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EDITORIAL:

Mixed signals on corruption

"Talking tough and then merely slapping erring officials on the wrist dilute what would otherwise be a strong anti-corruption message."

Investigate corruption in the entire government.

In his televised address to the nation Tuesday morning, President Rodrigo Duterte gave this order to an inter-agency task force led by Justice Secretary Menardo Guevarra III.

Guevarra's team can decide which corruption allegations to investigate, considering the gravity and impact on the delivery of government service. They have until June 30, 2022, Duterte's last day in office, to complete this task.

The eradication of corruption was one of the promises that swept then-candidate Rodrigo Duterte to victory. Filipinos, tired of the usual business from politicians, placed their faith in the tough-talking former mayor of Davao City.

Four years later, it appears the problem is much too big and much too deep for even a macho

politician to eliminate. Chastened, Mr. Duterte himself has acknowledged that corruption continues to exist.

Most recently we were aghast to learn, for instance, that over at the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation, billions of pesos had been pocketed by officials who should have been thinking of the plight of poor Filipinos unable to afford healthcare especially during this time of public emergency.

"Let me remind everybody in this government. Your resignation will not save your neck," Duterte said. "You are not allowed to resign to escape liability." Dozens of PhilHealth officials have quit their jobs in the past few months.

In the same address, Mr. Duterte ordered the investigation of corruption at the Department of Public Works and Highways.

But these are just two agencies out of the universe of the entire government. We can think of numerous others: Drugs through Customs, the facilitation of entry of Chinese workers, white sand on Manila Bay. And a long list of allegations, big and small.

Filipinos have been living with corruption for the longest time. We have learned to bear the painful knowledge that many of our officials are cheating us out of our hard-earned money, and that only very few of them, if at all, would go to jail for their misdeeds. Our tolerant and forgiving nature is part of the reason the

problem has persisted.

It is time to be angrier. Noisier. More unforgiving.

Alas, the President's order will not be enough. The crooks in government know too well that all they have to do when they find themselves in the spotlight is to wait out the media cycle until the public finds something else to be angry about.

Some of the accused, instead of acting honorably, simply wait to be appointed to yet another government post. The really special ones enjoy unlimited support and trust, even defense and praise, from the powers-that-be.

All these acts dilute the Executive's tough stance on corruption, and all the Herculean effort that Secretary Guevarra's task force might make to comply with the order. That, too, would have been only the beginning, since the prosecution of the accused before the appropriate courts would be another challenge in itself. Multiply this with the number of individuals and cases that would be tried.

Eradicating corruption seems like an impossible job at this point. But if the President is clear and consistent in his message, and practices zero tolerance of the accused regardless of their political affiliation, then perhaps in a few years we could make a dent on the problem. And then maybe the feat would not appear as unachievable as it does now.

Manila, Tokyo to convene 10th infra meeting online amid pandemic

Philippine and Japanese officials will hold high-level discussions tomorrow on the progress of the Japan-funded infrastructure projects under President Duterte's signature "Build, Build, Build" program, and this would happen via videoconferencing for the first time amid the travel restrictions resulting from the lingering COVID-19 pandemic.

The 10th Japan-Philippines Joint Committee on Infrastructure Development and Economic Cooperation, to be held on Wednesday (Oct.28), will also be the first time that this bilateral panel will convene under the new administration

of Japan Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga.

Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III will chair the Philippine side in the committee, while Dr. Hiroto Izumi, the special advisor to Prime Minister Suga, is expected to lead the Japanese side.

On top of discussing the status of Japan-funded "Build, Build, Build" projects, this high-level panel will also provide updates from both sides on Japan's assistance to the Philippines' COVID-19 response efforts, the Department of Finance (DOF) said.

Both sides will tackle the impact of

COVID-19 on the implementation of the Japan-supported projects and the safety of workers and other personnel involved in their construction.

The Philippines is also expected to share developments on the Mindanao peace process, the ongoing rehabilitation of Marawi City, and the new Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).

Japan, for its part, will provide updates on its ongoing assistance to Mindanao under the framework of the Japan-Bangsamoro Initiatives for Reconstruction and Development

(J-BIRD) and other programs designed to help promote stability and economic growth in the new autonomous region.

Among the Japan-funded infrastructure projects that the committee is expected to discuss in the Oct. 28 meeting are the Metro Manila Subway Project (Phase I), North-South Railway Project, Metro Rail Transit Line 3 (MRT-3) Rehabilitation Project, Davao City Bypass Construction Project, and the Cebu-Mactan Bridge and Coastal Road Construction Project.

Before the COVID-19 pandemic struck, the committee met alternately in Japan and

the Philippines.

The panel first convened in March 2017 in Tokyo, while its latest face-to-face meeting was in Hakone in December last year.

Since the start of the Duterte administration, 15 loan agreements have been signed between the Philippines and Japan worth a combined JPY679.3 billion (approximately P317 billion or US\$6.24 billion), of which 11 involve the construction of big-ticket projects under "Build, Build, Build."

These agreements also include two loans amounting to JPY100 billion signed this year for the Philippines'

COVID-19 response.

Japan ranks as the No. 1 provider of Official Development Assistance (ODA) to the Philippines, with loan and grant commitments amounting to around US\$10.1 billion as of June 2020. This sum represents 38.53 percent of the country's total ODA portfolio.

