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## Time to grow up

Most of us can remember bullies from our childhood days. They were mean-spirited children who mocked other kids for being different—for being overweight, for stuttering, for being dark-skinned, for being poor, or even for being too bookish.

Some of those bullies eventually learned to sublimate their aggression and lack of control when they became adults. Others, however, have remained bullies—and one of them, it seems, even became President.

Exhibiting a total refusal to accept criticism, President Duterte this week launched personal attacks on senators leading a congressional investigation of the alleged mismanagement of COVID-19 funds by the Department of Health (DOH).

Irked over Senator Richard Gordon's long

speech during a seven-hour Senate hearing, Duterte described him as a "talkathon champion," saying he talked too much and likened him to a "German interrogator" during the Nazi regime.

The President also mocked Gordon and Senator Panfilo Lacson for the way they looked.

"My advice to you is to lose weight so that..." Duterte said, typically failing to complete his sentence. "I get dizzy when I look at you... It's true, even your hairdo is strange, both you and Ping."

Not short of acerbic wit, Gordon and Lacson fired back.

Lacson said he hasn't changed the way he combs his hair since "long before the President lost his mind," while Gordon said he would surely win over Duterte when it comes to being "a good-looking guy." Instead of calling him fat, Gordon added, the President should respond to the allegations that his government had paid way too much for face masks and face shields at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.

Audit reports show that the purchases, funneled through the procurement service of the Department of Budget and Management, went as high as

P27.72 per face mask, and P120 per face shield, in comparison to the suggested retail prices prevailing then at P2 to P4 per face mask and P26 to P50 per face shield.

That, of course, is far more important than how much a senator weighs, or how another combs his hair, but the President has not satisfactorily addressed this point, and neither has the people in whom he placed his trust.

For six years, we have made allowances for the outrageous utterances of the President. He was only joking when he said soldiers should shoot female rebels in the vagina. He really didn't mean he would jet ski to the Spratly Islands to plant the Philippine flag. He wasn't serious when he said state auditors should be kidnapped and tortured.

He was merely vexed. He was frustrated. He was just joking, his minions would say, cleaning up time and again the mess their boss left.

Don't we deserve better? After six years, can we have some civility back in our public discourse? Isn't it time to tell the bully to grow up or get out?

## PMO ...

The Privatization and Management Office (PMO) has sought a review of the legal standing of the state-run Philippine National Construction Corp. (PNCC) to manage and develop the government's 9.9 (ha) property in Pasay City as it raised concerns over the PNCC's plan to lease the prime real estate at prices way below the lot's fair market value, which "may be considered disadvantageous to the government."

The PMO, an attached agency of the Department of Finance (DOF), said the review was necessary in view not only of PNCC's plan to lease the real estate property in the Financial

Center Area (FCA) along Macapagal Avenue, Pasay City at below-fair market value prices, but also because such plan was without apparent consideration towards the repayment of its existing obligations to the national government and various other government entities already amounting to billions of pesos.

PNCC requested PMO, through its President/CEO Miguel Umali's letter dated July 21, 2021, to comment on its proposal to lease out the FCA property for just P300.00 per square meter, inclusive of value-added tax. The PNCC's proposal was for a term of 25 years which may be renewed for

another 25 years, with an escalation rate of only 3 percent every two years.

The same proposal was also referred by the Office of the President (OP), whose approval is necessary for such plans to move forward, to the DOF and PMO for comment.

PMO, through its Chief Privatization Officer Gerard Chan's letter dated 26 July 2021, pointed out that as noted by the Commission on Audit (COA) in its 2018 Audit Report, the PNCC has existing and unpaid obligations to the national government and government financial institutions such as the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP), Philippine Guarantee Corp. (Phil-Guarantee), and National Development Corporation (NDC) now amounting to at least P66 billion, while it also owes the Toll Regulatory Board (TRB) about P8.345 billion.

Chan observed that "the settlement of PNCC's outstanding obligations to various national government (NG) agencies is not reflected in this proposed lease of the FCA property."

The COA, in its 2020 PNCC Annual Report, also made an obser-

vation that PNCC left the FCA property idle for three years, which deprived the government of an estimated P1.5 billion in possible income.

During a recent DOF executive committee (Execom) meeting, Chan also reported on PMO's position on PNCC's lease proposal to Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III.

Chan said, "The PMO is unable to give its concurrence (to the PNCC proposal) because, number one, that asset is a government asset and they (the PNCC) haven't taken any steps regarding the settlement of their obligations to the national government; and, number two, their proposed rent is below market value."

PNCC's proposed rental fee of P300.00 per square meter "does not reflect Fair Market Values and may be disadvantageous to the government." Chan also observed that even the current rental rate of P500.00 per sq. m. that PNCC is charging Pacific Concrete Products, Inc. (PCPI), an existing occupant of a 3-hectare portion of the FCA lot, "does not appear to be updated for current market values." (PR)

## Kawit ...

The surrender of Kawit PNP Precinct escapee, Junjun Esquillo Cortezano-Portez of Barangay Toclong paved the way for several improvements that would be undertaken for the precinct security.

