



# LGU GenTri turns over printing equipment to public schools

The local government here recently turned over printing equipment to the Schools Division of General Trias in support to

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the New Normal in the education sector.

Mayor Antonio 'Ony' Ferrer handed over three (3) units of Riso Comcolor with high speed inkjet printer (1 unit with offset stapling) and printing capacity of 120 pages per minute. The machine has a 24/7 printing operations capability, sorting function, and built-in standard hard disk used for printing modules, and activity sheets/worksheets.

"Layunin ng LGU na patuloy na itaas ang antas ng edukasyon sa kabila ng pagsubok na kinakaharap ng ating bansa sa ngayon. Ang pamamahagi ng mga kagamitang ito ay isa lamang sa mga hakbang ng Pamahalaang Panlungsod upang patatagin ang pundasyon ng pagkatuto ng mga batang Gentriseño," Mayor Ony said.

(The Local Government aims to continue to raise the level of education despite the challenges facing our country today. **Cont. on Page 3**)



# DOF extends deadline of tax payments, other charges imposed by LGUs



## PAETE WOOD CARVING INDUSTRY GRADUALLY RECOVERING FROM COVID-19 IMPACT



## SM Malls in Laguna Brightening Up the Community with Christmas Spirit



Photo shows Laguna Vice Governor Atty Karen Agapay with San Pablo City Vice Mayor Justin Colago and SM City San Pablo Assistant Mall Manager Ria Katigbak November 8, 2020, led the Playful Christmas Display launch at SM City San Pablo.

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### Cultivating urban farms

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Is there a social amelioration aspect to these urban farms? Will some of the produce go to feeding the poor? If so, who will pay for the cost of operating the urban farms?

The city government says it has entered into a partnership with the Department of Agriculture to promote urban gardening as a means to ensure stability of food supply and help alleviate poverty within the communities. This is all well and good, but we look forward to specifics about how this partnership ties in with the new urban farms that are supposed to spring up from the city's idle lands.

Quezon City's urban farming initiative is a good first step, but a tax break alone will not ensure success.

On a national scale, the Senate is deliberating a bill that also promotes the use of urban agriculture in the country's cities. Here, too, tax breaks are only part of the larger equation that includes education, government participation and research.

The benefits of urban farming are clear—we just need to go about attaining them in an organized, methodical, and logical manner.

## PHL . . .

A total of 12,542 new deposit accounts were opened with P173.8 million transacted online in the first 100 days of the Philippines' first digital-only and branchless Overseas Filipino Bank (OFBank).

In her report to Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III, OFBank president-CEO Leila Martin said these online accounts were opened by depositors based in 55 countries and territories.

These new depositors include overseas Filipinos based in Rwanda, Malta, Belarus, The Bahamas and the Turks and Caicos Islands.

OFBank accounts were also opened in the top 10 countries and territories for deployment of overseas Filipino workers (OFWs).

These are the OFW-depositors in Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates (UAE), Singapore, Hong Kong, Qatar, Kuwait, Taiwan, Italy, Bahrain and Malaysia, Martin said.

In its first 100 days of operation from July 29 to October 7, the OFBank reported electronic cash inflows of P108.77 million and OFW remittances of P65 million coursed through the bank, for total inflows of P173.77 million, Martin

said.

Total outflows such as withdrawals done via automated teller machines (ATMs) and electronic banking amounted to P121.79 million, leaving the bank with an outstanding balance of P51.98 million as of October 7, she said.

Dominguez said the establishment of the digital-only OFBank fulfills President Duterte's 2016 campaign pledge to create a bank catering exclusively to the needs of overseas Filipinos.

Dominguez had envisioned the bank to be a digital-only, branchless financial institution to rapidly expand its reach worldwide and serve as a vehicle that would let the Philippines leapfrog to the digital economy.

Martin said that since the bank was launched last June 29, it has so far conducted 44 webinars to drum up interest about its services and educate overseas Filipinos about the importance of saving and investing to improve their financial literacy.

These webinars, which also taught overseas Filipinos how they can easily open their bank accounts online, were conducted in coordination with the Land Bank of the Philippines

(LANDBANK)'s Overseas Remittance Group and the Philippine embassies and consulates across the globe, Martin said.

Martin said the webinars also became a venue for the rollout of OFBank's promotional campaign, in which participants were each provided with a P100-credit in their accounts opened during the online sessions—to demonstrate to them the convenience of doing in-bound and outbound fund transfers via electronic means.

This campaign was done in partnership with financial services firm VISA.

"We also harnessed the power of social media in engaging customers and in encouraging overseas Filipinos to open accounts with OFBank via our mobile banking app," Martin said.

The OFBank Mobile Banking app is available on both IOS and Android devices, which received high feedback ratings.

Martin said that as part of the mobile app's value added services, it also includes a link to the LANDBANK's website for its Bahay Para sa Bagong Bayani Housing Loan Program and the OFW Re-Integration Loan Program.

The app also

includes a Premyo Savings Bond Facility, which allows investors to purchase these retail bonds in five minutes or less.

"This would be available in time for the launch of the second tranche of the Premyo Savings Bonds scheduled in November," Martin said.

An eMulti-Purpose Loan facility will also be made available in the app once the Overseas Workers' Welfare Administration (OWWA) signs a memorandum of agreement (MOA) with the OF-

Bank regarding the loan parameters of the program, she added.

As a digital-only facility, the OFBank—a fully-owned subsidiary of LANDBANK—now utilizes the Digital Onboarding System with Artificial Intelligence (DOBSAI) to facilitate real-time account opening via the OFBank Mobile Banking app.

The new digital account opening platform allows Filipinos abroad and their beneficiaries to securely and conveniently submit all requirements

online.

Opening an account using DOBSAI via the OFBank Mobile Banking App is safe and secure.

The applicant only needs to take a "selfie" and the system will compare this photo with the photo in the valid identification (ID) card uploaded by the client.