As of June 2020, ODA loans from Japan amounted to US\$10.03 billion (40.77 percent of the country's total ODA loans), while grants totaled US\$69.45 million. This makes Japan the largest ODA loan provider to the Philippines and the 8th largest in terms of grant financing. (PR)

Three high value drug suspects fall in Cavite, 13 kilos of shabu worth P88 million seize

CAMP VICENTE LIM, LAGUNA - At least 13 kilos of drugs worth P88 million were seized after three high value drug suspects were arrested in separate stings in Brgy. Molino 2 and Brgy. Mambog 3, Bacoor City, Cavite, on Sunday.

Col. Marlon Santos, Cavite provincial director identified the three big time drug peddlers as Mira-ato Macarampat alias Rhash, Javier Sultan Mala, and Bino Casan Sampaco.

The operations also culled 12 sealed

green foil packs with label DAGUANYIN Chinese tea bag containing white crystalline substance suspected to be methamphetamine hydrochloride commonly known as 'shabu' 10 bundles of one thousand peso bill amounting to P1 million, genuine one thousand peso bill, gray sling bag with label trans gear Z, blue and yellow green pack bags with vans, brown paper bag with label Bench, two identification cards and gray Toyota Corolla.

Report said Mira-ato was collared during

a buy bust operation conducted in Brgy Mambog 3 Bacoor City, Cavite at around 9:30 a.m. on Sunday and confiscated more or less 8 kilograms of shabu with estimated street value of P54,400,000.

While Mala and Sampaco were nabbed along Molino Road, Brgy Molino 2, Bacoor City, Cavite at around 12:30 p.m. also on the same day and confiscated more or less 5 kilograms of shabu worth P34,400,000.00.

A criminal complaint for Violation of Section 5 & Sec 11 Article

2 of RA 9165 otherwise known as Comprehensive Dangerous Drug Act of 2002 were filed before the office of the City Prosecutors, Bacoor City, Cavite.

Brig. General Vicente Danao Jr, Calabarzon police director, stressed that the success of the series of arrests connotes the stepped up campaign against illegal drugs and the stronger comprehensive collaboration of all Cities and Municipal Stations in the province. (ED AMOROSO)

EXTRA JUDICIAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ESTATE OF THE LATE MARIETA A. ARARACAP, HAS BEEN EXTRA-JUDICIALLY SETTLED BY HER HEIRS THRU EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF STATE WITH DEEDS OF ABSOLUTE SALE AS PER DOC. NO.223; PAGE NO.46; BOOK NO. 72 SERIES OF 2020 BEFORE NOTARY PUBLIC ATTY. CESARIO G. GONZALES JR.

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KAPANALIG

NI Nelson Dimapilis

Senator Win Gatchalian is eyeing more centers of excellence that will boost the quality of education and training for the country's aspiring teachers.

In a Senate panel hearing, non-profit organization Philippine Business for Education (PBED) reported that there are only 74 centers of excellence and development among 1,572 Teacher Education Institutions (TEIs) in the country.

According to Gatchalian, the government should not simply wait for TEIs' application to become centers of excellence. He cited the case of the Paman-tasan ng Lungsod ng Valenzuela (PLV) which has yet to apply for the recognition despite being included in the top ten performing institutions in licensure examinations for the past five years.

PLV also produced topnotchers of Licensure Examinations for Teachers (LET) such as Kier Araulo Baugbog who topped the March 2018 licensure exams for the secondary level. Nicko Tumala, another PLV alumnus, ranked fourth in the March 2017 LET for secondary, while Christian Torres Pantoja is one of those who landed on the top nine spot during the September

2015 LET for elementary.

"The government should be proactive in looking for and promoting these centers of excellence which, in effect, will attract the best teachers to go to those centers of excellence," said the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Basic Education, Arts and Culture.

"If the government will not be proactive, those centers of excellence will not grow and increase," he added.

Gatchalian explained that the role of the Teacher of Education Council (TEC) is crucial in increasing the number of centers of excellence for teacher education. The TEC was formed in 1994 under Republic Act No. 7784 to formulate policies on strengthening and improving the quality of teacher education in the country. It is also mandated to identify and designate centers of excellence for teacher education.

A center of excellence is mandated to experiment and try out relevant and innovative teacher education and training programs from pre-service to in-service. Pre-service refers to the education for aspiring teachers while in-service training is for those who are already working as teachers.

Centers of excellence are also tasked to or-

ganize and coordinate collaborative research to help improve teacher education programs. These centers should also serve as a teacher resource center for curricular and instructional materials development.

Gatchalian recently filed Senate Bill No. 1887, which aims to strengthen and reform the TEC to foster stronger links between teachers' pre-service and in-service education, which would entail better collaboration between the Department of Education (DepEd) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).

The lawmaker emphasized that these reforms are all about improving teacher quality and education as basic inputs for better learner outcomes, citing the dismal results of the 2018 Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) and the poor showing of Licensure Examination for Teachers (LET) takers.

The 2018 PISA results showed that out of 79 countries, the Philippines ranked lowest in Reading Comprehension and second lowest in Science and Mathematics. From 2014 to 2019, the average passing for the elementary teacher licensure examinations was only 28 percent and only 36 percent for the secondary level.