After signifying his intention to surrender to Kawit Mayor Angelo Aguinaldo thru his cousin Michelle Lacaba, Portez was given time to speak with Mayor Aguinaldo. He talked about their escape, and gave information on some of their grievances inside the municipal jail in which the local chief executive took immediate action of.

Mayor Aguinaldo also met with the new Kawit PNP Chief PMAJ John Conrad Villanueva to discuss the safety of the community, as well as the Persons Deprived with Liberty (PDLs) who are housed in the jail facility.

"I do not believe that our jails are only for punishment. It is a place of rehabilitation to correct

their mistake and make these people learn for violating the law," Aguinaldo said.

The meeting focused on the changes and improvements of the detention facilities, fortification of the prison mechanism and upgrading of security, and improvement in safeguarding the welfare and rights of the PDLs

Portez, 22, along with Tristan Antonio, 19, and Rhino Reyes 27 were the three detainees that escape from Kawit precinct August 23. The incident resulted to the transfer of then Kawit PNP Chief PMAJ Joel Celestino Palmares, and precinct staff PSSgt Ryan Pascua De Guzman.

Mayor Aguinaldo and Kawit PNP Chief PMAJ Villanueva agreed on the measures discussed for improving the precinct to prevent such incidents from happening again with priority on the safety, and peace and order in Kawit town. (PIA)

## Duterte ...

MANILA – President Rodrigo Duterte has signed a proclamation creating an Information Technology Center Special Economic Zone in Bacoor City, Cavite.

Proclamation 1196, signed by Duterte on Thursday and released to the media on Friday, also designated a building that would be named CBC Asia Technozone.

The planned special economic zone will be situated along Emilio Aguinaldo Highway, Barangay Talaba VII in the city

It will have a gross floor area of 50,277.76 square meters situated in a land area of 7,000 square meters.

The President

created the special economic zone at the recommendation of the Board of Directors of the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA).

Special economic zones are defined in Republic Act 7916 or The Special Economic Zone Act of 1995 as "selected areas with highly developed or which have the potential to be developed into agro-industrial, industrial tourist/recreational, commercial, banking, investment, and financial centers."

An ecozone may contain any or all of the following: industrial estates, export processing zones, free trade zones, and tourist/recreational centers. (PNA)

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# KAPANALIG

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## On sustaining post COVID-19 recovery; Make workforce ready for 'Industry 4.0'

In sustaining the country's recovery from the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, Senator Win Gatchalian pressed the importance of equipping learners and the workforce with the needed skills for the Fourth Industrial Revolution (Industry 4.0).

Gatchalian cited the need for the education sector, including K to 12 schools, to ensure the readiness of learners for the "jobs of the future";

The Philippines, for example, is struggling to meet the demand for data science and analytics (DSA) professionals;

In ensuring workforce preparedness for Industry 4.0, Gatchalian also cited the example of Singapore's SkillsFuture, a statutory board under the Ministry of Education, which offers programs and subsidies to reskill and upskill students, employers, and employees.

Gatchalian cited the need for the education sector, including K to 12 schools, to ensure the readiness of learners for the "jobs of the future," especially as industries adopt more technologies to accelerate automation and digitalization. The World Economic Forum's (WEF) The Future of Jobs Report released in 2020 enumerated the Top 15 Skills for 2025, which include analytical thinking and innovation, active learning and learning strategies, complex problem-solving, and various skills related to technology use.

The same report from the WEF also pointed out that across industries, there is an increasing demand for job roles such as Data Analysts and Scientists, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning Specialists, Big Data Specialists, Digital Marketing and Strategy Specialists, and Process Automation Specialists.

The WEF report, however, identified perceived barriers to the adoption of new technologies. For the companies surveyed in the report, top three barriers include skills gaps in the local labor market (55.4%), inability to attract special talent (46.7%), and skills gaps among organization's leadership (41.4%).

The Philippines, for example, is struggling to meet the demand for data science and analytics (DSA) professionals. A 2020 research paper by state think-tank Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS) noted that in 2019, 10 DSA-related undergraduate programs produced 176,597 professionals of 10 various disciplines. However, only 62,583 or 38% were assessed to be ready to shift to DSA.

"We have to put emphasis on the skills that we need to support the jobs in the Fourth Industrial Revolution and in a digitalized world. Businesses are adopting to it to navigate through the post pandemic world," said Gatchalian, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Basic Education, Arts and Culture.

"Everything is going to be about critical thinking, analysis, and motivation. These are the skills that our basic education institutions should look at because I really believe that all of these skills should be built at an early age," he added

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# DTI Cavite and Noveleta LGU tie-up to benefit more LSP NSB Beneficiaries

DTI NEGOSYO SERBISYO SA BARANGAY

On 31 August 2021, DTI Cavite, through its Livelihood Seeding Program – Negosyo Serbisyo sa Barangay, and the Local Government of Noveleta, through its Tulong Puhunan, distributed livelihood kits to 40 micro enterprises in the four barangays of Noveleta, Cavite namely Brgy. Poblacion, Magdiwang, Sta. Rosa, and Salcedo II.

The kits consisted of merchandise, tools, and equipment for sari-sari stores, tapsihan, coffee and milk tea shops, refreshment and kakanin stores, carinderia, bakery, water station, computer shop, car aircon supply, vulcanizing shops, salons, and general merchandise stores.

