

# Cayetano reaches out to Caviteños in Imus and Kawit



Former Speaker Alan Peter Cayetano visit the province of Cavite once again on Thursday, March 4, this time giving away P10,000 cash assistance to 20 beneficiaries of the proposed 10K Ayuda Bill from the City of Imus and the Municipality of Kawit.

A total of 10 beneficiaries from Imus and 10 from Kawit was given P10,000 as part of Cayetano's push for the immediate passage of House Bill No. 8597, more popularly known as the 10K Ayuda Bill. **CONTINUE ON PAGE 2**

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# EDITORIAL:

## No laughing matter

“We did not need the President to be sad; we needed him to be angry.”

If the results were not so lethal and the risks to the public so real, the shootout between cops and state narcotics agents on Feb. 24 would have been almost laughable.

But the firefight claimed the lives of two members of the Philippine National Police (PNP), an agent of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) and an informant. Several others from both sides were wounded.

Inexplicably, the law enforcement agents from both sides saw fit to shoot it out in the parking lot of a busy McDonald’s outlet past 6 p.m., at a major intersection along Commonwealth Avenue in Quezon City.

Footage of the shootout taken by witnesses on their cell phones showed heavily armed men and women in shorts and slippers, who turned out to be

undercover anti-narcotics officers.

One video showed armed men and women already at the parking lot of the McDonald’s outlet, while a man lay prone near a motorcycle.

An armed man was also seen hiding at a gasoline station in front of the parking lot, as tricycle drivers cowered in fear.

Under the overpass that traverses Commonwealth Avenue, an armed man was spotted with his foot on another person lying prone, as another armed man joined them.

Minutes afterward, more men also wearing shorts and slippers arrived carrying different kinds of firearms.

Thankfully, no civilians were hurt, although there were bullet holes in some of the vehicles parked at the restaurant. The 20-minute exchange of gunfire also triggered panic in the nearby mall.

Police sought to play down the incident.

The Metro Manila police chief said it was “very unfortunate that a misencounter happened on both sides,” saying this was not the first time such an incident has happened.

The Palace later issued a statement saying President Duterte was “saddened” by the encounter.

“The President, of course, expressed both sadness and concern, on why it happened that both forces of

the government got into a gunfight,” his spokesman, speaking in a mix of English and Filipino, said.

He promised an impartial probe and assured the public that “justice will be done.”

This wasn’t the response the country needed.

We did not need the President to be sad, we needed him to be angry—angry at the incompetence the shootout highlighted and at the wanton disregard for public safety that the police and the PDEA exhibited. We needed the President to act like a leader, and demand better from his subordinates in law enforcement, who for far too long have got away with stupid and insensitive, and even corrupt actions because they knew their boss had a soft spot in his heart for men in uniform.

Senator Panfilo Lacson, who often sides with the President, described the situation succinctly when he said the administration’s “war on drugs” was a failure.

“Let us not pretend anymore, the drug war really failed because the drugs are still there,” Lacson said in a radio interview.

Given the death of thousands upon thousands of Filipinos in that bloody war—including the four killed in last week’s inexcusable shootout—this is surely no laughing matter.

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## Cayetano...

The 10K Ayuda Bill aims to distribute P10,000 cash to every Filipino family (or P1,500 cash per family member, whichever is higher) so they can afford to buy their immediate needs such as food, water, and housing while waiting for the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Although Congress has yet to act on the 10K Ayuda Bill, Cayetano and his allies have begun distributing P10,000 cash assistance out of their own resources to selected areas.

Cayetano had earlier said the 10K Ayuda Bill would not be a simple dole-out but would also work as a stimulus package as the money circulates in the economy.

Meanwhile, Cayetano also meet barangay health workers (BHWs), barangay nutrition scholars (BNS), day care teachers, and members of tricycle operators and drivers associations (TODA).

As part of Cayetano’s “Bayanihan Caravan,” he handled over grocery packs to around 550 BHWs from Imus at the Our Lady of Pilar Seminary to say “thank you” for sacrificing their time and risking their health to serve their fellow Caviteños.

Cong. Cayetano was joined by Taguig 2nd District Rep. Lani Cayetano, Cavite 3rd District Rep. Alex Advincula, Mayor Emmanuel Maliksi, and Cavite 6th District Rep. Jonjon Ferrer IV.

Afterwards, Cayetano and his team head to the Toclong Covered Court in Kawit to distribute grocery packs to around 106 BHWs and 94 BNS and day care teachers from the Aguineldo Elementary School, and to around 200 TODA members who lost their jobs during the pandemic.

He also joined by Cavite 1st District Rep. Francis Gerald Abaya, Cavite 3rd District Rep. Alex Advincula, and Cavite 6th District Rep. Jonjon Ferrer IV.

