

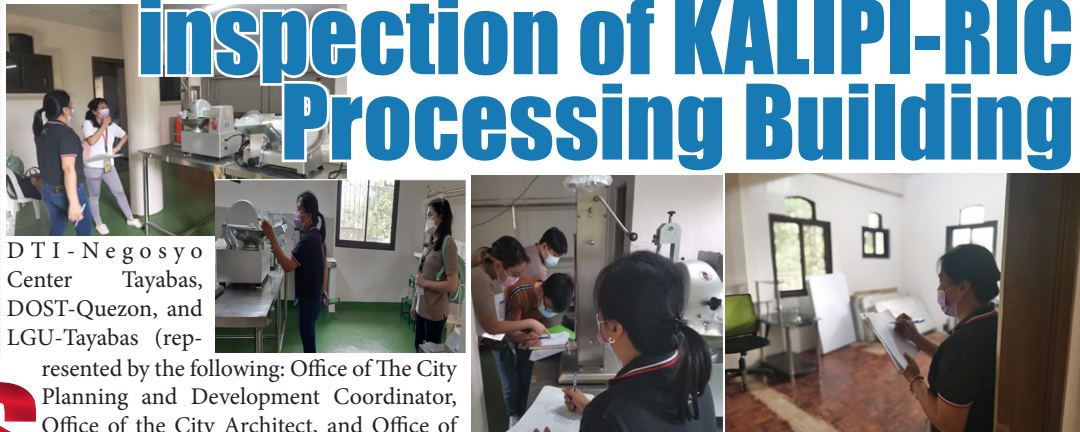
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DOST-DTI-LGU conduct site inspection of KALIPI-RIC Processing Building



DTI - Negosyo Center Tayabas, DOST-Quezon, and LGU-Tayabas (represented by the following: Office of The City Planning and Development Coordinator, Office of the City Architect, and Office of the City Engineering) conducted a joint site inspection of KALIPI-RIC Processing Building at Brgy. Mateuna, Tayabas City. The said site inspection focused on the ground floor of the processing building, in which RIC will produce meat products.

The processing area must conform with the GMP and FDA standards to ensure quality-safe meat products. This assistance was provided by Ms. Precious R. Monedera, Science Research Specialist II of DOST-Quezon thru plant layout consultation. She provided information advocacies in considering the position and layout of each processing facility to ensure that the product processed will avoid certain non-conformities to quality standards such as contamination, among others.

At the end of the inspection, BC Villadiego of DTI-Negosyo Center Tayabas and Ms. Budoy of the Office of The City Planning and Development Coordinator, proposed action plans ways forward for the improvement of the facility as well as capacitating the cooperators. One of the action plans established is to request technical interventions from DOST as included in the pipeline for next year. (PR)

BOC seizes P500-M smuggled goods in Cavite warehouse

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SM CITY CALAMBA CHRISTMAS LAUNCH



SM City Calamba opened the holiday season by filling the mall atrium with Yuletide cheers and carols as they launched the Christmas fantasy centerpiece. The extravagant centerpiece is a 30-foot tall Christmas tree that twinkled with strings of colorful lights. The said Christmas display complimented the holiday ambiance of the mall together with the Christmas dining pods to make your dining experience special and selfie worthy.

The event was graced by Calamba City Cultural affairs, Tourism and Sports Development Head Ms Conception Herrera together with SM Supermalls AVP for Operations Angel Torreja, Mall Manager Rae Anne Maranan, Assis-

tant Mall Manager Elmundo Olazo, and Assistant Branch Manager – The SM Store Denise Fara Javier.

Spread the love and gift giving this Christmas by purchasing a pair of Bears of Joy. Customers get to keep one bear and the other one will be donated to Calamba's DSWD and the Calamba City Health Nutrition Office. Just drop by at the Bears of Joy booth at the Mall Atrium from Nov. 12 until December 25 and purchase a pair for only P250.

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

Christmas Park of Lights at SM City Dasmariñas



'Tis the season to enjoy merry lights & bright nights, Dine and celebrate the holidays at the Christmas Park of Lights at SM City Dasmariñas as this extravagant centerpiece 30-foot tall Christmas tree twinkled with strings of colorful lights is finally opened to the public last October 30, 2021. Mr. Migs Bustos, TV Host and Vlogger kicked off the lighting and graced by City Mayor Jenny Barzaga, City Vice Mayor Rex Mangubat and City Councilor Kiko Barzaga together with Ms. Editha Ragodo-Tayko, Mall Manager, Charles L. Yap, Assistant Mall Manager and Mr. Lorenzo A. Calingasan, Assistant vice President for Mall Operations-South 1. Local Media friends and local influencers also took shots at the Christmas Park of Lights and some highlight notable guests present are Ms. Karla Obispo of Travel with Karla, content creator Ms. Shaymma Evangelista, and Ms. Tracy Icaza, Ms. Turismo Filipina Global International.