CAVITE TOURISM TIES UP WITH PCLEDO FOR MSMEs DIGITALIZATION, HOLDS DIGIPALENGKE ORIENTATION

In order to provide opportunities for tourism-related micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in Cavite and improve their competitiveness amid the wave of market digitalization and current COVID-19 crisis, the Provincial Tourism and Cultural Affairs Office (PTCAO) in collaboration with the Department of Tourism Region IV-A (DOT IV-A) and the Provincial Cooperative, Livelihood and Entrepreneurial Development Office (PCLEDO)

successfully held the Orientation on Digipalengke and Safepass for Cavite MSMEs on October 21, 2020 via Zoom.

Gracing the online event with more than 50 attendees was DOT CALABARZON Regional Director Michael A. Palispis who welcomed Cavite MSMEs. In his message, RD Palispis lauded the joint efforts of Cavite Tourism and PCLEDO to support the MSMEs' and other tourism-related businesses'

digitalization towards an inclusive and sustainable economic development.

Meanwhile, Ms. Liza Gabatan of the Entrepreneurial Division delivered a message on behalf of PCLEDO Head Atty. Khervy Reyes, highlighting the power of digitalization to transform MSMEs as a game changer in the economy. Ms. Gabatan also shared the COVID-19 recovery projects offered

by the PCLEDO through their technical and education assistance program for MSMEs and cooperatives.

The concept of Digipalengke as a simplified and community-based e-commerce solution for MSMEs to go digital was presented by Mr. Mark Colentava of Talino Venture Labs, while Safe Pass, a digital incident mitigation and management solution designed to make it easy for

COVID-19 contact tracing and safety protocols, was discussed by Ms. Carole Malenab.

Pasalubong centers, local crafts producers, and plant sellers in the province were among the MSMEs interested to try the digital solution, since the platform can be used for free during the community quarantine period in line with the Bayanihan Recovery Act. Inquiries on delivery partners, merchant fees, and DigiPalengke subscrib-

ers' feedback were raised during the open forum.

A message of appreciation to the guests, presenters, and participants by Provincial Tourism Officer Ms. Rozelle Sangalang capped off the virtual orientation activity, inspiring MSMEs with the provincial government's tourism plans and its continued support to Cavite's business sector. **(Rochelle D. Bawalan, TOO II)**



PCLEDO



ORIENTATION ON
DIGIPALENGKE & SAFEPASS
FOR CAVITE MSMEs AND
TOURISM ENTERPRISES

OCTOBER 21, 2020, WEDNESDAY
10:00AM - 12:00NN

EXTRA JUDICIAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ESTATE OF THE DECEASED CONRADO R. CAJULIS LEFT WITH THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS WITH BDO CAVITE CITY SAVINGS ACCOUNT NO. 004770005884; DOLLAR SAVINGS ACCOUNT NO. 10477007472; DOLLAR SAVINGS ACCOUNT NO. 104770068924 and FIVE MILLION PESOS (Php5,000,000.00) of SM PRIME FIXED RATE BONDS DUE 2020 with BP ID RISMPBC154 through BDO CAPITAL & INVESTMENT CORP. have been the subject of an Extra-Judicial Settlement of Estate of the Deceased among the Legal Heirs of his as PER DOC. NO. 3209; PAGE NO. 117; BOOK NO. 04; SERIES OF 2020, BEFORE NOTARY PUBLIC ATTY. NEMUEL R. CAMARSE .

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
BRANCH 23
TRECE MARTIRES CAVITE

IN RE. PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF
LOT AREA OF NO.2-A IN TRANSFER
CERTIFICATE OF THE NO. 057-
-2013036968 FROM: 83SQ. M. TO 43 SQ.M
OF THE REGISTRY OF DEEDS FOR THE
PROVINCE OF CAVITE

LRC CASE NO. 6832-017-19

SOGO REALTY & DEVELOPMENT, CORP.
represented by ZARRITTA UY-CIRERA
Petitioner

X-----X

ORDER

Before this Court is a verified petition for correction of lot area of lot no. 2-A in Transfer Certificate of Title No. 057-2013036968 of the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Cavite in the name of petitioner, the registered owner.

Finding the aforementioned petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the same is hereby set for initial hearing on April 15, 2020 of 8:30 in the morning. Where any and / or all parties interested may oppose the said petition.

Let a copy of this Order be published at least once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within a Province of Cavite and posted at the Bulletin Board of Government Center Building, Trece Martires City, Public Market, Municipal and Barangay Hall, where the property is situated as well as on the land itself. Located at Barangay of Paradahán, Municipality of Tanza Cavite and others copied together with the petition be furnished the Register of Deeds for the Province of Cavite, Office of the Land Registration Authority, Office of the Land Management Bureau Office of the Solicitor General, Petitioner and its counsel.

SO ORDERED.

Trece Martires City, March 16, 2020.

(sgd.) PURIFICATION A. BARING TUVERA
Presiding Judge

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
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Petitioner

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ORDER

In compliance with Supreme Court Administrative Circular No. 31-2020 dated March 16, 2020 suspending nationwide Court hearing until April 15, 2020 due to the rising cases of COVID-19 infection, let the hearing of the above-entitled case previously case on April 15, 2020 be reset to December 2, 2020 at 8:30 in the morning.

