

DOF backs DepEd call for World Bank to issue public apology, take down website report on outdated PHL education findings

The Department of Finance (DOF) has supported the call of the Department of Education (DepEd) for the World Bank (WB) to issue a public apology over its outdated findings about the state of the Philippines' education sector, which ironically, has already been addressed through amelioration programs provided by, among others, the multilateral institution itself since 2019.

Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III also cited the WB's "lack of professionalism" when it failed to follow the standard procedure of consulting DepEd officials about its findings before the publication of its report.

In his letter to WB Group President David Malpass, Secretary Dominguez pointed out that the institution's report showing the poor condition of the country's education sector and dismal performance of Filipino students published more than two years since the assessments were made "does not reflect current realities" and "has the effect of misleading the public and causing undue reputational risk to the Philippine education sector."

"The failure of Bank officials to follow the protocol of consulting with the DepEd prior to publication further illustrates the lack of professionalism which we come to expect from the World Bank and its staff. Such a Report should be taken out from the Bank's website as not to further mislead the public. We also believe that a public apology to

the DepEd and the National Government (NG) is in order," Secretary Dominguez said in his letter.

He was referring to the WB's 2019 report titled "Improving Student Learning Outcomes and Well-Being in the Philippines: What Are International Assessments Telling Us? (Vol.2): Synthesis Report Presentation" that was published by the institution on its website on June 29, 2021, which made it appear that the findings contained in the report reflect the current state of the Philippine education system.

In the future, the Philippines expects the Bank "to observe responsible reporting and adhere to the highest standards of ethical and professional conduct," Secretary Dominguez said.

Secretary Dominguez reminded the WB that "as a valued partner, the Bank should serve and protect the development interests of the Philippines and other WB members."

In its 2019 Report on the state of the Philippine education sector, the Bank erroneously reported that "more than 80 percent of children do not know what they should know," poor performance is deeply rooted in students' limited proficiency in the languages in which schooling takes place; and "there is an unacceptably poor school climate, with high levels of bullying."

DepEd Secretary Leonor Briones earlier demanded a public apology from the WB for releasing the Report based on old data, and said the country was "insulted and shamed" by these outdated assessments. (PR)

He said the WB report also failed to recognize the historical context of the Philippine education sector and how it has evolved, which the institution should have taken into account as it has been a "valuable partner of the NG for almost 75 years."

"The Bank has delivered numerous development programs and projects to reform the education sector since the 1980s, and has remained steadfast in pursuing initiatives to improve the quality of education in the country," Secretary Dominguez said.

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BotiCARD celebrates one decade of serving communities

BotiCARD, the pharmaceutical company under CARD MRI, celebrated its 10th year of serving communities on May 11, 2021.

BotiCARD President Rosenda P. Aquino remembers the idea of conceiving the institution. "Poverty has different faces. Our goal is to contribute to CARD MRI's mission of ending poverty by giving communities access to affordable and quality medicines. Since 2011, we have witnessed the impact of our health care to many families. We always aim to bring what is best to Filipino families at an affordable cost."

Aquino added that the institution also promotes community-oriented programs that benefit the lives of many communities. "We are not just a pharmacy that provides medicines, but we deliver our services with a heart. Our approach is in line with CARD MRI values as we engage with our clients." Amidst the health crisis

BotiCARD continues to expand its reach despite the ongoing pandemic. It was able to open its 12th branch in Oroquieta City in October 2020. "Our service is needed, especially that we are facing a health crisis. By doing so, we bring closer our health care services to the rural communities in the country."

"We remain steadfast in our mission to deliver our healthcare services to our communities. Our hearts continue to beat for every family who needs our service, especially in these trying times," emphasized Aquino.

Aquino also took the opportunity to thank the staff who stayed despite the threat of COVID-19, "During this challenging time, I saw how dedicated and compassionate our workforce. Despite the continuous virus threat, they conquer their fear and still manage to serve."

Embracing the new normal

To continuously deliver affordable and quality medicines to its clients, BotiCARD also use an online delivery channel, Medhatid. This is an initiative to deliver quality medicines to clients in the comfort of their homes.

To date, BotiCARD already has 12 branches in the country and serves more than 2 million clients nationwide. (PR)

Pangasinan solon lauds Cayetano for supporting creative industries in Congress

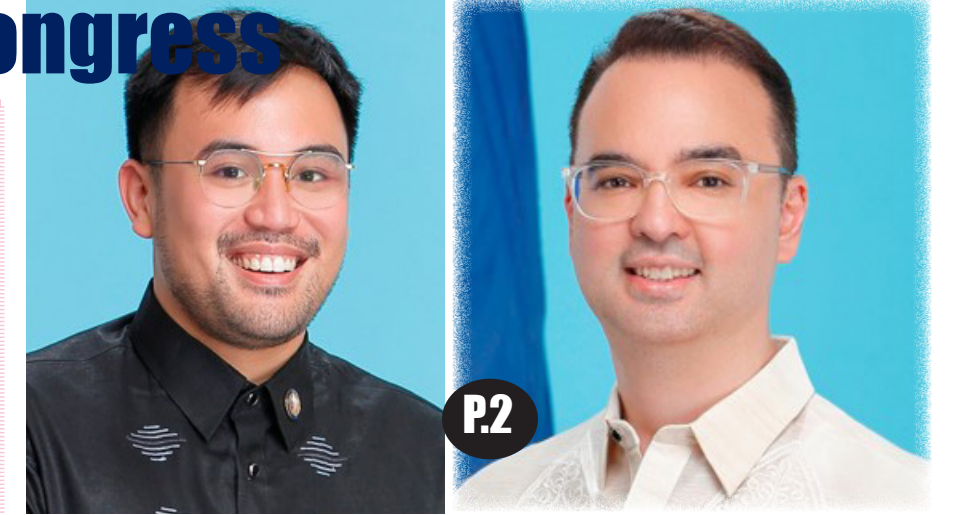
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1.5M Novavax doses arriving in August for Cavite, says governor

Getting your Philippine National ID just became more accessible with SM Malls

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LANDBANK onboards 3.8-M unbanked National ID registrants to formal banking system

Cash subsidy for Cavite coastal town fisherfolks

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Two scenarios

More than 2.8 million Filipinos are now fully vaccinated while 8.8 million have received their first dose. The government is exploring the possibility of easing travel restrictions, even as there is legitimate concern about ensuring the legitimacy of vaccination cards that will be presented.

