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Cavite cancels Sangley airport venture with Chinese firm. Mac

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Mayor Lani Mercado-Revilla led the distribution of rice to our countrymen who were hit by Typhoon Ulysses last year. The funds bought for these rice came from the National Government allocated to areas affected by Typhoon Ulysses. Mayor Lani is partner with our Barangay Captains and other Barangay Officials in distributing rice. Mayor Lani has also shared some updates related to the vaccination program with our countrymen against Covid-19. (Bacoor FB Page)

# Tax-related digitalization projects, fuel marking program to be fully program to be fully program to this year

## Sobejand IS Next AFP Chief MANILA - President Rodrigo Duterte has appointed Philippine Army commander Lt. Gen. Ci-

Rodrigo Duterte has appointed Philippine Army commander Lt. Gen. Cirilito Sobejana as the next chief of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Malacañang announced on Wednesday.

"The Palace confirms that LGEN Cirilito Sobejana will be the next Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines," Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque said in a statement sent to Palace reporters.

Sobejana is set to replace AFP chief-ofstaff Gilbert Gapay who will reach the mandatory retirement age of 56 on Feb. 4.

Roque said the Palace believes in Sobejana's competence to lead the AFP.

"We are confident that General Sobejana will continue to modernize our military and undertake reform initiatives to make the Armed Forces truly professional in its mandate as the protector of

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1st PUJ Modernize Vehicle Launching: Recently photo shows the Launching and Turnover of Pump Vehicle led by Parañaque City Mayor Edwin L. Olivarez with Congressman Eric L. Olivarez in the cooperation of San Dionisio Transport Service Cooperative and Hino Abad Santos held in San Antonio De Padua Parish, Barangay San Antonio, Parañaque City.

#### <u>EDITORYAL:</u>

#### **Truth and honor**

"Military officials aren't winning any hearts and minds with a strident anti-communist propaganda campaign."

Contrary to what they might believe, military officials aren't winning any hearts and minds with a strident anti-communist propaganda campaign—and the sooner they realize this, the sooner they can get back to their real job of defending the country.

Their latest misstep was the release through a Facebook page named "Armed Forces of the Philippines Information Exchange" a list of 27 names of former University of the Philippines (UP) students who they said either died or joined the New People's Army (NPA).

The list included Free Legal Assistance Group member Raffy Aquino, business journalist Roel Landingin and Roberto Coloma, the bureau chief for Singapore and Malaysia of the Agence France-Presse news service.

Using a broad brush, the military officials also red tagged the late activist and director Behn Cervantes, Carlos Palanca playwright awardee Liza Magtoto, former Integrated Bar of the Philippine president Roan Libarios, lawyer Alex Padilla, former Environment undersecretary Elmer Mercado and Institute for Social Entrepreneurship in Asia president Liza Dacanay.

The list was roundly criticized.

A number of in the AFP list held a press con-

ference or issued statements on Saturday to protest the red tagging.

"I am not on the radar of the NPA and they are not on my radar. I'm from the theater scene and even during my acting days I was not cast as an NPA because I am feeble," Magtoto said.

Padilla said: "I have never been with the NPA. I have been in government for 20 years or more, in the [Bureau of Customs], the Department of Health, the Department of the Interior and Local Government, Philippine Health Insurance Corp. In fact, I was the chair of the peace panel [negotiation]."

He called the AFP Information Center's action "despicable."

"They are playing cavalierly with our lives," he said.

Aquino said: "I remain unaffiliated with the NPA and by the grace of God, I remain alive and kicking. With the others in the list, I think I am owed an apology by the AFP"

Dacanay said the AFP must be made accountable for actions that are libelous and potentially endangering the lives of people like her, "who are living peaceful and meaningful lives as responsible citizens and advocates of democracy and sustainable development."

The National Union of Journalists of the Philippines condemned the red-tagging of two of their colleagues, Landingin and Coloma.

"We all know too well of the often fatal consequences of red-tagging. It does not matter whether the accusations leveled at targeted personalities or organizations are true or not. It is sufficient that they stand accused," the group said.

Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana, who

already stirred up a hornet's nest last week by unilaterally ending a 30-year pact with the UP that kept military and police forces out of the campus, said the AFP would apologize to people falsely included in the list. No such apology, however, has been issued.

The list posted on a page managed by the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Civil-Military Operations, was later deleted, but not before it was shared by Facebook pages belonging to other units of the Army, Navy and Air Force. A similar list appeared on an AFP Twitter account.

The AFP Information Exchange also posted the names and photos of 14 UP students allegedly recruited by the communist rebels and later killed in encounters with the military.

On Friday, Grace Albasin, mother of a UP student currently detained in Dumaguete, Negros Oriental, criticized Lorenzana for identifying her daughter, Myles, as a communist rebel who was recently killed.

