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EDITORIAL:

Much work still to be done

It appears there was no quality control for the DepEd modules.”

No sooner had Education Secretary Leonor Briones declared the opening of classes for school year 2020-2021 amid the COVID-19 pandemic was “very successful” than netizens went to town and pointed to errors in the self-learning modules (SLMs) DepEd had produced.

Briones told a press briefing that, as a whole, the launching of classes for 22.5 million returning and new students throughout the country was “very successful” save for a few incidents, countable by the fingers, according to her, including errors in the learning modules she claimed was not DepEd’s fault anyway.

Her words: “On the basis of these 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 incidents of errors that happened, for example in modules, it appears that it was not the fault of DepEd.”

But DepEd later said it would address errors found in the SLMs it had produced and printed in a rush to roll out distance learning for school year 2020-2021 amid the coronavirus pandemic that prohibited face-to-face classes.

It is comforting to note that Education Undersecretary Diosdado San Antonio has said the DepEd is hiring outside reviewers of the SLMs used by public school students, while welcoming netizens’ efforts to call out the errors.

He has given assurances the department’s Public Affairs Service had posted links and contact numbers where these errors can be reported.

“What we’re doing now, our Public Affairs Service (has) already posted links or contact numbers where (people) can directly report the errors they will find in our self-learning modules,” San Antonio said.

His office has also launched a Facebook page, dubbed DepEd Curriculum and Instruction Concerns and Issues, where such errors and other issues of concern on public school and distance learning can be reported and discussed.

At the same time, San Antonio said Education Undersecretary Alain del Pascua is now negotiating with potential partners for DepEd to help out in making better SLM content.

While we appreciate San Antonio’s forthrightness in admitting their failure to review all SLMs was due to DepEd’s lack of reviewers as they rushed for the opening of online learning on October 5, it is near unthinkable that they delivered the modules to the schools without looking at the content quality.

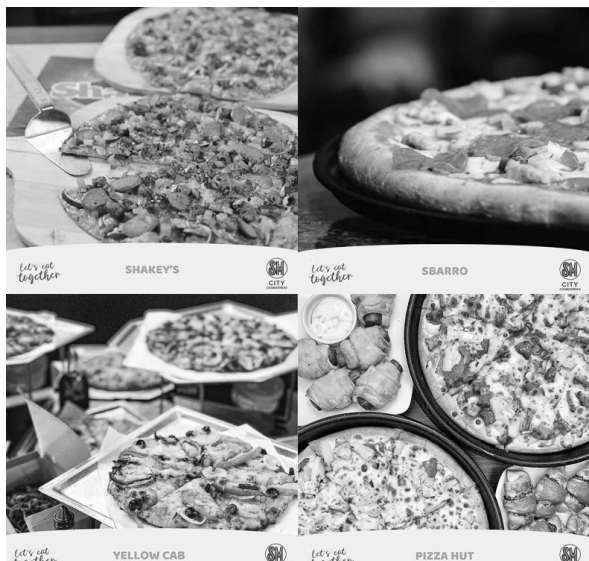
San Antonio, at a weekly virtual “Handang Isip, Handa Bukas” news conference, education officials have monitored the errors in the SLMs that went viral on social media last week and had tallied a total of 35 errors.

Of the 35 errors, San Antonio claimed only one incident with an error in an SLM had undergone quality check by the DepEd Curriculum and Instruction review team.

He said there were 18 SLMs with errors that were designed and printed out by the DepEd division and regional offices, that did not go through the conformance review of the C&I Strand reviewers at the Central Office.

Sanitizing DepEd’s hands at that point is more for the coronavirus than for the ineptitude of education authorities.

If there had been no crashing protestations from social media, would DepEd perhaps have put on the brakes and addressed the errors?



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TV-based instructions important in distance learning

Though around 59 percent of more than 22 million learners enrolled in public schools are using printed self-learning modules (SLMs) for distance learning, Senator Win Gatchalian said that learning through television-based instruction is a big help in teaching more difficult and complicated subjects.

During the first day of classes, Gatchalian made rounds among Valenzuela's households to see how parents and learners were coping with distance learning. In one household, Gatchalian met a learner studying fractions, which he said could be challenging to understand without the guidance of a teacher. This is where videos should be helpful in teaching the learners, Gatchalian

said, noting that these would feature teachers going through the lessons step by step.

Gatchalian added that television-based instruction should be leveraged in teaching difficult lessons, noting that television has a wider reach in the country compared to the internet. Global data firm Dataxis revealed that in 2019, 18.7 million households in the Philippines have their own TV sets at home. Last August, the Department of Education's (DepEd) enrollment data showed that around 6.3 million households have no internet access.

"I looked at some of the modules. Some of the subjects are very complicated, like geometry or trigonometry. I see a lot of computations. It's very difficult for an ordinary student to pick it up right away. This is where the TV and radio modalities would come in. TV, in this particular case, would play a very big role," the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Basic Education, Arts and Culture explained.

To roll-out the use of television-based instruction, the Department of Education (DepEd) launched DepEd TV, which airs K to 12 subjects from 7:00AM to 7:00PM, Monday to Saturday. The lessons are being aired on state-run Intercontinental Broadcasting Corporation (IBC-13), People's Televi-

sion Network (PTV-4), and other channels that partner with DepEd.