PHL ETM facility to pioneer innovative model on clean energy shift



The Philippines, Indonesia and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) launched the Energy Transition Mechanism (ETM) facility in Glasgow, the United Kingdom, today (Nov 3, 2021). The Philippines will work with the ADB and some private sector partners in developing an innovative ETM-supported project that will allow the country to accelerate its transition from coal to clean energy in a just and affordable manner. In photo, (from left to right) are Per Heggernes, CEO, IKEA Foundation; Philippine Finance Secretary Carlos G. Dominguez; Indonesian Finance Minister Sri Mulyani; ADB President Masatsugu Asakawa; and Dr. Raj Shah, President, The Rockefeller Foundation.

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EDITORIAL:

Focusing on children's rights

We join the government, through the Department of Social Welfare and Development, in seeking to address the needs of Filipino children and how they can be protected under the National Children's Month this year is celebrated in November.

The celebration comes at a time when the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) continues to affect children and adults as well.

We add our voice to the statement of the DSWD that they will pay attention to the difficulties experienced by children and how they can be protected while we mark their month.

The DSWD has partnered with the Council for the Welfare of Children, the National Youth Commission and other government agencies and organi-

zations to celebrate the event, although activities will be held virtually.

The NCM, under an existing law, is an annual celebration that underlines the significance of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child by the United Nations General Assembly on November 20, 1989.

Commemoration of the Children's Month, themed "New Normal na Walang Iwanan: Karapatan ng Bawat Bata Ating Tutukan (No One is Left Behind Under the New Normal: Focus on Children's Rights)," is timely as we stand together with all segments of the population, not the least the children, against this monstrous pandemic.

The celebration kicked off with Talakayang Makabata (Discussions on Children): The Virtual Press Conference on Tuesday and discussed issues concerning children's rights during the pandemic, attended by representatives from the DSWD, CWC, NYC, and other

concerned agencies.

On Wednesday, the online kickoff ceremony of NCM was held and featured messages of support from children, youth leaders, national agency partners, and child rights supporters and advocates.

On all Saturdays of November, learning sessions with children will also be conducted by the CWC and Consuelo Foundation, which works on the prevention and treatment of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of children, women, and their families.

On November 26, there will be culminating activities and awarding of winners of the NCM logo-making contest.

In line with children's protection, we underscore efforts of the DSWD in emphasizing the need to address online sexual abuse and exploitation of children, especially during the pandemic wherein children are not allowed to go out of their homes. Our children deserve nothing less.

BOC ...

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MANILA – The Bureau of Customs-Port of Manila (BOC-POM) on Thursday reported the seizure of at least PHP500 million worth of smuggled goods in Cavite.

In a statement, the bureau said the goods were discovered in an inspection at a warehouse located at 9172 Antero Soriano Highway, Barangay Mulawin in Tanza town on Wednesday.

Armed with a letter of authority (LOA) issued by Commissioner Rey Leonardo Guerrero, personnel from the POM's Customs Intelligence and Investigation Service Field Office (CIIS) and Enforcement and Security Service (ESS) found assorted Chinese food items and beverages, and

medical protective masks inside the warehouse.

They also discovered fake goods bearing signature brands such as Jordan, Nike, Crocs, and Havaianas, among others.

The items were found to be distributed locally by a group of Chinese nationals led by a certain Anna Ty and Willy Zhang.

Members of the Philippine Coast Guard and the National Bureau of Investigation also joined the inspection team.

A further investigation is underway for possible filing of charges against Ty and Zhang for violation of Section 1114 of Republic Act 10863 or the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act. (PNA)

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Notice regarding for lost of St. Peter Life Plan BIR Official Receipt (O.R.) No. 1042684, missing and detached from the issued booklet to SA2 Collector Ms. Norietta T. Manalo and lately she has discovered that the O.R. No. 1042684 was missing and detached from the issued booklet and the same now is beyond recovery and true publication of the loss as per Doc. No. 305; Page No. 61; Book No. LXXXIV; Series of 2021 by Notary Public Atty. Brian B. Pellazar of Cavite.

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Ni Nelson Dimapilis

As the government reviews the financial capacity of Udenna Corporation in acquiring the stake of Shell Philippines Exploration B.V. (SPEX) in the Malampaya gas field, the acquiring company's financial capacity is put into question anew, Senator Win Gatchalian said, after Udenna's subsidiary PH Resorts Group Holdings Inc. suspended its casino project in Clark due to debt and cash problems.

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plies close to about 26% of the power needs in Luzon or about 3.7 million households;

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Reports also said that PH Resort Group's capital is P1.2 billion in deficit and its net liabilities have increased to

over P7.2 billion as of June and that its biggest creditor, China Banking, gave Uy until September 14 to agree on a bailout of its P5.9 billion loans after three extensions.

"This is a red flag. Paano natin mapagkakatiwalaan ang kumpanyang lubog sa utang? First, the acquisition of Udenna Corp. unit of Chevron's 45% stake in Malampaya was largely financed by loans. Now, Udenna wants to have the operating interests by acquiring Shell's stake," Gatchalian said.

"Malampaya is no ordinary asset. We have to make sure that

any transaction should go through a thorough review and due diligence by the government to assure the Filipino people that whoever is going to step in is highly qualified, competent, and can deliver electricity," he added.