At a press conference on Wednesday, Lorenzana showed a list and photos of what he said were UP students who had joined the NPA and were subsequently killed in combat.

But contrary to his claims, she said, Myles has been detained for almost three years now at the Dumaguete City Jail Female Dormitory.

"Mr. Lorenzana, have you no respect for the dead anymore? How can you continue rubbing salt on their families' wounds every time you parade their faces like trophies? You say you are a parent, too. Do you even feel their pain?" the older Albasin wrote in an open letter circulated online.

"You were once a soldier. Is there no more honor among warriors?"

#### **Sangley...**

Cavite Governor Jonvic Remulla says talks with 'any qualified partner' to build the Sangley airport may be held and 'hopefully' be successful by October

The Cavite provincial government scrapped the joint venture to develop the \$10-billion (P480-billion) Sangley airport with Lucio Tan's MacroAsia Corporation and China Communications Construction Company (CCCC), Governor Jonvic Remulla said on Wednesday, January 27.

Remulla said the province's committee tasked to review the deal recommended the non-approval of the redevelopment of the former airbase due to "various deficiencies" in the submission of requirements. He approved the recommendation on Tuesday, January 26.

The governor, however, noted that talks with "any qualified partner" to build the airport

may be held and "hopefully" be successful by Octo-

"I still believe that a new international airport is important for the country in the long run and it must be stressed that cancellation is not in prejudice of anyone applying again," Remulla said in a Facebook post.

In a statement to the Philippine Stock Exchange, MacroAsia confirmed that it received an email on Tuesday that the notice of selection and award was canceled

MacroAsia's shares sank as much as 19% to a 3-month low in the first 10 minutes of trade following the cancellation, reported Reuters.

Sangley airport was poised to help solve congestion at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport, but allegations of the Chinese firm being favored hounded the project right from the beginning. The two companies were the lone bidders for

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the project, as other interested parties viewed the terms as "unrealistic."

MacroAsia and CCCC also failed to submit post-qualification documents, despite the Cavite government extending deadlines 4 times. The last 3-month extension was granted in September 2020.

In late August, the United States had blacklisted 24 Chinese firms for their involvement in Beijing's reclamation of maritime features in the South China Sea and its construction of military bases there. CCCC's subsidiaries were among the blacklisted companies

Even before the US sanctioned CCCC, the company was already blacklisted by the World Bank from 2011 to 2017 over "fraudulent practices," which included anomalous bidding schemes. (READ: 'Shady track records' hound PH-China infra firms)

'Despite Philippine Foreign Secretary Teodoro Locsin Jr's push to stop projects linked to the sanctioned firms, President Rodrigo Duterte refused, therefore allowing the MacroAsia-CCCC project to push through. (Rappler.com)

## BIR surpasses revenue targets in 2020, collects 86 percent of tax payments online

The digitalization efforts of the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) and its stepped-up campaign against delinquent tax-payers and tax dodgers have enabled it to overshoot its collection target in 2o20, with P1.67 trillion or 86 percent of the P1.94 trillion in total taxes collected by the agency coursed through electronic payment channels.

BIR commissioner Caesar Dulay said 21.5 million or 94 percent of the 22.86 million tax returns filed in 2o20 were also done online, while only 1.38 million or 6 percent were filed manually, given the mobility restrictions imposed by the government since March 2020 to curb the spread of COVID-19.

Of the P1.67 trillion collected through e-channels last year, P4.98 billion of the payments were from the additional digital system PayMaya, he said.

Based on preliminary data as of January 8, 2020, the total of P1.94 trillion collected by the BIR in 2020 was about 11.23 percent less than the actual collection of P2.19 trillion in

But it was 15.14 percent over the revised 2020 goal of P1.68 trillion set by the Development Budget Coordination Committee (DBCC) for the BIR in July last year, he said

In 2020, 4.37 million new business tax-payers registered with the BIR, representing a 6.15-percent increase from the previous year's number of 4.11 million, Dulay said.

Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III said the decrease in BIR collections in 2020 compared to the previous year was understandable, considering the adverse economic impact of the pandemic and the contraction of the gross domestic product (GDP) by about 10 percent that

"Congratulations, Billy (Dulay). This coming year, I think, will be continuously challenging but I'm very happy the way BIR has responded to this crisis and had not given up," Dominguez said following Dulay's report on the BIR's 2020 performance.

"Basically, your collections went down almost exactly as the GDP contracted, around 10 percent. That's about right. In other words, you haven't let up on the pressure. The performance relative to 2019 is still the same even if the collections are lower. It was lower because the GDP dropped. Please thank the team and keep it up," Dominguez added.