Notify all parties concerned of the resetting.

SO ORDERED.

Trece Martires City, August 12, 2020.

(sgd.) PURIFICATION A. BARING TUVERA
Presiding Judge

DATELINE WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS:
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Cavite's Happy Garden at the SM Malls



Organic green salad with edible flowers from Sonya's Garden in Tagaytay . . . crispy mushrooms and mushroom sauces from Joyce Mushroom Kitchen . . . pure bee honey from Marshal's Farm that can also be used as a face cream . . . hand crafted Lumos soy candles . . . fresh herbs to spice up your meals— Italian oregano, java mint, and tarragon. Cavite's Happy Garden, held recently at SM City Dasmariñas, SM City Bacoor and SM City Molino, was a delightful treasure trove of local produce, plants, and wellness products.

This one-stop shop presented healthier and more natural options from local farmers and small entrepreneurs in Cavite and nearby towns in support of the micro-business unit. The exhibit showcased a variety of

crops, herbal and medicinal plants, and different organic byproducts. It also featured plants in light of the growing plantito and plantita community in the region.

This is not surprising as Cavite, which is situated at the entrance of Manila Bay, is a largely agricultural province, characterized by rolling hinterlands, coastal and alluvial plains, and forest lands. It also has a scenic upland mountainous area where one can find the breathtakingly beautiful city of Tagaytay, and southern parts of Silang and Amadeo with its pineapple and coffee plantations as well as with cut-flower production.

Cavite's Happy Garden featured healthy food and wellness options inspired by the beauty and magical experience of Sonya's Garden in

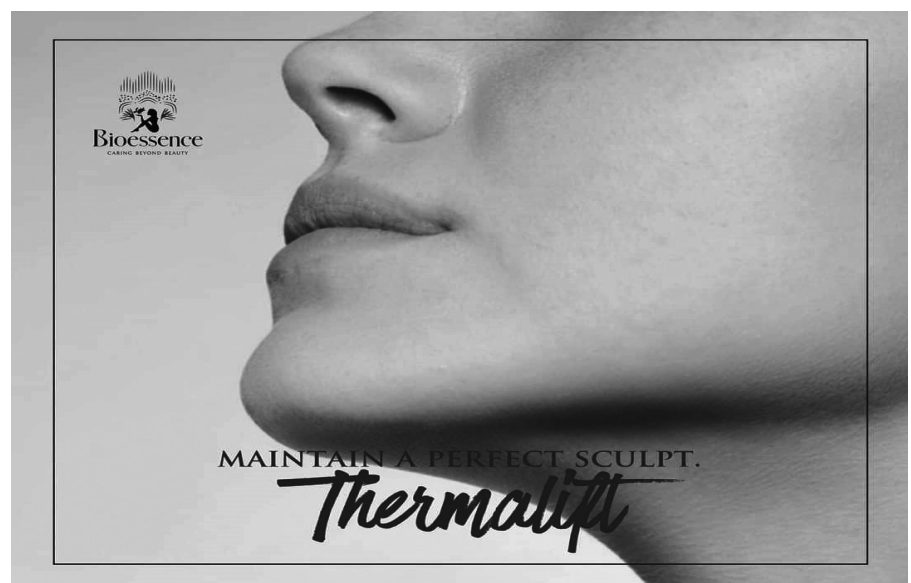
Tagaytay, including fruit jams, Spanish specialties like Tendon Callos in Olive Oil, and its Botanicals range of organic skin and haircare products.

Joyce Mushroom Kitchen's booth had its famous white oyster mushrooms as well as its Mushroom Bagoong and Chilli Sauce; while Hive's and Marshal's Farm had some of the best raw organic honey.

If you're turning to a Plantito or a Plantita who wants to start a mini garden in your own home, Cavite's Happy Garden bloomed with wide variety of plants and herbs available in the exhibit. Adorable and minimalist pots, hangers, and plants racks delighted the garden enthusiasts.

Cavite's Happy Garden was one of the many exciting community projects of SM's Cavite malls.

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LGU...

The City Government here recently signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Multisys Technologies Corporation for a partnership in the development of the Smart City System.

In preparation for the New Normal, the system is a contactless transactions thru digitalized online system that will ensure more efficient, fast and convenient business dealings with the different departments of the city government.

The Smart City

System offers services that include processing and payment of Business Permit, Business Tax, Real Property Tax, Birth Certificate, Cedula, Local Civil Registry, Occupational Rents and Health Certificate, and other payments. Payments can be made thru over-the-counter via Bayad Centers, banks and online banking with affiliated banking establishments of BDO, BPI and Metrobank, via digital payments like Paymaya and GCASH, and debit or credit card payments.

In the near future, the city government subsidies like the Birthday Cash Gift, financial assistance, medical assistance and other services could be directly credited to the residents thru the system and all other possibilities will be explored to maximize the utilization of the system to better serve the people.

Mayor Gemma Lubigan led the virtual signing of the partnership agreement with Mr. Esconili Head Business Development of Multisys,

and witnessed by Atty. Kim Moral, Councilor Aldrin Anacan, Acting City Admin Mr. Cabaya, and Vice Mayor Bobby Montehermoso on October 9, 2020.