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In a Senate hearing last July, Philippine National Oil Company-Exploration Corp. (PNOC-EC) president and chief executive officer Rozzano Briguez

told the committee that \$375 million of the \$565 million sale of Chevron to UC Malampaya Philippines Pte. Ltd., a unit of Udenna Corp., was done through loans from three major banks and the remaining amount of \$157 million was sourced through the gas field's "net entitlements" while \$33 million came from the buyer's stock issuance.

PNOC-EC holds 10% in the Malampaya project.

Last May, Shell Petroleum NV signed an agreement with Malampaya Energy XP Pte Ltd., a subsidiary of Udenna

Corp., for the sale of its 100% shareholding in SPEX.

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PHL ETM...

GLASGOW—Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III said here Wednesday the Philippines' participation in the Asian Development Bank' (ADB)'s Energy Transition Mechanism (ETM) facility will serve as an innovative model for other countries seeking to accelerate their shift to a "cleaner energy future" by retiring their coal-fired power plants in favor of renewable energy (RE) sources.

Secretary Dominguez said the Philippines' participation in the ETM underscores its firm commitment to "combat climate change through practical projects on the ground."

"The time for debate and merely discussing climate change theories is over. Today, we are focusing on applied solutions and workable programs to quickly reduce greenhouse gas emissions. We have a planet to save and we do not have much time to do it," Secretary Dominguez said at this morning's launching of the partnership to design and establish the ETM.

Secretary Dominguez, who is Chairman-designate of the country's Climate Change Commission (CC), heads the Philippine delegation to the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) ongoing in this city.

The ETM facility was announced and launched at COP26.

ADB, the Philippines, and Indonesia launched here today the landmark ETM initiative that aims to accelerate the transition of countries in Southeast Asia from coal to green

energy.

The link to the ETM launch can be accessed here ADB Live.

Secretary Dominguez said the Philippines has a unique opportunity in Mindanao to pilot the ETM project as the government is in the process of rehabilitating the Agus-Pulangi hydro-power plant to improve its generating capacity.

As the Agus-Pulangi power plant complex composed of seven hydro-power plants increases its generating capacity, the government can proceed with its plan to gradually acquire coal-fired power plants in Mindanao and repurpose them through the ETM facility.

"Mindanao will showcase an Earth-friendly future that can be replicated in other areas in the Philippines—and even countries around the world," Secretary Dominguez said. "Together with the Asian Development Bank, the Philippines is pioneering an innovative model that will set a global standard in transitioning to a cleaner energy future."

The ETM is a public-private finance vehicle that aims to both reduce coal-fired power generation through accelerated plant retirement and boost the growth of RE using an equitable, scalable, and market-based approach.

According to the ADB, the ETM partners will jointly conduct a thorough feasibility study focusing on the optimal business model for each pilot country—the Philip-

pinas, Indonesia and, possibly, Vietnam—and bring together concessional resources from donor governments and philanthropies, in close coordination with global climate change-focused funds, to leverage large amounts of commercial capital to trigger a decisive shift towards decarbonization.

The ETM, envisioned to become the world's largest emission-mitigation program, will take into account power system reliability and affordability; robust measurement, reporting, and verification protocols to track greenhouse gas (GHG) mitigation impacts; and the shift from coal to clean energy in a just and equitable manner for affected workers and communities.

Secretary Dominguez said the shift from coal-dependent to RE sources "requires an effective financing framework to be even imaginable," which is why the Philippine government has partnered with the ADB and some private sector partners in developing the ETM-supported project for the country.

He said the ETM-supported project in Mindanao "is one of the practical projects we are ready to implement to fully realize our ambitious goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 75 percent in 2030."

As its Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) to the Paris Agreement, the Philippines has

committed to a projected GHG emissions reduction and avoidance of 75 percent, referenced against a projected business-as-usual cumulative economy-wide emission of 3,340.3 million tons of tCO₂ equivalent for the 2020–2030 period.

The Philippines accounts for only 0.3 percent of global carbon emissions, but as an archipelago sitting on the typhoon belt and the Pacific Ring of Fire, it is among the most vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change.

It is ranked 9th over 181 nations in the world as the country most affected by extreme weather events in the 2020 World Risk Index.

Each year, an average of 20 typhoons hit the Philippines, bringing torrential rains, violent winds, and extreme floods. The country is sinking four times faster than the global average owing to its rising sea levels.

Weather-related events cause losses and damages amounting to about US\$1 billion every year, according to Secretary Dominguez. "The Philippines is, therefore, very determined to do its utmost to fulfill its commitment to combat climate change through practical projects on the ground."

Secretary Dominguez said the ETM-backed project will help the Philippines accelerate the retirement

of its coal-fired power plants by at least 10 to 15 years on average.

The project is also expected to attract investments in RE, create jobs locally, and promote national growth, he said.

Coal accounts for 54 percent of the Philippines' energy mix, which makes it the largest source of GHG emissions in the Philippines.

In 2019, coal accounted for 48 percent of the country's carbon diox-

ide emissions in the country.

In the coming period, the ETM partners will jointly conduct a full feasibility study focusing on the optimal business model for the Philippines.

The project will bring together financial resources from multilateral banks, private institutional investors, philanthropic contributions, and long-term investors to trigger the Philippines' decisive shift towards de-carbonization. (PR)

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tation of actual projects on the grounds to enable us to meet our commitments," he said.