These numbers come as the Philippines registered 4,114 new cases on Tuesday, bringing the total number of documented COVID infections to 1.4 million since the virus first came to our shores early last year. Some 49,613 cases are active while the positivity rate -- the percentage of those who tested positive out of all those who got tested -- is now down to 10.5 percent.

Outside of the Philippines, the Tokyo Olympics is pushing through, with the opening ceremonies to be held July 23, even as only a handful of VIPs will

1.5M Novavax ...

Cavite Governor Jonvic Remulla says that though they are still waiting for the approval of the Emergency Use Authorization of Novavax, the province has finalized orders for the vaccine.

Cavite Governor Juanito Victor "Jonvic" Remulla Jr said in an address via Facebook Live Wednesday, July 7, he expected the arrival of 1.5 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine Novavax by the third week of August or first week of September.

"We are still waiting for the EUA or the Emergency Use Authorization of Novavax, but we already have the standing order," Remulla said

"The vaccine we ordered is 90.8% effective based on the result in other countries," Remulla added

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Make no mistake about it. Despite these small gains, the situation remains precarious. The Delta variant continues to cause surges in many parts of the world, and another, newer variant, Lambda, is being monitored as well. There are suggestions it is an even more transmissible variety.

This week we are told that shipments of Sinovac may not arrive on time because of delays in production.

Elsewhere in the world, the gap between rich and poor countries is widening. The former are seeing larger percentages of their population getting inoculated; in many of the latter, the percentages are pitifully negligible.

It is an interesting time as we catch a tantalizing glimpse of a return to the life we once knew, then realize that we are not progressing fast enough. It will be a lot longer before the world as a whole can be rid of the pandemic, and for now the only thing we can do is continue observing health protocols, take only calculated risks—and imagine

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The provincial government would order more vaccines if the national government approved the inoculation of kids and teenagers.

"If authorities will say 12 year-olds can be vaccinated with Novavax, oorder ang provincial government ng dagdag para mabakunahan ang mga 12-year-olds pataas (the provincial government would order more vaccines for children 12 years old and older). Of the 3.1 million Caviteños targeted for vaccination, 11% na ang nabakunahan ng galing sa DOH (have been vaccinated under the DOH program.

In April 2021, Remulla said the Cavite provincial government ordered 3 million doses of Novavax to inoculate 1.5 million Caviteños for free. Remulla also presented the signed #CaviteFreeWiFi contract between the province and PLDT Enterprise.

The project would provide free internet connection to 829 barangays of Cavite, benefiting around 1,000,000 homes. It would start in Bacoor City and cover the whole province in 8 months.

According to Remulla, the province could start holding face-to-face classes if 70% of its 3.1 million residents are vaccinated.

"Any person living in Cavite is qualified to be vaccinated" Remulla added.

Remulla said that of 459,952 vaccine doses administered in the province, 368,560 received their first jabs, while 91,390 completed the second dose.

"The coordination of the provincial government, Highway Patrol Group (HPG) of the PNP (Philippine National Police) and the Land Transportation Office (LTO) will continue to curb overcharging and overloading of passenger limits as per guidelines of IATF in PUBS/PUJs. The result of the follow-up operations and report I will publish in the next few days," Remulla added. – RAPPLER.COM

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Cayetano ...

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Pangasinan 4th District Rep. Christopher de Venecia on Tuesday lauded former Speaker Alan Peter Cayetano for his leadership during his 15-month term as head of the House of Representatives, saying it opened the discussion on the plight of the creative industries.

"Yan ay isang konsepto na hindi kaagad naiintindihan ng lahat ng tao (Most people do not understand the concept immediately)," de Venecia said during a short program on July 6 in Dagupan City where Cayetano had introduced the "Alan Sari-sari Store Community" program to 100 sari-sari store owners.

"Maraming agam-agam at mga hindi nauunawaan sa sektor na 'to pero sa ating pakikipagtulungan kay Speaker Alan Peter Cayetano ay talagang nabigyan tayo ng pagkakataon para maging kauna-unahang chairperson ng Special Committee on Creative Industry and Performing Arts sa bansa," he added.

(Many were hesitant and could not understand this sector, but through the help of former House Speaker Alan Peter Cayetano, we were able to become the first chairperson of the Special Committee on Creative Industry and Performing Arts in the country.)

De Venecia said Cayetano believed in advocating for the creative industries during his term as House Speaker.

"Sa totoo lang, kung wala ang committee na ito, baka nakapila ako sa iba't ibang komite at hindi napa-prioritize kasi hindi naman 'sexy' y'ung usapin ng creative industries," De Venecia said.

(Truthfully, if this committee did not exist, I would probably be lining up in different committees [to bring up this issue] and this would not be prioritized because the discussion on creative industries is not as 'sexy' as the others.)

"Pero dahil nagkaroon tayo ng komite, linggo-linggo ay mayroon tayong mga hearings. Mas nauunawaan natin ang sektor, na kung hindi niyo naitatanong ay 7.34 percent ng GDP ng buong bansa at 'yan ay ni halos walang tulong pa [mula] sa gobyerno," he added.