For the LSP-NSB in Noveleta, five MSMEs from each selected barangay have been selected as beneficiaries of the program. 20 MSMEs were initially identified to be given livelihood kits to help them improve their business in this time of pandemic. However, seeing the importance and the great impact of the LSP-NSB, Hon. Mayor Dino Chua doubled the number of beneficiaries in every barangay, adding



Livelihood Seeding Program - Negosyo Serbisyo sa Barangay  
Awarding of Starter Kits  
20 Beneficiaries  
31 August 2021 - Noveleta, Cavite

20 more livelihood kits to be given under their Tulong Puhunan program.

"This is the first time in CALABARZON that a local government unit made an initiative to fully support our LSP-NSB program through adding more livelihood kits for more beneficiaries. This action introduces a best practice for LGU Noveleta, and we hope that others would follow suit and expand their assistance to our program," said DTI CALABARZON Regional Director Marilou Q. Toledo.

"With this, I hope our beneficiaries will become good role models by being passionate and innovative entrepreneurs who can sustain their businesses

amid the challenges of the pandemic," added RD Toledo.

Mayor Chua, on the other hand, announced that there will be more distributions to take place in other barangays to cover more MSMEs. Along with District 1 Board Member Davey Chua, he guaranteed the continuous support of Noveleta LGU for future projects of the DTI.

Intending to help the country's base of the pyramid during the pandemic, DTI developed the LSP-NSB to support a grassroots approach to enterprise development, increasing the awareness of Barangay Officials about the services offered by the Department through its Negosyo Centers and

delivering business development assistance and services in barangays.

To make sure that the said goal will be realized, DTI Cavite OIC Provincial Director Evelyn A. Cortez pushed for more capacitated MSMEs by encouraging the beneficiaries to actively participate in the training sessions conducted by the DTI, especially the activities organized by Negosyo Centers.

As of 31 August 2021, 151 livelihood kits have already been awarded to the beneficiaries of LSP-NSB in Cavite.

With continuous support from LGUs like Noveleta, DTI Cavite looks forward to more fruitful partnerships with other government agencies in the future. (PR)

# DILG: PH committed to complete six smart city projects in Cebu, Manila, Davao

The Philippine government has expressed its commitment to finish its six smart city projects during the 4th ASEAN Smart Cities Network (ASCN) Annual Meeting held virtually on Monday, according to the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) who headed the Philippine delegation.

DILG Undersecretary for Local Government Marlo L. Iringan, who represented DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año, said that while the COVID-19 crisis stalled the implementation of smart city projects, the Philippines -- through its participating local government units (LGUs) -- remains

committed in pursuing its smart city initiatives.

"Meeting challenges in the implementation of our smart city projects was inevitable primarily because of the COVID-19 crisis as local government resources were poured into pandemic response and imposition of health protocols," he said.

"Despite these obstacles, we will fulfill our commitment to complete the smart city projects as they will improve the delivery of government services and make things more convenient for the public," he added. The smart city projects which were showcased by the DILG during the ASCN meeting are the Command Center Up-

grade and E-government Services in the City of Manila; Bus Rapid Transit System and Digital Traffic System in Cebu City; and Converged Command and Control Center and Intelligent Transportation and Traffic Systems with Security in Davao City.

Established in 2018 during the 32nd ASEAN Summit, the ASCN is a collaborative platform where cities from the ten ASEAN Member States work towards the common goal of smart and sustainable urban development. It aims to facilitate cooperation on smart cities development, catalyze bankable projects with the private sector, and secure funding and support from ASEAN's external partners.

The 26 ASCN Pilot Cities are: Bandar Seri Begawan, Battambang, Phnom Penh, Siem Reap, Makassar, Banyuwangi, DKI Jakarta, Luang Prabang, Vientiane, Johor Bahru, Kuala Lumpur, Kota Kinabalu, Kuching, Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Yangon, Cebu City, Davao City, Manila, Singapore, Bangkok, Chonburi, Phuket, Da Nang, Hanoi, and Ho Chi Minh City. Brunei Darussalam holds the ASCN chairmanship this year, as it follows the ASEAN chairmanship.

During the meeting, Iringan also said that the challenges of COVID-19 pandemic underscored the need for local economies to shift to information and communication technology-based

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## CARD MRI announces Grand Winner of nationwide art contest for clients



The CARD members of Mabentagen C-1, together with their Account Officers, received their certificate and prizes in winning first place in the Bahaginan 2021 Poster and Slogan Making Contest.

Among 112 entries from Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao, Luzon candidate Mabentagen Center 1 from CARD, Inc. (A Microfinance NGO) was hailed the grand winner of Bahaginan Ngayong 2021 poster and slogan making contest after advancing as an institutional winner during the awards ceremony on July 7, 2021.

With the winning slogan, "Hawak-kamay sa hamon ng buhay, ang CARD MRI kaagapay tungo sa tagumpay", Mabentagen 1 bagged PhP15,000 for their Center, PhP5,000 for their Unit, a digital certificate of recognition, and Mga Likha Ni Inay and BotiCARD products worth PhP3,000 each.

