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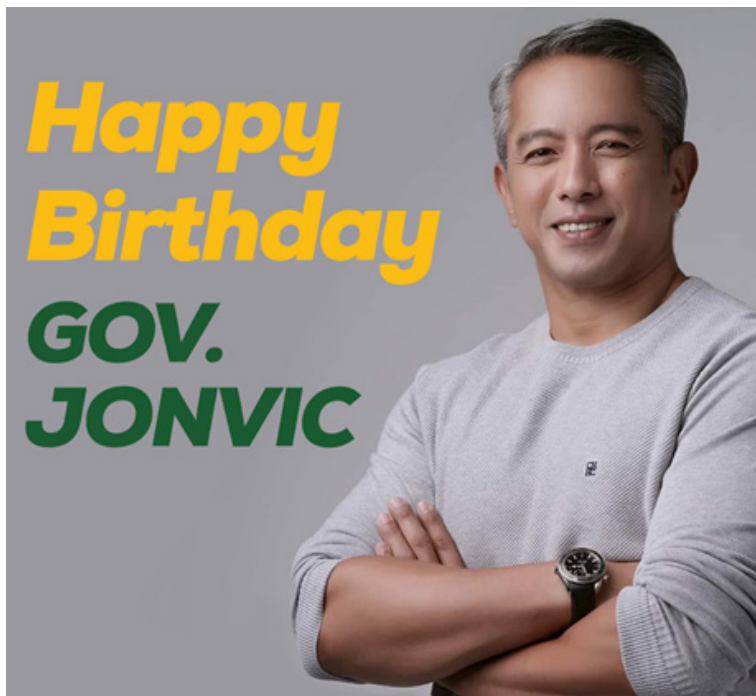


Pray for the government, Cayetano urges Filipinos



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EDITORIAL:

The young are in peril

Thirty-one percent of Filipino girls and young women are not sure how to spot disinformation online, and 6 percent cannot tell whether the information they see online is true at all, a survey by Plan International revealed.

Nearly a third of the 1,000 respondents say they spent more than 12 hours online.

Moreover, 38 percent of girls and young women have been led to believe a myth about COVID-19, and 35 percent have questioned whether they should get vaccinated.

Thirty-one percent of the 1,000 respondents say mistruths have been so dominant that they have doubted election results, while one in five have stopped engaging in politics or current affairs alto-

gether.

These figures from the Philippines form part of a larger survey, called The Truth Gap, conducted among 26,000 girls and young women from 26 countries.

The same global survey revealed that 87 percent of girls and young women feel that misinformation and disinformation online have a negative impact on their lives, and 20 percent feel physically unsafe because of false information on the internet, the study said.

One in three young women says false information is affecting her mental health — they feel stressed, worried and anxious.

The survey also revealed that lies found online have a profound impact on how young people engage with a myriad of issues, from COVID-19 to politics.

All of these underscored the need for governments to ramp up educating the youth on how to receive information they get from the internet.

Perhaps the government, as well as the private sector, civil society, communities and families

should build on the finding that 93 percent of respondents in the Philippines say they are concerned about misinformation and disinformation, and that they recognize that social media platforms are channels for these lies: Facebook (81 percent), YouTube (44 percent), Twitter (30 percent) and Tiktok (24 percent).

It is at least a consolation that girls and young women are aware that the internet brings a different kind of danger during this information age, and that these are not at all harmless — they can do damage both physically and psychologically.

Advances in technology have made coping with restrictions brought about by the pandemic easier. If unchecked, however, the danger especially to impressionable young people could be devastating.

Adults should eschew the notion that social media and the internet are the domain of the young. They should step up and be familiar with what their children are up to so they can guide and protect them—online and offline.

Dominguez...

Secretary Carlos Dominguez III has ordered the Department of Finance (DOF), its attached agencies and state corporations to prepare their respective plans on transitioning work back to their respective office, with strict adherence to health and safety protocols, after more than a year of shifting to work-from-home (WFH) arrangements because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dominguez said that as more government employees get fully vaccinated, the DOF and its agencies such as the Bureaus of Customs (BOC), of Internal Revenue (BIR), of Local Government Finance (BLGF) and of the Treasury (BTr); Insurance Commission (IC), Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), and other attached organizations should gradually shift to working normally in their respective offices.

The transition plans, Dominguez said, should include testing protocols for employees and their immediate families, and seminars to educate them on how to return safely to full-time office work.

"I think that we should already have a plan for transitioning back into working normally. In other words, back-to-office work," Dominguez said during a recent executive committee (Execom) meeting for other attached agencies and state-run corporations under the DOF.

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"I'd like everybody to start working on this plan already assuming that we're going to have to live with this virus," he added.

The Interagency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) has yet to allow the full transition to back-to-office arrangements with the National Capital Region (NCR) now under General Community Quarantine (GCQ) with Alert Level 3 status.