Also, this app has advanced encryption and security technology that protects sensitive information belonging to OFBank depositors. (PR)

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**CHRISTMAS IS COMING:** It's the most wonderful time of the year as we experienced the happiest Sparkling Snowball Surprise Christmas Center Piece Lighting at SM City Trece Maitres last Sunday, November 08, 2020. The event is graced by no other than the Great Lady Mayor Gemma Buendia Lubigan and City Vice Mayor Bobby L. Montehermoso Jr., Marvin Nueva Limbo, Tracy Anacan, Head of City Tourism and some SM Supermalls Admin personnels.



## KAPANALIG

Ni Nelson Dimapilis

If businesses can operate at limited capacities, limited face-to-face classes should also be allowed. Senator Win Gatchalian made this call as he pitched the idea of holding limited face-to-face classes through 'purok workshops' in areas with little or no transmission of COVID-19.

For Gatchalian, holding these 'purok workshops' can help address persisting distance learning woes. The lawmaker proposed that 'roving teachers', including the learning support aides hired by the Department of Education (DepEd), can be deployed per barangay zone or purok to teach a small group of up to ten children.

"Kung unti-unti na nating binubuksan ang mga negosyo, narapat lang na pahintulutan na rin nating magkaroon ng limitadong face-to-face classes sa mga lugar na maituturing nating low-risk areas. Ang ating panukala ay gawin ang mga ito sa mga purok ng ating mga komunidad kung saan ang mga maliliit na grupo ng mga mag-aaral ay maaaring gabayan ng mga guro," said the

# We should allow face-to-face classes through 'purok workshops'

Chairman of the Senate Committee on Basic Education, Arts and Culture.

Gatchalian explained that this proposal is inspired by the learning pods that became popular in the United States. These learning pods were first formed by parents who were worried that children may not have the attention for online learning. Some pods hired teachers to teach children's curriculum and some share responsibilities with parents.

By mounting purok workshops in low-risk areas, especially those with zero cases of COVID-19, Gatchalian said that the learners will not only receive proper guidance from teachers. They can also meet their need for social interaction, which they have not been able to do since the imposition of lockdown measures in March. As of November 7, there were less than 500 municipalities that have zero cases of COVID-19, based on the map of the University of the Philippines' tracker.

The lawmaker said connectivity is the top challenge that hound both learners and teachers in this time of distance learning, noting that internet connectivity tends to be unreliable even in areas that are connected to the internet.

Gatchalian also shared the example of the

Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM). In a Senate panel hearing, Bangsamoro Minister of Basic, Higher and Technical Education Mohagher Iqbal said only 20 percent of BARMM can connect to the internet. As of November 10, there were only 501 active COVID-19 cases throughout the region.

Gatchalian also observed that even if distributing self-learning modules (SLMs) is an available option for more than 22 million public school learners, some subjects are still difficult to understand without the guidance of a teacher. He added that not all parents or guardians are capable of guiding learners in their lessons.

While 'purok workshops' can help address these woes, Gatchalian emphasized that these small gatherings should still observe minimum health standards such as physical distancing, wearing of masks, and ensuring the availability of hand hygiene necessities.

"Bagama't malaking hamon ang kinakaharap ng sektor ng edukasyon at marami sa atin ang naninibago, mahalagang patuloy tayong humanap ng paraan upang maging mabisa ang pagpapatuloy ng edukasyon sa gitna ng pandemya," he concluded.

## SM Malls in Laguna Brightening Up the Community with Christmas Spirit

SM, the country's largest mall chain, kicked off the Christmas season with symbolic meaningful launches and Christmas tree lightings in SM Mall of Asia, SM Lanang Premier, SM Seaside City Cebu, and SM Aura Premier signaling their celebration, which continues until November 8th, Sunday in all 73 malls nationwide.

It has been a disruptive year that has impacted holiday cheers and Filipino Families are decking the halls to bring light in a dark time. Nevertheless, things are a little bit brighter in SM Malls in Laguna, thanks to the simultaneous low-key Christmas display ceremonial lighting of SM City San Pablo, SM Calamba and SM Sta Rosa. SM's #SamaSamaTayoSaPaskoAtSM aims to bring some much-needed cheer during this time of pandemic by promoting safer way to

celebrate the holiday season.

One would realize during this 10th month community quarantine would be while covid 19 crisis reminds us of our shared fragility; it also demonstrates how everything and everyone is truly connected. Vice Governor Karen Agapay and Vice Mayor Justine Colago graced the Christmas tree lighting ceremony held in SM City San Pablo. Vice Governor of Laguna Karen Agapay 's Christmas message to all the Lagunense is to enjoy these moments we have with our loved ones, that we need to stay healthy and safe as we work together in building a better and more resilient future. PR Manager Ms. Nina Wong said "there's the feel-good factor of brightening up someone else's mood in these dark times and that's what SM would like to give to the community as we light up our Christmas Centerpiece. ". The clear message of hope and that we can all bounce back together. #SamaSamaTayoSaPaskoAtSM

*i am with you always*  
MATTHEW 28:20

## DOF...

The Department of Finance (DOF) has issued a circular extending to December 19, 2020 the payment of all local taxes, fees and charges imposed by local government units (LGUs) with deadlines falling on or after September 14 this year, in compliance with the provisions of Republic Act (RA) No. 11494 or the Bayanihan to Recover As One Act (Bayanihan 2).

Under Department Circular (DC) No. 003-2020 issued by Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III, the counting of the period within which to pay local taxes, fees and charges are also suspended until Dec. 19, 2020, including the period for the redemption of real properties sold or forfeited at public auction.

"In the event that an LGU had already extended the deadlines prior to the effectivity of RA 11494, such deadlines, if earlier than 19 December 2020, shall be deemed modified with the period set forth herein. Any further extension of deadlines beyond 19 December 2020 shall be authorized in accordance with the provision of RA No. 7160," the DC states.

RA 7160 is the Local Government Code.

