a law on the establishment of a national feeding program for undernourished children in public day care centers, kindergarten and elementary schools, the Cavite Provincial Council for the Protection of Children launched the first Milk Feeding Program in the City of Trece Martires on December 16, 2019 at Sunshine Ville Child Development Center, Barangay Cabuco.

Selected as pilot LGU of the newest program, Trece Martires City is one of the LGUs with high number of undernourished children due to the transfer of residences of former informal settlers from other cities. The PCPC aims to assist the Child Development Center (CDC) with high incidence of undernourished children by providing the Milk Feeding Program. With the target 100 beneficiaries from Sunshine Ville 1 & 2, the program will benefit the vulnerable group of children aged 2-4 years old.

Mayor Gemma Lubigan in her short message thanked the provincial government and

the PCPC for selecting the City in the program launching. She urged the parents to give their full support to the program to improve the nutritional status of their children. Likewise, Ms. Nora de los Santos, City Social Welfare and Development Officer reminded the parents to avoid giving their children artificial drinks. The City government provided playpen, educational materials, building blocks and rubber mats during the launching. On the other hand, Ms. Brendalyn Salazar, Social Welfare Officer IV of the PSWDO gave a brief orientation of the program from identifying a CDC with high prevalence of underweight children, initial weighing, deworming and monthly reweighing to monitor and evaluate the progress weight of the child. Aside from the supplementary feeding, mothers' class sessions will also be conducted among the guardians and mothers of the recipients. The 120-day MFP will start on January 6, 2020.

Also present in the event were City Councilors, Provincial and City Social Welfare and Development staff, and parents of the children beneficiaries. (Rebecca A. Patricio)

Republic of the Philippines Four Judicial Region REGIONAL TRIAL COURT OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT 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 Amoroso 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, tp 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

DTI CHIEF EYES MORE FUNDS FOR MSMES IN LOCAL, INT'L TRADE FAIRS

MANDALUYONG - Trade Secretary Ramon Lopez said that the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) is awaiting the Senate's approval of additional budget to send more micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to local and international trade fairs.

Sec. Lopez shared that MSMES usually pay for their spaces at trade fairs, but if the agency's additional budget request will be approved, they would be able to provide said spaces for free.

"Market access is part of DTI's 7Ms of Successful Entrepreneurship and trade fairs give MSMES access to a wider market for their products. We hope that exposure in these five-day fairs will be the beginning of their en-

try to the mainstream and export markets," said Sec. Lopez.

DTI holds several regional and national trade fairs and heads the country's participation in international trade fairs, like the China International Import Expo (CIIE). This year, Philippine exhibitors booked around USD 390 million from CIIE, and Sec. Lopez hopes that with more funds, more MSMES can participate in CIIE and other trade fairs.

The trade chief, however, advised entrepreneurs to innovate continuously and work toward increasing their production capacity to meet future demands.

"Even if we're able to open market access to other countries, if MSMES don't have enough products, they will still end up with nothing to sell," said Sec. Lopez.

For MSMES looking for capital to increase production, he recommended DTI's Pondo sa Pagbabago at Pag-asenso (P3) Program, low-interest, no collateral business loan to combat "5-6" lenders. Entrepreneurs can go to any DTI Nego-

syo Center to know the nearest P3 conduit MFIs or cooperatives and loan amounts from PHP 5,000 to PHP 200,000. Those who wish to borrow larger amounts can go directly to the DTI-Small Business Corporation.

The Kalakal CALABARZON Trade Fair and Metro Fiesta will both run from December 4 to 8 at the Mega Trade Halls of SM Megamall. With 120 exhibitors from Metro Manila and 180 from Region 4A, shoppers can choose from a variety of products like processed food, wearables (footwear, bags, garments), and fashion accessories), and home and holiday decors.

Madame Honeylet Avanceña, a staunch supporter of MSME development and an entrepreneur herself, graced the opening of the trade expo. Also present were Senator Cynthia Villar, DTI Undersecretary Blesila Lantayona, DTI Assistant Secretary Demphna Du-Naga, DTI Regional Directors Malou Toledo, and Marcelina Alcantara, and Senator Koko Pimentel's Chief of Staff Jeffrey Yu.

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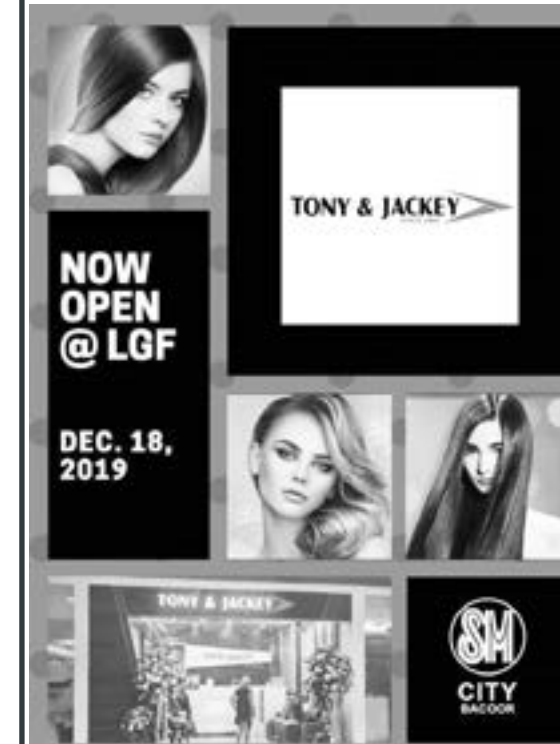
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TRAIN revenues exceed January-September estimates – DOF

Preliminary data from the Bureaus of Internal Revenue (BIR) and of Customs (BOC) show that their combined revenues from the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) Law exceeded estimates for the period January to September 2019.