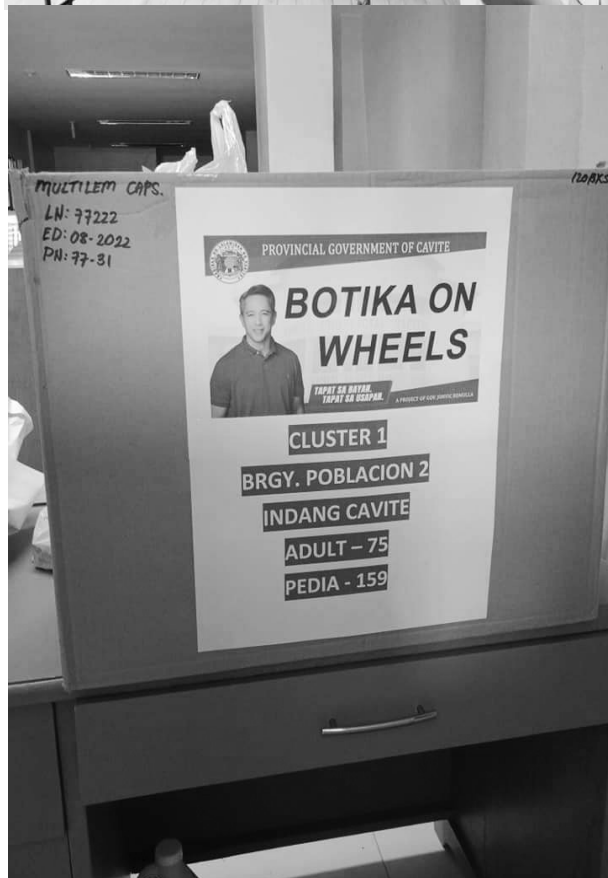
To complement the reach of DepEd TV, Gatchalian cited the role of partnerships between local government units (LGUs) and local radio and television stations, which can air localized episodes.

The lawmaker flagged, however, a recent error in a math lesson that aired on DepEd TV, which has since gone viral on social media. While DepEd has already apologized for the error and vowed to address it, Gatchalian reiterated that quality control of lessons should never be compromised.

Meanwhile, Gatchalian again urged telecommunication companies to ensure the stability of internet connectivity to avoid online learning woes. He cited the case of the Valenzuela Live Online Streaming School, which utilizes Facebook Live to broadcast lessons.

Despite the airing of these lessons, some learners cannot view or stream the lessons because of connectivity problems, Gatchalian explained. He added that while they are expecting as many as 10,000 students to watch per lesson, some 3,000 students are not able to watch.

BOTIKA ON WHEELS PROGRAM NG PAMAHALAAN PAGLALAWIGAN NG CAVITE MATAGUMPAY



Ngayoong panahon ng pandemyang dulot ng COVID-19 ay isa na namang makabuluhang proyekto ang inilunsad ng Pamahalaan ng Cavite partikular ng Office of the Provincial Governor (OPG) na tanggapan ni Cavite Governor Juanito Victor "Jonvic" C. Remulla, ito ay ang Botika on Wheels Program.

Napakahalaga ng Botika on Wheels Program sapagkat nabibiyayaan nito ng mga libreng gamot at bitamina ang mga bata at ang mga senior citizens sa buong Lalawigan ng Cavite. Ang sistema nito ay iikot ang Sangguniang Barangay partikular ang mga Barangay Health Workers (BHW) sa mga pinakamahirap na kabarangay upang kolektahin ang mga reseta o ilista ang mga gamot at bitamina na kanilang kailangan saka naman dadalhin ito sa Office of the Provincial Governor - Extension Office (OPG-Extension) na silang mga taga Medical and Dental Mission Team / Staff na abala sa pagtugon sa mga ipagkakaloob na gamot at bitamina na i-schedule naman sa pamimigay ng bitamina at gamot pabalik sa barangay.

Ito ay napakalaking tulong sa mga

mahirap na pamilya na may mga bata at matatanda na walang pambili ng gamot at bitamina dahil sa hirap ng buhay sanhi ng pagkamtanggali sa trabaho at kawalan ng hanap-buhay dulot ng lockdown noong Marso hanggang Hunyo, 2020. Kada isang araw hanggang isang linggo ay tinatapos nila ang pamimigay ng mga gamot at bitamina sa bawat barangay na nasasakupan ng isang bayan o lungsod sa Lalawigan ng Cavite.

Nitong Oktubre 12, 2020 (Lunes) ay ang Bayan ng Indang naman ang binisita ng mga Executive Assistants to the Governor na sina Sir Geri Olaes at Ma'am Yayie Pakingan kung saan mainit silang sinalubong nina Mayor Perfecto Fidel, Vice Mayor Ismael Rodil kasama sina Councilor John Mark Cayao, Councilor Ferdinand Papa, Councilor Avegel Kasaysayan, mga Barangay Officials at mga Barangay Health Workers.

Ang Sangguniang Barangay ng Poblacion 2 na pinamumunuan ni Brgy. Capt. Rafakakalob na gamot at bitamina na nasamahang magbahay-bahay ng mga OPG Staff na makikita sa mga larawan sa ibaba kasama sina Kagawad

Perla Josephine Beltrano Eyaya, Kagawad Charlene Nuestro, mga Barangay Health Workers at ilang elemento ng PNP Cavite na nagbabantay ng mahigpit na health and safety protocols, kaayusan at seguridad ng proyekto.