As a result of the mandatory extension of these payment

limits, no interest, surcharge or any form of penalty shall be applied on any local tax, fee or charge accruing on or due and demandable during the period covering such deadlines, the DC also states.

As for local tax delinquencies prior to the effectivity of Bayanihan 2 on Sept. 15, all payments shall be due and demandable upon the expiration of the Dec. 19 deadline.

All applicable interests, penalties and surcharges will begin to run again, if due and demandable, after the lapse of the effectivity of Bayanihan 2 on Dec. 19, the DC said.

The DC was issued by Dominguez to provide guidelines on the uniform implementation by LGUs of Section 4 (tt) of the Bayanihan 2 Law, which provides for stretching the statutory deadlines and timelines for the filing and submission of any document, the payment of taxes, fees and other charges required by law, and the grant of any benefit.

This provision under Bayanihan 2 aims to ease the burden on individuals and enterprises affected by the severe disruption of economic activities resulting from the stringent community quarantines that the national and local governments have imposed to curb the spread of COVID-19.

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Under DC 003-2020, the local treasurers were instructed to coordinate with LGU officials to actively inform taxpayers of these mandatory extensions and to reconfigure the electronic information systems used by local governments for the assessment and computation of such local taxes, fees and charges covered by the Circular.

Local treasurers were also directed to defer activities related to administrative or judicial action for the enforcement and/or collection of local taxes, fees or charges until the lapse of the effectivity of the Bayanihan 2 Law.

They were likewise directed to enable the use of electronic or non face-to-face payment facilities so that taxpayers who will still opt to pay

early may be continuously accommodated by the LGU to ensure physical distancing.

The LGU treasurers were ordered to work on the immediate adoption of these digital facilities.

DC 003-2020 directed LGU treasurers to advise their respective local chief executives on matters concerning the grant of further incentives and/or privileges to taxpayers and business establishments, particularly those extending assistance and providing essential services for COVID-19 response.

It directed the BLGF, meanwhile, to monitor the compliance of all local treasurers with these directives and to extend to them the technical assistance they need to implement this Circular. (PR)

## GenTri . . .

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The distribution

of these machines is just one of the steps taken by the City Government to strengthen the foundation of education of the Gentriseño children.)

Aside from the printing equipment, the LGU also provided more than 300 desktop computers including computer tables to the Schools Division.

The LGU will also ensure the continuous supply of bond papers and printer inks to the schools for utilization of the teachers in the preparation of Weekly Home Learning Plan (WHLP) and other teaching tools to monitor the learning progress of the students using the different learning modalities in education.

For SY 2020-2021, about 73,000 students have been enrolled in the different public elementary and secondary schools in the City. (PIA)

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
DASMARIÑAS CITY, PROVINCE OF CAVITE

File No. FC-DC-0034-20

Extra-judicial Foreclosure of  
Real Estate Mortgage Under  
Act 3135 as Amended by Act 41

ROBINSONS BANK CORPORATION,  
Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPOUSES CHITO DM. LINGAN  
And SALVACION A. LINGAN  
And JOYCE ANN ABONGE LINGAN

Respondents/Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-judicial petition for Sale under Act 3135 as Amended by Act 4118 filed by petitioner/mortgagee ROBINSONS BANK CORP., with postal address at 17/F Galleria Corporate Center EDSA corner Ortigas Avenue, Quezon City and against respondents/mortgagors, SPOUSES CHITO DM. LINGAN and SALVACION A. LINGAN and JOYCE ANN ABONGE LINGAN with postal addresses at Block 39 Lot 8 Cithomes, Resortville Subdivision, Brgy Langkaan 1 Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite and/or Block 18 Lot 46 Phase 2 Valle Verde Brgy. Langkaan II Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of February 07 2020 amounts to EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY SIX THOUSAND NINETEEN PESOS & 04/100 (Php846,019.04) exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at the public auction on December 02, 2020 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in the Court Room of Branch 90, Regional Trial Court, Ground Floor, Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Building, Congressional Road, Buro 1, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite to the highest bidder and for CASH or CERTIFIED CHECK, in Philippine Currency, the following described real property together with all the buildings and other improvements existing thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2017023031

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED THAT CERTAIN LAND SITUATED IN LANGKAAN II, DASMARIÑAS CAVITE, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

"A parcel of Land (Lot46 Blk. 18 of the cons-subd. plan. Psd-04-220138, being a portion of Lot 3823, IMUS ESTATE, L.R.C. Rec. No. 8843), situated in Brgy. Langkaan II, Dasmariñas, Prov. of Cavite, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the E., along line 1-2 by Rd. Lot 14 (8.00 m. wide); on the S., along line 2-3 by Lot 45, both of the subd. plan; on the W., along line 3-4 by Lot 6154-A. FLS-1160-D; and on the N., along LINE 4-1 BY LOT 47 BLK 18, OF THE SUBDIVISION PLAN. BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED "1" on PLAN BEING S. 54-48W., 1, 069.96 M. FROM MON. NO. 149 IMUS ESTATE. THENCE S-01-52W. 4.00 M. TO PT. 2; THENCE N. 88-08W. 15.00 M. TO PT. 3; thence N. 0152 E. 4.00 M. TO PT. 4. THENCE S. 88-08E. 15.00 M. TO THE PT. OF BEGINNING CONTAINING AN AREA OF SIXTY (60) SQUARE METERS MORE OR LESS ALL POINTS REFERRED TO AREA INDICATED ON THE PLAN AND ARE MARKED ON THE GROUND BY PS CYL. CONC. MONS 15X40CMC; BEARINGS TRUE DATE OF ORIGINAL SURVEY; JULY 27, 1905-JUNE 11, 1908 AND THAT OF THE SUBDIVISION SURVEY; MARCH 14-19, 2011 & AND WAS APPROVED ON JUNE 13, 2011.

Prospective buyers and/or bidder are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said real property and the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

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 and time, it shall be held on December 09, 2020, at the same time and place without further notice.