Total revenues from TRAIN reached P91.3 billion in the first three quarters of 2019, outperforming the collections estimate for the same period of P77.3 billion, said Department of Finance (DOF) Undersecretary Karl Kendrick Chua, enabling the Duterte administration to allocate more funds for its aggressive spending on infrastructure and human capital development.

Chua said actual total revenues surpassed the estimates by P14.1

billion, or 18.2 percent above target.

In terms of its share to the full-year estimate, the reported revenue haul is about 80.8 percent of the projected P113.1 billion tax collections this year.

When compared to the actual TRAIN revenues during the same period last year, this year's nine-month haul was more than twice the estimated amount, or an increase of 107 percent, Chua said.

"This means we are now closer to completing the 2019 estimates, compared to where we were last year when we were trying to reach the 2018 estimates. This is definitely welcome news, especially for the infrastructure and human development objectives of TRAIN," Finance Under-

secretary Karl Kendrick Chua said.

Both the BIR and the BOC outperformed the government's estimated collections from TRAIN, as BIR's TRAIN tax haul exceeded estimates by P9.4 billion, while the BOC exceeded estimates by P4.7 billion.

Major gains during the first three quarters of 2019 came from personal income tax (PIT), imported petroleum excise tax, sweetened beverage (SB) excise tax, tobacco excise tax and the documentary stamp tax (DST), whose total take showed an increase of P42.4 billion.

"As you know, one of the most significant provisions of TRAIN was the lowering of PIT. Losses from this adjustment were originally estimated at P96.4 billion,

but actual losses were lower at P79.2 billion, or a savings of P17.2 billion. This was a result of better compliance, higher employment rate resulting in an increase in registered taxpayers, and lower unemployment and underemployment rates," Chua explained.

"Imported petroleum excise tax collections were above estimate by P14.3 billion, owing to higher-than-programmed volume of imported finished petroleum products, particularly diesel and gasoline. The overperformance is also evident in the overall BOC petroleum excise revenues for the first three quarters at P64.5 billion, which is more than double than the P31.2 billion recorded during the same period last year," Chua added.

"Clarity in the

implementation of the SB excise tax also improved revenue performance. The issuance of a revenue regulation that provided clear guidelines for the SB excise tax led to better compliance by the industry. The SB excise tax was above the estimate by P1.9 billion with both BIR and BOC exceeding their goals," Chua said.

Meanwhile, the tobacco excise tax take was also above estimate by P4.4 billion, a performance Chua attributed to "better compliance as the government sustained its crackdown on the illicit tobacco trade."

DST earnings were likewise above estimate by P4.7 billion, as a result of "higher transaction value and better collection efficiency," he said.

Shortfalls, however, were seen in the col-

lected excise taxes from automobiles and locally refined petroleum products, with their combined take short of the estimate by P25.2 billion. However, this is lower than the gain from other tax types.

"Automobile excise tax earnings were short by P11.3 billion owing to lower import volume. This was seen, too, in the overall BOC automobile excise tax collections, which totalled P23.8 billion below the estimate and lower than last year's take by 29.4 percent," Chua said.

"The excise tax collections from locally refined petroleum products was short by P13.9 billion because of to the decline in the volume of removals, and the shift to imported finished products," Chua added. (DOF.GOV)

Merrier ChriSMiles at SM CITY BACCOOR and SM CITY MOLINO!

BACCOOR, CAVITE - Sixty-one (61) cute little kids from Panapaan 5, Day Care Center, Bacoor City Cavite wore their biggest smile last December 20, 2019 as SM City Bacoor conducted a fun filled gift-giving activity with their ChriSMiles 2019. Fifty-eight (58) Volunteers from SM City Bacoor were happy to serve as they lead the children during the games and other activities. Mall Manager Ms. Josephine Arvesu gave a short but meaningful message to the kids before the fun begun.

The children were so happy dancing and playing with the employee volunteers who became their Christmas Buddies during the exciting games. Goodies and other treats were given along with the cute and cuddly SM Bears of Joy collected from the SM Bears Of Joy Project. And who would not smile with the sight of our favorite bee? Children were delighted as Jollibee gave a surprise dance number before they enjoy their journey with the exciting Rides at SM Storyland's Orbiter Ferris Wheel and Train.

Simultaneously, Fifty (50) kids from Citihomes Daycare Center were given a special treat by twenty-three (23) Volunteer Employees of SM City Molino during their ChriSMiles Program. Exciting games such as Candy Color Coding, The Boat is Sinking, and Stop Dance brought the children more fun. The employee volunteers also performed a special number followed by an intermission number performed by the cute and sweet kids from the Citihomes Daycare Center. Treats and SM Bears Of Joy were distributed before the kids munch on their favorite snacks at Jollibee.

Christmas is indeed merrier when people are freely giving and is filling the season with love, smiles and laughter. Thanks to the Malasakit of SM City Bacoor and SM City Molino's shoppers who bought and donated SM Bears of Joy, and their Employee Volunteers who served as this year's Christmas Elves. Surely, these children will be going home with lasting smiles with this year's ChriSMiles!



Kids enjoying the rides at SM City Bacoor's Storyland Orbiter



SM City Bacoor Volunteer Angela Balbuena having fun with her cute little fellas as they ride the Storyland Train



Volunteers from SM City Molino making this season merrier as they hand out Bears Of Joy to the kids



Kids from City Homes Daycare Center playing color game with SM City Molino's Volunteers



SM City Molino Volunteers Playing with the kids during the event



Children from Panapaan 5, Day Care Center, Bacoor City with their new cuddly friends SM Bears of Joy, and the volunteers from SM City Bacoor