In the DOF, 76.6 percent of its employees have been fully vaccinated as of October 8. (PR)

LANDBANK... from page 1

State-run Land Bank of the Philippines (LANDBANK) signed a P3-billion loan agreement with Converge Information and Communications Technology Solutions, Inc. (Converge) to help provide fast and reliable internet service to more subscribers nationwide.

LANDBANK President and CEO Cecilia C. Borromeo alongside Converge CEO Dennis Anthony H. Uy and President Maria Grace Y. Uy led the virtual loan signing ceremony to support the fiber broadband service provider's continuing terrestrial and subsea domestic network expansion and finance working capital requirements.

They were joined by Converge Deputy Chief Finance Officer Christine Renee R. Blabagno and LANDBANK officials, namely Agricultural and Development Lending Sector Officer-in-Charge, Senior Vice President Filipina B. Monje and Corporate Banking Group Head, Senior Vice President Ma. Celeste A. Burgos. Also present during the signing ceremony was Converge Chief Financial Office Advisor Matthias Vukovich.

During the virtual ceremony, LANDBANK emphasized the importance of investing in technology as more Filipinos adapt to a digital lifestyle due to the ongoing pandemic.

"We are hopeful on this new partnership between LANDBANK and Converge to ensure the delivery of fast and consistent internet services across the country. It is with urgency that we must support more users in adapting to home set-ups for work and education in the new normal. This is also aligned with LANDBANK's thrust of leveraging on digital innovations to provide uninterrupted, safe, and timely financial solutions to our clients, especially the unbanked and underserved," said LANDBANK President and CEO Borromeo.

Converge CEO Uy expressed his gratitude to LANDBANK for providing an accessible financial channel to expand their fiber footprint nationwide.

"This loan financing brings us one step closer to our goal of connecting the unserved and underserved areas in the country. The available funds will help us reach into untapped markets and really 'Go Deep' into existing ones," said CEO Uy during the virtual loan signing.

Converge will utilize the credit support from LANDBANK for its continued network expansion across the country, broadening its distribution reach, and boosting international connectivity.

The total loan package from LANDBANK will also include an additional short term loan line as well as a facility for its trade transactions amounting to up to P2 billion.

In line with servicing the emerging needs of its clients in the new normal, LANDBANK successfully facilitated 73.5 million transactions amounting to P1.307 trillion through its five major e-banking channels from January to July 2021. This represented comparative year-on-year increases of 12% and 65%, respectively.

As of July 2021, the Bank has also facilitated the opening of more than 1.7 million online accounts through its Digital On-boarding System or DOBS which digitizes the submission of account applications.

LANDBANK also launched recently the DOBS Mobile which facilitates online savings account opening in as fast as 10 to 15 minutes. The LANDBANK DOBS Mobile eliminates the need to line up in branches to open an account, in support of the National Government's Ease of Doing Business (EODB) initiative, as well as safety protocols imposed to limit COVID-19 infections.

LANDBANK also continues to waive fees for inter-bank fund transfers via InstaPay and PESONet for retail clients until September 30, 2021. (PR)

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KAPANALIG Ni Nelson Dimapilis

Senator Win Gatchalian is urging the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and local government units (LGUs) to help the Department of Education (DepEd) in accelerating full COVID-19 vaccination coverage among teachers.

DILG Undersecretary Ricojudge Echiverri assured lawmakers that the department will work with the DepEd to speed up the inoculation of teachers;

To complete the vaccination of teachers, Undersecretary Malaluan also assured the Senate panel that the DepEd will pursue an institutional approach to vaccination and work with the National Task Force (NTF) Against COVID-19;

The vaccination of the general population has been scheduled to start this month.

Gatchalian made this call as the government

Accelerate COVID-19 vaccination of teachers with face-to-face classes pilot run

eyes to start the pilot test of limited face-to-face classes in 120 schools on November 15.

In a Senate panel hearing on preparations for limited face-to-face classes, DepEd Undersecretary Nepomuceno Malaluan reported that 57% of teachers are already vaccinated, which is equivalent to more than 580,000 of around 970,000 teachers and non-teaching personnel.

"I know that some LGUs are partnering with their local districts or their local divisions to prioritize teachers. The DILG can play a very big role in encouraging or even pushing for these partnerships," said Gatchalian, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Basic Education, Arts and Culture.

DILG Undersecretary Ricojudge Echiverri assured lawmakers that the department will work with the DepEd to speed up the inoculation of teachers. The DILG official added that the department will consolidate LGUs' data on the COVID-19 vaccination coverage of teachers which will be reconciled with DepEd's figures.

To complete the vaccination of teachers, Undersecretary Malaluan also assured the Senate panel that the DepEd will pursue an institutional approach to vaccination and work with the National Task Force (NTF) Against COVID-19. Teachers are included in the A4 priority list of the COVID-19 vaccination program.

"Even though the teacher wants to be in the school but cannot get access to the vaccines because there is no prioritization, then it's not the fault of the teacher that he or she cannot get access to the vaccines. So, the point is to give special priority to our teachers because the push here is to go back to face-to-face classes," said Gatchalian.