Samantala ay naghanda naman ng meryenda sina Kapitan Pong Herrera, Kagawad Shirley Nuestro, Kagawad Andy Del Rosario, Kagawad Eric Roxas, Treasurer Sheila Alegre at

iba pang barangay staff sa Barangay Hall para sa mga OPG Staff at Cavite PNP na sumama sa kanilang naghatid ng mga gamot at bitamina sa bahay-bahay.

Ang proyektong Botika on Wheels ay bahagi lamang ng maraming programang serbisyo para sa mamamayang Kabitenyo ng butihing Ama ng Lalawigan ng Cavite na si Governor Jonvic Remulla. (Photos//Ctto//Ty: Geri Olaes, Yayie Pakingan, Christoher Kuan, Rex Del Rosario, Sheila

EXTRA JUDICIAL

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late LEONIDA PELIÑA RIEL, consisting of a portion of a parcel of land known as Lot No.7 (LRA) PSD-E2019005475 of Subdivision Survey of (Plan PSU-211550, LRC Case No.109, LRC Record No. N-53680) situated at Zapang, Ternate, Cavite, consisting of a total area of THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY EIGHT (3688) square meters, more or less embraced and covered by TCT No.O-2244 of the Register of Deeds of the Province Cavite, have been the subject of an Extra-Judicial Settlement of Estate of the Deceased among the Legal Heirs as per Doc. No.69; Page No.15; Book No. XXII and Series of 2020 of Notary Public Jameswell M. Resus of Naic, Cavite.

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Photo shows 1st batch meeting with HOA Presidents at Barangay Buhay na Tubig last October 12, 2020. Present are 12 Subdivision with their President and Representatives; 1. Avignon - Ms. Cheery Castro, 2. Barcelona Ph1 - Mr. Larry Dimapilis, 3. Barcelona Ph 2 - Ms. Marivic Soberano 4. Barcelona Ph4 - Mr. Villamor Monton, 5. Barcelona Annex - Mr. Teddy Pablo, 6. Bali-hai - Mr Enrique Martin, 7. Berlex - Mr Mark Feranpo, 8. CWH-14 - Ms. Ma. Luisa Dy, 9. CITTA-VETTA - Pacita Nasam, 10. FIRENZE - Ms. Digna Villanueva. Presiding the meeting are Barangay Chairman Reymundo Ramirez and Kagawad Simeon Papa .

BONG GO PROVIDES MUCH NEEDED ASSISTANCE TO STRUGGLING FAMILIES IN DASMARIÑAS CITY, CAVITE RESIDENTS

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SENATOR BONG GO

Senator Christopher “Bong” Go provided assistance to low income residents of Brgy. Sta. Fe, Dasmariñas City, Cavite on Tuesday, October 13. Among the beneficiaries, Luis Reyes, 52, and Mark Joseph Reonal, 28, approached the staff of Go during the distribution and shared their struggles as a result of the pandemic. Reyes, who is suffering

from polio, and Reonal, who was injured last year due to an accident, and the remaining 768 beneficiaries received free meals, food packs, masks, and face shields from Go. They were also given financial assistance and food packs by the Department of Social Welfare and Development. Selected residents from the poorest of the poor

were also given with either bicycles or tablets.

“Mayroon po akong mga ipinadalang konting tulong sa inyo at saka mga mask at face shield. Pakiusap ko sa inyo, gamitin ninyo po ito dahil delikado pa ang panahon at hindi pa normal ang sitwasyon. Kung ‘di kailangan, ‘wag muna tayong umalis ng bahay, ingat po tayo,” he warned. “Pinaki-usapan ko po ang DSWD na magbigay ng tulong, lalung lalo na sa mga hindi nakatanggap ng amelioration. Ang DTI din pupunta diyan, mag-a-assess kung sino ang mabibigyan ng livelihood, mga sari-sari store, mag-i-interview sila sa inyo nandiyan po ang DTI,” he added.

In a video call, Go urged the residents not to hesitate in seeking assistance from his office. “Huwag kayong mag-atubiling lumapit sa amin dahil trabaho po naming magserbisyo sa

inyo. Alam kong hirap kayo. Konting tiis pa po at mag ingat tayo,” Go said. “Huwag ninyo po akong tawaging senador, ‘Bong Go’ lang po ang itawag nyo sa akin o ‘Kuya Bong Go’ dahil hanggang ngayon hindi ko alam na senador na po ako. Basta sa abot ng aming makakaya, kami ni Pangulong Duterte ay magseserbisyo kami sa aming kapwa Pilipino,” he added.

The Senator also reminded the barangay officials to provide the quality of service their constituents need and deserve.

“Nakikiusap ako sa inyo ngayon na ‘wag n’yong pabayaang mga kababayan natin dahil kayo po ang kanilang takbuhan. Kayo ang inaasahan nilang takbuhang kapag may problema,” Go said.

The Senator also offered further assistance to beneficiaries who require medical treatment, and urged those with hospital bills to apply for

government aid at their local Malasakit Center at the General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital in Trece Martires City, Cavite.

“Kung meron pa kayong ibang kailangan, kailangan ng operasyon, meron tayong Malasakit Center d’yan sa General Emilio Aguinaldo Hospital, lapitan ninyo lang po ito, inyo po ito. Kung kailangan ninyo po magpag-amot, zero-balance ang target, nasa loob na po ng ospital ang apat na ahensya,” Go said.

“Walang pulitika basta nangangailangan ka ng tulong, tutulungan kayo ng Malasakit Center,” he added.