(In a way, these benefits that come from tourism, from being creative, and from the help that we received under your leadership are felt by the people, and for that, we are very thankful and grateful.)###

have this committee, we are able to conduct weekly hearings and we are able to understand the sector better. In case you didn't know, the creative industries contribute 7.34 percent to the gross domestic product of the country, and that is with almost no help from the government.)

De Venecia also noted that through the committee, they have managed to speak to around 35 sectors, including vloggers, chefs, visual artists, designers, and other creative and performing artists. "Lahat sila talagang andaming hinanaing dahil kahit kailan hindi sila napansin ng gobyerno. Hindi sila masyadong natutulungan. Pero dahil sa kabaitan rin at sa foresight ni Speaker Alan Peter Cayetano ay nabigyan ng boses ang sektor na ito sa Kongreso, na tayo ay tumutulong magsulong," he said.

(All of them have concerns because they have never been given attention and help by the government. But because of the goodness and foresight of former House Speaker Alan Peter Cayetano, they were given a voice in Congress, and we are helping him move it forward.)

De Venecia also recognized Cayetano for helping Pangasinan in boosting local tourism and small businesses, citing the rehabilitation of its baywalk -- which used to be the "red light district" of the city -- and the funding of the San Fabian Biker's Den as examples. "Y'ung Biker's Den na iyon, naitayo natin sa bulubunduking area ng San Fabian na dating liblib, pero ngayon talagang pinupuntahan na ng mga siklista," de Venecia said.

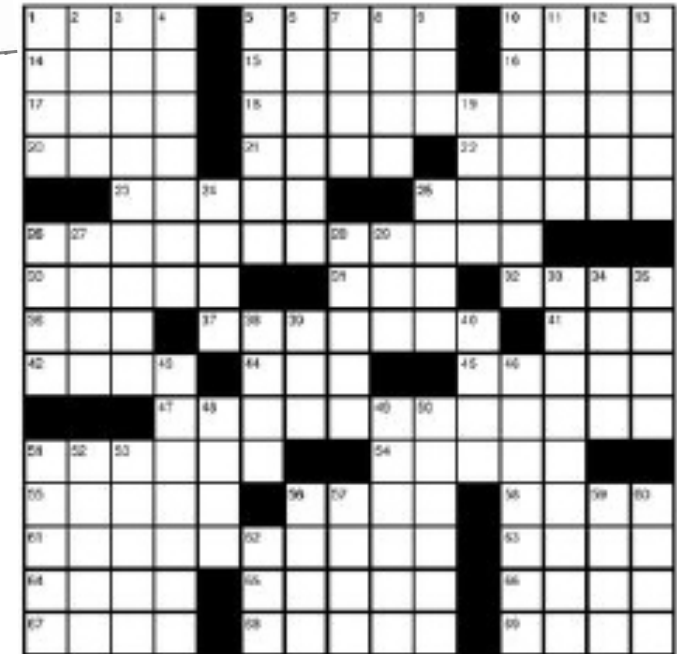
(We were able to establish the Biker's Den in the mountainous area of San Fabian, which is now a top destination for cyclists.)

"In a way, itong mga benepisyo na nagagawa ng turismo, ng pagiging malikhain, ng mga tulong na nakuha namin under your leadership ay talagang nararamdaman ng taumbayan, and for that, we are very thankful and grateful," he added.

(In a way, these benefits that come from tourism, from being creative, and from the help that we received under your leadership are felt by the people, and for that, we are very thankful and grateful.)###



CROSSWORD PUZZLES



ACROSS

- 1 River hazard
- 5 It aids commerce in Cancun, Kalamazoo, and Calgary
- 10 Left 21 across or 8 down
- 14 He's blue without his red or white
- 15 Offering from Google or Yahoo
- 16 He may be blue because he's in the red
- 17 Golden rule word
- 18 Princess in plum?
- 20 One might clean up at a Vegas hotel
- 21 Certain hand-outs
- 22 Coolpix camera maker
- 23 Fabric for a sundress
- 25 Creatures of clay
- 26 Share the stage with journalist Andrea?
- 30 See eye to eye
- 31 Lord's Prayer start
- 32 Blown away
- 36 Org. that sticks to its guns
- 37 Auto dealer's option, and a hint to this puzzle's theme
- 41 Greeting for Ceasar
- 42 Congers and morays, e.g.
- 44 Keats creation
- 45 Novelist Joyce Carol
- 47 Ceasar's boastful bon mot?
- 51 Like this clue
- 54 Pendragon of legend
- 55 Stock holding
- 56 Word with back or off
- 58 Tach readings
- 61 San Fran sportscaster?
- 63 "Piggies" famous
- 64 Ceasars challenge
- 65 One with grievances, perhaps
- 66 Classic Lotus model
- 67 Kind of waist
- 68 Strand in Rapunzel's rope
- 69 Oxford fellows
- 1 Like one leg of a triathlon
- 2 First of a sailing trio
- 3 Like AZT
- 4 "Well said!"
- 5 Himalayan denizen
- 6 Wom magic item
- 7 McDonald's e.g.
- 8 Certain hand-outs
- 9 Tide alternative
- 10 Silverback, e.g.
- 11 No longer napping



Pansit-Pansitan Bilang Pinakamabisang Gamot Sa Uric Acid



Isa na ang uric acid o gout sa mga pinakaordinaryong sakit ngayon. Baka nga ikaw ay dumaraing na rinse sakit na ito. Marami sa mga Pinoy sa panahong ito ang nakakaranang ganitong karamdaman. Ito marahil ay dahil sa kanilang mga kinakain. Kadalasan, maririnig sa mga usapang uric acid ang mga maling kinakain at iniinom bilang pangunahing dahilan ng pagkakaroon nito. Subalit paano nga ba ito malulunasan. Mayroon bang gamot sa uric acid na puwedeng subukan? Karaniwang itinuturing na basurang kemikal ang sakit na ito na madalas makita sa katawan ng isang tao. Naiipon ito sa tuwing tinutunaw ng digestive system ang isang kemikal na tinatawag na purine. Ito ay makikita sa mga pagkain katulad ng atay at mushroom. Karaniwang nililinis ang uri ng mga batong matatagpuan sa dugo. Inilalabas ng mga ito sa katawan ang uric acid sa pamamagitan ng ihi.