"We would like to bring back all the glory to God," a representative from Mabentagen 1 said. He continued, "The concept was formed according to the theme: our center's journey with CARD MRI. Our goal is to show the relationship between CARD MRI and its members and how we hold each other's hands to help those in need. This served as an inspiration for us to strive harder and trust that nothing is impossible in life when we believe. We are thankful for CARD MRI as our ever-present partner in our success."

Three centers also emerged as the institutional winners of this year's Bahaginan with Luzon participants Paypayad 2 from CARD Bank and Subic Paradise from CARD SME Bank. Mindanao candidate Balanggay Center from CARD MRI RIZAL BANK also won the contest.

The institutional winners bagged PhP10,000 for their Center, PhP3,000 for their Unit, digital certificate of recognition, and Mga Likha Ni Inay and BotiCARD products worth PhP1,500 each.

Ugnayan at Kwentuhan Bahaginan Ngayong 2021 was one of the activities conceived from the Ugnayan at Kwentuhan project which aims to bridge the distance between CARD MRI and its clients during the pandemic. Aside from conducting phone conversations with both the members and staff, it also intends to build a connection with the members by giving them an avenue to showcase their talents and capabilities during the pandemic.

"Because our Account Officers could not conduct center visits like usual due to the health and safety protocols amidst the pandemic, we thought of a way to maintain our connection with our members. We also thought of a project that will exhibit their talents, and Bahaginan is one of them," CARD MRI Managing Director Aristeo A. Dequito said in his welcome remarks during the Bahaginan awarding.

He added that among other activities to look forward to include an online poetry contest entitled "Tugma at Titik", jingle-making contest, and talent show.

Meanwhile, CARD MRI Founder and Chairman Emeritus Dr. Jaime Aristotle B. Alip also gave an inspirational message during the event. "One theme dominates every poster that

we've seen, and that is how CARD MRI ushers its clients out of a rough and unsteady road. This remains to be the mission of CARD MRI, to move them out of the claws of poverty and to encourage them to start over."

Finally, Senior Management Adviser Dr. Dolores M. Torres, who heads the Ugnayan at Kwentuhan Program, concluded the event with a reassuring statement for all the members in virtual attendance.

"We are opening our hearts to you, our dear members. There is nothing that can separate our relationship with you and your family. We will continue listening to your inspiring stories and be a witness to your journey as you start from the bottom up," Dr. Torres said.

Bahagi Ako Digital Exhibit

In celebration of Bahaginan Ngayong 2021, CARD MRI Publishing House curated the Bahagi Ako Digital Exhibit which revealed the artworks of the 29 regional winners and 9 finalists of the online slogan and poster making contest.

Enforcing strict health protocols, the organizers of Bahagi Ako opened the digital exhibit to CARD MRI staff and clients from July 1 to 2 and 5 to 6 at the Maharlika Square Events Place. A virtual tour was also created by CARD MRI Hijos Tours for those who could not physically visit the exhibit. This could be viewed through Online Ugnayan at Kwentuhan's Facebook Page at [www.facebook.com/CARDkvento](http://www.facebook.com/CARDkvento).

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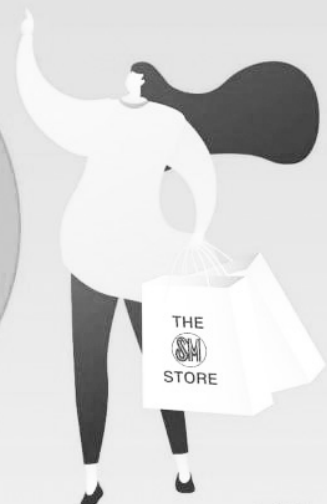
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## Boost your child's immune system against COVID-19

Infants and children are among the most vulnerable to get infected with the Coronavirus (COVID-19) disease. Thus, it is important to keep them healthy and protected to fight off the virus. The immune system serves as our shield from various infections and may weaken over time.

A compromised immune system will make us prone to the foreign substances like virus and bacteria that is waiting to attack our body. Hence, we must boost and strengthen it with good nutrition and a healthy lifestyle.

The immune system of infants and children are being developed as they grow, making them susceptible to diseases. And with a more contagious Delta variant of COVID-19, the cases of infected children increased to 29.59% from July 21 to August 3, 2021 as recorded by the Department of Health (DOH). Even pediatricians

warned the parents on how deadly the new variant is, especially for the kids.

But how can we strengthen their immune system and keep them protected in this pandemic? Exclusively breastfeed infants from birth up to six (6) months, and give complementary foods at 6 months while continuing breastfeeding until two (2) years of age and beyond. Breastmilk provides all the nutrients and antibodies that an infant needs to protect themselves. No additional liquid and solid food other than breastmilk is needed for the first 6 months of the baby. Starting 6 months, breastmilk must be complemented with an age-appropriate, safe, and nutritious solid foods. To increase immunity, breastfeeding is suggested to be continued up to two (2) years of age and beyond. Eat well-balanced, varied, and nutritious meals. A healthy diet is one important way for families to boost

the immunity of young children against COVID-19.

