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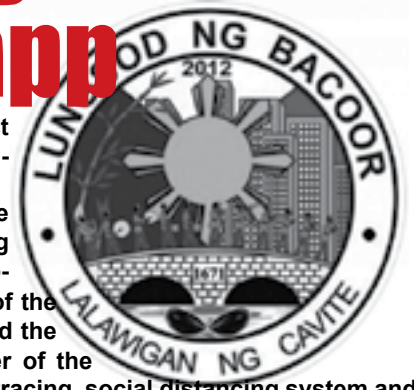
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Bacoor City unveils Stay Safe app



Stay Safe Bacoor aims to help in contact tracing, social distancing, and health condition reporting.

The local government here launched Friday, June 19, a contact tracing mobile application named 'Stay Safe Bacoor' as part of its effort to curb the spread of the coronavirus. Mayor Lani Mercado-Revilla led the launch at the Bacoor Government Center of the mobile app which aims to help in contact tracing, social distancing system and health condition reporting.

According to Revilla, users can download the application and just fill out the personal information required. "Makikita na po dito kung ikaw ay mild, severe or suspected cases" Users can also register their family members on this application.

"Mas maganda po kapag alam mo ang health condition ng mga kasa-ma mo sa inyong tahanan" Revilla said. (It would be better if you are aware of your health condition and those in your home.) This launch coincided with the 8th cityhood anniversary here.

Revenues down in H1 amid pandemic, but higher collections seen beginning June

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KOREAN GROUP DONATES COVID-19 TEST KITS TO PARAÑAQUE CITY



Parañaque City Mayor Edwin L. Olivarez received from a group of Korean businessmen 2,000 test kits for Covid-19, bolstering the City's capability to fight and manage the spread of the deadly virus.

The donation consists of 1,000 units of Standard Q AG (antigen) rapid test kits and another 1,000 units of Standard Q IgM/IgG COMBO (antibody) rapid test kits. Both are manufactured by SD Biosensor headquartered in Suwon,



South Korea and have been approved for use and distribution by the Food and Drug Administration.

Shown in photo with Mayor Olivarez during the turnover of donations are (from left) Ms. Eva Nono, Parañaque City External Affairs Officer; Dr. Jeffrey Pagsisihan, Hospital Director of Ospital ng Parañaque; Mr. Kim, Chong Pal, Chairman, WorldwideLink Trading Corp., Mr. Shin, Ho Chul, President, South Korean Community Association, Mr. Kim, Young Soo, Director of WorldwideLink Trading Corporation based in Manila; and Dr. Olga Virtuzio, Parañaque City Health Officer.

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EDITORIAL:

The longest year

Local executives elected in the May 2019 elections mark their first anniversary in office this week.

We are certain that when they campaigned to be elected to their current positions, they had no way of knowing that a global pandemic would accompany the usual challenges and temptations of the job.

In those pre-COVID days, progress, inclusive growth, resilience and good governance were among the aspirations of local government units. Each LGU's chance at success varied greatly, depending on its own history, attributes, baggage left by previous leaders, the culture of its people, and the qualities of its new leader.

It appeared that eschewing traditional practices and restrictive mindsets in the manner of governance could be good predictors of success. Younger executives, adept at technology, appreciative of science, and more inclined to make decisions based on hard data, seemed to be making good first impressions.

And then this pandemic brought the world to its knees. All of a sudden, all plans were put on hold and survival became the name of the game. Each leader grappled with the threat of the virus, and the corresponding economic consequenc-

es of the public health emergency, with whatever resources available. Some were lucky to have actual or vicarious experience running an LGU; others had a rude awakening.

While Filipinos look to the national leadership for direction, all policies, directives and assistance is delivered through the local government.

What an ordeal the past months have been—and the crisis is far from over. With the pandemic far from over, our local leaders will continue to be the face of the government, and will be the cause of our confidence in, or abhorrence of it.