Paano Nagkakaroon Ng Uric Acid O Gout?

Alam mo ba kung ano ang uric acid? Ang sobrang taas ng uric acid ay maaaring maipon sa iyong katawan. At, kapag naipon ito sa loob lamang ng napakaikling panahon, ang kondisyon ay

nauuwi sa sakit na kilala sa medical term na "hyperuricemia". Kaugnay nito, ang sobrang taas ng konsentrasyon ng uric acid sa ating dugo ay maaaring maging uric crystal. Kapag tumagal, ang uric crystal na ito ay maaaring maimbak sa mga malalambot na tissue at huggungan ng mga buto. Ang mga naipong ito ay may mala-karayom na kiristal ang itsura. Ito na ang nagiging sanhi ng pagkakaroon ng sakit ng gout. Ang gout ay kilalarin sa tawag na gouty arthritis. Ito ay isang sobrang sakit na uri ng arthritis na nagiging dahilan ng pagtaas ng konsentrasyon ng uric acid sa katawan. Ang sobrang sakit na pag-atake ng mga gout symptoms ay puwedeng magmula sa paa, partikular na sa hinlalaki. Ang ganitong karanasan ay isa sa mga sintomas ng uric acid. Maaari ring mamaga ang mga sakong, braso, siko at tuhod. Ang ganitong mga klase ng sakit ay puwedeng magtagal ilang araw sa mga unang yugto pa lamang ng sakit. Puwedeng magtagal ang sakit sa uric acid habang lumalala ang kundisyon. Kaya naman dapat na itong maagapan at gamutin sa simula pa lamang na maramdaman ang sintomas. Nagtatanong ka na marahil kung anong mabisang gamot sa uric acid ang makatutulong na panimulang lunas. Epektibong pamamaraan ang halamang gamot sa uric acid dahil ito ay garantisadong ligtas kung susubukan. Ang ganitong uri ng medikasyon ay walang halong kemikal kaya hindi na kailangan pang mag-alala sa allergic reaction. Napaka-importanteng gamutin kaagad ang uric acid. Base sa mga pag-aaral, kung ito ay hindi kaagad magagamot, maaari na itong permanenteng makasira sa mga kasukasan at bato sa katawan. Ang uric acid ay mas karaniwang nararanasan

ng mga kalalakihan partikular na ng mga lalake ng may edad 40-50 taon. Ayon din sa mga pananaliksik, mayroon nang mahigit anim na milyong taong may edad na sa buong mundo ang na-diagnose na may gout o may mataas na uric acid.

Mga Sanhi Ng Uric Acid?

Katulad ng nabanggit na, ang uric acid ang nagiging dahilan kung bakit ka nagkaroon ng gout ang isang tao. Ang karamdamang ito ay kinokonsidera ngang basura sa katawan na kailangang ilabas sa pamamagitan ng pag-ih. Pero kung ito ay iiiihi nang maayos, o mabilis na makakapag-imbak ang katawan ng uric acid, malaki ang tsansa ng pagkakaroon ng karamdaman.

Agapan na ito bago pa man lumala. Mas mabuting ikaw ay may alam tungkol sa paggamit ng mga halamang gamot sa uric acid. Pero bago rito, mahalagang alam mo kung ano ang mga sanhi ng may mataas na uric acid. Narito ang ilan:

- * Kapamilyang may mataas ding uric acid
- * Mabilis tumaba o sobrang timbang
- * May kasalukuyan nang karamdaman gaya ng sakit sa bato
- * Malakas sa pag-inom ng alak at iba pang katulad nito
- * Pag-inom ng gamot na nagiging dahilan ng pagla bas ng ihi
- * Base naman sa pag-aaral, ilan sa mga major na sintomas ng gout ang:
- * Matinding sakit ng kasukasan na umaabot hang gang 24 oras
- * Sobrang sakit ng katawang tumatagal nang ilang araw
- * Namamaga at namumulang kasukasan

Mga Epektibong Panlunas Sa Uric Acid

Kung may may uric acid ka ito ay imposibleng gumaling kung hindi ka iiwas sa mga bawal sa may uric acid. Hindi ka rin gagaling hangga't hindi ka pa nalalapatan ng gamot na nakakapagpa-normal ng uric acid. Isa na sa mga pinakamabisang ang halamang gamot sa uric acid. Mahalagang alam mo kung ano ang normal o tipikal na dami ng uric acid sa iyong katawan at ito ay hindi dapat lumagpas sa 6 milligrams per deciliter. Ang totoo niyan, wala pang panlunas na nadidiskubre para sa sakit na uric acid.

Hindi man ganap na nalulunasan ang nasabing karamdaman, ang pag-inom naman ng angkop na gamot ay nakatutulong na maging normal ang bilang ng uric acid. Nakakatulong ito para makontrol ang paglala ng sakit. Ang pagpunta sa doktor ang pinakamabuting gawin para maagapan ang pagdami ng uric acid sa katawan. Bukod pa rito, ang mag-ehersisyo araw-araw bilang isa pang paraan para maiwasan ang pag-atake at pagsumpung ng sintomas ng gout o uric acid. Iwasan na rin ang mga pagkaing bawal sa may uric acid.