As of October 10, 49.6 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines were already administered, according to the National Covid-19 vaccination dashboard and 85.5 million vaccine doses have been delivered to the country as of October 9. The vaccination of the general population has been scheduled to start this month.

Cayetano ...

Former House Speaker Alan Peter Cayetano on Tuesday urged Filipinos to continue praying for the government, especially that the country's leaders would see the need to provide direct stimulus to families and small businesses.

"Ipag-pray po talaga natin na ang gobyerno will see the wisdom na lahat ng pamilyang Pilipino at mga micro-enterprise o maliliit na negosyo ay bigyan ng 10K," Cayetano said during the live stream of the Sari-saring Pag-asa program on October 19, 2021.

(Let's pray that the government will see the wisdom that lies in our efforts to push for the P10,000 direct stimulus package both for Filipino families and micro-enterprises.)

Cayetano and his allies in the Balik sa Tamang Serbisyo (BTS) sa Kongreso have been pushing for the 10K Ayuda Bill which seeks to provide every Filipino family with P10,000 in direct aid to help them with their daily needs as well as put up their own small businesses.

The proposed measure was filed in February and was consolidated into Bayanihan 3, but the provision of P10,000 for every family was not adopted.

This prompted Cayetano and his allies to launch the Sampung Libong Pag-asa program which provides P10,000 in cash aid to selected beneficiaries.

They also spearheaded the Sari-saring Pag-asa program which provides P3,500 in assistance to sari-sari store owners so they can increase the items they

sell. In the latest episode of the program, 75 new beneficiaries were given financial assistance, bringing the total to over 4,400.

'Always be happy' Tuesday's episode featured the story of Quezon City resident Rachel Ann Natino, who was selected as beneficiary on August 8, 2021.

With the P3,500 cash aid she received, Natino was able to stock up on her store's supply of food, shampoo, and soap. She even added soft drinks and snacks to her inventory which sell easily within her community.

"Ito po kasi y'ung mabilis na mabenta, pagkain po kasi lahat po at saka ginagamit sa pang-araw-araw," Natino shared in a prerecorded video.

(These items are usually the fastest commodity to sell because they are for everyday use.)

Natino also shared pieces of advice to fellow sari-sari store owners who are similarly situated.

"Sa mga kagaya ko po na nagtitinda, kailangan po magaling lang po kayo makisama sa inyong mga customer araw-araw... Bawal po kasi masungit dito sa aming tindahan. Lagi pong dapat masaya," she said.

(To those like me, we need to build good rapport with our customers. Let's avoid making customers feel uncomfortable. Let's always be hap-

py.) "Kailangan malawak ang pang-unawa sa mga bata kasi halos karamihan po, puro mga bata ang bumibili," she added.

(We have to understand our customers and extend patience, especially to children who usually

make up the majority of our buyers.)

With the help of the cash aid and her good relations with her community, Natino now earns P900-P1,200 a day, allowing her to maintain adequate savings in case of contingencies. (PR)



Bilang kinatawan ni Congresswoman Dahlia Loyola, pinangunahan ni former Congressman Roy Loyola ang inagurasyon ng 4 storey 16 classroom building sa San Gabriel III Elementary School at covered court sa Teacher's Village, Barangay San Gabriel sa bayan ng General Mariano Alvarez.

Tiniyak ni former Congressman Roy na patuloy ang pagsisikap nila ni Congresswoman Dahlia upang makapagpatayo ng mga proyektong pang-imprastruktura sa buong CarSiGMA na makakatugon sa mga pangangailangan ng ating mga ka-districto.

Dumalo din sa mga inagurasyon sina BM Paolo Crisostomo, Silang Vice Mayor Aidel Belamide at ang Lokal na Pamahalaan ng General Mariano Alvarez sa pangunguna ni Mayor Maricel Torres. (CARSiGMA)

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ERRATUM

In the issues of DATELINE Newspaper Weekly dated June 21, June 28 and July 5, 2021, it committed an error in publishing the following Notice, to wit: Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late ROBERT RINEHART consisting of a Lot 589-B, of the subdivision plan Psd-54960 being a portion of Lot 589 Naic Estate L.R.C. Record No.8340) situated at Ibayo, Municipality of Naic, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon, consisting of a total area of SIXTY FIVE (65) SQUARE METERS embraced and covered by TCT No.(T-13670) RT-10585 of the Registry of Cavite Province, have been the subject of an Affidavit of Self Adjudication (Robert Rinehart) as per Doc.No.382; Page No.78; Book No. XXII and series of 2021 of Notary Public Jameswell M. Resus of Naic, Cavite.

It is corrected to read as follows:

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She also mentioned developing new lines of products such as organic cosmetics.