The Malasakit Center is a one-stop shop where poor and indigent patients may conveniently ask for medical and financial assistance from the Department of Health, DSWD, Philippine Health Insurance Corporation and Philippine Charity

Sweepstakes Office. Go served as the main author and sponsor of the Malasakit Centers Act of 2019.

Go, then, reiterated that a people united in the spirit of bayanihan and cooperation with the government is the way for the country to overcome the current health crisis due to COVID-19.

“Huwag kayong mag-aalala, uunahin namin ang mga mahihirap, mga vulnerable, kagapag safe na po ang vaccine, kayo ang uunahin namin kasi para sa amin kayo ang kailangang lumabas at magtrabaho,” he said.

“Mag-cooperate tayo sa gobyerno para maibalik ang sigla ng ating kabuhayan. Magbayanihan at magmalasakit tayo sa ating kapwa. Sino ba naman ang magtutulongan kundi tayong mga kapwa Pilipino? Malalagpasan rin natin ang pandemyang ito,” he added. **(OSBG)**

DILG welcomes UNHCR reso for support, cooperation in PH human rights efforts

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) welcomes the passage of the Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) resolution expressing support and cooperation for the country’s efforts to protect human rights in the country.

“The UNHCR resolution is a welcome development on the part of the Inter-agency Committee on Anti-Illegal Drugs (ICAD) Advocacy Cluster headed by the DILG. This move is a recognition that the government’s approach against illegal drugs is holistic. We are not only focusing on the supply reduction side but also on the demand

reduction aspect,” said DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año.

Adopted during the council’s 45th session in Geneva, Switzerland, the said UNHCR resolution called for technical assistance and capacity building for domestic efforts on human rights between the Philippine government and the Office of Human Rights Council (OHCHR).

Año said that the proposed move further strengthens the Department’s unwavering commitment to the campaign against the illegal drugs menace in the country while observing and protecting the human rights of all individuals. He added

that the DILG will also give more emphasis on community-based drug rehabilitation efforts.

“The Department has been steadfast in its commitment to eradicating the illegal drugs using a whole-of-nation approach to ensure that human rights protection is upheld in the performance of the sworn duties by all public servants under the DILG organization,” he added.

The DILG Chief assured the public that even amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department is unwavering in facing the illegal drug problem in the country based on a systematic analysis of the data gathered

from the Anti-Illegal Drugs Information System (AIDIS) which is shared among the different drug agencies.

He earlier ordered the PNP to tighten up the illegal drugs campaign with the easing of community quarantine in greater parts of the country as the trend of COVID-19 cases slows down daily.

Noting that some illegal drugs users have forcibly withdrawn due to lack of supply during the quarantine, Año emphasized that all forms of illegal drugs have to be stopped at all stages of the supply chain, from the production of raw materials to the distribution on

the street.

“Sa gitna na malaking krisis na kinakaharap ng maraming bansa dahil sa pandemya, napakalaking ginhawa ang maidudulot ng pagtutulungan na inilalatag ng UNHCR para tuluyan na mapagtagumpayan ang illegal na droga sa bansa sa tulong ng lahat ng mga attached agencies ng DILG at ng iba pang mga sangay ng gobyerno.

Basta’t sama-sama at may disiplina, kayang kaya!” Año said.

The 47-member UNHCR acknowledged the country’s strong and open collaboration with the United Nations particularly on areas on the rule of law, justice, law en-

forcement, and accountability processes at the invitation of the government and in accordance with national priorities.

Among the proposed areas of cooperation cited in the said UNHCR resolution are technical assistance and capacity-building, domestic investigative and accountability measures, data gathering on alleged police violations, civic space and engagement with civil society and the Commission on Human Rights, national mechanisms for reporting and follow-up, counter-terrorism legislation, and human rights-based approached to drug control. **(DILG.GOV)**



**COVID-19
UPDATES**



**1 NEW
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CASE**

As of October 12, 2020, the Municipal Health Office (MHO) reports the 607th confirmed positive case of COVID-19 in Carmona, Cavite.

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Carmona LGU conducts meeting with SAMACA: On October 12, 2020, the Municipal Government of Carmona held a meeting with the members of Samahan ng mga Mananampalataya sa Carmona (SAMACA) at the Municipal Hall to discuss the current situation of churches which includes the ongoing implementation of minimum public health standards to ensure the safety of the community



Carmona LGU distributes financial assistance: The Municipal Government of Carmona, through the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office, distributed financial assistance on October 12, 2020, at the Carmona Town Plaza as part of the local government's social services programs.



Carmona Mayor Roy Loyola conducts Civil Wedding ceremonies: Municipal Mayor Roy Loyola officiated a civil wedding on October 12, 2020 at the Municipal Penthouse for couples in Carmona who have marriage licenses that are about to expire. The ceremony followed the minimum public health standards.

Civil service policies support 'Bayanihan 2' Act

With the passage of Republic Act No. 11494, also known as the "Bayanihan to Recover as One Act" or "Bayanihan 2", the Civil Service Commission (CSC) urged government agencies to revisit and apply civil service policies that support the response and recovery measures mandated by the said law. To augment human resources involved in addressing the COVID-19 pandemic, the CSC issued Memorandum Circular No. 14, s. 2020 or the Interim Guidelines on Appointments and Other Human Resource Actions for the Period of State of Calamity Due to COVID-19 Pandemic in July 2020.