Pansit-Pansitan: Mabisang Gamot Sa Uric Acid

Kung maghahanap ka ng mga babasahang nagsasabi ukol sa mga gamot sa uric acid, halos wala kang makikitang partikular na gamot lalo na ng halaman. Pero ang pinaka-ordinaryong ka-limitang lumilitaw sa mga search engines ay ang halamang pansit-pansitan. Base sa mga pag-aaral, ito ang pinakamabuting halamang gamot sa uric acid. Ito rin ay mabisang gamot para sa sakit sa bato.

Ito ay herbal na halamang kalimitang tumutubo sa masa-masa at maliim na paligid katulad ng gilid ng bahay, ilalim ng puno, kanal, dingding at paso ng halaman. Ang pansit-pansitan ay pakalat-kalat lamang na parang damong-igaw kaya napa-kadali nitong hanapin.

Siguruhing tama ang mga pinipitas na halaman bilang gamot sa uric acid. Para malaman ang itsura, ang pansit-pansitan ay berdeng dahon na puso ang hugis. Ito ay may maliit na buto na animo'y nakakapit sa sasang hugis pansit. Ang nasabing sanga ay matatagpuan sa tuktok ng halaman. Kahit na naturingang damong ligaw lamang, ang pansit-pansitan ay isa sa mga aprubado at rekomendadong halaman ng Department of Health (DOH). Ito rin ang madalas na ginagamit para sa gamot sa rayuma o arthritis.

Isa man ang halamang gamot sa uric acid pero ito tiyak namang pinakamabisang sa lahat. Madali rin itong matagpuan at hindi na kinakailangan pang gumastos at bilhin. Higit sa lahat, kumonsulta muna sa doktor para makasiguro sa kondisyon ng kalusugan.

Pork imports spike following presidential orders on tariff cuts, import hikes to slash prices for consumers

The Bureau of Customs (BOC) has reported a spike in pork imports to 76 million kilograms (kg) from April to early June, following the issuance by President Duterte of a series of executive orders (EOs) cutting tariffs on incoming swine meat shipments and increasing the allowable import volumes for a temporary period to help stabilize the domestic supply and prices of pork for the benefit of Filipino consumers.

In a report to Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III, the BOC said pork imports between April 9 and June 11 for both in-quota and out-quota shipments accounted for 69 percent of the total 110 million kg of swine meat brought into the country from January 1 to June 11.

EO 128, which lowered pork import tariffs to 5 percent within its MAV and 15 percent outside MAV for the first three months was in effect from April 7 to May 14.

EO 134, which superseded EO 128, set tariffs on pork imports under the MAV to 10 percent for the first three months, and 15 percent in the next nine months.

For imports outside the MAV, the tariffs are 20 percent for the first three months and 25 percent in the succeeding nine months.

The one-year effectivity of EO 134 began on May 15, 2021.

EO 133, meanwhile, increased the MAV for pork imports in 2021 from 54,210 MT to 254,210 MT, provided that any unavailable balance at the end of 2021 shall not be carried over to 2022.

Customs Commissioner Rey Leonardo Guerrero said in his report during a recent Department of Finance

(DOF) Executive committee (Execom) meeting that importers brought in 24.45 million kg of pork in April, another 36.5 million kg in May, and 15.14 million kg from June 1-11.

The April 2021 shipments were 500-percent more than the April imports last year of 4.07 million kg, while those for May 2021 were 506-percent higher than the imports in the same month in 2020 of 6.02 million kg, Guerrero said.

n-quota (within MAV) shipments amounted to 10.46 million kg in April, 10.47 million kg in May, and 2.78 million kg. from June 1-11, he said.

Out-quota imports were 14 million kg in April, 26.03 million kg in May and 12.36 million kg from June 1-11, he added.

"For the period April 9 to June 11, 2021, the BOC posted a total collection of 846.96 million pesos. We estimated the revenue losses from EOs 128 and 134 to have reached P1.356 billion for this period," Guerrero said in his report.

Dominguez earlier said he expects revenue losses from lower pork import tariffs to reach P11.2 billion this year under EO 134, as the government slashed import duties and raised the MAV import quota to pull down the retail prices of pork products, which have soared this year following a major supply shortage triggered by the outbreak of the Asian swine fever (ASF).

Citing estimates by the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), Dominguez said the projected savings of P50.1 billion to be gained by consumers from lower pork prices and the subsequent easing of inflationary pressures far outweigh the state revenue loss from the temporary tariff cuts. (PR)

Cash ...

The Noveleta, Cavite local government under Mayor Dino Chua and the Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (DA-BFAR) have given financial assistance to more than 200 fishermen in the area on June 26 held at Long Beach Resort Pavilion in Barangay San Rafael 4.

Fisherfolks from Barangay San Rafael 3 and San Rafael 4 received P5,000 cash which they can use to supplement their daily life.

"May this cash assistance help our brave fishermen here in our town in the midst of pandemic, they continue to work and supply the food need of our fellowmen," Mayor Dino Chua said in Filipino.

"We already have a local fish- port here in our town, so that you don't need to go far to sell your daily caught fish, thanks to the unwavering support of BFAR R-4A," he added.

The distribution was witnessed by R-4A Regional Fisherfolks director Rolando Palustre, Cavite Provincial Fisheries officer-in-charge Soledad Carulis, municipal agriculturist Mark Alfaro and Committee on Agriculture chairman Councilor Emelito Lontoc. (TMT)

National ID ...

of SM Supermalls in the rollout of PhilSys registrations.