The leaders who marked their first year on the job this year will be the ones to see us through as we make a transition to the so-called new normal. May best practices be highlighted, retold and replicated. May blunders and incompetence be rebuked.

These leaders' competence or ineptitude will determine whether we simply pick up from where we left off—or whether we have to work hard to recover after losing the equivalent of many years of progress.



DENTAL SERVICES NOW OPEN AT SM SANTA ROSA: What's up Southies! Now that we are under MGCQ, SM City Santa Rosa's personal care services is now open to serve you. For that much needed trip to your favorite dentist, South Dental Centre and Tooth and Style is now accepting walk in clients. Since safety is SM's utmost concern, all dental clinics are required to practice improved sanitation processes and clinic protocols to ensure safe dental procedures to all patients. For daily updates on open stores, visit SM City Santa Rosa on Facebook.

HEALTH PROTOCOLS COMPLIANCE CHECK CONTINUES AT MALLS IN CAVITE



Another successful DTI-PHO-Cavite Tourism-DOLE-LGU joint monitoring was conducted on July 03, 2020 in restaurants, barber shops, and salons in the province to ensure their compliance on the minimum health protocols.

All 14 establishments inspected at Robinsons Place Imus City were found to be compliant to the health and safety protocols. The monitoring team hopes that implementation of the guidelines set by IATF for the safety of mall goers remains consistent. — Rochelle D. Bawalan (Tourism Operations Officer II)



To schools: Mobilize Child Protection Committees to combat student abuse

in 2016, around 17.1 percent of children aged 13-18 experienced any form of sexual violence, the prevalence of which is in schools is at 5.3 percent.

The creation of CPCs was mandated in DepEd's Department Order No. 40 s. 2012, which outlines the department's child protection policy. CPCs are tasked to create schools' child protection policies, identify learners who may be experiencing abuse and exploitation, and to report cases involving child abuse.

CPCs are also expected to coordinate with the PNP-WCPD, the Local Social Welfare and Development Office (LSWDO), other government agencies, and non-government organizations.

The school head or administrator chairs the CPC, while a guidance counselor or teacher serves as the vice-chairperson. Parents and students are also represented in the CPC. The Punong Barangay also appoints a representative of the community, usually a member of the Barangay Council for the Protection of Children, to join the CPC.

"Hindi natin dapat pinapalagpas ang ang mang uri ng pag-aabuso o karahasan sa ating mga kabataan sa tahanan man o sa paaralan. Dahil sa

panganib na maaaring umakyat pa ang bilang ng mga kaso ng karahasan at pang-aabuso ngayong nasa gitna tayo ng pandemya, lalo nating dapat paingting ang mga hakbang upang bigyan ng proteksyon ang mga kabataan," said Gatchalian.

The Chairman of the Committee on Basic Education, Arts and Culture also warned that aside from abusive school personnel, learners are also at an increased risk of violence at home, where most learning will take place when classes reopen.

Citing data from the Philippine National Police Women and Children Protection Desks (PNP-WCPD), the President's 6th report to Congress on the implementation of the Bayanihan to Heal As One Act (Republic Act 11469) reported 521 cases of crimes against children as of April 30. By June 11, the cases soared to 2,077.

The Department of Justice (DOJ) also reported last May 25 that cases of online sexual exploitation of children (OSEC) surged by 264 percent. The DOJ Office of Cybercrime said 279,166 OSEC cases were recorded from March 1 to May 24. From the same period last year, there were only 76,561 cases recorded.

Revenues ...

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The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) and of Customs (BOC) collected a combined total of P1.155 trillion for the first half of 2020 as an unprecedented coronavirus pandemic continued to pummel the economy and restrict business activity in most parts of the country, according to preliminary data submitted to the Department of Finance (DOF).

Comparing this amount to the P1.375 trillion collected in the first half of 2019, it is P220.47 billion or 16 percent lower, but only P32.73 billion or 2.76 percent slightly below the target of 1.187 trillion for the January-June period this year.