He said the "Philippines is determined to move ahead even as other countries hesitate" on carrying out their climate change commitments.

Secretary Dominguez also cited the importance of the "blended approach" or sustainable orchestration of grants, investments, and subsidies to make climate finance work for its beneficiaries.

He said that because the funds involved in these three elements come from taxpayers and investors, accountability and transparency should be ensured both on the part of the beneficiary and donor countries to guarantee the prudent use of such climate finance aid.

During the dialogue, Secretary Dominguez enumerated some of the Philippines' initiatives in combating climate change, among them a landmark Energy Transition Mechanism (ETM) project supported by the ADB to accelerate the retirement of coal-fired power plants and boost the growth of renewable energy (RE) sources in Mindanao using an equitable, scalable and market-based approach.

He also cited the recent launching of the Philippines' Sustainable Finance Roadmap to mobilize public and private investments in green projects.

The Philippines has also gathered its best scientists through the CCC's National Panel of Technical Experts (NPTE) to craft and help execute localized programs to fight climate change, Secretary Dominguez said.

As its Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) to the Paris Agreement, the Philippines has committed to a projected greenhouse gas emission reduction and avoidance of 75 percent from 2020 to 2030 for the agriculture, wastes, industry, transport, and energy sectors. (PR)

TABLE TALK FROM OUR HOME

Traditionally, a lot of life revolves around the dining room table. It is a unifier, a place of community – where families share a meal and their day’s stories, and friends gather for dinner parties and feel instantly at home.

The new-norm has redefined the importance and functionality of a dining table - transforming it into a WFH station, an online school stop where one does homework and art projects, and a hobby hub. That is, of course, apart from being a gastro address for home cooked specialties and the take-out favorites we have come to love.



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Here’s something for those who prefer to keep things informal and relaxed. Our Home’s Ethane Dining Set is a stylish bar table set that lends an air of casual comfort to any dining space, big or small.

With that, we are rethinking our dining rooms with the modern multifunctional table as the centerpiece. And the good news is that there is a lot of table talk from Our Home which also offers us some tips when selecting the dining table for your space.

- Consider the size of the room. Dining tables should complement and be proportional to the size of your dining room.
- Rectangular dining tables are very practical and functional. It can seat a large number of people and can easily adjust the seating capacity. Its linear shape allows for ample room to walk around the table. Our Home has many design options to choose from like the Panfield and Alvea Dining Sets.
- Round tables like Our Home’s Ancona dining table work well in small rooms where there is less bumping without the corners. It also creates a more intimate setting and cozy ambiance.
- Foldable tables like Our Home’s Jada table, as well as bar tables can also function as dining tables. There are some design options that will perfectly fit and look great in smaller spaces like a condo, loft or studio unit.
- Make dining fun. Play

around with different seating options. Mix and match host chairs, guest chairs and benches to maximize creativity in your dining room. Our Home’s Fredrik Dining Set combines that casualness of a bench setting but at the same time provides elegance with its dining chairs.

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WALTERMART BACCOOR OPENS IN CAVITE ON OCTOBER 30



The WalterMart Bacoor opens on October 30, bringing a convenient and enjoyable shopping experience to Caviteños. It is located in Molino Blvd., Brgy. Mambog IV, Bacoor, Cavite.



Front Left to Right - Wilson Lim Jr. (Managing Director, WalterMart Community Malls), Hon. Lani Mercado-Revilla (City Mayor of Bacoor), Fr. Bernardo Gacelo (Officiating Priest), Abraham Uy (Chairman, WMSCMI), Jerico Buñing (General Manager and SVP of Operations, WalterMart Community Malls). Back Left To Right - Arch. Henry Chua (Principal Architect, Stages Design and Construction), Engr. Art Carlos (President, Constech Management), Jojo de Guzman (VP for Business Development, WalterMart Community Malls)

With the holiday season approaching, WalterMart sets the tone for a happy and safe Christmas shopping to better serve the community.

WalterMart brings its one-stop, convenient, fresh and safe shopping experience to Caviteños with the opening of its 37th mall on October 30.

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cery ordering, exclusive deals – all for grabs on Grand Opening Day!

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laxed shopping feel? Now you know! Love Choices

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ket, home appliance, to services and food selections.

Abenson – the Philippines’ largest appliance store carries up to a thousand items from home.

Inclusive Economic Recovery 101: Why Helping MSMEs and Strengthening the FDA is Crucial

by Jaime Aristotle B. Alip, PhD

Like a bad refrain, strict quarantines were declared again in response to the surge of COVID cases from the highly infectious delta variant. While government-mandated quarantines are essential to contain the pandemic, the economy suffers, leading to business closures and loss of jobs. The pandemic's impact on micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) has been excruciating. This is worrisome, as MSMEs account for 99.5 percent of all businesses in the country.

Recently, quarantine classifications had been relaxed, in line with efforts to regenerate the economy and prop up MSMEs. Unfortunately, those in the food processing industry face a perennial bottleneck: licensing and registration. This has been a continuing challenge for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the agency tasked to ensure that all food and medicines used in the Philippines are safe for public consumption. The FDA is under the Department of Health (DOH) and very much in demand, as it also reviews medicines for use in COVID vaccination programs.