The interim guidelines allow reassignment, detail, transfer, and designation to augment human resources involved in addressing the pandemic.

Human Resources for Health (HRH), such as but not limited to medical and allied medical staff, may be reassigned or detailed to other government hospitals or temporary medical facilities requiring supplemental health workforce during the state of national emergency.

Furthermore, licensed professionals, such as but not limited to medical and social workers, who are holding administrative and other positions in the government, may be reassigned, detailed, transferred, or designated to perform additional duties, upon their consent, to healthcare or other government facilities in the exigency of the service. This applies for the duration of the state of national emergency to augment the depleting number of frontliners where their services are necessary, provided that appropriate training is provided prior to deployment.

Meanwhile, qualified officials and employees in the career service may be reassigned to stations or posts near their homes or home provinces if within the region, during the imposition by the National Government of Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) and Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ).

The CSC policy also allows agencies to fill up vacant positions resulting from promotion without awaiting action of the CSC on promotional appoint-

ments. This applies to positions related to health, social service, and similar positions providing essential services in this time of national health emergency.

However, the CSC stressed that recruitment of skilled workers shall still comply with the qualification standards of the positions as provided under the 2017 Omnibus Rules on Appointments and Other Human Resource Actions (ORAOHRA), as amended.

R.A. 11494 mandates the hiring of additional workers to complement or supplement the current health workforce and ensure adequate number of personnel dedicated for COVID-19 testing.

Occupational safety and health

The provision of personal protective equipment (PPE) to health workers, barangay officials, and other frontliners in the public sector is supported by Joint Circular No. 1, s. 2020 issued by the CSC with the Department of Health and the Department of Labor and Employment. Issued in March this year, the joint circular requires all government agencies to develop and implement an Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) program to protect government employees from the dangers of injury, sickness, or death in the workplace.

Among the reasonable working conditions provided in the circular is the provision of OSH Standard-compliant PPE and devices.

Other prescribed workplace standards include installation of adequate fire, emergency, or danger signs, facilities for persons with disabilities, and health clinic or treatment room; regular practice of good housekeeping such as eradication of stagnant water and proper waste disposal; OSH Standard-compliant building construction and maintenance, space requirement, walkway surface, floor and wall openings, among others; proper handling, use, and storage of hazardous materials; and implementation of an indoor air quality management program.

Government agencies must also establish a

Risk Reduction Management System and a Crisis Management Plan and Contingency Program, as well as ensure adequate emergency supplies such as fire extinguishers, medical first aid kits, among others. They must also partner with the nearest government health facility that can respond to accidents and injuries in case of emergencies.

Alternative work arrangements

In the adoption of work-from-home and other alternative work arrangements (AWA) in government, as authorized by R.A. 11494, government offices may refer to CSC Memorandum Circular No. 10, s. 2020 or the Revised Interim Guidelines for Alternative Work Arrangements and Support Mechanisms for Workers in the Government During the Period of State of National Emergency Due to COVID-19 Pandemic issued last May.

Said policy allows agencies to adopt four kinds of AWA, namely, work-from-home arrangement, skeleton workforce, four-day or compressed workweek, and staggered working hours, and requires them to formulate their internal rules and regulations to effectively implement the AWA they adopted.

An agency may also adopt work arrangements consisting of a

combination of these, or other work arrangements appropriate and applicable to the agency considering the prevailing community quarantine in the area where it is located and the nature of work performed by its employees.

To ensure that public service delivery is not prejudiced during the implementation of AWA, a monitoring mechanism, such as submission of daily or weekly accomplishment reports, must be implemented.

To protect government workers' health and safety, the CSC requires agencies to implement precautionary measures prior to resumption of normal operations, such as disinfection and decontamination activities, conduct of health status check among employees, and modification of workplace layout to ensure observance of physical distancing requirements.

Agencies are also mandated to enforce health standard protocol at all times such as wearing of face masks, taking of body temperature, and setting up of sanitation stations.

Moreover, support mechanisms, such as health/psychosocial interventions, provision of personal protective equipment (PPE) to employees, and reasonable transportation facilities and housing quarters, should be made available to government workers.

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MARIAN ON SHOPPING, BUDGETING, AND WALTERMART SUPERMARKET'S SALU-SALO CHALLENGE

As a Family, Food, and Fun Place, WalterMart Supermarket recently launched its 10.10 Double Deals, part of which was the P2000 Salu-Salo Challenge with Marian Rivera which was recently conducted live on Facebook.

The challenge was an offshoot of a letter whose sender asked Marian for her tips on how to budget/save P2k for a group meal of 10. For this, Marian navigated the WalterMart Supermarket's Grocery Delivery (GD) app, which has a list of meal suggestions where customers can just click the designated recipe and all the ingredients needed on that recipe will go directly to her cart. The Grocery Delivery app also has a capability where

customers can choose the quantity (kg) needed for all the fresh products.

With a P2k budget, Marian was able to make four of her family's favorite recipes: spaghetti, menudo, barbecue and lumpiang shanghai. With her extra money, she was also able to buy some snacks through the GD app, Promo Tab.

How did she do it? Here are Marian shares some tips on how to budget/save P2k for a group meal of 10 people with a little help from the WalterMart Supermarket delivery service:

1. Plan your budget well. Marian identified the budget she would need budget for meals, drinks, and for other things needed for a salu-salo. With that, she made a list.