He also said on his speech that this is part of his commitment to making sure the Filipino people get the best service from the government. (PR)

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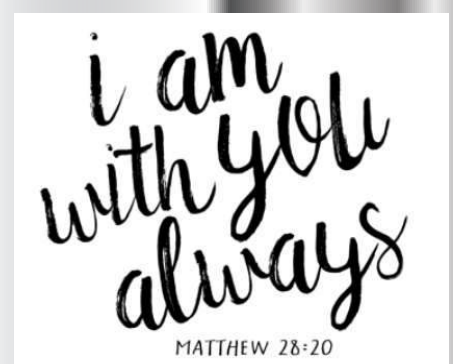
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Photo shows Former House Speaker Cong. Allan Peter Cayetano of Taguig City is joined by Cavite 3rd District Rep. Alex Advincula, Cavite 1st District Rep. Francis Gerald Abaya and Cavite 6th District Rep. Jonjon Ferrer IV during the distributing of grocery packs to some 106 barangay health workers (BHWs), and 94 barangay nutrition scholars (BNS) of Kawit held on the Aguineldo Elementary School recently. Aside from the food packs, the group of Cong. Allan give some P10,000 cash assistance to 10 selected beneficiaries of the proposed 10K Ayuda Bill in the Congress. (WEBSTER ACE PAGINAG)



**BOC...**

Customs Commissioner Rey Leonardo Guerrero has said that the 10-point priority program of the Bureau of Customs (BOC) in 2021 will focus on the implementation of the customs modernization program and other related projects to improve its delivery of services to its stakeholders.

In a report to Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III, Guerrero said these related priority initiatives include the: intensification of post clearance audit and post modification; the onboarding of 15 agencies to the National Single Window (NSW); full implementation of the Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) Program; and promotion and application of the Advance Ruling Program.

Also on the BOC's priority list, said Guerrero, are the pursuit of integrity development and quality management; strengthening of port surveillance, marine interdiction, and water patrol capability; enhancement of Customs facilities and warehouses management; streamlining of export clearance process; and simplification of informal entry pro-

cessing.

"Your plans for next year are all very sound and I am sure that you will achieve even more as we go forward. You can count on our 100-percent support," Dominguez told Guerrero.

Guerrero said the BOC will step up its post clearance audit and post modification capacity this year to check and verify the compliance of importers to customs laws and regulations through computer-aided mechanisms and improved guidelines and procedures.

This year, the BOC will promote the use of the NSW among stakeholders and will work on the onboarding of 15 additional regulatory agencies to participate in this internet-based system on facilitating export- and import-related requirements, Guerrero said.

He said the BOC will fully implement its AEO Program in 2021 by creating an online portal for AEOs and drafting the necessary customs order for this project.

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AEOs can enjoy several trade facilitation benefits which include, expedited processing and release of shipments, priority processing by customs particularly, and mutual recognition of AEO status by Customs authorities," Guerrero said.

The BOC will also highlight the application of its electronic Advance Ruling System this year as it provides consistency to the assessment of a good's value, and adds certainty and predictability to international trade, he said.

Guerrero said the BOC will continue to instill good governance, professionalism and integrity in the agency and its personnel through integrity development this year.

"Moreover, the Bureau will continue to align its Offices with ISO certification standards to demonstrate our ability to consistently provide quality service that meets customer and regulatory requirements," he said.

The BOC will continue to strengthen its port surveillance, marine interdiction and water patrol capability in 2021 by "increasing police manpower, conducting series of marine interdiction for capacity building and providing modern equipment to heighten border control capabilities and prevent the entry of illegal commodities," Guerrero said.

In improving customs facilities and warehouses management, he said the BOC will exercise full authority to enhance its management over these facilities across the country and use digital tools to protect government revenues.

This year, Guerrero said the BOC will simplify its informal entry process through automation and streamline its export clearance procedures by using computerized systems and modern techniques in the processing of export declarations, issuance of certificates of origin and proof of origin.

"In addition, the BOC will establish a comprehensive reporting and monitoring system for all export transactions," he said.

**COURT ...**

The Court of Appeals (CA) has affirmed the dismissal from the government service of a customs operations officer found liable for serious dishonesty in making false declarations in her annual Statements of Assets, Liabilities and Networth (SALNs).

Miriam Casurayan, a Customs Operations Officer III in the BOC, was found liable by the appellate court of failure to declare ownership of a house and lot in her SALNs for seven times. The court's decision dated October 23, 2020, was based on an investigation done by the Revenue Integrity Protection Service (RIPS), which is the anti-corruption arm of the Department of Finance (DOF).

Finance Undersecretary for legal affairs Bayani Agabin said the DOF and the Bureau of Customs (BOC) will swiftly implement the CA decision, in step with President Duterte's heightened campaign against official corruption.

The DOF-RIPS found out that Casurayan purchased a property located in San Jose Del Monte, Bulacan in 1998, but deliberately omitted declaring it in her subsequent SALNs. The DOF-RIPS then filed a case against Casurayan before the Office of the Ombudsman based on these findings, but the complaint was dismissed.

On appeal by the DOF-RIPs before the CA, the court's Eighth Division ruled that Casurayan's failure to declare the Bulacan property in her SALN not only once but for seven years that she was in the service, was a deliberate omission.