Dulay said he is optimistic that the BIR this year "will do good based on the recent announcement by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) that we are on the road to economic recovery."

"We will continue rowing and plowing and collecting these taxes," Dulay said.

The BIR's tax effort of 10.67 percent in 2020 was only slightly lower by half a percent compared to 11.2 percent in 2019, Dulay said in his report. (PR)





Senator Win Gatchalian is again asking power distributors to take notice of pleas for leniency on the disconnection of power supply of customers who still cannot afford to pay their unsettled electricity bills in full.

Gatchalian has earlier called on distribution utilities, including Meralco, to extend the no- disconnection policy for low-income consumers or those consuming 200 kilowatt hour (kWh) and below per month until the end of the General Community Quarantine (GCQ). The policy is set to be lifted on January 31, 2021.

This time, the Senate Energy Committee Chairman is appealing to utility companies to seriously consider other consumers on a case-to-case basis such

## To power distributors: Be more lenient on disconnection policy

as senior citizen customers, persons with disabilities (PWDs), displaced workers and micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) that have ceased operations since last year.

A Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) survey conducted in August to September last year showed that of the 1.5 million businesses registered with the DTI, 99.6 percent are micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and 90 thousand businesses, which are mostly MSMEs, remain closed. Gatchalian pointed out that many consumers have experienced job loss or reduction in income.

"May iba pang mga malalaking kumpanya ang nag-anunsiyo ng pagsasara kaya madadagdagan pa ang listahan ng mga mawawalan ng trabaho. Sana ay bigyan naman sila ng konsiderasyon. Ang mga ito ay kadalasang mga consumers din na higit sa 200 kilowatt hour ang kunsumo ng kuryente kada buwan," Gatchalian stressed.

In announcing that it will no longer extend its no-disconnection policy, Meralco spokesman Joe Zaldarriaga said that they're trying to find a middle ground and solutions for all their customers who have difficulty paying their accumulated bills.

"While I empathize with the distribution utilities that they have financial obligations as well, I don't think it would make a dent in their collections if they would leave out those who really cannot afford to pay even a fraction of their outstanding bills," Gatchalian said

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the people and the State," he said.

Roque also wished Sobejana "all the best in his new tour of duty as we pray for his success."

Sobejana, a member of the Philippine Military Academy "Hinirang Class" of 1987, is the commanding general of the Philippine Army since July last year.

He also commanded the Joint Task Force Sulu, the Maguindanao-based 6th Infantry Division, and the Western Mindanao Command.

Sobejana is also a recipient of the Medal of Valor, the country's highest military award that is equivalent to the Congressional Medal of Honor of the United States.

He earned his Medal of Valor in 1995 after leading the fight with an estimated 150 Abu Sayyaf terrorists in Isabela town in Basilan despite sustaining crippling wounds in the encounter.

Meanwhile, the AFP welcomed Sobejana's appointment as its next chief.

"Lt. Gen. Sobejana, the incumbent Commanding General of the Philippine Army, epitomizes the finest in Filipino soldiery. He earned the Medal of Valor (MOV) the highest military award that can be bestowed to a soldier for conspicuous and singular act of gallantry above and beyond the call of duty," military

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spokesperson, Marine Maj. Gen. Edgard Arevalo said in a statement.

A r e v a l o stressed that Sobejana has an impressive track record as a military officer and has a vast experience in command and leadership.

"He is known to his superiors, peers, and subordinates as a warrior with the heart of a peacemaker," he added. He is the pride of PMA 'Hinirang' Class of 1987 -- the class with three Medal of Valor recipients -- and the first AFP chief who garnered the MOV," he added. (with reports from Priam Nepomuce-no/PNA)

#### LGU...

The Local Chief Executive here, Mayor Voltaire V. Ricafrente led the ground breaking ceremony for the construction of the new Municipal PNP Station (MPS) in Barangay Tejeros Convention on January 20, 2021

Cavite Export Processing Zone Authority (CEPZA) Administrator Atty. Nori B. Tañag together with PNP PRO 4A Regional Logistics Division Chief PltCol. Renato C. Mercado, Cavite PPO Provincial Director Pcol. Marlon R. Santos, and COP of Rosario MPS PltCol. Joewie B. Lucas attended the ceremony.

CEPZA donated the 412 sqm. lot where the new Rosario MPS building will be erected that is located near the CEPZ Gate 1, the main entry and exit point of employees.

The construction of the new Rosario MPS is expected to further strengthen the peace and security in the town especially in the export processing zone.

"Alam ko hangga't nandyan ang ating kapulisan mananatiling tahimik ang bayan ng Rosario. Hangga't nandyan ang EPZA mananatiling maunlad ang bayan ng Rosario. At dahil tahimik at maunlad ang ating bayan, ang pamahalaang bayan ng Rosario ay sisiguraduhin na masaya ang bawat pamilya sa pagbibigay sa kanila ng kanilang mga

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pangangailangan at ng tamang serbisyo," Mayor Ricafrente stated.