"WalterMart helps you budget easily because they have suggested meal recipes that will help you forecast how much would you need for a certain meal," she says. "Everyday Savings kasi sa WalterMart"

2. Stick to your budget. Marian suggests that we be practical when buying ingredients. "Look for alternatives that of the same quality but with better value," she shares. "You don't need expensive ingredients just to cook for your most well loved recipes. We can explore other options."

She adds that she also doesn't believe in quality over quantity. "Why do you have to choose between the two?" she asks. The best is to have quantity but of course without

compromising quality."

And she is happy that WalterMart supermarket has many available options of good quality products that can fit into one's budget. "Kumpleto dito eh," she says

3. Schedule your grocery shopping. For Marian, the earlier you shop in the day, the better. It's better to avoid the rush and crowds, especially now since safety is our priority.

For her salu-salo ingredients, Marian availed of WalterMart supermarket's delivery service, which she found to be quick and efficient. "You order online and the ingredients will be delivered to your doorstep," she says. "Kaya ok na ok ang service."

4. Look for promos.

With most of us budget conscious these days, Marian suggests that we regularly check promos being offered.

She was surprised that with WalterMart's daily promos, she had extra money left for her guilty pleasures like snacks or things for her kids. "Hindi ka lang basta nakasave, masayang masaya ka pa kasi nga, you get more than what you budget for," she enthuses. "In the end, happy ang shopping mo!"

One promo she is looking forward to is WalterMart's P99 Anniversary Deals on October 15 to 18, where one can enjoy great bundled packs of P99, P199 and P299.

Avail of these Anniversary deals in store or via WalterMart Delivery services, with over 15,000

products to choose from. You can be sure that all items are delivered fresh and in proper packaging, same-day delivery. Contactless payment options are available for the customer's preference: Mastercard, Visa, GCash, GrabPay, Amex, Alipay and Wechat. It also accepts cash on delivery option.

WalterMart Delivery is now serving 15 communities with Online Grocery convenience: WalterMart North Edsa, Makati, Pasay, Sucat, Dasmariñas, Taytay, Tagaytay, Carmona, General Trias, Cabuyao, Tanauan, Sta. Maria, San Fernando, Gapan and Bicutan.

For more updates, visit our facebook page @Walmart Supermarket or check our website at www.walmart.com.ph.



Dar underscores importance of growing food during the World Food Day 2020 kick off event

Underscoring the importance of growing, sustaining, and nourishing together, Agriculture Secretary William Dar took note that the poor are the most vulnerable sector towards hunger and malnutrition, during the World Food Day (WFD) kick-off on Monday, Oct 12.

"Even if food is available, but the resources to buy basic essentials are limited, it will be a problem," Dar explained.

The agriculture chief announced that the Inter-Agency Task Force has already approved a new program that will address

the hunger and malnutrition problem in the country.

"The hunger rate is at 30 percent and we hope that in the coming months, we will be able to manage properly challenges on hunger and malnutrition," Dar said.

He also mentioned that he has already instructed the re-alignment of programs under the National Rice Program and the Philippine Rice Research Center to address the emerging rice requirement of the people, not just on high yield variety but also quality aromatic variety.

"Di na lang basta kung ano ang itanim. Dapat masarap ding kainin at may kita ang mga magsasaka. Nourishment is something we need to have a good handle," he stressed.

In his message, the Secretary reiterated the full support of the Department of Agriculture to local rice farmers, and emphasized that importation will be a last resort to support the department's goal of achieving food sufficiency level for all commodities.

He also thanked the farmers and fishers for

sustaining Philippine agriculture and making food supply adequate amid the pandemic.

Meanwhile, Undersecretary for Operation and WFD National Steering Chairman Ariel Cayanán called for unity and encouraged everyone to take part in government initiatives to build back a resilient food system that can withstand unforeseen events, deliver affordable and sustainable healthy diets for all, and provide decent livelihoods for food workers.

"We are encouraging everyone to be our ally. Di po ito iyong pana-

hon para magpunahan tayo at magsisihan. Ito ang panahon para magsama-sama tayo. Even with our stakeholders, we plead to them to join together after all, we only have one goal: Kailangan walang magutom," Cayanán said

Speaking for the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), FAO Representative Tamara Palis-Duran reminded that the WFD celebration is a call for immediate action from the agriculture and development workers to ensure adequate, nutritious, and affordable food continuous to be available

and accessible to Filipinos.

"These uncertain times, let us rekindle our appreciation of our basic needs that many took us for granted but none of us can't live without. Food is the essence of life. The base where our needs are founded on," Duran said

Food Security Ambassadors James Reid and Cherrie Atilano also delivered inspirational messages during the event and committed to use their voices to influence the young Filipinos to take part in sustainable food production.

(PIA NCR)

43 mentees from Quezon and Cavite graduate DTI 4-A's KMME-MME program



Forty-three (43) micro, small, and medium enterprises from the provinces of Quezon and Cavite graduated under the Online KAPATID Mentor Me-Money and Market Encounter (KMME-MME) Program of the Department of Trade and Industry Region 4-A, in partnership with the Philippine Center for Entrepreneurship-Go Negosyo, on 13 October 2020.

Launched on 4 August 2020, the mentees completed the 10-module program, Government Services Forum, and presented their Business Improvement Plan (BIP) on 7-9 October 2020 to the panelists composed of the government sector, certified mentors, business sector, and financial partners. The mentees were graded based on the effectiveness of their presentation such as the organization, flow, time, and effectiveness to response to audience questions and comments, including their application of learning from the modules such as market opportunity, competitive advantage, management capability, financial understanding, and innovation.