The BIR, which accounts for the bulk of the government's tax collections, reported a tentative total of P901.96 billion collected in 2020's first semester.

This collection period includes the months when strict quarantine measures were imposed to contain the spread of the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) that led to a virtual economic standstill in Metro Manila and the rest of Luzon.

As a result, the BIR's January-June 2020 collection is P170.5 billion or 15.9 percent lower than the P1.072 trillion it collected during the same period last year. The January-June collection is also P31.52 billion or 3.38 percent less than the target of P933.49 billion.

With the volume of imports posting a steady decline in the first five months of 2020 because of this global health emergency, the BOC collected P253.04 billion from January 1 to June 30, which is only slightly lower by P1.21 billion or 0.47 percent of the adjusted target of P254.25 billion for the January-June period this year.

This amount is P49.97 billion or 16.49 percent lower than its collection of P303.01 billion during the same period in 2019.

Collections began to pick up in June as the BIR and BOC reported collecting a combined total of P270.77 billion, exceeding last year's figure for the same month of P211.50 billion by P59.28 billion or 28.03 percent.

The BIR reported P228.23 billion for the month of June, topping by P68.04 billion or 42.47 percent the P160.2 billion it collected during the same period in 2019. It is P56.57 billion or 19.86 percent less than its target of P284.8 billion for June 2020.

The BOC surpassed its collection goal of P40.74 billion for June as import volumes began to improve, with the bureau collecting P42.54 billion, which is P1.8 billion or 4.42 percent over the target.

Even with the economic fallout from the Covid-19 pandemic, the

country's large taxpayers delivered P145.81 billion in taxes to the BIR in June, which is P37.85 billion or 35.05 percent higher than the P107.97 billion they paid during the same month last year.

In terms of income taxes, the Large Taxpayers Service (LTS) of the BIR collected P83.73 billion in June, which is a vast improvement of P37.87 billion or P82.58 percent as compared to the P45.86 billion for the same month last year.

Improvements were also seen in the collection of the value-added tax (VAT) from large taxpayers, with the BIR collecting P24.25 billion in June, which is P2.54 billion or 11.7 percent in excess of the target of P21.71 billion for the month, and P1.57 billion or 6.94 percent better than the P22.68 billion collected in June 2019.

As a result, from January 1 to June 30, the BIR collected a total of P112.35 billion in VAT from large taxpayers, beating its goal of P106.09 billion for this period by P6.27 billion or 5.91 percent. The BIR collected P126.6 billion for the same period in 2019.

From January 1 to June 30, the LTS collected P273.24 billion in income taxes, which is just P22.52 billion or

7.61 percent shy of the target of P295.77 billion for this period, and P50 billion or 15.47 percent less than the P323.25 billion collected for the first half of 2019.

Income and other taxes from large taxpayers amounted to P581.40 billion from January 1 to June 30 of this year, which is P30.01 billion or 4.91 percent less than the collection goal of P611.41 billion for this period. It is also P121.05 billion or 17.23 percent lower than the P702.45 billion collected by the LTS during the same period in 2019.

Most of the extensions of the deadlines set by the BIR for the filing and paying of various taxes ended last month. (DOF PR)

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YOU ARE SAFE TO MEET AND EAT T SM CITY BACCOOR-FOOD COURT

SM CITY BACCOOR, CAVITE – We all know how your tummy feels after the long line as you observe social distancing, and waiting in cue for your turn to grab your essentials. Now, you can dine-in your favorite restaurant at the Food Court instead of ordering a take-out and eat on your way home! Go and enjoy your all-time favorites at the Food Court!

- Get a no frills basic Korean meal served in a hot plate at Mr.KimBob!
- Grill all you want with Inihaw's Best recipe!
- Try Turk's flavorful and juicy Beef Doner Steak, Doner on Rice, and Turks Doner Bowl and beat that hunger with the best Shawarma in town.
- Delight with Sizzling Plate's ever-famous Sizzling Sisig served with buttered corn, carrot, and peas on the side and sunny side up egg for your lunch and you'd surely be full with its satisfyingly crunchy bits and and flavorful meat!
- Enjoy the Teppanyum-miest iron griddle- cooked Japanese Cuisine at Saku Teppanyummy.
- Get the best meal at Salo's Famous Filipino Dishes served fresh and tasty!