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
BRANCH 90
CITY OF DASMARIÑAS, CAVITE

SPEC. PRO. NO. 1201-19

IN RE: PETITION FOR CANCELLATION OF THE ANNOTATION OF AFFIDAVIT OF LEGITIMATION AND CORRECTION OF THE ENTRIES IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF GLEN FREY MENCHAVEZ UNDER REGISTRY NO. 98-6411,

GLENFREY MENCHAVEZ,
Petitioner,
-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF THE CITY OF DASMARIÑAS, CAVITE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY (PSA) and/or all persons who may have claim or any interest which would be affected thereby,

Respondents.

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ORDER

The instant amended petition was filed by petitioner GLENFREY MENCHAVEZ thru counsel praying that after due notice, publication and hearing, judgment be rendered granting the instant petition, thereby ordering the correction of Entry No. "1. NAME" from GLENFREY MENCHAVEZ to GLENFREY MENCHAVEZ PAREDES and cancellation of the affidavit of legitimation executed by HAZEL G. MENCHAVEZ and CELSO T. PAREDES, appearing on the Certificate of Live Birth of GLENFREY MENCHAVEZ.

Finding the instant petition to be sufficient in form and substance, this Court hereby sets the hearing thereof at the Regional Trial Court, Br. 90, Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Building, Congressional Road, Brgy. Buro 1, City of Dasmariñas, Cavite on **August 5, 2021 at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon** whereby any interested person may appear and show cause, if any, why the petition should not be granted.

Let this Order be published, at the expense of the petitioner, in a newspaper of general circulation, which will be raffled by this Court among the duly accredited newspapers in the Province of Cavite at least one (1) a week for three (3) consecutive weeks before the scheduled date of hearing.

Let the Office of the Solicitor General, the Local Civil registrar of the City of Dasmariñas, Cavite, the Civil Registrar General and all parties concerned be furnished with copies of this Order.

SO ORDERED.

City of Dasmariñas, Cavite, June 9, 2021.

(sgd) JOSIELYN D. LARA-DE LUNA
Assiting Judge

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Senate Energy Committee reviews NGCP performance amid compliance issues

With no less than President Duterte himself giving marching orders to concerned government agencies to ensure the full implementation of the streamlined permitting process provided under the Energy Virtual One-Stop Shop (EVOSS) Act, Senator Win Gatchalian said this shows the continuing commitment of the country's Chief Executive to fight red tape.

The principal author of the law in the Senate thanked the President for recognizing that EVOSS is an important measure to fight red tape in the energy sector to spur the construction of new power plants.

The signing of Executive Order No. 143, which paved for the creation of the Energy Virtual One-Stop Shop Task Group (ETG), will continue the work of the steering committee in terms of reducing the number of processes that investors will have to go through before putting up a plant. The term of the EVOSS steering committee expired last March.

Industry players have said that the recent rotational power outages in Luzon could have been avoided if only there were more power plants available to compensate for the unplanned and forced outages.

It can be recalled that the President issued a directive to officials of the Department of Energy (DOE) and the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP) to ensure that no power outages will happen again.

"Red tape is the problem. Ask any potential investor in the electric power industry. The law was meticulously crafted to reduce the number of processes and reduce the number of days in putting up new energy projects," Gatchalian said.

"Wala nang dahilan para manatiling nakabinbin ang mga aplikasyon para sa mga bagong proyekto lalo na sa kasalukuyang panahon na kailangang kailangan natin ang partisipasyon ng mga gustong mamuhunan at masiguro ang suplay sa sektor ng enerhiya," the senator added.

"I'm hoping that this time, the ETG will put a concrete timetable for the full implementation of the law and operate the soonest possible time. Fighting red tape will provide a new and competitive environment for investors and address the country's problem on energy supply," he concluded.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late FRANCISCA PITEL, consisting of 125 square meters of a parcel of land known as Lot 2206-B-5-C-2 of the subd. plan PSD 04-051467, being a portion of Lot Lot 2206-B-5-C, PSd-04-005796, LRC Rec. No.) situated at Ibayong Tulay, Naic, Cavite, consisting of total area of TWO HUNDRED (200) SQUARE METERS, embraced and covered by TCT No.T-327531 of the Register of Deeds of Cavite Province, have been the subject of a Deed of Self-Adjudication With Absolute Sale as per Doc.No.394; Page No.80; Book No. XXII and series of 2021 of Notary Public Jameswell M. Resus of Naic, Cavite.

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Villar: Cavite C5 link to open in 2022



PARAÑAQUE --Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) inspectorate led by Secretary Mark A. Villar, together with representatives from the Cavite Infrastructure Corporation (CIC) inspected the progress of CAVITEX C5 Link Segments 2 and 3A2.

The inspection team went to CAVITEX to check on the progress of the ongoing construction of the CAVITEX C5 Link ramp. It is part of Segment 2 that is a 1.9km 2x3 lane portion that will soon connect CAVITEX R1 to Sucat, bypassing Sucat Road and Quirino Avenue. They also went to the construction site of Segment 3A2 which is a 1.6km 2x3 lane portion that will connect Merville to RSG Subdivision in Pasay. CAVITEX C5 Link is a segment of the Manila-Cavite Toll Expressway Project, a joint venture project of CIC and the Philippine Reclamation Au-

thority.

"With the progress we have seen on-site today, we are optimistic that the CAVITEX C5 Link Segment will be completed as planned. We really look forward to the completion of this project because aside from helping decongest EDSA, Sales Road and other major thoroughfares, this expressway will help reduce the travel time of our motorists from CAVITEX to Makati and Taguig and vice versa by forty-five minutes", said DPWH Secretary Mark Villar.