"We are now having online graduations for our KMME-MME program nationwide, and this is part of going digital as the New Normal during the pandemic. It is very important that we always think out of the box in these times of crisis, so we are very happy to have our first batch of graduates this year in the CALABARZON region. This shows the determination of our MSMEs and their passion to reboot their businesses to survive the pandemic. There's always a way, and we do it the right way," said DTI Secretary Ramon Lopez in his video message.

Presidential Adviser (PA) for Entrepreneurship and PCE-Go Negosyo founder Joey Concepcion in his

video message mentioned that they carefully choose business experts as mentors to provide the mentees high-quality education about the aspects of business for free. On the other hand, PCE Adviser Merly Cruz congratulated the mentees for being resilient and recognized the hard work and effort they exerted to be able to finish the program.

"Sa panahon na halos tumigil ang mundo kasama ang aming mga negosyo, naging kaagapay naming mga mentees ang bawat isa at ang KMME-MME program. Maraming salamat sa DTI dahil sa panahon ngayon, ito ang kailangan naming mga negosyante. We thank the DTI for showing us a light of hope," said Weira Blanca Mortilla, owner of M&M Yema Cake and Pasalubong.

"Through the KMME-MME program, we learned to recreate our brand and our business, to innovate and give more value in our business, to be more passionate in what we do to grow our business, and most of all, to rise up amidst adversity," added Mortilla.

DTI CALABARZON Director Marilou Toledo expressed her happiness and excitement to the graduates. She assured them that DTI's intervention does not end from the program, as there will be more wonderful opportunities that await the mentees.

To survive and thrive amid the COVID-19 pandemic, a blended KMME-MME program for the New Normal is developed as a practical delivery mechanism for the same mentorship modules for the micro, small, and medium enterprises. The program addresses the urgent need for the continued access of mentees to Money, Market, and Mentorship (3Ms). (PR)

DepEd-4A assures teachers' safety in opening of classes

Ensuring the teachers' safety as they fulfill their duties is top priority for the Department of Education - CALABARZON (DepEd 4A).

During the Handa sa Pasukan 2020 press conference held on October 8, DepEd 4A Regional Director Wilfredo Cabral dispelled concerns after a photo of teachers from Batangas City made rounds in social media early this week.

"According to the principal mayroong stage photography. On the last portion, pinili daw ang modular dahil walang signal," Cabral said, citing the incident as a result of misinformation.

[According to the principal there was stage photography. On the last portion, modular learning was preferred because there was no signal.

Upon further investigation, Cabral said the photo was taken during a webinar last September 25, not during the opening of classes last Monday.

"There was misinformation. The intent was a total deviation with what was behind the scene," the region's top educator said, assuring that they are addressing their colleagues' concerns, such as their safety and the challenges of distance learning.

During the onset of the COVID-19 pandem-

ic, DepEd had been adopting alternate work arrangements and health protocols to ensure the safety of its staff. They also hosted webinars to help teachers adapt to various distance learning modalities which they will adopt this year.

"Ang lagi kong bilin [ay] if you really want to do it, at kung ginagawa mo ito para sa magandang bagay. We can always do great things, but do not search for greatness. Kinikilala natin ang ginawa ng mga guro na kahit ganoon kahirap ang signal ay umattend sila sa training."

[I always remind them that if you really want to do it, and if you're doing it for a good reason. We can always do great things, but do not search for greatness. We recognized the teachers' efforts that even if finding a signal was hard, they still attended training.]

"Alam natin na hindi tayo handa para dito. Pero sa maigsing panahon, pinili ng ating rehiyon na makatugon sa pangangailangan," Cabral told his colleagues.

[We know that we are not ready for this. But in a short time, our region chose to respond to our students' needs.] (PTB)

PANGLALAWIGANG... FROM PAGE 1

Ikinalulugod ng Pamahalaang Panglalawigan ng Cavite sa pamumuno ni Governor Juanito Victor "Jonvic" C. Remulla na mapabilang ang Lalawigan ng Cavite na isa sa mga naging finalist ng gawad parangal ng isa sa haligi ng business sector sa bansa ang Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry sa kanilang prestihiyosong 2020 Most Business Friendly LGU Awards - Special Citation Award kung saan ang Cavite ay isa sa mga Finalist, Most Business Friendly Award for Provincial Level.

Sa kabuuang 81 lalawigan ay tanging 13 lalawigan na lamang ang kwalipikado sa taon na ito para mapasama sa finalists na pagpipilian. Sa 13 finalists na pagpipilian ay tanging 4 lamang na lalawigan ang makatanggap ng gawad parangal.

Tumanggap ang Cavite ng 2020 Most Business Friendly for

Local Government Unit Award (Special Citation Award) sa ginanap na 46th Philippine Business Conference and Expo Innovation ng samahang Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry nitong nakaraang Oktubre 8, 2020.

Ang parangal na natanggap ay bunga ng pagsusumikap ng pamahalaang panglalawigan na mapabuti ang relasyon at kalagayan ng lokal na pamahalaan sa sektor ng pagnenegosyo sa buong Cavite. Tuntungan din ang naturang parangal upang lalo pang pag-ibayuhin na mas higit pang mapaulad ang samahan ng pamahalaang panglalawigan at mga business sector sa buong lalawigan.