(I know that as long as our police are there, the town of Rosario will remain peaceful. As long as EPZA is around, the town of Rosario will remain prosperous. And because our town is peaceful and prosperous, the Rosario LGU will ensure that every family is provided with their needs and proper service.)

Employing thousands of individuals including residents from neighboring towns in more than 100 factories in the export processing zone, CEPZA covers Barangay Tejeros Convention in Rosario town and Bacao 2 in the City of General Trias. (PIA)

#### **Tax...**

The Department of Finance (DOF) expects the full nationwide implementation in 2021 of the fuel marking program and several digitalization projects to improve tax administration, in step with its goal of utilizing new technologies to improve tax compliance and fight official corruption.

According to a report by the DOF's Revenue Operations Group (ROG), it expects the fuel marking program, including its enforcement activities to curb smuggling, to be fully operational nationwide by the first quarter of this year.

As of Jan. 6, the volume of fuel marked under the program totalled 17.73 billion liters.

Taxes and duties collected by the Bureau of Customs (BOC) under the fuel marking program totaled P149.36 billion since its implementation in September 2019 up to Jan. 4 this year.

The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), meanwhile, collected excise taxes of P23.94 billion under this program from December 2019 up to Dec. 28, 2020.

The ROG also said in its report to Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III that it is targeting to complete the electronic Tax Exemption System (TES) of the DOF's Revenue Office (RO) by the first quarter to allow qualified importers to register, file, and track online their duty- and tax-exemption applications.

In 2020, the RO processed 16,650 tax exemption applications, which translated into P12.5 billion in foregone

revenues. These include 2,520 applications under the Bayanihan To Heal As One Act (Republic Act (RA) No. 11469 or Bayanihan 1) and the Bayanihan To Recover

As One Act (RA 11494 or the Bayanihan 2), said Finance Undersecretary Antonette Tionko, who heads the ROG

In her report, Tionko said the Online Registration and Update System (ORUS) of the BIR is also expected to be operational by August.

This front-end interfacing system will allow new business and individual registrations online, as well as the updating of taxpayer details.

Tionko said the

pilot rollout of the BIR's E-Invoicing System will proceed as scheduled this year with the assistance of the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA).

As of November 2020, the service provider has already completed the business process reengineering and information strategy planning for the project. With assistance from KOICA, it is now working on the development of the value-added tax (VAT) system, installation of the ICT infrastructure and the capacity building aspect of the project, Tionko said.

"The e-invoicing system we are developing is capable of processing and storing electronic invoices is-

sued by taxpayers on near real-time. This will make it easy to issue digital receipts and capture and upload the data in the receipt to a centralized database," Tionko said

This system also includes an e-Sales reporting system capable of summarizing the data in electronic invoices and receipts stored in the database, she added.

The ROG also aims to partially complete the digitalization of the One-Stop-Shop Inter-Agency Tax Credit and Duty Drawback Center (OSS) by the first quarter, Tionko said.

The Transfer Tax Credit Certificates (TCCs) and Tax Debit Memos of the OSS is expected to be available online before the end of the year, Tionko said.

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By December this year, Tionko said she expects the "Mabuhay Lane," an ad hoc unit tasked to expeditiously process applications for tax and duty exemption to selected importers, to be adopted as an organic division of the RO.

She said the DOF, spearheaded by the ROG, is also expected to finalize double-taxation agreements with at least two of the Philippines' fellow members in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) by January 2022. (PR)



#### **SPREAD THE LOVE WITH MINISO**

Japanese fast fashion brand Miniso celebrates love and life this Valentine's Day with adorable finds that make perfect gifts in this season of love.

There are pastel colored heart shape pillows with embossed sweet Valentine's messages to hug and to hold. Express your love and care through the power of words with Miniso's Valentine's inspired notebooks and pens. Keep your loved ones cool and hydrated with We Bear Bears water tumblers and Cookie Monster water bottles.

Spread the love to your special someone as well as family and friends with these heartwarming gifts from Miniso. All these and more are available in Miniso stores located in most SM Supermalls nationwide.

For a more convenient shopping experience, you can also check out these Miniso items and more at Shopee, Lazada and Miniso Philippines' Official Website-https://shop.minisoph.com/.

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DATELINE WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS: JANUARY 25, FEBRUARY 01 & 08, 2021

## REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION REGIONAL TRIAL COURT OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT City of Bacoor

CHINA BANK SAVINGS, INC., Mortgagee,

-versus-

Foreclosure No. 2020-48

For:

Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage

SPOUSES ROMAN P. BRAGAT AND GLORIFE N. BRAGAT,
Mortgagors.

#### NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135 as Amended by Act 4118 filed by mortgagee, CHINA BANK SAVINGS, INC., of #314 Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue, Makati City, and against the mortgagors, SPOUSES ROMAN P. BRAGAT And GLORIFE N. BRAGAT, of #38 Aerospace Street, ATO Compound, Barangay CAA, BF International, Las Piñas City to satisfy the Mortgagee indebtedness which as of January 31, 2020 amount to ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY PESOS & 47/100 (P1,120,180.47), Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest penalties and other charges, the undersigned or duly authorized representative will sell the public auction on March 8, 2021 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the main entrance of the Hall Of Justice of Bacoor City, Cavite to the highest bidder for CASH and In the Philippine Currency, the following described proprerty with all the improvements thereon, to wit;

#### TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2015019746

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 21 BLK. 6 OF THE SUBD. PLAN, PSD-04-166469, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 2, PSU-98663, SITUATED IN THE BRGY. OF HABAY, MUN. OF BACOOR PROVINCE OF CAVITE ISLAND OF LUZON. X X X, CONTAINING AN AREA OF FIFTY FIVE (55) SQUARE METERS."

"All sealed bid must be submitted to the undersigned on the above stated time and date."

"In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it sall be held on March 15,2020, without further notice

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

City of Bacoor, January 11,, 2021.

(sgd) LIZA D. VICTA Clerk of Court VI

By: (sgd) ARTHUR T. SAN MIGUEL Sheriff IV

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SPOUSES ROMAN P. BRAGAT AND GLORIFE N. BRAGAT #38 Aerospace Street, Ato Compd., Barangay CAA, BF International, Las Piñas City

WARNING: It is absolutely prohibited to remove, deface or destroy this notice of Extra-Judicial Sale on or before the date of sale.

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## **Batanes firm starts sweet** potato beer production



BATANES' PRIDE. Commercial production of the Ivatan Beer, the first and only locally brewed beer in Batanes, has begun in the province. The beverage is produced from sweet potato, which grows abundantly in the northernmost province of the country. TUGUEGARAO CITY — Tawsen Agri-Ventures has

TUGUEGARAO CITY – Tawsen Agri-Ventures has started the commercial production of the Ivatan Beer, the first and only locally brewed beer in Batanes, the country's northernmost province.

Dr. Alfonso Simon, Batanes State College (BSC) president, said the technology used for producing the beer using sweet potato was developed by the BSC Research and Development department and transferred to a local entrepreneur.

he BSC, through Simon, and Dennis Lim of Tawsen Agri-Ventures, signed the Technology Licensing Agreement (TLA) for the beverage.

Simon highlighted the significance of the Ivatan Beer to the people of Batanes. "The fact that the Ivatan Beer is made from the locally-grown 'wakay' or sweet potato, which is abundant in Batanes, the product becomes even more interesting and appealing to the locals of Batanes," he told the Philippine News Agency. Lim, a former college instructor who had turned entrepreneur, said the Ivatan Beer's commercialization will "immensely contribute to the flourishing Batanes' tourism industry."

The Department of Science and Technology-Cagayan Valley through Regional Director Sancho Mabborang has issued the Fairness Opinion Report (FOR) on the licensing agreement's terms and conditions.

In September 2020, Tawsen Agri Ventures and BSC signed the term sheet of the licensor and the licensee to agree on the conditions to push through wth the Ivatan Beer's commercialization.

BSC received a P400,000 fund from the DOST to develop the beverage in 2018. The following year, the native beer made its public debut during the Science and Technology Caravan in Batanes.

In the same year, the product won third place in the Regional Invention Contest and Exhibit.

#### About foodpanda:

foodpanda is dedicated to bringing food lovers their favorite meals from curated local restaurants in the Philippines. Since its creation, the on-demand food delivery service has grown to more than 170,000 partner restaurants in more than 325 cities across 13 Asian and Central Europe foodpanda Philippines currently operates more than 50 cities across the Philippines anc continuously expanding. foodpanda is a subsidiary under Delivery Hero, a worldwide leader of the food delivery industry. For more information visit www.foodpanda.ph

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### REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT & EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF IMUS CAVITE

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

FC No. 12248-13

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (PAG-IBIG FUND)

Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPOUSES MARYJUNE A. ROSAL married to JOSEPH T. ROSAL X - - - - - - X