Parents and caregivers can use the Pinggang Pinoy for kids as guide in filling up the child's plate with a balanced, wide-variety, and healthy meal composed of GO (e.g. rice, root crops, bread), GROW (e.g. egg, meat, beans) and GLOW foods (e.g. fruits, vegetables). Eating salty, fried, fatty and sugar-rich foods can cause health problems.

Drink plenty of water and serve healthy snacks. Kids need to drink at least five (5) or more glasses per day. Adding one to two healthy snacks can help them nourished to get through the day.

It is best to offer fresh fruits and vegetables as snacks than empty-calorie food such as soft drinks and sweets. Limit highly processed foods – high in free sugars, salt, and trans-fat – and avoid sugary drinks, as these may damage the teeth and long-term health.

Regular physical activity

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## Dominguez...

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Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III said Thursday night the Philippines has so far secured a total of 194.89 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines that are enough to inoculate about 100.5 million Filipinos or more than 100 percent of the country's adult population. The national government expects its stocks of COVID-19 vaccines to total 170 million doses, along with another 24.90 million doses financed by local government units (LGUs) and the private sector.

As of August 26, Dominguez said the national government has secured financing for a total of 105.65 million doses that were funded through loans amounting to US\$1.126 billion from multilateral development institutions such as the Asian Development Bank (ADB), World Bank (WB), and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB).

"Wala ho tayong problema sa pera, may financing na lahat yan at we don't have to worry about money here. We have already all the money ready to be paid for these doses," said Dominguez during the televised meeting of President Duterte with select Cabinet officials Thursday night.

Dominguez said a total of 48.84 million doses came from dona-

tions from the Philippines' bilateral partners and the COVID-19 Vaccines Global Access (COVAX) Facility.

The allocation of P8.42 billion (approximately US\$176.5 million) for COVID-19 vaccines under the 2021 General Appropriations Act (GAA) enabled the government to procure 15.5 million doses, he said.

With the procurements of the LGUs and the private sector supplementing the national government's efforts to source COVID-19 vaccines, the Philippines is assured of 194.89 million vaccine doses that are enough to inoculate 100.5 million Filipinos, Dominguez told the President.

The Finance Secretary said that 48.89 million doses were delivered to the country from March 1 to Aug. 25, and another 42 million doses are due to arrive between Aug. 26 and Sept. 30.

In the last quarter of this year, Dominguez said the government expects to receive an additional 103.59 million doses.

"So actually, we are expecting roughly 50 million doses a month—from September to December. If that happens, maybe by January we should have been able to inoculate everyone," Dominguez said. (PR)

## Governor Jonvic...

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"Nothing lasts forever, as they say. Let us not abuse the patience of the people on cheap talk and arguments that won't lead to anything," he went on to say in Filipino.

Remulla also urged fellow officials to avoid ridiculing each other and focus on the situation of the country instead.

"When did mockery shed light on issues just so we can avoid issues that need answers? First, there was someone who was described as a

## ERRATUM

In the issues of DATELINE Newspaper Weekly dated December 16, 23, and 30, 2019 it committed an error in publishing the following Notice, to wit:

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It is corrected to read as follows:

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callboy. Later on, a lawmaker was advised to lose weight. There were also arguments on someone's hairdo and on aging the other way," he added.

He ended his post with the statement: "The people are desperate for LEADERSHIP. The people are demoralized and in need of a SOLUTION. The people are disheartened and in need of a VISION that includes a plan for RECOVERY and ACTION. There is no time to waste."

Though the Cavite governor did not drop names, it can be recalled that President Rodrigo Duterte resorted to jabs against Manila Mayor Francisco "Isko Moreno" Domagoso's sexy photos as an actor, Senator Richard Gordon's girth, and Senator Panfilo Lacson's hairstyle. (YahooNews)

## NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late MA. ROSA ALVARO consisting of seven (7) parcels of land known as 1. Lot No.69 of the subd. plan (LRC) Psd-163913 being a portion of Lot 1445, Naic Estate LRC Rec. No. 8340) situated at Timalan, Naic, Cavite consisting of an area of THREE HUNDRED EIGHT (308) SQUARE METERS embraced and covered by TCT No. 057-2016013724; 2. Lot No.1452-I-8 of the subd. plan (LRC) Psd-282465 approved as non-sub. project, being a portion of Lot 1452-I (LRC) Psd-2811777 LRC Rec. No. 8340) situated at Poblacion, Naic, Cavite consisting of an area of FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY THREE (583) SQUARE METERS embraced and covered by TCT No. 057-2016013725; 3. Lot No. 1452-I-7 of the subd. plan (LRC) Psd-282465 approved as non-sub. project, being a portion of Lot 1452-I (LRC) Psd-2811777 LRC Rec. No. 8340) situated at Poblacion, Naic, Cavite consisting of an area of SIX HUNDRED FIVE (605) SQUARE METERS embraced and covered by TCT No. 057-2011002050; 4. Lot No.1452-I-6 of the subd. plan (LRC) Psd-282465 approved as non-sub. project, being a portion of Lot 1452-I (LRC) Psd-2811777 LRC Rec. No. 8340) situated at Poblacion, Naic, Cavite consisting of an area of TWO HUNDRED NINETY SEVEN (297) SQUARE METERS embraced and covered by TCT No.T-836456; 5. Lot No. 1452-I-2 of the subd. plan (LRC) Psd-282465 approved as non-sub. project, being a portion of Lot 1452-I (LRC) Psd-2811777 LRC Rec. No. 8340) situated at Poblacion, Naic, Cavite consisting of an area of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY SIX (176) SQUARE METERS embraced and covered by TCT No.T-374032; 6. Lot No. 1452-I-1 of the subd. plan (LRC) Psd-282465 approved as non-sub. project, being a portion of Lot 1452-I (LRC) Psd-2811777 LRC Rec. No. 8340) situated at Poblacion, Naic, Cavite consisting of an area of THREE HUNDRED TWENTY FOUR (324) SQUARE METERS embraced and covered by TCT No.T-374031; and 7. Lot No. 1452-I-3 of the subd. plan (LRC) Psd-282465 approved as non-sub. project, being a portion of Lot 1452-I (LRC) Psd-2811777 LRC Rec. No. 8340) situated at Poblacion, Naic, Cavite consisting of an area of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY (250) SQUARE METERS embraced and covered by TCT No.T-103043, all of the Register of Deeds of Cavite Province, have been the subject of a Deed of Self-Adjudication as per Doc.No.440; Page No.88; Book No. XXII and series of 2021 of Notary Public Jameswell M. Resus of Naic, Cavite.