“Looking forward po tayo sa launching nito at umaasa po tayo sa mabilis at epektibong serbisyo at kasiguraduhan para sa mamamayan ng Trece. Unti-unti ay makakamit na natin ang pagiging Innovative City at ang paggamit ng mabisang teknolohiya sa ating Lung-sod,” said Mayor Lubigan. (PIA)

FROM PAGE 1

Republic of the Philippines
Fourth Judicial Region
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE JUDGE
City of Bacoor

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR RE-APPOINTMENT AS NOTARY PUBLIC FOR BACOR CITY, CAVITE

Application No. 2019-12

SWEET FAITH B. ABELLA-SECIO,

Petitioner,

X ----- X

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a summary hearing on the petitions for notarial commission shall be held on **November 25, 2020 at 1:30 in the afternoon.** Any person who has any cause or reason to object to the grant of the petitions may file a verified written opposition thereto, received by the undersigned before the date of the summary hearing.

Let this notice be published once in the newspaper of general circulation in Cities and Province of Cavite at the expense of the petitioner.

City of Bacoor.

October 19, 2020.

(SGD) MARISSA P. ESTABAYA
Executive Judge

Copy Furnished by registered mail:
Atty. SWEET FAITH B. ABELLA – SECIO
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Molino 4, Bacoor City, Cavite.

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FROM PAGE 1

DILG...

Days before Undas, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) has directed all local government units (LGUs) and police commanders to ensure that all private and public cemeteries, memorial parks, and columbariums are closed from October 29 to November 4, 2020 as ordered by the President.

DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año said that despite the flattening of the COVID-19 curve in the country and the decrease of cases particularly in Metro Manila, the danger has not passed and LGUs must ensure that there will be no mass gathering in cemeteries. He said that LGUs and local police commanders are expected to be fully accountable in managing all cemeteries within their jurisdictions.

“September pa lang po nagbigay na ng

kautusan ang Pangulo. We expect all LGUs to cooperate by ensuring that cemeteries within their localities are closed. Ito’y para walang mass gathering ngayong panahon ng pandemya,” Año said.

The DILG Chief also directed all police commanders across the country to help ensure that all cemeteries, memorial parks and columbariums are compliant to quarantine rules, as the early All Saints’ Day and All Souls’ Day commemorations start and people flock to cemeteries ahead of the closure.

He directed all police units to enforce the strict and proper observation of minimum health and safety standard protocols, such as the wearing of face masks and face shields and physical distancing to those going to the cemeteries early.

“The local po-

lice commanders and the mayors by now should have discussed the rules that would be implemented per locality but all these local rules that would be crafted should conform to the guidelines set by the IATF,” he said.

He reminded all LGUs that the number of visitors in cemeteries, memorial parks, and columbariums shall be limited to only 30 percent of the venue’s capacity, with all those entering required to wear face masks and face shields, and observe physical distancing.

Año also said that PNP assistance desks must be set up at the entrance of cemeteries and columbariums and police officers must do regular foot patrol in order to ensure that IATF regulations on the number of people are followed.

He said that Undas this year will be differ-

ent from the usual observance and asks the public for their consideration and patience since the health crisis is not yet over.

“The DILG is one with the Filipino people in remembering our deceased loved ones in the coming All Saints’ Day and All Souls’ Days. During the pandemic, we are asking for the people’s cooperation by not going to the cemeteries, staying at home on October 29 to November 4, 2020 and visiting their departed relatives days before or weeks after the closure,” he said.

“Maaari naman pong makadalaw sa mga sementeryo ang ating mga kababayan kahit anong edad bago o matapos ang itinakda at ipinagbabawal na mga araw. Ito naman po ay para rin sa kabutihan ng nakararami,” he ended. (dilg.gov)

The Provincial Tourism and Cultural Affairs Office in partnership with the Cavite Migration and Development Office and Cavite Overseas Filipino Welfare Council (COFWC) will conduct a workshop entitled Sining Kabuhayan on November 13, 2020, 1:00PM to 4:00PM via Zoom.

This activity aims to help our OFWs and their families who were affected by the COVID-19 pandemic by developing greater cultural understanding and aesthetic appreciation of arts, enhancing visual arts skills of individuals, and fostering creativity to create livelihood opportunities.

To register, please click the link below:
<https://forms.gle/BgKGqDzDJEP34BkU6>

ERRATUM

This is to correct the error made in the publication of Notice of Extra Judicial Sale filed by Home Development Mutual Fund versus MARVIN C. TUTOR married to EDEN A TUTOR published in Dateline Weekly Newspaper dated July 27, August 03 & 10, 2020. The address of the Mortgagee should be read as The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 368, Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City, while the amount of indebtedness should be ONE HUNDRED FIFTY EIGHT THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY PESOS AND 04/100(P158,920.04). In the tech. description 9th line it should be read as AND ON THE NE., and not as published.