SM City Bacoor – Food Court ensures your safety as we regularly check your favorite food stalls and restaurants' sanitation efforts. Just follow the safety protocols on signages provided, tables, countertops and walkways for a safer dining experience. Let's stay safe and healthy. See you at the Food Court located at the 4th level of SM City Bacoor!



SM CITY BACCOOR, SM CITY DASMARIÑAS, AND SM CITY MOLINO INSTALL BIKE REPAIR STATIONS AND AIR PUMP FOR FREE



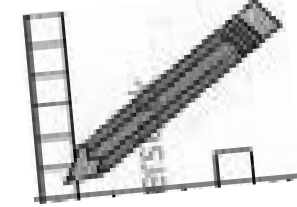
Three of the biggest malls in Cavite: SM CITY BACCOOR, SM CITY DASMARIÑAS, and SM CITY MOLINO are now embracing the new normal as they install bike repair stations and air pumps that bikers can use for free.

Recognizing that more people are now using bicycles both for work and to run their errands, SM Malls in Cavite installed Bike Repair stations and Air Pump, complete with essential Bike repair tools. Organized Bicycle Parking Slots are being implemented as well, to ensure that Bikers can park and can repair their bicycles in case of emergency.

This aims to provide shoppers a convenient and a #SafeMalling experience.