Clearly, there is a need to strengthen the FDA to enable it to fulfill its urgent mandate in these trying times.

Burden of Regulatory Compliance

Enterprises with an asset size of up to PhP100 million and less than 200 employees are classified as MSMEs. The sector is responsible for 40 percent of our Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and plays an important role in our economy. MSMEs pave the way for new entrepreneurs and help in poverty reduction by creating jobs for our growing labor force. As suppliers and providers of support services, MSMEs serve as valuable partners to large enterprises. MSMEs stimulate economic development in rural and far-flung areas. Overall, MSMEs employ more than 5 million workers or approximately 63 percent of the country's workforce.

Many MSMEs are into food production and processing and are required to get a license to operate (LTO) and a

certificate of product registration (CPR) from the FDA. MSMEs selling food products without FDA registration are subject to sanctions. The FDA is empowered to issue a cease-and-desist order, as well as impose fines, to prevent the sale of unregistered products. It also issues a public warning against products that are not registered.

To ensure public health and safety, as well as to protect consumer rights, the FDA, and the business sector, including MSMEs, have a mutual interest in ensuring that regulatory requirements are met. This is especially important at this time of pandemic when business processes are being re-engineered to respond to the new normal of limited mobility and human contact. Unfortunately, the difficulties that MSMEs face in FDA registration hinder the industry's growth and potentials.

Perennial Backlog

The backlog in FDA's processing of applications for license and registration had been the subject of lamentation for years. The agency has tried to address this, with the FDA Director-General even instituting an agency-wide "Project Backlog" in 2018, to settle some 80,000 pending applications. That year, FDA also piloted a program with the Department of Trade and Industry to fast-track the permit process for micro-enterprises producing low-risk food products.

However, the problem persists. In Nov. 2019, the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) instructed FDA to address its backlog of 11,000 CPR applications. Then, in Feb. 2020, the ARTA pushed for the deputization of local government units (LGUs) to conduct inspections on food-processing MSMEs with low-risk products. This program was pilot implemented in Quezon City, where LGU inspectors were trained and provided with the standard checklist for conducting inspections in line with FDA Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) regulations.

MSMEs in the provinces face even more difficulties. While applications may now be submitted online, the approval process still takes time because FDA's system remains highly central-

ized. Laboratory tests and nutritional value analyses for products are done in Manila, due to lack of laboratory facilities in FDA regional offices. The situation is aggravated by lack of manpower.

Social media is rife with tales of start-up businesses who experience difficulty in getting their FDA licenses and certificates of registration. Those in the microfinance industry also know that their clients who engage in food production or food processing are usually stymied by the complex and lengthy FDA registration process, sometimes leading to the discontinuance of their micro-enterprises.

Reforms Needed

The FDA has adopted measures, including automation, to improve its processes. However, as people explore alternative sources of income due to the pandemic, more applications are filed, and efficiency becomes more

important.

The government must invest in updating FDA's information technology (IT) infrastructure, to enable it to cope with the rising number of license and registration applications online. The approval of FDA's pending request for the hiring of additional inspectors and evaluators should also be prioritized. It would be good for FDA to roll out the pilot programs implemented in NCR, where DTI Negosyo Centers and the LGU were deputized to conduct inspections. FDA should also consider alternative tools, such as remote video and other digital channels, to facilitate remote and live interactions in inspecting products and establishments.

FDA's centralized registration process also needs to be reexamined. It could delegate to the regions the approval of micro-enterprises engaged in the production of low-risk food products,

for instance. FDA should also consider partnering with academic and other institutions with facilities and technical expertise for laboratory testing and inspection at the local level. It could even partner with the private sector, such as the Philippine Food Processors and Exporters Organization Inc. (PhilFoodEx), to facilitate testing procedures.

MSMEs play a crucial role in our economic recovery. Looking for solutions is surely a better option than tolerating an untenable situation where FDA is swamped with backlogs and MSMEs are forced to operate outside the ambit of regulations or discouraged from continuing their enterprises. We need to help MSMEs flourish even as we ensure compliance to regulatory requirements. The best way to do this is to make the licensing and registration process easier.

Dr. Jaime Aris-

tote B. Alip is a poverty eradication advocate, with more than 35 years of experience in microfinance and social development. He is the founder of the Center for Agriculture and Rural Development Mutually-Reinforcing Institutions (CARD MRI), a group of 23 organizations that provide social development services to 7.4 million economically-disadvantaged Filipinos nationwide and insuring more than 28 million lives. CARD's innovative financial and enterprise development services targeting the poor has won many accolades, including the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Public Service in 2008, and for Dr. Alip, the prestigious Ramon V. del Rosario Award for Nation Building in 2019. Dr. Alip is an alumnus of the Harvard Business School, the Southeast Asia Interdisciplinary Development Institute and the University of the Philippines.

Dominguez cites crucial role of multilateral agencies in tapping private investments for clean energy projects

GLASGOW—Philippine Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III said here the support extended by multilateral institutions to the clean energy transition projects of developing economies is crucial to encourage the flow of private sector capital into these initiatives.