Congratulations sa Provincial Government of Cavite sa pamumuno ni Governor Jonvic Remulla. Mabuhay po kayo! (Source//Photos//Ctto//Ty: Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI), Atty. Khervy Barbon Reyes)

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Dominguez okays Customs rules on duty-free imports of medical supplies, school equipment for online learning

Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III has green-lighted the implementing rules and regulations (IRR) issued by the Bureau of Customs (BOC) on the tax and duty-free importation of goods critical to the government's efforts to boost the country's healthcare capacity against COVID-19 and facilitate the government's "blended" or online learning system amid this global health crisis.

Customs Administrative Order (CAO) No. 12-2020 establishes the compliance system for importers and manufacturers entitled to exemption from import taxes, duties and fees as set under Republic Act (RA) No. 11494 or the Bayanihan to Recover as One Act (Bayanihan 2).

The CAO details the products, equipment and supplies covered by tax exemption under Bayanihan 2. On top of medical supplies, the tax-exempt goods now include personal computers, laptops, tablets, or similar equipment appropriate for use in schools, donated for distribution to public schools, including state universities and colleges (SUCs) and vocational institutions under the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA).

The tax exemptions will be effective until December 19, 2020.

The CAO further specifies the operational procedures and regulatory clearances from various government agencies that importers or manufacturers need to comply with to avail of the tax breaks.

Depending on the type of imported goods, the regulatory clearances that need to be obtained to avail of the exemption may come from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Departments of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) of Health (DOH), and other concerned agencies.

On the other hand, imported health products for donation, certified by a regulatory agency or its accredited third party in the originating countries with established regulation, "shall automatically be cleared. The certification shall not be required for health

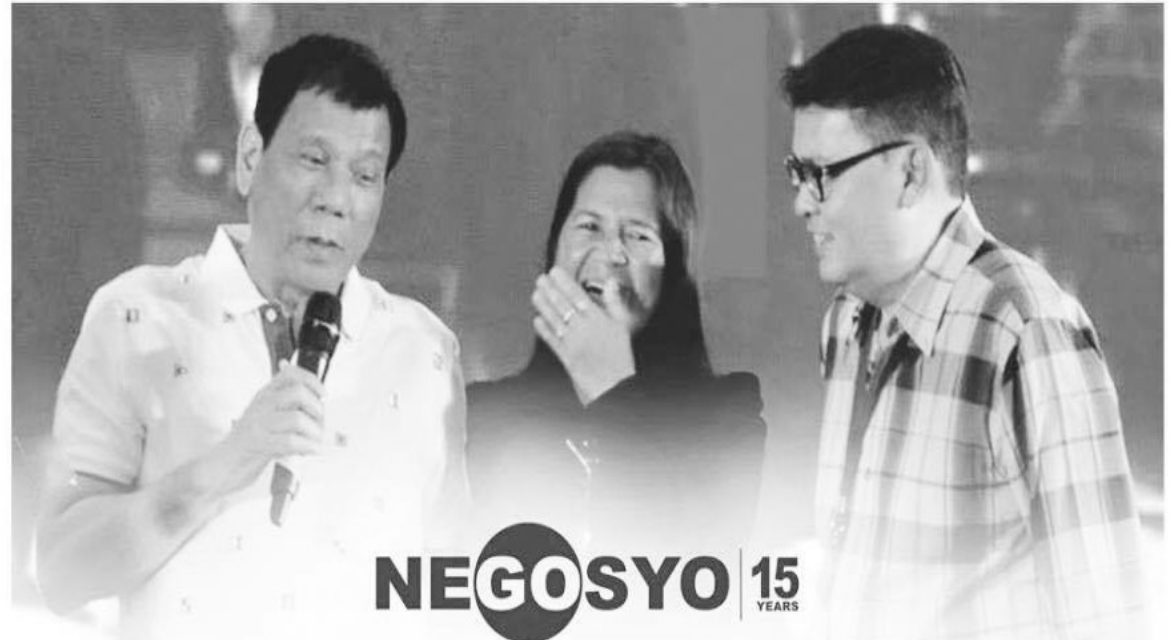
products which are not subject to clearance from FDA," the CAO states.

The CAO likewise provides for the retroactive effectivity of the grant of tax exemptions on eligible imports beginning June 25, 2020, or when RA 11469 or the Bayanihan To Heal as One Act (Bayanihan 1) expired. For covered goods which arrived and were cleared by the BOC beginning June 25, the CAO allows for a refund of the taxes and duties paid, provided that the importer secures a Tax Exemption Indorsement (TEI) from the Revenue Office of the Department of Finance (DOF-RO). The amount of refund shall be limited to the actual duties and taxes received by the BOC.

Finally, to ensure the speedy release of the medical supplies and equipment covered by the order, including foreign donations to a national government agency, the CAO states that the Joint Memorandum Order (JMO) on Relief Consignment and Customs Memorandum Order (CMO) No. 07-2020 on the Interim Procedure on the Provisional Goods Declaration (PGD) and its related issuances shall apply.

A PGD is a form of declaration allowing the tentative release of shipments when the declarant does not have all the information or supporting documents to complete the goods declaration, provided that the requirements shall be submitted within the period prescribed by law.

Shipments entitled to exemption may be released under PGD, subject to the submission of a TEI from the DOF-RO within the period prescribed under the rules for PGD. (PR)



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