11 June 2020\*, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite.

(sgd.) ALVARO D. MIJARES  
Sheriff IV

APPROVED:  
MARCELA LOPEZ BAYBAY  
Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff

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## PAETE,,,

Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) Secretary Martin Andanar interviewed Paete, Laguna Vice Mayor Aurelio Paraiso on the current status of the economy of the municipality amid the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

MANILA - With lesser number of people going to the town of Paete due to the threat of COVID-19, Vice Mayor Aurelio Paraiso said that wood carvers there have gone online to market their products as means to cushion impacts of the pandemic.

In an interview on Monday, he said that selling their products and services online have helped revive the livelihood of their constituents, especially now that Christmas season is already approaching and many are patronizing their decorative products.

"Medyo nakakabangon na nang paunti-unti ang ekonomiya ng bayan ng Paete [The economy of Paete is gradually recovering]," he said during the Network Briefing News with host Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) Secretary Martin Andanar.

He also noted

that they are monitoring the situation of their sea-based and overseas Filipino workers, who were affected by the travel restrictions back to their jobs abroad.

Paete is known as the wood carving capital of the Philippines and its industry is gradually returning to its feet amid the pandemic, while the local government continues to aid them.

"Nagbigay po ng ayuda ang pamahalaang bayan dun sa mga small and medium entrepreneurs ng puhunan na walang tubo para unti-unting makabangon yung ating mga maliit na nagnenegosyo [The municipal government has provided loan without interest to small and medium entrepreneurs so they can recover]," Vice Mayor Aurelio added.

Typhoon-hit farmers in Visayas receive assistance from DA

In the same episode, the Office of the Presidential Adviser for the Visayas (OPAV) Assistant Secretary Jonji Gonzales reported initiatives of the Department of Agriculture (DA) across the islands of Visayas.

He said that the regional counterpart of the DA continues to im-

plement its programs for its farmer-beneficiaries, especially in typhoon-hit areas such as Iloilo, as part of the Typhoon Ursula rehabilitation Program of DA - Western Visayas.

The said program was sourced under the agency's quick response fund.

"The program aims to distribute 2, 695 heads of native chicken. Inaasahang makukumpleto ng DA ang distribusyon ng mga ito under the DA quick response fund for Typhoon Ursula before the end of the year," Asec. Gonzales said.

Livestock were distributed in the towns of Batad, Concepcion, and Estancia.

Meanwhile in Central Visayas, the DA turned over farm machineries and hybrid rice seeds to farmers in Jagana, Bohol.

DA-7 distributed 4 units of Pump Irrigation System Open Source (PISOS) complete with pump and engine sets and pipes. Along with these is a unit of hand tractor.

According to Asec. Gonzales, the municipality of Jagana is one of the LGUs that responded to the challenge of DA Secretary William Dar of increasing farm production by at least 10%. (PR)

## Noveleta LGE extends financial aid to frontliners recovered from COVID-19



The local government of Noveleta extended financial assistance to frontliners that recovered from coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

In a simple ceremony recently held at

the Sangguniang Bayan Session Hall, Mayor Dino Reyes-Chua and Vice Mayor Arlyn Torres led the distribution of the P10,000 financial aid to the 56 medical, municipal and barangay frontliners.

"This is the least that we can do to thank them for their sacrifices and dedication to help the municipality in the fight against the pandemic," Mayor Chua said.

The frontliners, on the other hand, expressed gratitude to the local government for the financial aid that could somehow augment their daily needs and expenses especially after surviving the COVID-19 disease. (PIA)

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File No. FC-DC-0228-
Extra-judicial Foreclosure of
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NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE
FINANCE CORP. (NHMFC),
Mortgagee,

-versus-

MAJELYN B. BRILLANTES

Respondents/Mortgagors.

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CORP., (NHMFC), a government owned and controlled corporation
created under P.D. No. 1267, with postal address at 104 Amorsolo
St., Legaspi Village, Makati City, and against respondents/
mortgagors, MAJELYN B. BRILLANTES, with postal address at Lot
20, Blk. 44, Cityhomes Resortville, Brgy. Langkaan, Dasmariñas
City, Province of Cavite and/or No. 6033 Goldisack Street, Ediam
Avenue, Parañaque City and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged
debt which as of May 31, 2019 amounts to NINE HUNDRED SIX-
TY TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE PESOS &
77/100 (Php962,545.77) exclusive of all legal fees and expenses
incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will
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Pcs-042106-064738, being a portion of Lot 3824-B, Psd-77337,
L.R.C. Rec. No. ), situated in the Bo. of Langkaan, Mun. of
Dasmariñas, Prov. of Cavite. Bounded on the NW., along line 1-2
by Lot 18, Blk. 44; on the NE., along line 2-3 by Alley 22 (4.50 m.
wide); on the SE., along line 3-4 by Lot 22; on the SW., along line
4-1 by Lot 19, both of Blk. 44 and all of the subd. plan. Beginning
at the a pt. marked "1" on plan, being N. 88 deg. 49 'W., 285. 17
m. from Mon. No. 143, Imus Estate; thence N. 53 deg. 14 'E., 9.50
m. to point 2; thence S. 36 deg. 46 ' E., 5.00 m. to pt. 3 thence S.
53 deg. 14 'W., 9.50 m. to pt. 4; thence N. 36 deg. 46 'W., 5.00 m.
to point og beginning, containing an area of FORTY SEVEN SQ.
METERS & FIFTY SQ. DECIMETERS (47.50). All pts. Referred to
are indicated on plan and are marked on the ground by P.S. cyl.
conc. Mons. 15x60 cms.; bearings true, date of orig. survey, July
27, 1905-June 1, 1906 and that of the subd. survey, March 15-July
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(sgd.) ALVARO D. MIJARES
Sheriff IV

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Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
DASMARIÑAS CITY, PROVINCE OF CAVITE