Dominguez said the meticulous planning and vetting done by multilateral agencies before extending assistance to projects will build confidence among private investors in mobilizing funds to participate in the resource-intensive programs of developing countries to transition to clean energy.

"The role of the multilateral agencies is very crucial in this part. The multilateral agencies actually are agents of governments. All of us as ministers sit as governors in ADB (Asian Development Bank) or World Bank (WB) or the Asian Investment Infrastructure Bank (AIIB). It is very important that these multilateral agencies actually begin the projects that will allow the private sector to take part, I believe, and give them confidence that these projects have been studied very well, have been vetted by the multilateral agencies," Sec-

retary Dominguez said during the 4th High-Level Ministerial Dialogue on Long-Term Finance held here last Nov. 3.

The ministerial dialogue is part of the series of high-level meetings held as part of the ongoing 26th United Nations (UN) Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) hosted this year by the United Kingdom (UK) in partnership with Italy.

Secretary Dominguez, who heads the Philippine delegation this year to the UN COP26, said the support by multilateral institutions such as the WB, ADB, and AIIB will "open the doors for funds from the private sector to flow into actual projects on the ground."

His statements were in response to a query by Rishi Sunak, Chancellor of the Exchequer of the UK, on how developing economies can unlock the trillions of dollars in private sector financing available for clean energy transition to fund "practical, tangible projects."

Secretary Dominguez later pointed out that both sides—the governments represented by the ministers sitting as

governors in multilateral banks, and the borrowers—trust these multilateral institutions "So why don't we use them (multilateral banks) as catalysts and they can act as a seal of good housekeeping so that they set the standard for transparency," he said.

The ministerial dialogue on climate finance involved three panel discussions. Secretary Dominguez was part of the second panel, which tackled the progress made by countries to develop a financial system to support a net-zero and climate-resilient future.

Azucena Arbelache, Minister of Economy and Finance of Uruguay; Alison Rose, Chief Executive of NatWest Group; and Mathias Cormann, Secretary-General of the

Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) joined Secretary Dominguez and Chancellor Sunak in the panel discussion.

During the dialogue, Secretary Dominguez, who is also Chairman-designate of the Philippines' Climate Change Commission (CCC), stressed that the Philippines is firm in its position that those who have emitted and continue to emit the most greenhouse gases must bear the largest financial burden in our transition to carbon neutrality.

"The Philippines, however, will not wait for Western nations to get their act together. Climate change is here. It's happening. We are moving ahead with the implemen-

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out money restructuring loans for businesses.

Concepcion found allies in the NCR mayors, who joined his call for the implementation of a strict lockdown in the capital region.

"The NCR mayors knew the situation on the ground and the consequences of not acting swiftly. They came on board, and it was enough to convince the IATF to put NCR under ECQ in the first two weeks of August," he said.

As predicted, Covid-19 cases started to climb during the last weeks of August and reached upwards of 20,000 new cases several times in September. (TMTIMES)

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
Regional Trial Court
Fourth Judicial Region
Branch 20
City of Imus

FC NO. 17162-21

Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage Under Act No. 3135, as Amended, Republic Act No. 4118

RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION, (in its capacity as successor-in Interest of RCBC Savings Bank, Inc.,) represented by Atty. Billy Jim T. Carungui and Mr. Roland T. Policarpio
Petitioner-Mortgagee,

-versus-
SPS. JOSELITO C. OCAMPO & JOAN M. OCAMPO,

Respondent-Mortgagors,

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 file by RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION, (in its capacity as successor-in-Interest of RCBC Savings Bank, Inc.,) represented by Atty. Billy Jim T. Carungui and Mr. Roland T. Policarpio with principal address at 31ST Floor AT Yuchengco Center, 25th & 26th Sts., Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City against SPS. JOSELITO C. OCAMPO & JOAN M. OCAMPO, with residence address at Blk. 9 Lot 7, Alapan 1-C Dreamville 4, Imus, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of April 22, 2021 amounts to ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY EIGHT PESOS & 80/100 (Php1,462,848.80) Philippine Currency, including interest and penalty charges, but excluding attorney's fees, sheriff's fees, and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff IV will sell at Public Auction on December 07, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC-Imus, Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Aguinaldo Highway, Imus, Cavite, to the highest bidder for cash and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all the improvements therein, top wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. 057-2013005991

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT35, BLOCK 2 OF THE CONS.-SUBD. PLAN PCS-04-025618, BEING A PORTION OF LOTS 1939-B, 1939-C & 1939-D, PCS-04-016338, L.R.C. REC. NO.) SITUATED IN THE BRGY. OF BUKANDALA, MUN. OF IMUS, PROV. OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE NW., & NE., ALONG LINES 1-2-3-4-5-6 BY ROAD LOT 17; ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 6-7 BY LOT 34, BLOCK 2; ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 7-8 BY LOT 1, BLOCK 8; ON THE W., ALONG LINE 8-1 BY ROAD LOT 18; ALL OF THE CONS.SUBD. PLAN. x x x CONTAINING AN AREA OF SIXTY ONE (61) SQUARE METERS. x x x "

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the stated time and date.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on December 14, 2021 at 10:00 am without prior notice.

Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby to investigate for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrances thereon if any there be.

Imus, Cavite, Philippines, October 26, 2021

(SGD.) ANSELMO P. PAGUNSAN, JR.
Sheriff IV

Approved:
ARMIE A. FRANCISCO
Clerk of Court VI

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RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION
31st Floor AT Yuchengco Center, 25th & 26th Sts.,
Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City

SPS. JOSELITO C. OCAMPO & JOAN M. OCAMPO,
Blk. 9 Lot 7, Alapan 1-C Dreamville 4, Imus, Cavite

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
DASMARIÑAS CITY, CAVITE

NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPORATION (NHMFC),
Petitioner/ Mortgagee,

File No. FC-DC-0219-21

Extra Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118

-versus-

LUIS M. DOCTOR, JR., married to LOIDA J. DOCTOR,
Respondent/Mortgagor.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118 filed by the petitioner /mortgagee, **NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPORATION (NHMFC)**, a government owned and controlled corporation created under P.D. No. 1267, with postal address at 104 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City against respondent/ mortgagor, **LUIS M. DOCTOR, JR., married to LOIDA J. DOCTOR** with postal address at Golden City Subdivision Lot 36, Block 23, Bo. Salawag Dasmariñas, Cavite and 1483 Castillo Compound, Almanza, Las Piñas, Metro Manila and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of **AUGUST 31, 2021 amounts to SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTEEN PESOS & 55/100 (Php734,818.55)**, exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **December 7, 2021 at 10:00 o'clock** in the morning or soon thereafter in the Court Room of Branch 90, Regional Trial Court, Ground Floor, Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Building, Congressional Road, Burol II, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite to the highest bidder and for Cash or Certified Check, in Philippine Currency, the following described real property together with all the buildings and other improvements existing thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. T-436071

It is hereby given certified that certain land situated in the Mun. of Dasmariñas, Province of Cavite bounded and described as follows:

A parcel of land (Lot 36, Blk. 23 of the subd. plan Psd-042106-058802, being a portion of Lot 5777-A-1, Psd-042106-057898, LRC Rec. No.) situated in the Brgy. Salawag, Mun. of Dasmariñas, Province of Cavite, Is. of Luzon. Bounded on the NW., along line 1-2 by Lot 34, Blk. 22; on the NE., along line 2-3 by Alley 19; on the SE., along line 3-4 by Lot 38; & on the SW., along line 4-1 by Lot 35 both of Blk. 23 all of the subd. plan. Beginning at a pt. marked "1" on plan, being S. 60 deg. 36 'E., 872.94 m. from Mon. 171, Imus Estate, thence N. 79 deg. 03'E., 9.50 m. to pt. 2; thence S. 10 deg. 59 'E., 3.75 m. to pt. 3; thence S. 79 deg. 03'E., 9.50 m. to pt. 4; thence N. 10 deg. 57'W., 3.75 m to pt of beginning, containing an area of THIRTY FIVE SQ. METERS AND SIXTY THREE SQ. DECIMETERS (35.63). All pts. referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground bt PS cyl. conc. mons. 15x60 cm.; bearings true; date of orig. survey, July 27, 1905-June 11, 1908 and that of the subd. survey, Sept. 14-30, 1992 and was approved on Nov. 27, 1992.

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

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date.

In the event the publication auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on December 14, 2021, at the same time and and place without further notice.

25 October 2021, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite.

(sgd.) ARLYN P. BARCELON
Sheriff IV

ATTY. MARCELA L. BAYBAY
Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

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PH hits single-day 1M Covid-19 jabs administered

MANILA – The government has reached its target of administering at least one million coronavirus jabs per day as the daily vaccination rate gradually increased after the weekend and All Saints' Day.

The country reached that goal on Thursday with 1,119,389 jabs, a gradual increase from 932,762 doses on Tuesday to 948,521 on Wednesday.

Data from the National Covid-19 Vaccination dashboard showed the Philippines has already administered 62,474,334 doses nationwide.

In the National Capital Region (NCR), about 88.86 percent of the eligible population are now fully vaccinated.

There are 28,718,856 Filipinos who have completed their protection against the dreaded disease, representing 37.23 percent of the 110 million estimated total population.

The average daily jabs administered in the past seven days stood at 608,878 doses.

In an interview on Friday, National Task Force Against Covid-19 chief and vaccine czar Secretary Carlito Galvez Jr. cited the need to further accelerate the vaccination program, particularly in low-risk areas with high vaccine hesitancy. Citing a local survey, Galvez said 20 to 30 percent of the population are hesitant to get Covid-19 shots.

"If we will translate that, it will be more or less 20 to 30 million. As the Israeli experts said, if you have more than 20 million people going around without being vaccinated, we cannot exit from this pandemic," he added.

So far, Galvez said the country has sufficient vaccine supply, with more vaccines arriving in the next few weeks.

"With the plenty of supply that we are heading right now, we see that someday we will incentivize those who are vaccinated. Meaning we will give the vaccinated with more incentives to roam around while the unvaccinated will be restricted," he said.