#### AMENDED NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (PAG-IBIG FUND), Mortgagee, with principal office at 12th Floor JELP Business Solutions Center, No. 409 Shaw Boulevard, Mandaluyong City against MARY JUNE A. ROSAL married to JOSEPH T. ROSAL, Mortgagor, with residence and postal address at Lot 452-G-1,(Psd-04-129856), Gahak, Kawit, Cavite and/or #179 Aguado St., San Antonio, Cavite City to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of September 24, 2013 amount to SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY THREE THOUSAND TWENTY THREE PESOS & 79/100 (P773,023.79), Philippine Currency, including interest and penalty charges, but excluding attoney'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 February 23, 2021 at 10:00 A. M. or soon thereafter at the main Entrance of the the office of the Clerk of Court RTC Multiple Sala, Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Aguinado Highway, Imus Cavite to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all improments therein, to with

#### TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-1155598

"A parcel of land (Lot 452-G-1 of the Psd-04-129856, being a portion of Lot Psd-04-2111-06899, L.R.C Rec. No. ), situated in, being a portion of Lot 452-G, Brgy. of Gahak, Mun. of Kawit, Prov. of Cavite, Is of Luzon. Bounded on the SE., along line 1-2 by, Lot 452-U (RoadPsd-04-2111-068919; on the SW., along lines 2-3 by Lot 452-F, Psd-042111-068919; on the NW., along line 3-4 by Lot 453, cad-203. Kawit CAD and on the NE., along line 4-1 by Lot 452-G-2 of the subd. Plan x x x containing an area of FORTY **(40) SQUARE METERS**"  $\bf x \ x \ x$ 

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on March 2, 2021 at 10:00 A.M without further notice

Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrance therein if any there be

Imus Cavite, November 04, 2020.

(SGD.) ISRAEL S. MEDINA

Sheriff IV

APPROVED:
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Foreclosure No. 2020-74

For: Extra Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage

SPS. JOHN A. CALDERON AND ERLINDA G. CALDERON Mortgagors,

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Upon Extra judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135 as Amended by Act 4118 filed by the mortgagee, MAYBANK PHILIPPINES INC., of Maybank Corporate Center 7th Avenue corner 27th Street, Bonifacio Global City, and against mortgagors, SPS. JOHN A. CALDERON AND ERLINDA G. CALDERON of Block 1 Lot 1, San Luis Villa, Bo. Habay, Bacoor Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of Oct 12, 2020 amounts to THREE MILLION SIX HUNDRED NINETY SIX THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY THREE PESOS & 77 / 100 (P 3,696,943. 77), Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges, the undersigned or her duly authorized representative will sell at the public auction on February 23, 2021 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the main entrance of the Hall of Justice of Bacoor City, Cavite, to the highest bidder for CASH and In Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit;

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City of Bacoor, January 11, 2021.

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## Dominguez urges Congress to focus on passage of 'doable' economic bills to speed up recovery

Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III has called on lawmakers to help jumpstart the Philippines' recovery from the global economic slump unleashed by the lingering COVID-19 pandemic by acting swiftly on "doable" priority measures such as long-due reforms in the corporate income tax (CIT) and fiscal incentives system and easing the "inordinate" restrictions on foreign ownership in certain sectors of the economy.

These priority measures include the proposed Corporate Recovery and Tax Incentives for Enterprises Act (CRF-ATE) and amendments to "anachronistic" laws such as the 84-vear old Public Service Act, the Retail Trade Liberalization Act and the Foreign Investments law, Dominguez said at Tuesday's hearing by the House committee on constitutional amendments on the latest initiative on Charter change (Cha-Cha).

With only 17 months left before President Duterte ends his term of office, Dominquez asked members of the Congress "to act on something that is doable." "What is most important is to undertake what is immediately achievable," said Dominguez during the hearing of this House committee chaired by AKO-BICOL partylist Rep. Alfredo Garbin Jr.

"It is preferable. of course, to achieve the liberalization reforms in one blow. But if there are things that we can do to open up the economy through administrative measures, we must implement them. If there are areas that we can liberalize by amending our existing laws, then let's do that,' added Dominguez, who heads President Duterte's economic team

Dominguez declined to provide any advice to members of the committee on the means to amend the restrictive economic portions of the Constitution, and only said that such provisions "would be a significant factor in revving up the Philippine economy and

sustaining its recovery."

"The means for amending the Constitution, however, is a political question. And I would not dare advise our legislators on the matter." Dominquez said.

Dominguez said his proposed investment liberalization strategies that involve the immediate congressional passage of CREATE and the relaxation of the restrictions on foreign ownership, except land, "should accomplish enough to enable our rapid economic recovery."

Although the restrictive economic conditions of the Constitution explain why the Philippines, over the past decades, received vastly less foreign direct investments (FDIs) than its fellow Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) economies, Dominguez said that starting the process towards a more liberalized investment climate through the passage of these economic priority bills of President Duterte "will be a strong signal to the international investment community that the Philippines is open for

"Immediately, the Congress can help in restarting our economy by acting on our pending priority economic bills." Dominguez said.