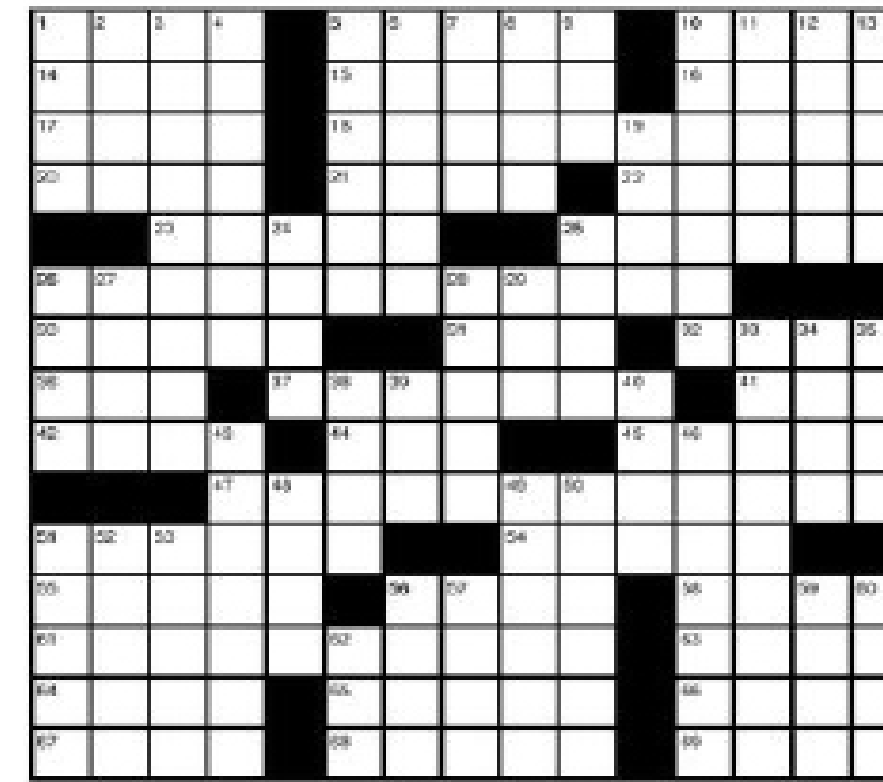


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ACROSS

- River hazard
- It aids commerce in Cancun, Kalamazoo, and Calgary
- Left 21 across or 8 down
- He's blue without his red or white
- Offering from Google or Yahoo
- He may be blue because he's in the red
- Golden rule word
- Princess in plum?
- One might clean up at a Vegas hotel
- Certain hand-outs
- Coolpix camera maker
- Fabric for a sundress
- Creatures of clay
- Share the stage with journalist Andrea?
- See eye to eye
- Lord's Prayer start
- Blown away
- Org. that sticks to its guns
- Auto dealer's option, and a hint to this puzzle's theme
- Greeting for Ceasar
- Congers and morays, e.g.
- Keats creation
- Novelist Joyce Carol
- Ceasar's boastful bon mot?
- Like this clue
- Pendragon of legend
- Stock holding
- Word with back or off
- Tach readings
- San Fran sportscaster?
- "Piggies"



- Ceasars challenge
- One with grievances, perhaps
- Classic Lotus model
- Kind of waist
- Strand in Rapunzel's rope
- Oxford fellows

DOWN

- Like one leg of a triathlon
- First of a famous sailing trio
- Like AZT
- "Well said!"
- Himalayan denizen
- Wom magic item
- McDonald's e.g.
- Certain hand-outs
- Tide alternative
- Silverback, e.g.
- No longer napping

- Asp's output
- Moran and Brockovich
- Hydroxyl compound
- "...until ___ a man with no feet."
- "Its Raining Men" singer Halliwell
- Heroine of a classic children reader
- Man-eater of myth

- Many a software engineer
- Blue, red, or white
- Sport with very wet horses?
- What to get after an insult
- He loved Lucy
- Unchangeable storage
- Stir

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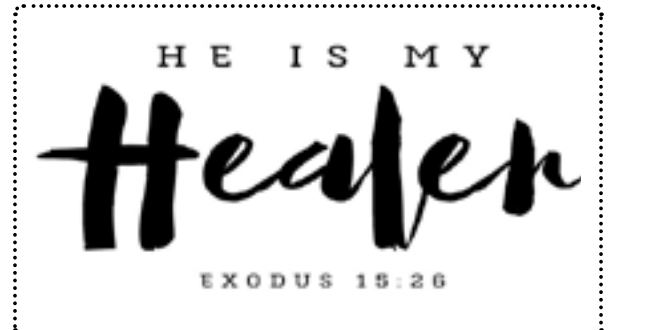
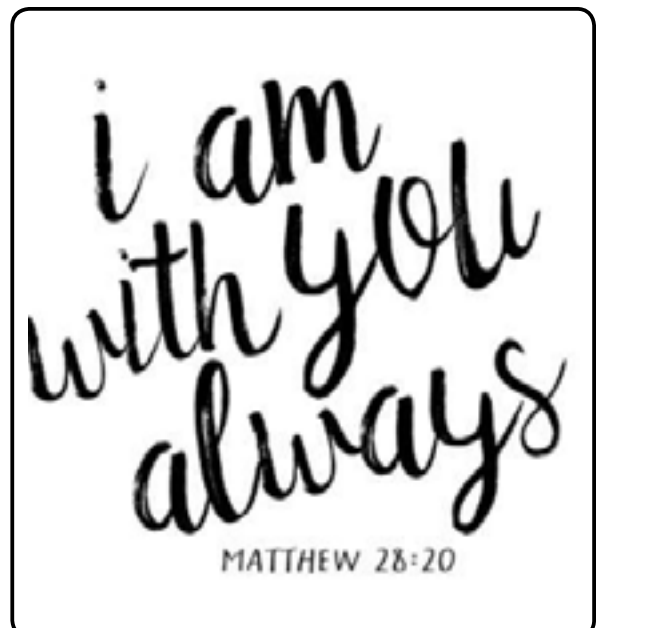
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- A bagel and lox, perhaps
- Buttress
- Kept a bay
- Mouse manipulator
- You'll find many in a pound
- Pronounces
- How good was it?
- Tony-winning Rivera
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- Evening on the Champs-Elysees
- Land of the leprechauns
- Like 27 down
- Apr. 15 data
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Securing the Future of our Agri Heroes