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EXTRA JUDICIAL

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COVID-19 UPDATES

Patient Code: C - P633
633rd confirmed positive case of COVID-19 in Carmona

- 75 taong gulang, Lalaki, Pilipino
- With relevant travel history
- With Co-morbidity: Hypertension, Diabetes Mellitus
- Residente ng Barangay Lantic (Cedar 2)
- Kasalukuyang symptomatic

Patient Code: C - P634
634th confirmed positive case of COVID-19 in Carmona

- 27 taong gulang, Babae, Pilipino
- Overseas Filipino Worker
- Residente ng Barangay Bancal (Camias St.)
- Kasalukuyang symptomatic

Dapat Alerto! Handa Lagi! Iwas Aksidente!

Carmona LGU reports 2 new cases of COVID-19: The local government of Carmona, through the Municipal Health Office (MHO), confirmed on October 27, 2020, the two (2) new positive cases of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in the municipality. To date, there are 634 cases recorded with 24 active cases.

application for the SM Scholarship program starts on January 1, 2021



SM Scholars' General Assembly last 2019

SM Foundation (SMFI) announced the start of the online application period for the SM College Scholarship program for School Year 2021-2022 which will open on January 1 and end on February 28, 2021.

The SM College Scholarship Program started from the vision of the late SM patriarch, Henry "Tatang" Sy, Sr. He believed that if you send one child from an economically challenged family to college, that child would have more opportunities to have gainful employment and later on uplift the economic status of his/her family.

The SM scholarship program is open to

the following:

- Grade 12 public high school graduates from schools in the areas covered; or
- Grade 12 graduates from private schools in the areas covered (given that they have Department of Education (DepEd) voucher and finished Junior High from a public school)
- General Weighted Average grade of at least 88% or its equivalent for Grade 12 – 1st semester
- Total household income of at most P150,000 per year.

The program covers the following field of studies: Computer Science, Information Technology, Engineering (Civil, Electrical, Mechanical,

Computer, and Electronics), Education (Elementary and Secondary); Accountancy, and Financial Management, among others.

For more information about the SM College Scholarship program, visit www.sm-foundation.org and follow its social media accounts @SMFoundationInc (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube).

SM Foundation, through its Scholarship program, provides deserving and qualified students with access to college education and technical-vocational studies since 1993. To date, SMFI has supported almost 5,500 scholars nationwide. (PR)

Carmona Mayor Roy Loyola conducts Civil Wedding ceremonies: Municipal Mayor Roy Loyola officiated a civil wedding on October 26, 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.



Carmona MDRRMC and BDRRMC on full alert due to Typhoon Quinta

On October 26 and 27, 2020, the Carmona Municipal and Barangay Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils headed by Mayor Roy Loyola held response efforts to areas and families affected by Typhoon Quinta. These efforts include fixing damages and providing assistance to evacuees and other residents. The councils' members, who also make up the municipal's emergency response teams, were on full alert since the declaration of Public Storm Warning Signal No. 1 in the Province of Cavite on October 25.



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PSALM sends final payment demand letters to 2 errant firms with P671-M arrears

The Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corp. (PSALM) has sent out final letters of demand for payment to two firms with long overdue obligations of at least P671.16 million combined.

In the final demand letters sent by PSALM President-CEO Irene Besido Garcia and acting Vice President for Finance Manuel Marcos Villalon II, both firms were given 7 calendar days from receipt of the demand letters to pay their arrears or face legal action.

These formal and final demand letters were sent to First Bay Power Corp. (FBPC) with long overdue financial obligations to PSALM amounting to P35.15 million, and Abra Electric Cooperative, Inc. (ABRECO)

with arrears of P599.13 million on its power account and another P36.89 million in unremitted Universal Charge (UC) collections plus all other unremitted UC collections for the months not covered by its submitted UC reports.

The separate final demand letters to FBPC and ABRECO were both dated August 24, 2020.

Garcia and Villalon told the two firms in the letters that PSALM "shall be constrained to avail of all appropriate legal remedies to protect PSALM and the Government's interest, including the filing of criminal, civil and administrative cases" against them "as well as against your officers and directors for the extreme prejudice you have caused PSALM and the

Philippine government."

Copies of the separate final demand letters were furnished Finance Secretary and PSALM chairman Carlos Dominguez III and Energy Secretary Alfonso Cusi.

The demand letter to ABRECO was addressed to Victor Baula, its acting general manager, while the one sent to FBPC was addressed to its president, Cesar Reyes, and its treasurer, Nenita Macapinlac.

In the case of ABRECO, its overdue power account as of July 31, 2020 covered a period of 10 years, consisting of restructured account (RA), interest and penalty, value-added tax (VAT) and ERC-approved power rate adjustments.

According to Garcia, PSALM previously sent several written de-

mand letters to ABRECO asking for the settlement of its outstanding power account obligations, along with its Statements of Accounts (SOAs).

"However, up to this date, ABRECO continues to ignore the demand letters," she said.

ABRECO committed to propose a payment option for its outstanding power account dues on Dec. 9 last year and earlier entered into successive restructuring agreements with PSALM, only to breach all of them.

Despite ABRECO's blatant disregard of its commitment to settle its arrears, PSALM sent to it a copy of a new restructuring agreement last Dec. 20, 2019, but this was also ignored by the power cooperative.

On top of the P599.13 million due on its

power account, ABRECO has also failed to remit UC collections totaling P36.89 million covering a period ranging from 18 to 51 months.