"CARD Astro is one with the whole CARD MRI in its goal of poverty eradication. Through our products that promote health and the total well-being of Filipino families, we contribute to CARD MRI's aim of uplifting the lives of the communities we serve," concluded Contreras. (PR)

SMALL TALK WITH SMALL LAUDE AND SM

Although her name is Small, Filipina socialite, entrepreneur, and celebrity vlogger Small Laude knows what it is to live large. Funny, exuberant, and down to earth, her effortless humor has gained her 350K subscribers and followers who love her videos on fashion, lifestyle and her own shopping adventures in her YouTube channel. She also stars in her own 4-part TV special, It's a Small World on Metro Channel.

Her latest shopping adventure takes her to SM, as host of Shop All You Can with Small Laude, where she highlights SM's Call to Deliver service from October 15 to November 15, 2021 at The SM Store's Facebook page facebook.com/thesmstore.

As someone who has traveled and lived abroad extensively, Small admits "I didn't shop a lot in Manila before." She was therefore amazed when she started shopping at SM and discovered the store's extensive offerings.

"SM has everything," she enthuses. "Even some of the items I have from abroad, SM has them! So many nice things. I enjoy shopping at SM now, the experience is exciting!"

She has been especially delighted with SM's Call to Deliver service, which she calls "a great and modern experience."

Small describes the Call to Deliver service as "quite easy and convenient! The personal shoppers are competent and very accommodating. They will find and source all your needs."

She was impressed with the service "because of the vast merchandise that's available to choose from. Being able to get everything in one place and the convenience of having the personal shopper complete all you need and deliver it right to your door was fun and exhilarating!"

Her personal picks from her Call to Deliver shopping adventure? "Of course my Kitchen Aid!" she quickly answers. "I never knew The SM Store has it. I love the clothes and shoes, and perfumes that I selected. The scent collection of SM can compare those of other stores abroad! Too many to mention, really."

Small's shopping tips for the new normal "Everything SM because they've got it all for you!"

Watch Small Laude's Shop All You Can video, and use her promo code to avail of FREE Delivery, with a minimum P1,000 The SM Store Call To Deliver purchase.

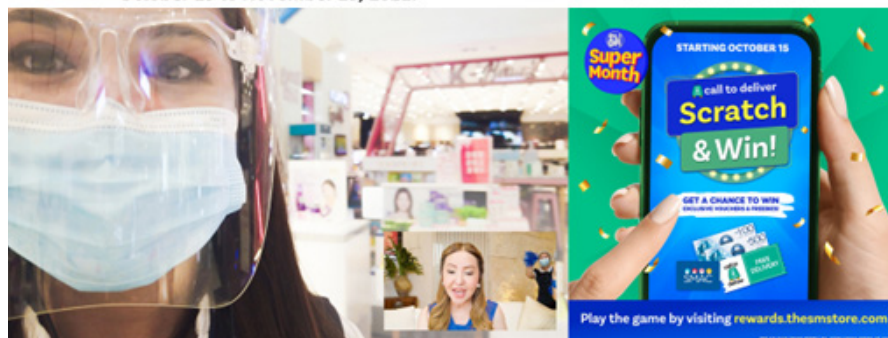
As SM continues to celebrate the birth month of its founder Henry Sy Sr. this October with Super Month, you can get a chance to win exclusive vouchers and freebies from The SM Store Call to Deliver Scratch & Win promotion starting October 15, 2021 to January 15, 2022. Play Scratch & Win by registering a Philippine-issued mobile number using mobile phones or tablets at rewards.thesmstore.com.

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Well-known socialite, entrepreneur, and celebrity vlogger Small Laude chronicles her latest shopping adventures with SM Call to Deliver in Shop All You Can with Small Laude from October 15 to November 15, 2021.

Small gets her essentials on the comforts of her home thru SM Call to Deliver.



SM Call to Deliver's personal shopper looks for the items of Small. "The personal shoppers are competent and very accommodating. They will find and source all your needs," says Small.

Play SM Call to Deliver's Scratch & Win from October 15, 2021 – January 15, 2022 and get a chance to win exclusive vouchers and freebies.

Hashtag Vietnam is now open at SM Foodcourt!



Feel the vibes of Vietnam as SM City Dasmariñas Foodcourt brings you Hashtag Vietnam. The newest food kiosk that will surely give you a different food experience. Try its #WRAPNROLL choices; Lettuce wrap and Vietnamese Fresh Spring Rolls, and its Vietnamese Sandwich called Banh Mi. Hashtag Vietnam guarantees delicious and healthy food option. Visit SM City Dasmariñas Foodcourt today!