Dr. Jaime Aristotle B. Alip
CARD MRI Founder and Chairman Emeritus

Not all heroes wear capes; many of them spend days under the heat of the sun ensuring that every family in the country can have enough food on the table. In this time of COVID-19 pandemic, every Filipino household face an equalizing basic need: enough and steady supply of food so that their families will not go hungry. More than ever, the important role of our farmers now is highlighted as they serve as one of the frontline heroes in this trying time.

However, not all agricultural workers and businesses have the capacity to run their livelihood during this crisis. From Day 1 of the community quarantine, farmers are deeply distressed by the health threat and hampered by the necessary measures laid out by the government in containing the virus. The agricultural sector, which is heavily reliant on transportation facilities, faces the challenge of transferring goods from farms to markets.

Additionally, peddlers and vendors cannot simply roam around to sell their products due

to restricted movement. They encounter financial losses even as their perishable products could not be sold, hence were either consumed, given away to the neighbors and sadly, left to rot. If not for institutions and organizations who protected our food security frontliners, the agricultural sector would have been on the brink of collapse.

Fortunately, the government has timely put in place programs that support the sector. On the forefront is the Department of Agriculture who has been implementing initiatives in order to respond to the needs of agricultural and fisheries workers. DA has announced the provision of cash subsidies and other financial assistance to farmers which can be used for farm inputs or their families' basic needs. In partnership with TESDA, DA is offering on-line training on the "new normal" in terms of food production and food value chain. Another important initiative is Kadiwa, an online shop for agricultural produce. Through this, the general public has

greater access to cheaper and healthy food supplies. This approach will directly connect the farmer-producers to the consumers which will lessen the cost of the agri-products.

On the other hand, a number of LGUs have started distributing seeds to encourage residents to plant in their backyards. In addition, they have been buying produce from local farmers to include in the package of relief goods that they are distributing to their communities. These initiatives to support farmers have greatly inspired us in CARD Mutually Reinforcing Institutions (CARD MRI) to implement similar meaningful programs for our clients in the agricultural sector. Rebuilding small agri-businesses

CARD MRI has long recognized the significant contributions of farmers from the time it initially provided its services to landless farmers during its establishment in 1986. The COVID-19 pandemic has called us to go back to our roots and come up with innovative solutions

to the challenges our farmers are facing now.

It all started with one CARD MRI client who supplied agricultural products as part of relief packages to a local government unit in Panao, Davao del Norte. It sparked the idea of consolidating all CARD MRI clients with on-going businesses through a Facebook buy and sell group. As CARD MRI strives to create impact on a bigger scale, CARD MRI partnered with DA to serve as a consolidator to the Kadiwa online shops through our network of microfinance and SME clients all over the Philippines. With the accreditation, our clients will be indirectly supplying commercial volumes of agri-products to local government units (LGUs). Through this, CARD MRI hopes to support many microfinance and SME clients.

As the health crisis greatly changes our buying habits, we also saw an opportunity to ease the delivery and distribution of food supply more locally. We recently launched Likha ni Inay Palengke on

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Wheels to help our farmer-producers and vendors earn during the pandemic while providing the general community greater accessibility to basic farm products while on quarantine. The food lane pass granted to CARD MRI allows us to bridge several producers and vendors to consumers. This virtual initiative is hoped to significantly help in reducing the spread of the virus. The Palengke on Wheels is now available in San Pablo City in Laguna, Lipa City in Batangas, San Fernando City in Pampanga, Bais City in Negros Oriental and Mati City in Davao Oriental. Securing the Future of our Agri Frontliners

As many of our farmers, vendors and peddlers are crippled by the crisis, they will need greater assistance to help their family and the whole nation in taking small steps forward towards the "new normal" way of life.