The Philippines has received 108,912,560 doses of the Covid-19 vaccine, with additional 866,970 Pfizer-BioNTech doses arriving Friday night and another 866,970 on Saturday. (PNA)

HOLIDAY HUES FROM SM HOME

When you think about Christmas, traditional colors of red, green, and gold come to mind. But with most of us spending more time at home, it's a good idea to be more creative when selecting holiday hues to add a contemporary touch to Christmas celebrations.

Frosty White, Classic Red, Blush Luxe, and Dusk are SM Home's four main color themes to bring the holidays to our homes.

With probably the widest assortment of décor in town, and more than 500 ornaments to choose from, SM Home shares with us some imaginative ways- and colors - to celebrate all that is inspired, inventive, and innovative.

Frosty White. A white palette makes your fir or frosted-berry tree merry and magical. Deck your tree with sparkly silver and white ornaments, blended with luxurious ribbons to create a cozy, snowy and wintry wonderland. Also, add some dazzle it with some glittered snowmen and penguin plushies.

Classic Red. Create a cozy and casual holiday living room with classic reds that never go out of style. Add shades of white, and

don't forget a bit of sparkle for added flair. Nutcracker toy soldiers, potted berry trees, wreaths and Christmas trees, snow globes, and miniature vintage villages will help showcase a traditional holiday scene at home.

Blush Luxe. Metallic hues make an elegant and polished holiday look. This year, add a rosy palette update of white and blush pink into your Christmas design. Glam up your tabletop with Nordic Gonk plushies or Pink Angel dolls for your little girl's dreamy Christmas.

Dusk. Bring in the cozy cabin and rustic vibe with a twist by decking out your tree with copper, blues, and other jewel tones ornaments. Add some neutral-toned reindeers and burlap Christmas trees for more green and neutral vibes.

Check out the latest SM Home Christmas catalog and shop online with The SM Store website www.thesmstore.com or via the SM Store's Call to Deliver services #143SM (#14376). For more info and updates, follow them at **SM Home at the SM Store in Instagram** or visit thesmstore.com website.





JAY ESPLANA CASTILLEJA KASANGGA NI KUYA ARIS AGUIRRE BILANG VICE MAYOR.

Mulanay three-termer councilor Jay Esplana Castilleja joins PDP-LABAN-Mulanay slate as Vice Mayor, with Kuya Aris Aguirre for Mayor. Completing the lineup are the councilors: Fernandito "Andy" Baronia, Ponciano "Siano" Rejano, Anita "Aning" Romasanta, TINAN Aguirre - Adao, Emmanuel "Emman" De Luna and Marcelino "Kap Marcel" Diaz.

Low Covid cases ticket to merry Christmas

PRESIDENTIAL Adviser for Entrepreneurship Jose Maria 'Joey' Concepcion 3rd on Thursday said the drop in new cases of Covid-19 shows that strict measures earlier imposed by the government in Metro Manila are working, creating a pathway to a merry Christmas this year.

Concepcion, who is also the founder of Go Negosyo, said the plunge in new Covid-19 cases to just 1,591 on November 3 is vindication for his controversial call for an enhanced community quarantine (ECQ) in the National Capital Region (NCR) in August.

'When I called for an early lockdown to be implemented in the National Capital Region in the first week of August, not everyone was happy. They said it was not the remedy, and that it would cost the economy and result in the loss of jobs,' Concepcion said.

'If we had [not] gone into that lockdown



back in August, we would not be looking forward to a merry Christmas right now,' he added.

Covid-19 cases started to rise in the middle of 2021, following the detection of the highly contagious Delta variant of the virus.

Concepcion, heeding the advice of experts from OCTA Research, called for the NCR to be put under ECQ, the government's strictest lockdown protocol.

The Philippines then was logging a rolling average upwards of 7,000 cases a day, which went on a steady, upward climb to 10, 12, 14 thousand cases by the start of August. We were admonished not to 'fixate on the numbers,' he said.

Business groups warned that locking down at that point would result

in billions of pesos being lost and people deprived of employment, with some even going so far as to question the credibility of OCTA Research, an independent and interdisciplinary research group. Since the beginning of the pandemic, OCTA Research has been providing analysis and projections of Covid-19 cases based on government-supplied data.

Concepcion defended the agency, saying they have proven themselves when it came to data analytics, and cited their projections when he stood his ground and called for an ECQ in the NCR.

The Go Negosyo founder explained that sacrificing the first two weeks of August would save the critical fourth quarter of the year, when consumer spending will be highest because of the Christmas season and the coming elections in May 2022.

He said that paving a clear path for business would also build confidence among banks, who can then start lending

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Let's celebrate Christmas Together at SM City Santa Rosa



Check out SM City Santa Rosa's playfully quaint whimsical Christmas Garden with L- R SM City Santa Rosa Asst. Mall Managers Christian Liston and Ria Katigbak, SAVP for Marketing Ritzgerald Gonzales and Santa Rosa City Mayor Arlene Arcillas. SM City Santa Rosa continue to bring memorable holiday celebration to its shoppers while implementing strict #SafeMalling protocols. Christmas may be different from years past, but the meaning behind this season remains #ChristmaSMasaysaSM