At present, CAVITEX C5 Link's operational segment 3A1 from Merville to Taguig caters an average of 12,000 motorists daily, but upon completion of the whole 7.7 - kilometer segment, it will benefit around 50,000 motorists, particularly those coming from Taguig, Makati, Las Pinas, and Pasay.

"Together with CIC, we continue to double our efforts, all the while look-

ing after the safety of the workers to ensure we complete Segment 3A2 by the first quarter of 2022 and Segment 2 by the third quarter, also of next year." added Villar.

Aside from strictly adhering to the IATF guidelines on health and safety, CIC continues to provide shuttling services and complete PPEs to its employees. It has also started its vaccination program to protect its personnel in the battle against COVID-19.

The CIC is a subsidiary of the Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC). Aside from the CAVITEX and CALAX, MPTC's portfolio includes the concessions for the North Luzon Expressway (NLEX), the Subic-Clark Tarlac Expressway (SCTEX), the NLEX Connector Road, and the Cebu-Cordova Link Expressway (CCLEX) in Cebu. (PIA)

LANDBANK ...

The Land Bank of the Philippines (LANDBANK) has cleared the way for 3.79 million unbanked registrants to the national ID system to be part of the formal banking system as of May this year, in step with President Duterte's goal of financial inclusion for all Filipinos.

In a report to Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III, the LANDBANK said the onboarded 3,794,882 applicants for transaction accounts comprise 47 percent of the 8,047,034 individuals who had already registered in the Philippine Identification System (PhilSys) from 852 sites in 32 provinces.

As of May 2021, LANDBANK president-CEO Cecilia Borromeo said 1,071,177 of the onboarded applicants have already received their LANDBANK Agent Banking Cards (ABCs).

These cards are provided free-of-charge and with no initial deposit requirement to PhilSys applicants in areas where the LANDBANK has co-located with the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) in PhilSys registration sites across the country.

PhilSys registrants will help ensure the speedy and efficient delivery of future government assistance programs to unbanked beneficiaries. LANDBANK earlier hired over 1,000 service contract workers (SCWs) and deployed them to various locations across the country to assist in the opening of transaction accounts for unbanked National ID registrants.

Borromeo said the SCWs act as frontliners by attending to various queries and requests relating to the opening of accounts and gathering and verification of client information.

She said the SCWs also help to ensure the strict observance of social distancing and health protocols during the registration process and opening of accounts.

LANDBANK's ABCs can be used by PhilSys ID holders to withdraw cash at ATMs and point-of-sale (POS) cash-out terminals, shop online and perform cashless transactions, as well as receive any government subsidy digitally, Borromeo said.

The card is also contactless enabled, which means it can

be used for "tap" payments, such as for the Automated Fare Collection System (AFCS) that the government plans to roll out for public utility vehicles (PUVs).

As for the bank's other digital transformation initiatives, Borromeo reported that since November 2018, a total of 1,602,567 accounts were opened through the bank's Digital Onboarding System (DOBS), which includes accounts opened for clients of the Overseas Filipino Bank (OFBank), a LANDBANK subsidiary.

For the month of May 2021, accounts opened reached 67,889, or higher than the 59,961 accounts opened in the previous month, Borromeo said.

Borromeo also said there was a sustained increase in the number of transactions using the LANDBANK Mobile Banking App from 26.01 million transactions last May 2020 to 38.85 million in May 2021.

The total amount of transactions via the app of P60.92 billion is 157 percent higher compared to the amount in the same period last year, she said. (PR)

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Conti's Bakeshop opens first drive-thru store in Cavite

Conti's Bakeshop and Restaurant opened its first drive-thru concept store on June 22, 2021, allowing customers to order and take home Conti's signature cakes and pastries on-the-go from their own vehicles.

The drive-thru store is located at the Phoenix gas station along Anabu Road in Imus, Cavite. It also has a take-out nook for customers with pick-up orders.

The opening of the franchise's 50th store comes at a time when most of their restaurants are operating at limited dine-in capacity, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The brand said it has plan to open more drive-thru concept stores and branches all over the country.

Conti's sweets are also available for delivery through their website and various food delivery apps. - with reports from Adrian Soriano/Rappler.com



EXTRAJUDICIAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ESTATE OF THE LATE LEON GONZALES AND DIONISIA MONTON HAS BEEN EXTRA-JUDICIALLY SETTLED BY THEIR HEIRS THRU EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE AS PER DOC. NO. 339 ; PAGE NO. 69 ; BOOK NO. 103 ; SERIES OF 2021, BEFORE NOTARY PUBLIC ATTY. CESARIO G. GONZALES JR.

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Getting your Philippine National ID just became more accessible with SM Malls

LAGUNA - SM City Santa Rosa, SM City Calamba and SM City San Pablo are now accommodating the Step 2 registration for the Philippine Identification System (PhilSys). The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) brings the Philippine Identification System (PhilSys) Step 2 Registration experience closer to Filipinos after sealing a partnership with SM Prime Holdings, Inc. through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed on 14 June 2021 at SM Aura Premier in Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City. This partnership officially established the nationwide participation of SM Supermalls in the rollout of PhilSys registrations.

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Ribbon cutting rites to mark the opening of the PhilSys Registration hub in SM San Pablo with Chief Statistical Specialist for Laguna Ms. Magdalena Serqueña and SM South Group 3 AVP for Mall Operations Ms. Angel Toreja.