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## BOC seizes P19.95-B 'hot' goods from 615 operations

The Bureau of Customs (BOC) has reported to the Department of Finance (DOF) that it seized P19.95 billion-worth of goods from January 1 to August 23 this year, from 615 operations that yielded mostly illegal shipments of narcotics, counterfeit goods, cigarettes and other tobacco products.

Preliminary data reported by the BOC showed that of the seized goods over the Jan. 1-Aug. 23 period, counterfeit products accounted for P15 billion, followed by illegal drugs worth P1.88 billion.

BOC's tightened watch on cigarette shipments led to the seizure of P1.23 billion-worth of suspected smuggled cigarettes and other tobacco products.

In his report to Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III during a recent DOF executive committee meeting, Customs Commissioner Rey Leonardo Guerrero

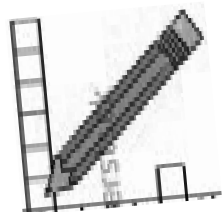
said the BOC has also apprehended P887.61 million-worth of general merchandise, P267.27 million-worth of agricultural products, and used clothing valued at P56.63 million, during the same period.

Electronics parts and products worth P23.55 million, firearms valued at P40.12 million; cosmetics, personal protective equipment (PPEs) and other medical supplies worth P182.49 million, vehicles and accessories valued at P77.54 million, wildlife and natural resources worth P3.81 million, and alcoholic beverages worth

P3.91 million were also seized by the BOC, according to Guerrero.

The BOC also seized P290 million-worth of currency, jewelry, fuel, chemicals, steel products and other items.

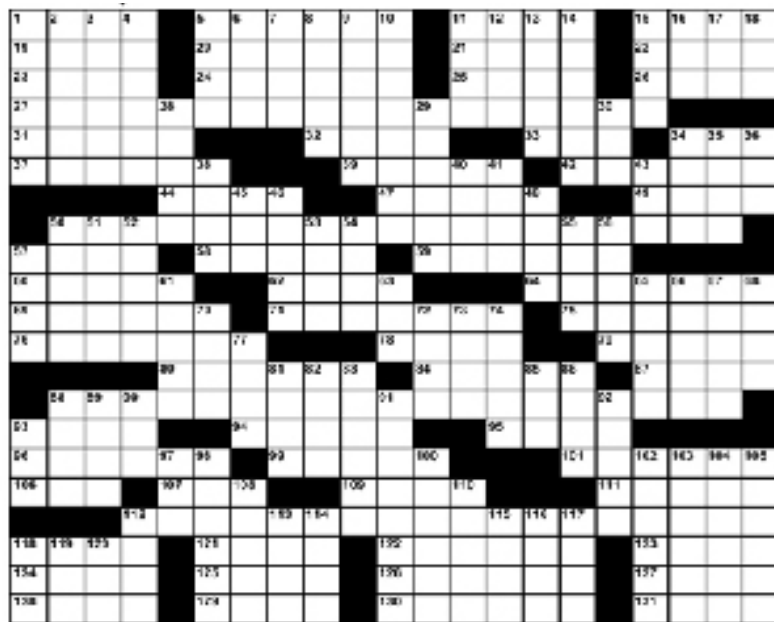
Over the Jan. 1-Aug. 27 period, the BOC filed 67 criminal cases with the Department of Justice (DOJ) against 217 respondents suspected of involvement in smuggling activities, and another 48 administrative cases against erring customs brokers before the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC). (PR)



Crossword Puzzles

ACROSS

- 1 Beach wear
- 2 Melodious
- 3 Film fest resort
- 4 Candidate lists
- 5 Shells
- 6 It falls on the plain
- 7 Seraph, to Renee
- 8 Cliche - Ridden
- 9 Luzon native
- 10 Middle - of-the-roader
- 11 Small contribution
- 12 Fresh
- 13 Astros' state
- 14 Hunting dog
- 15 Hollywood symbol
- 16 Crony
- 17 Royal sphere
- 18 Afternoon reception
- 28 Spartan
- 29 Wild meadows
- 30 Cote resident
- 34 Western treaty gp.
- 35 Kind of sch.
- 36 Perfect score in Hollywood
- 38 Songbird Linda \_\_\_\_\_ ne va plus (no further bets)
- 41 Singer Paul
- 43 Move aimlessly
- 45 Comedian Louis
- 46 TV's Ed
- 48 Lose energy