File No. FC-DC-0034-20
Extra-judicial Foreclosure of
Real Estate Mortgage Under
Act 3135 as Amended by Act 4118

NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE
FINANCE CORP. (NHMFC),
Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPS BERNARDINA C. CASYAO
And DANTE O. CASYAO

Respondents/Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-judicial for Sale under Act 3135 as
Amended by Act 4118 filed by petitioner/mortgagee NA-
TIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORP., (NHMFC),
a government owned and controlled corporation created
under P.D. No. 1267, with postal address at 104 Amorsolo
St., Legaspi Village, Makati City, and against respondents/
mortgagors, SPS. BERNARDINA C. CASYAO and DANTE
O. CASYAO, with postal address at Block 21 Lot 05 Molino
Homes, Brgy. Salitran Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite
and/or Block 3 Lot 28 Model Compound, Garcia Street,
Moriones,Tondo, Manila and for the satisfaction of the
mortgaged debt which as of September 30, 2019 amounts
to SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY EIGHT THOUSAND FOUR
HUNDRED SEVEN PESOS & 52/100 (Php688,407.52)
exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this
foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at the
public auction on December 02, 2020 at 10:00 o' clock in
the morning or soon thereafter in the Court Room of Branch
90, Regional Trial Court, Ground Floor, Dasmariñas Com-
munity Affairs (DASCA) Building, Congressional Road, Bu-
rol 1, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite to the highest
bidder and for CASH or CERTIFIED CHECK, in Philippine
Currency, the following described real property togeth-
er with all the buildings and other improvements existing
thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-457125

"A parcel of Land (Lot 5 Blk. 21 of the cons-subd,
plan. Pcs-042106-007934, being a portion of the the cons
of Lots 8110-A & 8113-D. Psd-19868, Lots 1 & 12, 15 to 31,
Psd-04-023870, Lot 2533, Imus Estate, Lot 2529-A, (LRC),
Psd-144391, L.R.C. Rec. No. ), situated in the Bo. of
Anabu II, Mun. of Bacoor, Prov. of Cavite. Bounded on the
NE., along line 1-2 by Lot 31; on the SE., along line 2-3 by
Lot 36, both of Blk. 35; on the SW., along line 3-4 by Alley 9;
on the NW., along line 4-5 by Lot 34; on the NE., along line
5-1 by Lot 32, both of Blk. 35, all of the cons./subd. plan x x
x, containing an area of NINETY SQUARE METERS AND
SIXTY SQUARE DECIMETERS (90.60) x x x"

Prospective buyers and/or bidder are hereby en-
joined to investigate for themselves the title to the said real
property and the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

All sealed bid must be submitted to the under-
signed on the above stated time and date.

In the event the public auction should not take
place on the said date and time, it shall be held on Decem-
ber 09, 2020, at the same time and place without further
notice.

11 June 2020\*, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite.

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Republic of the Philippines
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REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
Branch 90
Dasmariñas City Cavite

IN RE: PETITION FOR CANCELLATION
SPEC. PRO. NO. DC-881-17
OF THE ANNOTATION OF LEGITIMATION
AND THE REGISTRYED AFFIDAVIT OF
LIVE BIRTH OF PRINCE RYAN BAYHON

PRINCE RYAN MONTE y BAYHON
Petitioner,

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR
DASMARIÑAS CITY,CAVITE and
PHILIPPINE STATISTIC AUTHORITY
DIOSDADO MONETE JR. y TORRES and
MARK JOSEPH MONTE Y BAYHON
Respondent/s.

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ORDER

At today's hearing on the com-
pliance of jurisdictional requirements. Pet-
itioner and Council for the petitioner Atty.
Cherry Balanquit-Granado are present.
Public Presecutor Rodolfo T. Lopez Jr.
rep[resenting the State through the Office of
Solicitor General is also present . Atty. Balan-
quit-Granado proceeded to mark documenta-
ry exhibit as Exhibits "A" to "F-1", inclusive
of tids sub-marking. Thereafter, the Petition
was announced in open Court.

Finding the Petitioner having suffi-
ciently complied with jurisdictional require-
ments and there being no opposition to the
Petition , the petitioner is allowed to present
evidence ex-parte with the present of Public
Prosecutor Lopez before the Clerk of Court
whoi is a pointed as a Commissioner for such
purpose. Set this case for presentation of
evidence for the petitioner on September 22,
2020, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning

The Clerk of the Court is directed to
submit its Report within (30) days from the
termination of the presentaton of evidence.

The Petitioner and his Council Atty.
Balanquit-Oronado, as well as Public Prose-
cutor Lopez. Are notified of this Order in
open Court

SO ORDERED

Given in open Court, City of
Dasmariñas Cavite, September 1, 2020

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1. ACP Rodolfo Lopez Jr.
Office of the Public Prosecutor
Dasmariñas City, Cavite

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
DASMARIÑAS CITY CAVITE

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND  
(Otherwise known as Pag ibig fund)  
Petitioner/Mortgagee  
-versus-

File No.FC-DC-0016-20

EXTRA JUDICIAL FOR CLOSURE  
OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE  
UNDER ACT 3135,AS AMENDED  
BY ACT 4118

SPOUSES THEMESTOCLES L. LUCEÑARA,JR.  
And MICHELLE F. LUCEÑARA,

Respondent/Mortgagors

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as Amended by Act 4118 filed by Petitioner Mortgagee, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (Otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund), a government financial institution duly organized and existing under and by virtue republic Act No.9679 ,with postal address at 12th Floor JELP Business Solutions Center, no 409 Show Boulevard, Mandaluyong City against respondent/ mortgagee,SPOUSES THEMESTOCLES L. LUCEÑERA, JR. And MICHELLE F. LUCEÑERA, Wwithn postal addresses at Block 13 Lot 10 King Solomon Road Kingsland Village, Brgy. Pala-pala Dasmariñas City ,Province of Cavite and/or B;ocl 14 Lot 11 King Solomon Road Kingsland Village, Brgy Pala-pala, Dasmariñas City Province of Cavite and for satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of January 08, 2020 amounts to ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY SEVEN PESOS & 03/100 (PHP 1,107.527.03), exclusive of all legal fees of expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on DEC.02 2020 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in the Court Room of Branch 90 Regional Trial Court Ground Floor, Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Building Congressional Road burol 1 Dasmariñas city, Province of Cavite to the highest bidder and for CASH or CERTIFIED CHECK in Philippines Currency, the following described real property together with all the buildings and other improvements existing thereon,to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO.057-2011009474