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NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF CFS Credit and Finance Corporation

Notice hereby given that the resolution in dissolving the Corporation as of July 12, 2021 was adopted by the affirmative vote of the stockholders owning at least 2/3 of the total outstanding capital stocks or at least 2/3 of the members of the Corporation at a meeting held on June 14, 2021 at Dae Jang Kum Restaurant, Brgy. Bacao II, General Trias City, Cavite 4107, this was approved and reflected under Joint Resolution No. 0001 Series of 2021. A balance sheet showing that no creditors thereof will be affected by such dissolution has been filed with the SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION. All persons having claims against the Corporation are requested to present in the same at its principal office at 9405 Unit D Tomas Pitagan Building, Brgy. Tejero, General Trias City, Cavite 4107 for immediate settlement or you can reach via below contact details:

Contact Person : James Lee Asas
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This announcement will serve as notice to all parties concerned of the legal dissolution of the said Corporation.

General Trias City, Cavite 4107.

CHRISTOPHER COLUMNA
Corporate Secretary

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EXTRAJUDICIAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ESTATE OF THE LATE LENDON V. ARAYATA HAS BEEN EXTRA-JUDICIALLY SETTLED BY HIS HEIRS THRU EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS AS PER DOC. NO. 212 ; PAGE NO. 44 ; BOOK NO. 104 ; SERIES OF 2021 , BEFORE NOTARY PUBLIC ATTY. CESARIO G. GONZALES, JR.

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FARIÑAS ILOCOS EMPANADA OPENS IN SM CITY BACCOOR



SM CITY BACCOOR, CAVITE - Bacooreños can finally have a taste of authentic Ilocos Empanadas with Fariñas Ilocos Empanada (FIE) in SM City Bacoor! Conveniently located at the FoodCourt, Fariñas Ilocos Empanada serves a variety of Ilocano dishes. Foodies can enjoy the hearty Ilocos miki, crunchy bagnet, and the popular Ilocos longganisa. Other Ilocano specialties include poqui-poqui, Bonuan bangus and dinakdakan. Customers can also bring home frozen goods to enjoy at home.

Fariñas Ilocos Empanada - SM City Bacoor joins the growing number of FIE branches in Cavite. In partnership with SM, FIE is able to satisfy a big customer base hungry for Ilocano dishes. As the pandemic affects the travel industry, FIE is determined to bring the flavors of Ilocos closer to the Filipinos.

DA ready to help Taal fishers, Batangas farmers

QUEZON CITY --Agriculture Secretary William Dar assures Taal Lake fisherfolk, Batangas farmers and their families that the Department of Agriculture (DA) is ready to provide technical assistance and distribute agri-fishery and livestock interventions in areas that may be affected. However, he and pray that we would not experience a second massive eruption," Secretary Dar added.

"As always, we are proactive and have laid out immediate action plans and strategies for fisherfolk and farm families in lakeshore areas and adjoining barangays that may be affected," the DA chief said.

Taal Volcano Island and lakeshore barangays and municipalities were placed under Alert Level 3 by the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS) of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), on July 1, 2021, following a series of short-lived eruptions.

"Over the last five years, the average tilapia production from Taal Lake is around 60,100 metric tons, of which 40 percent or about 24,000 metric tons is transported and supplied in Metro Manila," Malvas said in a report to Secretary Dar.

He added that "consumption of fish from Taal Lake is safe, but it must be confined to those that are fresh and caught alive. Fish must also be washed thoroughly, internal organs removed, and cooked properly."

Given this assurance, the DA chief said

that there should be no price increase in fish. The average prices of tilapia and bangus are stable at P120 and P160 per kilo, respectively. "We have more than enough catch from Taal lake and other areas. We ask the traders not to take advantage of the situation. They should be part of the solution in providing sufficient food at affordable prices to our consumers," Secretary Dar said.

In the event of an eruption, the DA-BFAR 4A proposes a P282-million budget for immediate assistance, and rehabilitation and recovery initiatives. Part of it will be spent on: social and environmental assessment for water quality monitoring and analysis; food safety assurance to look into the environmental effects of volcanic ash to water quality and fishes; and information campaign and dissemination.

"For rehabilitation and recovery our strategies, we will allot technology and livelihood assistance; installation of real time water quality monitoring system; rehabilitation of production facility in Tanauan, Batangas; and technical assistance for fisherfolk

and fishcage operators in accessing loans, among others," Malvas added. Aside from fisheries, farm commodities that may be affected include rice, corn, and high-value crops (banana, coffee, mango, vegetables), livestock, and poultry.

For her part, DA-RFO 4A Director Vilma Dimaculangan said if there is another eruption the agricultural supply chain would be affected, disrupting the transport of such crops like corn, rice, coffee and banana, and fruit tree seedlings and planting materials. Further, all of the municipalities are into cattle production, she added in a report to Secretary Dar.

Immediate assistance of DA-RFO 4A includes distribution of various agricultural interventions both for crops and livestock; market interventions including market logistics and linkage; and information dissemination particularly farm advisories.

"We will continue to monitor the activity of Taal along with an earnest prayer that hopefully, it will not erupt. Rest assured that whatever happens, your government will be here to extend assistance," Secretary Dar concluded. (PR)

HAVAIANAS MID YEAR SALE AT SM CITY MOLINO

Advertisement for Havaianas Mid Year Sale at SM City Molino, featuring a 50% off discount and promotional text.

SHOP, VAX AND DINE WITH KOOMI - SM CITY BACCOOR!

Advertisement for Koomi featuring a 20% off discount for vaccinated customers and an image of a Koomi drink.

SM CITY BACCOOR, CAVITE - Enjoy the wonderful benefits of being vaccinated with 20% OFF on Waterberry Wonder this month with Koomi! Just show your vaccine card and experience this #GuiltlessGoodness perk from July 1 to December 31, 2021 only. Don't miss your vaccines so you can enjoy more discounted drinks soon! Promo is not valid in conjunction with other promos and exclusive for walk-in transactions only.