PSALM's computations on ABRECO's unremitted UC collections are based only on the cooperative's submitted UC collection reports from February 2003 to December 2015. These do not include yet its unremitted collections from 2016 to the present.

Garcia said PSALM previously sent letters to ABRECO urging it to remit in full its UC

collections but these were also ignored.

FBPC, on the other hand, incurred arrears covering a seven-year period as of July 31, 2020.

Its long overdue obligation of P35.15 million includes its power bill, interest and VAT, and ERC-approved power rate adjustments.

PSALM had also consistently issued SOAs to FBPC, but these were all ignored.

Garcia said FBPC's overdue account will continue to accumulate interest until it is fully paid. (PR)

Noveleta mangrove area assessed for science-based conservation site

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) conducted an assessment of the mangrove forest in Barangay San Rafael IV in the municipality of Noveleta for the establishment of the science-based mangrove conservation and management site, a partnership project between the DENR Calabarzon, the Forest Foundation Philippines, and the Zoological Society of London.

DENR CALABARZON's Conservation and Development Division (CCD) together with the DENR-Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO) Cavite led the assessment of the 30 hectare mangrove forest including an approximately 649.6 hectare adjoining area.

The assessment aims to identify areas of conservation and management including areas of expansion, evaluate the established nursery site and species diversity, and determine possible threats to mangroves and site-potential livelihood for the community.

DENR Calabarzon CDD Chief, Ramil J. Gutierrez said, "The mangrove assessment in (Noveleta) has the ob-

jective of determining its biodiversity components within its ecosystem in order to facilitate the science-based approach in management protection and conservation of said area. This will be participated in by different stakeholders vis-a-vis POs, NGOs, NGAs, OGAs, academe, private sector, etc. Subject mangrove system can be devoted for rehabilitation, research and even for eco-tourism agenda to benefit the present and future generations."

Records of the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office and the Municipal Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Council, showed the mangrove forest is home to various coastal flora and fauna including 18 types of identified mangrove species.

Sightings of migratory birds namely Black-winged stilt, Little egret, Black-naped tern, Moorhen, Grey heron, Great egret, Black-crowned night heron, Philippine Duck, Greenshank, and Lesser Sand plover were also recorded in the area. (DENR-CALABARZON)

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This is to correct the error made in the publication of Notice of Extra Judicial Sale filed by Home Development Mutual Fund versus NEHEMIAS RAMBOYONG married to CAROLINA RAMBOYONG published in Dateline Weekly Newspapers dated April 30, Aug. 6 & 13, 2018. The Foreclosure No. should be read as FN-2018-295 and not as published.

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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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DOF takes steps to untie legal knot on gov't-held mining assets

The Department of Finance (DOF) is pursuing steps to untangle the legal issues tying down idle mining interests held by the government in an effort to speed up the privatization of these assets and revive their operations.

According to the Privatization and Management Office (PMO), lawsuits filed by the private sector proponents in the operations of these once-flourishing mining assets have hampered efforts by the government to privatize them.

"We are forming an interagency team to study ways on how we can clear the path for these assets to be privatized and revive their operations," Dominguez said.

He said the team will be composed of representatives from the DOF, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB), the DOF-attached Privatization and Management Office (PMO), and the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG).

A memorandum by the PMO to Dominguez identified the copper-gold project of the Maricalum Mining Corp. (Maricalum Mining) in Negros Occidental, the nickel mines of the Nonoc Mining and Industrial Corp. (Nonoc Mining) in Surigao del

Norte, and the gold- and copper-rich North Davao Mining Property (North Davao Mining) in Davao del Norte as among the idle mining assets held by the government that have long been under litigation.

The PMO also said the copper mines of the Basay Mining Corporation (Basay Mining) in Negros Oriental and the nickel mine once operated by the Marinduque Mining and Industrial Corp. (MMIC Bagacay Mine) in Western Samar have also remained inoperational because of legal concerns on how these assets should be disposed.

Dominguez recently told business leaders during the 46th Philippine Business Conference and Expo hosted by the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) that the DOF had done a comprehensive assessment of state-held mining assets.

He said during the conference that the government is pushing the revival of the mining industry to provide jobs and energize economies in the countryside, as part of national efforts to restart the economy in the face of the pandemic-induced global economic downturn.

The mining industry, Dominguez has said, "provides jobs in (rural) areas where there are

no other alternative jobs" available.

"Definitely, we are pushing for the revival of the mining industry," he said during the PCCI virtual conference.

Maricalum Mining, Nonoc Mining and North Davao Mining were once successful mining companies that have failed to settle their debts with government financial institutions, leading to their foreclosure and transfer of their assets and shares of stocks to the national government.

The government then auctioned off the shares of these mining firms, but the firms with the highest bid failed to fulfill their obligations, which resulted in decades of litigation that have left these mining assets idle.

Maricalum Mining, led by its President, Teodoro G. Bernardino, has been tied up in litigation since 1995. The winning bidder, G Holding Inc. (GHI), refused to pay the balance of the price of its purchased shares under its Purchase and Sale Agreement with the government. In the last General Information Sheet (GIS) filed by GHI with the Securities and Exchange Commission in 2005, it indicated Michael G. Bernardino as the Chairman of its Board with Eleanore B. Gutierrez as its major

stockholder.