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BO OF PALA-PALA, MUN. OF DASMARIÑAS PROVINCE OF CAVITE IS LUZON bounded and described as follows: A PARTCEL OF LAND (LOT 10, BLK 13 OF THE SUBD. PLAN PSD-04022450. BEING A PORTION OF LOT3885-D-3-B(LRC)PSD-333274, LRC REC. NO 8843), SITUATED IN THE BO. OF PALA-PALA, MUN. OF DASMARIÑAS PROV.OF CAVITE IS ON LUZON BOUNDED ON SW,ALO9NG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 9 ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 2-3 BYLOT 8, BOTH OF BLOCK N13 ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY ROAD LOT 2 AND ON THE SE.ALO9NG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 12, BLK. 13 ALL OF THE SUBD. PLAN BEGINNING AT A PT. MARKED "1" ON PLAN BEING S. 37 DEG. 20'E 1975.05 M. FROM MON. 145, IMUS ESTATE THENCE N. 16 DEG. 45W.,8.00 M. TO PT.2 THENCE N.75 DEG.15'E., 10.00 M. TO PT.3: THENCE S 14 DEG.45'E 8.00 M. TO PT 4, THENCE S.75 DEG. 15'E., 10.00 M. TO THE PT. OF BEGINNING CONTAINING AN AREA OF EIGHTY (80) SQUARE METER ALL PTS REFFERRED TO ARE MARKED ON THE GROUND BY PS CYL. C ONC. MONS. BEARINGS TRUE DATE OF ORIG. SURVEY JULY 27 1905-JUNE 11, 1908 AND THAT OF THE SUBD. SURVEY DEC. 3 1986 TO JAN. 4 1987 AND APPROVED ON FEB. 17 1987

11 JUNE 2020\* , DASMARIÑAS CITY, PROVINCE OF CAVITE.

(sgd) ALVARO MIJARES  
Sheriff IV

MARCELA L. BAYBAY  
Clerk of Court & ex officio sheriff

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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND  
MARIA VICTORIA B. CAPIRAL  
c/o ATTY CAESER S. EUROPA  
24K ACCOUNT CONSULTANT.INC.  
3E FASS INTELEGI COLLEGE BUILDING  
NO. 11 PITTSBURG STREEET, BRGY. SILANGAN CUBAOM QUEZON CITY

SPOUSES THEMESTOCLES L, LUCEÑERA, JR.  
and MICHELLE F LUCEÑERA  
BLOOCK 13 LOT 10 KING SOLOMON ROAD KIG=NGSLAND VILLAGE  
BRGY PALA-PALA DASMARIÑAS CITY , PROVINCE OF CAVITE  
and/or block 14 lot 11 solomon Road kingsland Village  
bRGY PALA- PALA DASMARIÑAS CITY, PROVINCE OF CAVITE

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Carmona youth bags awards from international math competitions: The Municipal Government of Carmona recognized Kian Angelo Camposano on November 9, 2020 at the Municipal Hall for winning several awards from recent international math competitions held this year. He won a bronze medal in the virtual 2020 New Century Hope Cup Math Invitational Competition last September 12, in which China is the host country. He also won a bronze medal in the Math Sports Challenge and was given an honorable mention award during the virtual 2020 Singapore International Mathematics Olympiad Challenge last October 24.



BOTIKA ON WHEELS PROGRAM VISITS BACOOR SENIOR CITIZENS: Cavite provincial government's delivery of health care services through the Botika on Wheels program benefited two hundred thirty senior citizens of Bacoor City. Free vitamins and prescription medicines were distributed to the elderlies during its visit in Barangay Panapaan 3 on November 5, 2020. Bacoor City Mayor Lani Mercado, his son Bryan Revilla and other local officials from Barangay Panapaan III joined the event to visit their constituents and check their wellness. Volunteers from the provincial government were also in attendance facilitating the distribution of medicines to the residents. The Botika on Wheels program cater not only the seniors but also adults and children all over the province through the provision of vitamins to boost their immune system and maintenance medicines for the adults and seniors.

(Gina Perlado Pereña)

RFID ...

Expressway motorists may now skip the long lines and instead opt to book their RFID sticker installation appointment online. Easytrip is launching the Online RFID Reservation and Appointment System or ORRAS to provide users of the Metro Pacific Tollways network an alternative and pre-booked way to get their RFID sticker.

ORRAS is convenient and easy to use. Here are the simple and easy steps motorists need to follow when securing an appointment:

Scan the Easytrip QR code found in the NLEX, CAVITEX, CALAX, FB pages, Twitter, Instagram and website; Easytrip FB page and website. Accomplish the registration. When registration is successful, choose your preferred date, time, and location. Motorists are advised to ensure completeness and accuracy of data.

Once successful, an e-mail with a confirmation QR code will be sent.

Then on the

day of your appointment, here's what you should do:

Bring the confirmation e-mail and QR code with you.

Observe social distancing. Do not alight from your vehicle as an Easytrip Assistant shall approach you and scan your QR code.

Upon validation, pay the initial load (Php 200 for CAVITEX and CALAX, and Php 500 for NLEX).

Easytrip RFID sticker will be installed by Easytrip personnel.