"We call on our legislators to swiftly ratify the CREATE bill. As I have mentioned earlier, we want to push for the passage on the amendments to the Foreign Investment Act and the Public Service Act. We also need to modify the Retail Trade Liberalization Act." he added.

These measures will complement the reforms that the government is now implementing, such as the "Build, Build, Build" infrastructure modernization program and the Ease of Doing Business law, Dominguez said.

With Indonesia poised to cut red tape and dramatically overhaul its investment policies to make them more open to foreign capital, the Philippines will be left as the only ASEAN country still maintaining "inordinate restrictions on foreign investment participation in economic growth," Dominguez said.

"This does not bode well for our competitiveness in the coming vears." he said.

According Dominguez, a draft presidential decree being prepared by the Indonesian government will cut the list of industries where foreign investment participation is limited from more than 300 to only 48. These include the removal of restrictions for sectors, such as communications, information and technology, energy and tourism.

Indonesia plans to introduce a fiscal incentives regime similar to what the CREATE bill aims to accomplish, Dominguez said, describing the corporate reform measure as "immediately doable" and an "opportunity to jumpstart our economic recovery.'

He thanked the House of Representatives for passing the long-overdue reforms outlined in the CREATE bill that aim to "modernize the Philippines' tax incentives system, so that we are better able to attract more strategic and high-value invest-

Dominguez said the economy should not be tied down to a fixed set of policies but should have "an adaptable economic regime" to effectively compete in "a world that is constantly innovating."

"A very good analogy to explain this is by using the concept of anchors and sails. We must adhere to our anchor, which is our core set of principles. This will keep us grounded. But we should also be flexible enough to adjust our sails when the winds change direction." he said.

The Philippines should have the flexibility to be able to adjust and maximize economic opportunities as, and whenever, necessary. State policies that should be in the Constitution should be limited to fundamental policies universally accepted and unalterable in character," he added.

"Regulations on foreign investments must be left to ordinary legislation of Congress to ensure that the restrictions can be debated openly and policies are attuned to changing conditions," Dominguez said

He said, stricting economic activity is an outdated nationalistic concept, overtaken by technological devel-Maintaining opments. preferential treatment for Filipino citizens in certain areas of concern no longer serves any imperative purpose.

Dominguez noted, for instance, the following:

- the restriction of foreign investments in public utilities that has led to inefficiency, higher costs for Filipinos and limited growth of small business-
- \* the foreign investment ban on exploiting natural resources that has made the country forego countless opportunities for their responsible and sustainable development;
- the prohibition on the practice of foreign professionals, which has deprived Filipinos of new knowledge, skills, standards, cutting edge technologies and better service, and broader opportunities abroad for Filipino professionals;
- the limitations on the ownership of educational institutions that has become obsolete in this age of remote learning and digital technologies: and
- the ban on foreign ownership of mass media and advertising that has only prevented Philippine media and advertising companies from building international networks that will enhance their viability.

He said the ban on foreign ownership of educational institutions has only led to the closure of several private schools during the pandemic.

"High-level skills development in the country should be opened to foreign equity. The Philippines' strategic location and proficiency in English undeniably make it a highly viable site for future offshore campuses of internationally recognized learning institutions," he noted.

Dominguez said

those who insist on keeping the economy's protectionist policies should learn from the liberalization of the rice trade through the implementation of the rice tariffication law (RTL).

RTL has The resulted in the country achieving its highest level of palay production at 19.44 million metric tons (MT) last year, a signifreduction in rice icant prices that benefits mostly low-income Filipinos, a variety of rice choices for everyone, a more competitive rice sector and a steady stream of assistance to assist farmers and modernize Philippine agriculture through the annual P10-billion Rice Competitiveness hancement Fund (RCEF). Dominguez recalled that when the Philippines affirmed its 1987 Constitution with restrictions to investments "not based on practicality but on some notions of nationalism," Vietnam fully opened its doors to the world and began treading its path toward a market-oriented economy.

He said "Vietnam has effectively exported its way out of poverty by embracing trade and foreign investment liberalization complemented with domestic reforms through deregulation and lowering the cost of doing business" and heavy investments on infrastructure. country's The

"restrictive economic provisions are residues from a period when our people had very little trust in the market," Dominguez said. "Today, with better economic literacy, we should be better able to understand how market disciplines result in efficiency and lower costs.'

The latest FDI Regulatory Restrictiveness Index of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) has revealed that the Philippines is perceived by the international investment community as the most restrictive among ASEAN countries.

comparison of the FDI inflows from 2015 to 2019 among ASFAN countries underscores the small share that the Philippines has received compared to the relatively more liberalized economies of Singapore, Indonesia, Vietnam and Malaysia with results showing rapid rates of expansion and modernization enjoyed by these neighbor-economies over the past three decades, Dominguez said.