While 'high-risk'

areas in Luzon remain on lockdown until May 15, CARD MRI will gradually bring back its normal operations on May 4 in some areas in Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao to help its clients slowly restart their business after more than a month of confinement and amidst financial difficulties.

The financial institutions under CARD MRI will resume offering agricultural loans to its clients to use as capital as they start the planting season. Looking at the picture holistically, this will help the agricultural sector address food security of the country especially those in lockdown areas. As Department of Agriculture Secretary Dar correctly points out, "While improving our food adequacy level, we should aim for food security. If no action is done, the threat of hunger is as real as the threat of the virus." (CARDBANK PR)

PHL, Japan sign 50-B yen COVID response loan agreement

The Philippines and Japan signed Wednesday an agreement for a 50-billion yen loan that aims to assist the Philippine government's efforts to contain the spread of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic and provide economic relief to Filipinos most affected by this global health crisis.

Given the Philippines' urgent need for budgetary support to address the COVID-19 emergency, the JPY50-billion loan was processed in less than a month, the quickest that was ever secured under Japan's Official Development Assistance (ODA) financing package and in keeping with the "fast and sure" approach adopted by the two countries since 2017.

Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III, on behalf of the Philippines, and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Chief Representative Eigo Azukizawa, representing the government of Japan, signed the agreement for the COVID-19 Crisis Response Emergency Support Loan (CCRESL) this afternoon.

"Again, we express our heartfelt gratitude to the people and to the Government of Japan, represented here today by JICA Chief Representative Eigo Azukizawa and of course, His Excellency (Japanese) Ambassador (to the Philippines) Koji Haneda, for your support to the Filipino people during this very difficult situation," Secretary Dominguez said.

"I am sure we shall soon prevail over this emergency. We will return to our growth path and recover our economic momentum. What will be un-

changed is the deep friendship and cooperation between our two countries," he added.

Ambassador Haneda said the emergency support loan is part of Japan's assistance package for developing economies hit by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We are glad that we are the first donor-country to be able to offer such a loan to the Philippines. The strong ties between Japan and the Philippines, particularly on the economic front have been tried and true for many decades," Ambassador Haneda said.

The Ambassador said the government of Japan has "high hopes that this loan will be instrumental in helping jumpstart the Philippine economy and running (its) fast-paced recovery."

The CCRESL was approved by the Development Budget Coordination Committee (DBCC) last June 10 and was processed by the approving authorities of both countries in only 14 working days until today's signing of the loan accord at the DOF.

Secretary Dominguez thanked the teams from Japan and the Philippines that both worked hard through the period of the quarantines imposed in both countries to speed up the processing of the loan.

"For all those involved in the negotiations, this is a real heroic effort," he said.

Secretary Dominguez underscored the importance of the loan in helping the government cover its budget expenditures through additional borrowings to beat the pandemic and fund its economic recovery program.

The government faces a doubling of its deficit-to-GDP ratio this year, as tax collections are down even as it accelerates state spending to strengthen the healthcare system and provide social protection to families and workers hit the hardest by the pandemic.

Equivalent to about P23.54 billion or US\$50.45 million, the yen loan package carries concessional lending terms of 0.01 percent (one hundredth of a percent) fixed interest rate per annum with a maturity period of 15 years inclusive of a 4-year grace period.

The CCRESL from Japan is designed as a co-financing operation complementing the Asian Development Bank (ADB)'s COVID-19 Active Response and Expenditure Support (CARES) Program alongside prospective loans from other development partners, and will form part of the 2020 Gross Financing Program as revised in light of COVID-19 response measures, the DOF said.

To be implemented from 2020 to 2021 by the Department of Health (DOH) and the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), the CCRESL will be utilized retroactively for the government's COVID-19 response efforts undertaken since April 2020.

The loan will also help cover the budget expenditures already made or about to be made by the government.

The loan proceeds will automatically be available for withdrawal once the loan is declared effective, which is expected in the last week of July. (DOF PR)