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
DASMARIÑAS CITY, PROVINCE OF CAVITE

File No. FC-DC-0232-19  
Extra-judicial Foreclosure of  
Real Estate Mortgage Under  
Act 3135 as Amended by Act 4118

NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE  
FINANCE CORP. (NHMFC),  
Mortgagee,

-versus-

PRIMITIVO C. EDEROSAS,  
married to FE H. EDEROSAS  
Responndents/Mortgagors.

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**NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SALE**

Upon Extra-judicial for Sale under Act 3135 as Amended by Act 4118 filed by NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORP., (NHMFC), a government owned and controlled corporation created under P.D. No. 1267, with postal address at 104 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City, and against respondents/mortgagors, PRIMITIVO C. EDEROSAS, married to FE H. EDEROSAS, with postal address at Golden City Dasma 3, Lot 29, Blk. 29, Brgy. Salawag, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite and/or No. 2, Gen. Aguinaldo Street, Signal Village, Taguig City and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of May 31, 2019 amounts to EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTEEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY TWO PESOS & 94/100 (Php813,752.94) exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at the public auction on December 02, 2020 at 10:00 o' clock in the morning or soon thereafter in the Court Room of Branch 90, Regional Trial Court, Ground Floor, Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Building, Congressional Road, Burol 1, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite to the highest bidder and for CASH or CERTIFIED CHECK, in Philippine Currency, the following described real property together with all the buildings and other improvements existing thereon, to wit:

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-531359**

"A parcel of Land (Lot 29 Blk. 29 of the consubd. plan. Pcs-042106-00879, being a portion of the cons of Lots 5777 situated in the Brgy Salawa Beginning at apt. marked W. 3.75 m. 2; Thence N. 4 deg. THIRTY FIVE SQ. M. & SIXTY THREE SQ. DEC. (35.63) SQ. METERS. All pts referred to an indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground by pts. Cyl. cons. mons. 15x60 cm.bearing true date of orig. surtvey June 12-13, 1948 & that the cons./subd. survey Oct. 3-Nov 30 1993 and was approved on March 25, 1994

Prospective buyers and/or bidder are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said real property and the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

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 and time, it shall be held on December 09, 2020, at the same time and place without further notice.

February 07, 2020, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite.

(sgd.) ALVARO D. MIJARES  
Sheriff IV

APPROVED:  
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**#SamaSamaTayoSaPasko at SM City Calamba**



SM City Calamba opened the holiday season by filling the mall atrium with Yuletide cheers and carols as they launched the Christmas in the clouds centerpiece. The event was highlighted by the lighting of the said centerpiece which astounded the guests and mall shoppers.

The extravagant centerpiece complimented the Christmas ambiance of the mall together with the gigantic Christmas trees, unicorns, and colorful lights.

Since Christmas is said to be a time of giving, the SM Cares Bears of Joy was also launched during the event. For only P 200.00, each shopper can have 1 cute cuddly bear to keep, while the other will be donated to a chosen charity.

So what are you waiting for have a #SamaSamaTayoSaPasko at SM City Calamba – your happy place where everything's here for a fun filled experience for the whole family.

**EXTRA JUDICIAL**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late BEATRIZ P. VILLACARLOS married to Crisologo C. Villacarlos, consisting of a portion of a parcel of land known as (Lot No.5 (LRA) PSD-E2019005475 of the subdivision survey of plan PSU-211550 LRC Case No.NC-109, LRC Record No.53680, situated in the Barrio of Zapang, Mun. of Ternate, Prov. of Cavite, consisting an area of 3688 square meters, embraced and covered by OCT NO. O-2244, of the Registry of Deeds of Cavite, have been the subject of an Extra-Judicial Settlement of Estate of the Deceased among the legal heirs as per Doc.No.89; Page No.19; Book No. XXII and series of 2020 of Notary Public Jameswell M. Resus of Naic, Cavite.

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**EXTRA JUDICIAL**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ESTATE OF THE LATE PRESCILLA A. BASCON HAS BEEN EXTRA-JUDICIALLY SETTLED BY HER HEIRS THRU EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE AS PER DOC. NO. 303 ; PAGE NO. 62 ; BOOK NO. 73 ; SERIES OF 2020, BEFORE NOTARY PUBLIC ATTY. CESARIO G. GONZALES JR.

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# Gov't reforms boosted PHL food security ahead of COVID pandemic, says Dominguez

Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III said the Philippines has been handling the COVID-19 crisis "with strength on the food security front," as the Duterte administration introduced game-changing reforms over the last four years that boosted the productivity and enhanced the resiliency of the country's agriculture sector ahead of the pandemic.

Dominguez said among these reforms under President Rodrigo Duterte's decisive leadership is the Rice Tariffication Law (RTL), which has set in place a liberalized rice trading regime that led to an adequate supply and cheaper retail prices of the food staple despite the mobility restrictions that the government implemented since March to curb the spread of COVID-19.

To ensure food security over the long run, Secretary Domingu

ez said the Philippine government is turning the coronavirus-induced health emergency into an opportunity to rapidly digitize its agricultural systems and mechanize farm production, as these twin measures will expand market access for food producers while keeping food supply available and prices affordable.

"We are confident that the innovative measures we are putting in place today will transform Philippine agriculture into a dynamic, high-growth sector that will fuel our country's strong recovery," Secretary Dominguez said during the high-level Food Security Roundtable held online via Zoom last month as part of the 2020 Annual Meetings of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and The World Bank (WB) Group.

Secretary Dominguez said the government is also promoting digital market- ing to support ongoing

efforts to boost consumer spending in the new normal; sustaining public investments in rural infrastructure; and accelerating the move towards agricultural technology-based farming and value chain development to ensure long-term food security.

To channel more funds into the agriculture sector, the government is encouraging more private-sector financing in agriculture by proposing reforms in the Congress that will provide more access to credit for the entire agricultural value chain, Secretary Dominguez said.

"We all aspire for greater food and nutrition security for our people. Only an efficient and modern agriculture sector can fully deliver that," said Secretary Dominguez, who was Agriculture secretary during the administration of the late President Corazon Aquino.