Nonoc Mining was acquired by the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) and the Philippine National Bank (PNB) in 1984 and turned over in 1987 to the then-Asset Privatization Trust (APT). In 1996, APT sold 22.5 million shares of stock of Nonoc Mining to Philnico Mining and Industrial Corp. (PMIC), now Philnico Industrial Corporation (PIC). Based on its 2018 GIS, the PIC Chairman of the Board is Ramon S. Ang, and its President is Horacio C. Ramos

The sale represented 90 percent ownership of Nonoc Mining.

Under the Amended and Restated Definitive Agreement (ARDA) between the two parties, PMIC agreed to pay APT the peso equivalent of US\$263.762 million as purchase price, payable in two sets of installments and in accordance with the schedule set in the ARDA.

The government moved for the reversion of the shares sold to PMIC when the latter defaulted.

This led to numerous cases filed by both the private sector and the government against each other that eventually reached the Supreme Court (SC).

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awaiting resolution by the high court, the PMO said. To date, there has been no collection on the P14.9 billion purchase price.

The North Davao Mining case involved the bidding for a Joint Operating Agreement (JOA) to develop its mining assets in partnership with the Philippine Mining Development Corporation (PMDC), a wholly owned and controlled government corporation designated as the new implementing arm of the DENR in undertaking the mining and mineral processing operations in Compostela Valley Province, among others.

The Asia-Alliance Mining Resources Corp. (AAMRC), led by its President Simon L. Paz, was qualified and considered as the highest calculated and responsive bid, failed to comply with the conditions of the Notice of Award in 2009, including failure to pay the commitment fee, secure a performance bond, and execute the JOA. A series of litigation ensued, and is still pending with the Court of Appeals (CA).

Basay Mining, formerly the CDCP Mining

Corp. was established in 1970, but its operations were suspended in 1983 because of lack of working and operating funds. Basay Mining had entered into a Deed of Assignment of Mining Claims and Leasehold Rights with the PNB to secure credit and loan accommodations from the Bank.

Technical studies by the PMO indicate that the Basay mine is estimated to contain at least 105 million tons of copper ore and could generate at least Php 1 billion.

Similarly, MMIC Bagacay mine which has been mired in environmental complaints was foreclosed by the DBP and PNB in 1984 with an outstanding claim of P19.5 billion. Its assets were transferred to APT for privatization.

According to PMO, DENR Administrative Order (AO) No. 2012-07, which states that the MGB shall formulate the guidelines for the privatization of mines through public bidding, needs to be harmonized with the Privatization & Management Office's mandate to dispose of state assets for a successful tender. (PR)

Filipinos sweep Southeast Asian 'Youth COVDeo Contest'

-Three Filipinos won the top prizes of the Youth COVDeo Contest of the Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA). Their videos bested 72 other entries from five countries.

The contest aimed to showcase how the youth played a part in local food production during the COVID-19 pandemic as part of SEARCA's Young Forces for Agricultural Innovation (#Y4AGRI) program.

Themed "Youth and Locally Grown Food," the contest sought video stories from Southeast Asian youth on how and why young people grow their food at home, in school or in the commu-

nity during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Frontliner-turned-farmer Marcelino Padilla of Northern Samar bagged the top prize with his story of how he transitioned from being a nurse to pursuing his passion for farming. His winning video shows his remarkable journey and skill in practicing and promoting environmentally friendly, circular, and zero waste integrated farming system. At the onset of the community quarantine, he germinated his reserved seeds and distributed seedlings to neighboring communities together with the members of 4-H Club, a youth organization. His video also showcased the benefits of home gardening to his family and how

he encouraged the youth in his community to engage in agricultural activities during the pandemic.

The second prize went to Myka Fragata of Nueva Vizcaya, who, along with her sister, told the story of Arapaap Farm, her family's passion project during the quarantine period. To ensure food and nutrition security for their family and community amid the COVID-19 crisis, they developed an idle land into a productive vegetable garden within three months. Her video gives a quick rundown of starting and sustaining a family farm.

Mr. Benson Cariñaga, a son of Albay, won both the third prize and the Popularity Award for the entry that garnered

the most Facebook reactions. His video features the communal garden of Tinago Youth Volunteers (TYV) which was established during the community quarantine to promote local food security. His video shows TYV members providing practical tips in growing vegetables, composting, and harvesting.

The entries were evaluated by multimedia experts, agriculturists, and SEARCA experts and officials.

The top three winners and other finalists in the top 10 received cash prizes. A smart tablet was the prize for the Popularity Award.

"We are happy to see through your videos the different practices in growing food with your

family and friends, and in promoting youth engagement in your community through productive activities in agriculture amidst the pandemic," said SEARCA Director Glenn B. Gregorio during the virtual awards ceremony. Mr. Joselito G. Florendo, SEARCA Deputy Director for Administration, encouraged all participants to carry on with their in-

volvement in agriculture, especially with their families and immediate communities.

He stressed that "our youth engagement agenda continues beyond this contest and we look forward to working with young people like you again in our efforts of engaging and empowering the youth in agricultural and rural development." (PIA-4A/SEARCA)

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