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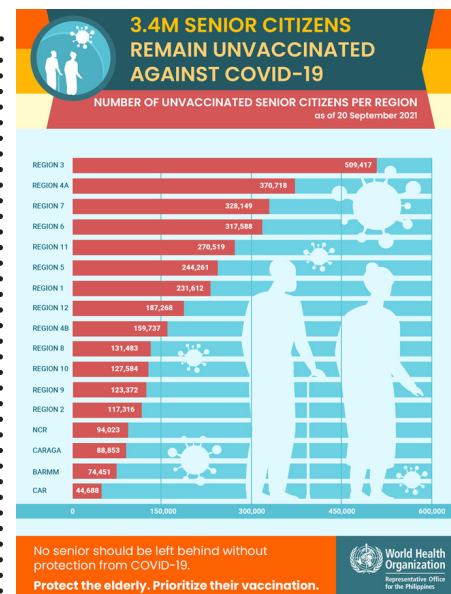
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While most festivities today have been rather low key or even virtual, there's nothing like a gift to make a milestone memorable. It is one way of joining in celebrations, as well as expressing love and appreciation to friends and family - a great way of nurturing relationships especially during these times.

Rediscover the art of gifting with the new The SM Store Gift Registry App and Online Website.

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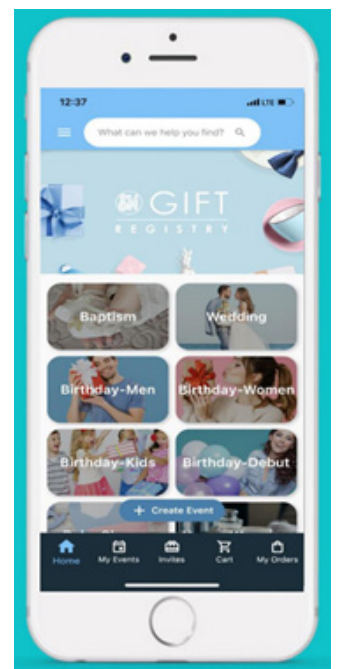
- Download THE SM STORE GIFT REGISTRY App on your mobile phone. Sign up, create or view an event for your celebration.
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• Registrants can now manage and track the gifts purchased by their guests. Also, registrants can share the event and link of their wish list with their family and friends thru Facebook, Instagram and Viber.

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at The SM Store branch near you and have a Gift Registry Associate assist you. For more info, visit The SM Store Gift Registry website <https://thesmstoregiftregistry.com> or The SM Store website <https://www.thesmstore.com>



Baby registry must-haves range from baby furniture such as strollers and cribs to everyday essentials such as diapers, and wash cloths.

Dominguez ...

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senting the country's different regions.

Dominguez said this new crop of experts will provide practical advice to the CCC and engage local communities in climate change mitigation and adaptation.

"I hope that young Filipinos like you will be inspired and motivated by the dedication of our experts to save our planet," Dominguez said.

"Aside from the practical advice of our technical experts, we need fresh ideas from young minds. This is why we are so enthusiastic about this forum. Your proposals and ideas will surely help our experts craft and implement achievable, coherent, concerted, and compelling climate action programs on the ground," he added. (PR)



OCTA, Go Negosyo join forces

He noted that business groups are ramping up efforts to have their employees vaccinated not just to protect their clients and customers but more importantly their families. 'Having all of our workers vaccinated against CpvId-19 will also contribute to the safe reopening of our economy that we are all hoping for in the last quarter of the year,' Concepcion said. (TMTIMES)

MOVING TOWARDS A MERRIER CHRISTMAS

There are many good news to celebrate. We are looking towards a happy Christmas and a great fourth quarter. We are thankful to the national government in considering our recommendations.

Our businesses can accommodate more customers in NCR with moving to Alert Level 3 with increased capacity. Our balikbayans and OFWs can be reunited with their families with lesser costs from the shortened quarantine. Other business establishments like spas, gyms and cinemas now have a chance to reopen and recover. Local tourism is starting to flourish with some areas relaxing restrictions. Lastly, the cases are finally going down.

The remaining months of the quarter can save many of our MSMEs and many of them will be able to cross over next year with confidence. As we approach November, we are still hopeful that we can move down to Alert Level 2. Let the fully vaccinated help in saving lives and livelihoods. Give them more mobility so we can have a Merry Christmas and start 2022 with hope!

ACKNOWLEDGING the importance for the private sector to work hand-in-hand with the government in mitigating the effects of the coronavirus pandemic on the country, Go Negosyo and OCTA Research on Tuesday formalized their partnership through a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to better guide business industries in navigating the economy amid the crisis.

Led by Malacañang Adviser for Entrepreneurship and Go Negosyo founder Jose Maria 'Joey' Concepcion 3rd and OCTA Research head Ranjit Rye, the virtual signing of the MoU highlighted efforts between the two groups to wield more cemented guidelines in making key decisions to help micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) stay afloat amid the Covid-19 crisis.

Under the agreement, OCTA Research will serve as Go Negosyo's advisory team regarding analysis of all Covid-19 related numbers, including new daily cases, reproduction number, hospital utilization, vaccination data and other relevant items.

They will also combine efforts to create strategies and proposals for further reopening of the economy that is data-driven and scientific to add to already existing information related to the Philippines' pandemic response as well as employ other learning and capacity building efforts.

Concepcion cited Go Negosyo and OCTA Research's intensive consultation last August, when infections of the virus' Delta variant were continuing to increase in numbers, which resulted in the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases imposing another two-week hard lockdown.