- 50 Transparent linen
- 51 Locate of the Lethe
- 52 Choose
- 53 HRE emperor
- 54 Achievement
- 55 \_\_\_\_\_ in line
- 56 Grist for the mill
- 57 Brothers
- 61 Con job
- 63 Aves.
- 65 Angler's gear
- 66 Discernment
- 67 Door
- 68 Tear down, British style
- 70 \_\_\_\_\_ about approximately
- 72 Anglo-Saxon letters
- 73 Kind of service
- 74 Woodland deity
- 77 War god
- 81 Paper measure
- 82 Anent
- 83 Punish, old style
- 85 Stowe character
- 86 Bathe
- 88 Sharpen
- 89 Wild revelry
- 90 Court
- 91 Miscellaneous
- 92 Simple machine
- 93 Keyboard command
- 97 Stadium sound
- 98 Betel palms
- 100 Domestic reception
- 102 Comedian
- 103 Expand
- 104 Actress Verdugo and namesakes
- 105 Make sea water potable
- 108 Meager
- 110 Book after Daniel
- 112 Student's hurdle
- 113"\_\_\_\_\_ the valley of death. . .
- 114 Profound
- 115 Exploiter
- 116 Spanish muralist
- 117 Former name of Exxon
- 118 Scottish topper
- 119 \_\_\_\_\_ Baba
- 120 Sol followers

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- 1 Pouches
- 5 Type of numerals
- 11 Photograph borders
- 15 Name for a Dalmatian
- 19 Inland sea
- 20 Accomplish
- 21 Arrow poison
- 22 Vetch
- 23 One of Columbus three
- 24 Filet \_\_\_\_\_
- 25 Sermon subject
- 26 TV's " Dark Angel"
- 27 Best seller by William Brinkley
- 31 Erudition
- 33 Apply the needle
- 34 Bottom line
- 37 Apartment dweller
- 39 Regal topper
- 43 Entertain
- 44 Dame \_\_\_\_\_ Evarage
- 47 Work assignment
- 49 Solar deity
- 50 A.J. Cronin bestseller
- 57 Mare's offspring
- 58 Pierre's income
- 59 Trapper
- 60 \_\_\_\_\_ for a fall
- 62 Airt. listings
- 64 Demanding one
- 69 One of the Furies
- 71 Bounders
- 75 Capital of Albania
- 76 Poem of six stanzas
- 78 Portico
- 79 Fits into
- 80 Dam near Knoxville
- 84 Code word for "H"
- 87 Raiser d \_\_\_\_\_
- Liewellyn's bestseller
- 93 Toreador's opponent
- 94 Hindu garments
- 95 Critic's best word
- 96 Goa, rabbit, or cat
- 99 Organization for high IQ's
- 101 Got by
- 106 Ottoman governor
- 107 '\_\_\_\_\_ longa .. ."
- 109 Ancient Zola
- 112 John Irving's bestseller
- 118 Story
- 121 Staff
- 122 Pitches
- 123 Yemen capital
- 124 "\_\_\_\_, poor Yorick"
- 125 Lead - in for room or chamber
- 126 Arab rulers
- 127 Relative of etc.

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Boost . . .

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Since children are not allowed outside, most of them spent their days laying around, watching television, or playing mobile games.

Such habits may lead to obesity and chronic diseases. Limit screen time to one hour per day for ages 2 to 12 years old. Keeping them moving and active can strengthen the immune system. It can also help them develop strong bones and muscles to prevent them from getting hurt easily. Parents can also bond with their children through exercise.

Complete routine immunization

The Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI) of DOH ensures to immunize all infants/children against the most common vaccine-preventable diseases. It also reduces the morbidity and mortality among children and boosts immunity. Parents are encouraged to have their children complete the mandated vaccines para TODO LIGTAS – manigurado, magpabakuna nang kumpleto.

Practice good hygiene

Good hygiene greatly contributes to keeping us protected in the pandemic. Regular handwashing keeps the bacteria and viruses from entering the body and compromising the immune system.

The National Task Force Against COVID-19 has started studying the inclusion of children 12 to 17 years old in the government's vaccination program against COVID -19. While this is yet to be implemented, parents are encouraged to protect their children from COVID-19 by boosting their immune system and making sure that the all the adult members of the family are vaccinated against COVID-19.

In this pandemic, children alone cannot protect themselves, the adults in general play an important role in preventing the spread of the disease. The DOH reminds the public to remain vigilant and practice the infection prevention and control measures, such as wearing face mask and shield especially in public places, physical distancing, and proper hygiene to help limit the spread of the virus. Be safe to save lives. (PIA-NCR)

DILG . . .

solutions to minimize health risks and to increase coping capacities. "Maintaining the symbiotic relationship between the network and its member-countries and smart cities will help them ride out the pandemic and catalyze economic recovery," he said.