He said that

aside from helping ensure food security amid the pandemic, the RTL also mandated that tariffs collected from rice imports be earmarked for farm modernization programs to boost productivity and sharpen the competitiveness of local farmers.

The agriculture sector was "one of the brightest spots" of the Philippines's response to the pandemic owing in large part to the RTL, Secretary Dominguez said.

He pointed out that this sector even continued to grow when the rest of the economy contracted because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Secretary Dominguez said rice tariffication was among the main reasons why the government has succeeded in keeping food prices and supply stable, and inflation low during the COVID-19 emergency.

Keeping rice prices stable has been helpful for

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low-income households that spend a fifth of their budgets on rice alone, he added.

"The Philippines faced the COVID-19 pandemic with strength on the food security front," Secretary Dominguez said.

He pointed out that despite logistical restrictions resulting from the lockdowns imposed to protect people and communities from the lethal coronavirus, the government was able to sustain the flow of produce from local farms to Filipino consumers.

"A food crisis did not happen. This is credited to the effective management of the food supply by our Agriculture Department," Secretary Dominguez said.

The conference brought together officials from the WB and finance, state and development cooperation ministers from countries at all income levels to discuss emerging and long-standing drivers of food insecurity, as well as financing and policy options to remedy these threats.

Finance, trade and economic policymakers tackled the impact of COVID-19 on the food and nutrition security in their respective countries.

Along with the WB officials, they also identified and discussed the innovations, resources and policy responses that can help reduce food insecurity this year and over the long term. (PR)

## Agri chief designates new officials as part of "rebooting" DA team

As part of his continuing efforts to streamline and efficiently implement major agricultural and fishery programs, Agriculture Secretary William Dar designated new officials to comprise the "rebooted" DA management team.

"In any organization, there should be continuous streamlining to make the team responsive to the changing times, and also ensure that only the right people, with the necessary skills, are in the right places to produce the desired outcomes," said Secretary Dar.

"Let us solidify our commitment by virtuously and conscientiously practice good governance—with the highest integrity, and no hint of corruption nor delay—in the discharge and implementation of our duties to the Filipino people. Let us serve them with our utmost integrity and competence," he added.

Leading off the new designates is former Chief-of-Staff (COS) undersecretary (Usec) Cheryl Marie Natividad-Caballero as usec for agri-industrialization and for fisheries.

As undersecretary for agri-industrialization, she will supervise the implementation of strategic initiatives, particularly the setting up of Agri-industrial Business Corridors (ABCs) nationwide, and implementation of inclusive agribusiness programs; and as Usec for fisheries, oversee crafting and implementation of policies and programs to further enhance the performance and contribution of the aquaculture, municipal and commercial fishing sectors to the national economy. She is also tasked to oversee the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA), and other offices related to fisheries.

Designated as new chief of staff (COS) is Dr. Leocadio Sebastian, former executive director of the Philippine Rice Research Institute, and regional program leader of the CGIAR Research Program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CCAFS) in South-east Asia.

He is assisted by Dr. Carmencita Kagaoan as deputy COS for programs; and Alexander

Arizabal, Jr. as deputy COS for operations, in concurrent capacity as head executive assistant.

Meanwhile, Dr. Liza Battad, OIC-executive director of the Philippine Council for Agriculture and Fisheries (PCAF) is designated, in a concurrent capacity, as the new assistant secretary-designate for regulations.

Secretary Dar also designated several officials to lead respective DA attached agencies and staff bureaus, namely:

Myer Mula as OIC-director of the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Product Standards (BAFS), in a concurrent capacity as director of the DA Special Area for Agricultural Development (SAAD);

Vivencio Mamaril, formerly head of BAFS, as director of the Bureau of Agricultural Research (BAR). He replaced Dr. Nicomedes Eleazar, who opted to retire early;

Eric Divinagracia as deputy executive director of the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA); and

Claro Mingala as OIC-executive director of the Philippine Carabao Center (PCC); and

Paul Limson, as OIC-assistant director, Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI).

To streamline the operations of the DA's Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI), Secretary Dar also designated two assistant directors to join current BPI Assistant Director Gerald Glenn Panganiban, namely: Andres Alemania, for regulatory; and Dr. Jonar Yago, for research and development and pest management

Several officials were also designated at the DA-BFAR, namely:

Juan Albaladejo, as OIC-assistant director for operations. He joins two other assistant directors: Dr. Drusila Esther Bayate, for research; and Atty. Demosthenes Escoto, for administrative services;

Raul Millana, as director for Davao or region 11;

Alfeo Piloton, director for region 12; and Rosario Segundina Gaerlan, OIC-director for region 1.

Meanwhile, Dir. Nestor Domenden, formerly DA-BFAR region 1 director, is designated as OIC-regional executive director of DA-Regional

Field Office 1.

To implement other DA programs and projects, Secretary Dar designated the following officials:

Rosana Mula, as program director for youth, in a concurrent capacity as assistant director of the Agricultural Training Institute;

Dionisio Alwindia, formerly of the Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization (PhilMech), as project director for Rice Resiliency Project;

Lucia Campomanes, as assistant director for the Kabuhayan at Kaunlaran ng Kababayang Katutubo (4K) Program; and Deputy Executive Director Anrray Rivera-Capili of the Philippine Fiber Development Authority (PhilFIDA), as program director for gender equality and

social inclusion.

As the DA continues on implementing various initiatives under the Plant, Plant, Plant program, specifically, short-gestating and high-impact projects that will provide sustainable food, livelihood, and incomes to Filipino households, Secretary Dar leads all officials and staff to pledge a covenant of good governance and no to corruption.

"We must cleanse the tarnished image of the DA as a corrupt agency by working together and diminish, once and for all, such lingering bad reputation. Always bear in our hearts and minds that a public office is a public trust," he reminded colleagues at a recent management committee (ManCom) meeting. ### (Rita dela Cruz, DA StratComms)

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