According to the Palace adviser, who then was also in discussions with National Task Force Against Covid-19 chief implementer and vaccine czar Secretary Carlito Galvez Jr. and leaders of various local government units, the decision was based on data provided by the independent research group that the spike in cases will eventually see a dramatic decline by October.

'For several weeks, Go Negosyo and OCTA Research have partnered in providing valuable and useful Covid-19 data for the perusal and consideration of both government and private stakeholders,' Concepcion said.

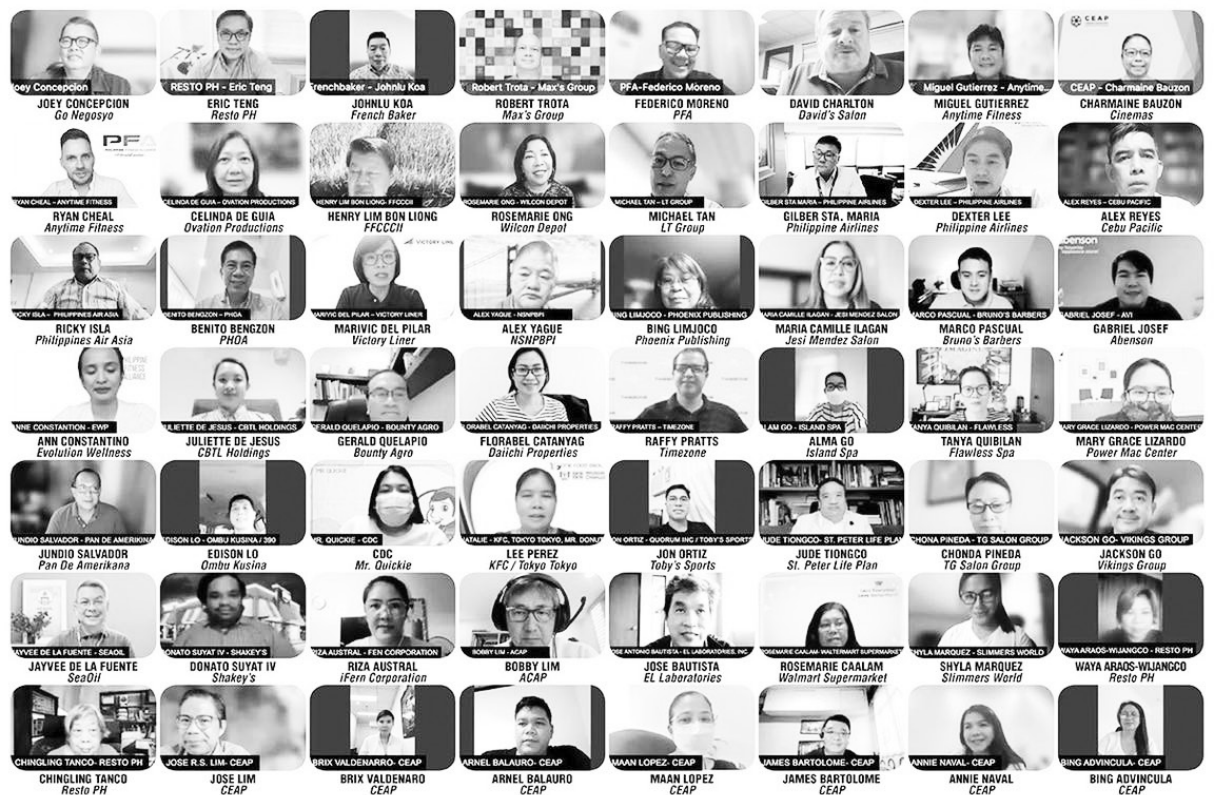
He added that the partnership is a commitment and advocacy of the two groups to deliver a more data-based means of helping the business sector and even the national government in determining courses of action as the country is slowly but steadily learning 'to live with Covid-19.'

With the current downward trend of cases, OCTA Research raised the possibility that Metro Manila could be placed under Alert Level 2 starting next month.

With this, Concepcion said they hope for a faster mass vaccination rollout by the government, citing an ample stockpile of the country's anti-coronavirus jabs that 'will save the fourth quarter' for the Philippine economy.

Having a bigger percentage of the population inoculated, he added, means more businesses opening up and generating employment just in time for the Christmas season.

'More capacity for businesses in the last quarter of the year will enable them to recoup losses from the lockdown and allow them to gain momentum for next year's operation,' Concepcion said.



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MOBILE ASSISTANCE FOR SCIENCE AND HEALTH (MASH) : Isang modernong mobile clinic na tinawag na "Mobile Assistance for Science and Health" (MASH) ang pinasinayaan noong Oktubre 18,2021 matapos ang flag raising ceremony. Pinangunahan ni Mayor Mary Angeline "Sweet" Halili, kasama si Vice Mayor Herminigildo G. Trinidad , Jr. at ilang miyembro ng Sangguniang Panglungsod, mga department heads at mga kawani ng Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Tanauan, ang ribbon cutting para sa makabagong kagamitang ito.