According to Iringan, the smart cities have realized that forging partnerships are necessary to overcome the challenges and to move forward.

"The Philippine Government expresses its appreciation for the opportunities for partnerships extended through this platform. However, we would like to seek the ASCN's support for the completion of the smart city projects needing digital infrastructure and applications support," he said.

He said the configuration of said projects are focused on the need for an efficient emergency and crisis response center that provides real time information for the

safety, protection of constituencies, and increased resilience considering the country's location in the Pacific Ring of Fire.

According to Iringan, the improvement of the traffic management and transportation systems as well as the provision of e-services in government transactions are being pushed to lessen travel trips and provide for efficient mass transportation systems to address the longstanding problem of mobility and traffic congestion in urban cities.

Manila, Cebu, Davao smart city projects In his country report, Iringan presented the command center upgrade in Manila City Hall which mainly acts as contact center and dispatch center for emergency services. Said command center showcased 28 display panels and over 100 high end cameras strategically placed throughout the city that allows recognition of facial features and license plates.

On the other

hand, Manila's e-Government Services through the Go! Manila web and mobile applications addressed the need for online processing and payment of government services during the pandemic. The mobile application also addressed problems on long queues, time-consuming processes, fixers, and need for physical presence in the City Hall.

Currently, the features of the app include the City of Manila's Real Property and Business Tax payments; a wide range of facilities for payment of bills for government and private entities; securing of other government permits and documents such as residence certificate, birth and death certificates, occupancy permit and health certificate; payment of utilities, money transfer transactions, among others.

Meanwhile, Cebu City's Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Line Plan aims to improve the over-

all performance of the urban passenger transport system for a more efficient intra-city mass transportation. As for the city's Digital Traffic System project, Iringan reported that 18 of the 85 road intersections in the city have already been installed with sensors and high-resolution surveillance cameras for vehicle detection, license plate recognition and speed dome for general surveillance.

Davao City's Converged Command Center, on the other hand, is now in the second phase of its five-phase implementation scheme with digital infrastructure, underground cables, aerial installation of fiber optic cables, and additional closed-circuit televisions or CCTVs for surveillance currently being installed. Its complementary project dubbed as High Priority Bus System (HPBS) is now 70% complete while the design of depots and terminals for electric bus (eBus) is 30% in progress. (DILG GOV)

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## Sari-Saring Pag-asa: Cayetano relaunches financial aid program sari-sari store owners

Calling sari-sari stores one of the "best training centers" for budding business owners, former House Speaker Alan Peter Cayetano on Tuesday relaunched the Sari-Sari Store Community, this time calling it "Sari-Saring Pag-Asa," a financial assistance program for sari-sari store owners.

During the program's pilot episode on his official Facebook page on August 31, 2021, Cayetano said the cash aid that sari-sari store owners will receive from the Sari-Saring Pag-Asa initiative can be used to support both their daily needs and their small businesses.

"That's why we're giving you P3,500, para yung P1,000 (ay) magamit niyo sa mga immediate needs niyo. Then, yung P2,500, magamit niyo para i-replenish, i-restock ang (inyong) sari-sari store," he said.

(That's why we're giving you P3,500. You can use P1,000 for your immediate needs. You can use the remaining P2,500 to replenish or restock your sari-sari stores.)



"Ang sari-sari store ay isa sa mga best training centers sa pagnenegosyo," he added.

(The sari-sari store is one of the best training centers for doing business.

Sari-Saring Pag-asa takes off from the Taguig-Pa-

teros (TaPat) Sari-Store Program created by Taguig 2nd District Rep. Lani Cayetano to provide financial assistance and livelihood training for sari-sari store owners in Taguig and Pateros.

Through the program, sari-sari store owners in Taguig and Pateros received around P2,500-P3,500 each.

"Ang ginawa po ni Lani, bumili ng P2,500 worth of goods at nakita po namin na hindi man punong-puno ang sari-sari store mo, kahit papaano, may mabebenta ka na," the former Speaker said.

(Lani bought P2,500 worth of goods and we realized that while it may not be enough to fill a sari-sari store, one will still have something to sell.)

The local initiative was later expanded into the Sari-Sari Store Community, a national program that sought to create a community of sharing and mutual aid among sari-sari store owners from different parts of the country.

"We made it a community kasi ang community po, nagdadamay," Cayetano said.

(We made it a community because people help each other when they are gathered as a community.

Prior to Tuesday's episode, the Sari-Sari Store Community program had already reached more than 1,700 sari-sari store owners from Baguio City, Dagupan City, Olongapo City, the towns of Guiguinto of Calumpit in Bulacan, and Caloocan City.

As of August 31, 2021, the Cayetanos have extended aid to a total of 2,018 sari-sari store owners from different parts of the country.

The Sari-Saring Pag-Asa program will complement their weekly Sampung Libong Pag-Asa initiative, which took off from the advocacy of the 10K Ayuda Bill.

The Cayetanos and their allies filed the 10K Ayuda Bill on February 1, 2021 with the aim of expanding the government's economic stimulus program. The proposed measure seeks to distribute P10,000 each among the country's poorest households. (PR)