"Over the longer term, opening up our economy is indispensable to achieving a truly inclusive investments-led economic growth that will open more employment opportunities for our people. It will produce a modern, efficient, and robust economy that will quarantee prosperity for all Filipinos," he said. (PR)

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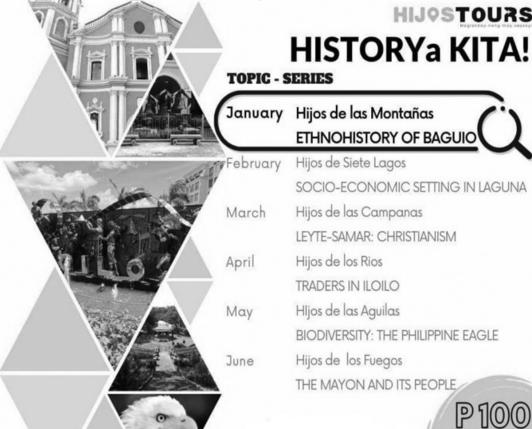
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## Hijos Tours offers 10% discount for year-long Online History Classes



With the success of CARD MRI Hijos Tours' HISTORYa KITA! in 2020, the tour company will again offer a series of online classes in 2021 with an added surprise. This year, they will be offering a 10% discount for everyone who will be availing of all their history

classes for the year. HISTORYa KITA! is based on an llonggo term that is loosely translated to conversing with each other. This program was a response to the changing landscape of tourism due to the circumstances brought about by the new normal.

Through these online history classes, travelearners have conversations about the history of the Philippines with notable historians and professors. Hijos Tours envisions this program to provide lessons about the history of Philippines in a safe and convenient way.

HISTORYa KITA will discuss six topics that are related to the six tour programs Hijos Tours currently has in Baguio City, Laguna, Leyte and Samar, Iloilo, and Davao City. Learners will be able to know more about ethnohistory, socioeconomic settings, biodiversity, and other interesting topics.

The learning investment

is P599 per class and the enrollees will receive e-certificates after the session. To avail of the 10% discount, learners are invited to enroll in all six classes in 2021. Because the history of the communities in the Philippines is interconnected with one another, travelearners who will avail all of the classes will have a chance to deep dive into the importance of learning history and get to know the identities of every culture.

"The pandemic has challenged the tourism industry to think outside of the box. Our wanderlust doesn't have to stop just because we are in the comforts of our homes. With the HISTORYa KITA! Online classes, we travel with our minds and widen our perspectives while staying safe and healthy at home," said Ms. Marilyn Manila, CARD MRI Hijos Tours President.

In 2020, Hijos Tours was able to conduct 6 sessions of history classes with 200

For inquiries on HIS-TORYa KITA!, interested parties may message Hijos Tours on their Facebook Page, @HijosToursOfficial, or email hijostours@cardmri.com.



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## Carmona LGU conducts simulation for COVID-19 vaccine roll-out, the

The Municipal Government of Carmona is the first in the Province Cavite to conduct a simulation for the COVID-19 vaccine roll-out on January 29, 2021, at the Carmona Community Center (C3), Barangay Cabilang Baybay.

The said location, which is the designated main COVID-19 vacci-

nation site, is divided into six sections, namely: (1) waiting Area; (2) registration area; (3) pre-vaccination, counseling, and final consent area; (4) screening area; (5) vaccination area; and (6) post-vaccination monitoring area.

An Advocacy Center was also established at the C3, which is incharge in the production and dissemination of information, education, and communication (IEC) materials that will promote the importance of COVID-19

vaccination to the community.

Aside from the Carmona Community Center, satellite locations will also be established in Barangay Bancal and Lantic.

A COVID-19 Data Management Unit located at the Katsumi Onda area, Carmona Municipal Hall was also set up by the Municipal Information Technology Unit for the collating and safekeeping of COVID-19 vaccine recipients' information. Moreover, the Municipal Health Office had finished its preparation of the cold storage facility for COVID-19 vaccines, located within its premises.

The simulation activity was led by Municipal Mayor Roy Loyola, Congresswoman Dahlia Loyola, Vice



Mayor Cesar Ines Jr., members of the Sangguniang Bayan, and the Municipal Health Office led by Dr. Homer Aguinaldo.

On January 28, 2020, the COVID-19 Vaccination Awareness Campaign officially kicked off in Carmona. More than 230 individuals from different sectors attended the program held at the Carmona Town Plaza and participated in Dr. Aguinaldo's presentation of the Local Government's COVID-19 Vaccination Long-Term Plan.

Both events strictly followed minimum public health standards.

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