Sa pamamagitan ng mobile clinic na ito mas matutugunan pa ng ating Pamahalaang Lungsod ang mga pangangailangang medikal ng ating mga kababayan, isa sa mga pangunahing proyekto ni Mayor Mary Angeline "Sweet" Halili, kasama ng pagpapatayo ng isang pampublikong ospital para sa mga Tanauēños. (Juvy Anne T. Soque/CIO Tanauan|Photo Courtesy: Roderick P. Lanting)

DTI LAUNCHES YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM IN RIZAL PROVINCE

On October 15, 2021 at 12:00 in the afternoon, the virtual launching of BIDABES: (Building Initiatives with DTI in Assisting Budding Entrepreneurs to Succeed thru 7Ms in the province of Rizal) with the theme, Youth + Entrepreneurship = Success Forum: "Turning Job Seekers to Job Creators," was conducted through the Zoom application. The program, organized by the Department of Trade and Industry – Rizal provincial office under the Youth Entrepreneurship Program (YEP), aims to equip budding MSMEs valuable entrepreneurial skills with the aid of DTI's very own 7Ms of successful entrepreneurs. The virtual forum was attended by 853 participants from the province of Rizal and beyond.

The virtual program was hosted by Negosyo Center Business Counselors, Jaymie Benito and Bernardo Maroto Jr. After the opening preliminaries, DTI Rizal Provincial Director Desiderio G. Jurado III welcomed guests and participants. He wished for the continual success of young entrepreneurs especially in this time of pandemic. He also put importance on DTI providing budding MSMEs with concrete solutions and continuous development efforts for their growth and advancement in the market.

Mr. George Wieneke, CEO of Tokyo Tempura, delivered his message of support by indicating that the youth with their creativity, ideas, and boundless energy need a program like BIDABES: Youth + Entrepreneurship = Success to hone their natural skills and provide them with knowledge and opportunities they need to

succeed.

DTI-4A Assistant Regional Director Marissa Argente, gave inspiration through advising the youth entrepreneurs to hang on to their dreams of owning successful businesses one day. She encouraged the participants to continue striving as there will be institutions, such as DTI, to help them succeed. Afterwards, DTI-ROG Under Secretary Blesila Lantayona on behalf of DTI Secretary Ramon Lopez also delivered a message of hope. USec Lantayona expounded on the effects of the pandemic towards the youth sector. She noted the importance of strengthening the youth sector by venturing into business. She thanked DTI Rizal for coming up with BIDABES to focus

on the youth and the development of the nation's MSME sector.

Governor Rebecca Ynares of the Province of Rizal, put importance on the timeliness of the program for the emerging youth entrepreneurs during the pandemic. She stressed the significance of unleashing the potential of young business owners, and of providing the youth with the proper environment to hone their skills to contribute to the community's economic growth through their success and ingenuity.

Proceeding to the program proper, Ms. Charish Tanawan the owner of Biba Cakes and Pastries, one of Rizal's own successful entrepreneurs honed by DTI Rizal



through the Kapatid Mentor Me (KMME) and the One Town One Product (OTOP) programs shared her journey towards success. Ms. Tanawan gave emphasis on honing acquired skills and working towards the achievement of success by striving towards effectivity and the will to make things happen. She shared how having a business not only helps

tation by sharing that every failure is an opportunity to learn.

Afterwards, Mr. Paulo Tibig, CEO of V Cargo, presented his business ideas for youth entrepreneurs. Mr. Tibig introduced the evolution of consumer behavior and current spending priorities of Filipino families, to home in on what type of businesses achieve greater success in today's market. He expanded on out of the box thinking and readiness to adapt to change in achieving an in-

novative mindset. Mr. Tibig advised young entrepreneurs to evolve, value the essence of time, and have courage to defy failures in the process of achieving success.

Guest speakers were awarded Certificates of Appreciation after their respective presentations.

The closing remarks was delivered by Mr. Gladdie Mallari the President of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry – Rizal. The program ended at 5:00 in the afternoon. (PR)



oneself but the community as well through the creation of jobs and steady employment. Lastly, she advised the youth not to wait for opportunities but to create them instead.

Celebrity Entrepreneur Dominic Roque, PLDT Home Biz Ambas-

sador and President of Black Peak Hypermedia Inc, shared that starting a business as early as possible will be beneficial to oneself in the future as he aspires to retire young and spend his life with his family after the success of his endeavors. Mr.

Roque also revealed his three letters to success – D.O.M. Or Do something. Optimism. Make a life. He advised young entrepreneurs to have the will to achieve their goals and to be able to have discipline and good work ethics. Mr. Roque ended his presen-

portmanteau of the terms "klima and "hackathon," invites students and innovators aged 16 to 24 years old to present project concept papers on three climate change concerns: 1) plastic waste management, 2) energy efficiency and renewable energy (RE), and 3) food security.

A joint project of the CCC and Nestle Philippines, Klimathon will choose 10 finalists who will undergo a mentorship program with industry and field experts to refine and further develop their project designs. Cash prizes and recognition also await the winning teams.

Dominguez expressed the hope that Klimathon will result to tangible and concrete climate solutions that can be replicated across the country.

The Finance Secretary said he hopes to bring the unique insights and perspectives of young Filipinos, especially those that will be presented in the Klimathon, to the global arena when he takes part next week at the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) in Glasgow, Scotland.

"To the participants of this forum, I want you to become role models who will educate, encourage and motivate

the youth to take action to protect the future of our planet," Dominguez said.

Dominguez said he expects Klimathon to help spur the sustained engagement of the Philippines' next generation in fighting climate change.

He said vulnerable countries like the Philippines, which contribute less to global greenhouse gas emissions, are bearing the brunt of the consequences of climate change, with its remote coastal communities being the most threatened from the devastating effects of this environmental crisis.

To set an example to the international community and become a world leader in addressing this crisis, Dominguez said the Philippines submitted a "bold and ambitious" commitment of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 75 percent over the next decade as its Nationally Determined Contribution to the Paris Agreement.

To achieve the Philippines' NDC, Dominguez said the CCC has moved from merely delving on theories to actually implementing practical and achievable solutions on the ground.

The CCC recently named 16 new members to its NPTE repre

Dominguez taps youth for fresh ideas in fight vs climate change

Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III has called on young innovators to contribute their skills and ideas in the fight against climate change, and spearhead efforts to educate and motivate the country's youth to take action in protecting the planet's future.

Dominguez said

fresh ideas from young minds will help the newly appointed National Panel of Technical Experts (NPTE) of the Climate Change Commission (CCC) implement "achievable, coherent, concerted, and compelling climate action programs on the ground."

"We have no time to waste. We have

to act now to build the resilience of our communities, reverse the degradation, protect our vital food sources, and save our planet," he said.

"As bearers of the future, the youth—who will live through 2030 and beyond—have the greatest stake in overcoming this crisis. It is therefore very important that you

understand this issue and take the lead in reversing this destructive course," Dominguez said during Wednesday's launching of Klimathon, an innovation lab focused on new and workable solutions that can help address current issues and challenges about the climate crisis.

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CARD MRI
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CARD Astro Labs celebrates 2nd year anniversary

CARD MRI Astro Laboratories, an institution under the CARD Mutually Reinforcing Institutions (CARD MRI), celebrates its 2nd anniversary on August 6, 2021.

CARD Astro's developments and achievements in its two years of operation place itself as one of CARD MRI's essential institutions, especially during the pandemic.

The Laboratory supports CARD MRI and its clients through its disinfectant products such as alcohol, hand soap, and dishwashing liquid. "CARD Astro Lab, amid the panic-buying for alcohol, uninterruptedly provided hygiene kits to more than 3,500 offices of CARD MRI nationwide. Through our products and services, CARD Astro Lab continues to provide safety inside the CARD premises and additional protection against the COVID-19 virus among CARD MRI staff and clients during their public transactions," said CARD Astro Lab's President Maria Gracia Q. Contreras.

Gradual growth and development

On April 28, 2021, CARD Astro received its License to Operate (LTO) from the Food and Drugs Authority (FDA) to further improve its services to CARD MRI and its clients. For companies like CARD Astro, acquiring an LTO allows the said company to produce and trade its products in the market.

Following the acquisition of its License to Operate, CARD Astro opened its new laboratory located on Brgy. Tranca, Bay, Laguna on May 10, 2021. The establishment of the laboratory increases CARD Astro's production capability and capacity.

"The achievements of CARD Astro are very timely. With the FDA granting them their License to Operate, they can now provide disinfectants to our clients and the public, something that is vital as we fight COVID-19. With their laboratory, they can now hire more people as their production capacity increases, providing employment opportunities to those who lost their job. These things, as we aim to help our fellowmen, kill two birds with one stone, and with that, I am amazed of CARD Astro," CARD MRI Managing Director Aristeo A. Dequito on how CARD Astro contributes to CARD MRI's goal of helping the country amidst the pandemic.

Contreras also attributed the company's gradual development to its hardworking staff. "I would also like to give recognition to CARD Astro's reliable, responsible, and dedicated staff as they have put a great deal of effort to get us where we are today. Without them, we would not get far in just two years. I am deeply grateful to be able to work with them," said Contreras.

Plans of expansion are now possible with the acquisition of both the license to operate and the laboratory. "We are hoping to also launch laboratories located in the Visayas and Mindanao in the future so that we can reach more communities in need of essential products and employment opportunities," said Contreras. She also mentioned developing new lines of products such as organic cosmetics.

"CARD Astro is one with the whole CARD MRI in its goal of poverty eradication. Through our products that promote health and the total well-being of Filipino families, we contribute to CARD MRI's aim of uplifting the lives of the communities we serve," concluded Contreras. (PR)