The CA, citing the case of Fajardo vs Corral, said in its decision dated Oct. 23, 2020, that "Dishonesty is defined as the concealment or distortion of truth, which shows lack of integrity or a disposition to defraud, cheat, deceive, or betray, or intent to violate the truth. Thus, the mere omission from or misdeclaration in one's SALN does not per se constitute Dishonesty. Only when such omission or misdeclaration is attended by malicious intent to conceal the truth can it be said to constitute

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Dishonesty.

Aside from dismissing her from the service, the court also ordered the cancellation of Casayuran's civil service eligibility, her disqualification from taking civil service examinations, forfeiture of her retirement benefits and perpetual disqualification from holding public office.

The CA ruling was received by the DOF-RIPS on January 11, 2021.

"As a government employee, it is incumbent upon Casayuran to provide truthful disclosures in her SALNs. As discussed by the Honorable Court in its decision, the full disclosure of one's wealth in SALNs is a means of preventing and curtailing corruption and maintaining a standard of honesty in the public service," said Agabin, who supervises the DOF-RIPS.

The DOF-RIPS earlier launched the Information Against Corruption page which can be accessed using the URL <https://www.dof.gov.ph/report-corruption>. The move is in support of President Duterte's more intensified drive against graft and corruption during the remainder of his term.

Informants may submit evidence through this "Sumbong" page showing properties or lifestyles grossly disproportional to the pay levels of officials and employees of the DOF and its attached agencies.

The DOF-RIPS has initiated investigations against 403 officials and employees of the DOF and its attached agencies since President Duterte took office in 2016.

Its anti-corruption probes have led to the filing of administrative and/or criminal cases against 60 errant public officers, of which 14 have already been dismissed from the service.

Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III has ordered the DOF-RIPS to coordinate with the Task Force Against Corruption led by the Department of Justice (DOJ) to discuss how the two departments can work together in weeding out graft and corruption in the bureaucracy. (PR)

**ERRATUM**

This is to correct the error made in the publication of Amended Notice of Extra-Judicial Sale filed by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (HDMF) versus MARY JUNE A. ROSAL married to JOSEPH T. ROSAL published in Dateline Weekly Newspapers dated January 18, 25 & Feb. 01, 2021. In the Mortgagor name SPOUSES should be deleted, in the tech. terms 2nd line, it should be read as LOT 452-G PSD-04-042111-06899 and BEING A PORTION OF LOT should be DELETED and not as published.

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**P750 million ...**

The Cavite provincial government has allotted P750 million for the procurement of COVID-19 vaccines for its more than 1.5 million residents, Gov. Jonvic Remulla said in a Facebook post on Monday.

Remulla said provincial officials had started talks with British-Swedish pharmaceutical company AstraZeneca over its COVID-19 vaccine, which would be for those aged 18 to 59 years old.

"Astra Zeneca is proven 60-91% effective in preventing COVID-19," Remulla said in his post.

According to him, they are waiting for a response from American pharmaceutical firms Moderna and Pfizer about buying vaccines suitable for senior citizens — that is, those aged 60 and above.

Previously, Health Secretary Francisco Duque III said that the arrival of AstraZeneca vaccines might be delayed for about a week due to supply problems.

However, the initial batch of

AstraZeneca vaccines came from the first round of allocated doses from the COVID-19 Vaccines Global Access (COVAX) facility. This would include 525,600 doses of COVID-19 vaccines.

Other vaccines that local government units procured separately from the national government will come later.

The Philippines started vaccinating government health workers and other frontliners on Monday, a day after the arrival of the Chinese government-donated COVID-19 vaccines from Sinovac Biotech.

Among the first to get inoculated were Philippine General Hospital Director Dr. Gerardo Legaspi, Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Director-General Eric Domingo, and Metropolitan Manila Development Authority Chairman Benhur Abalos.

The government aims to vaccinate 70 million Filipinos in a bid to achieve herd immunity — that is, when a big enough percentage of the population becomes immune from the virus, either through vaccination or prior infection. (INQ.NET)

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ARISTON R. MARTIJA,  
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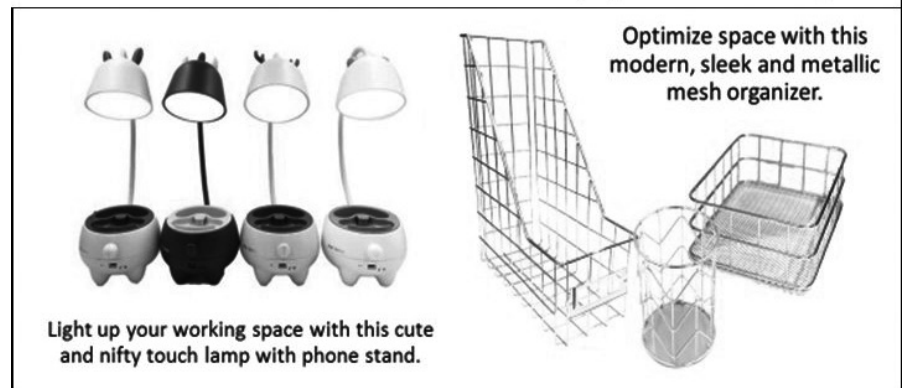


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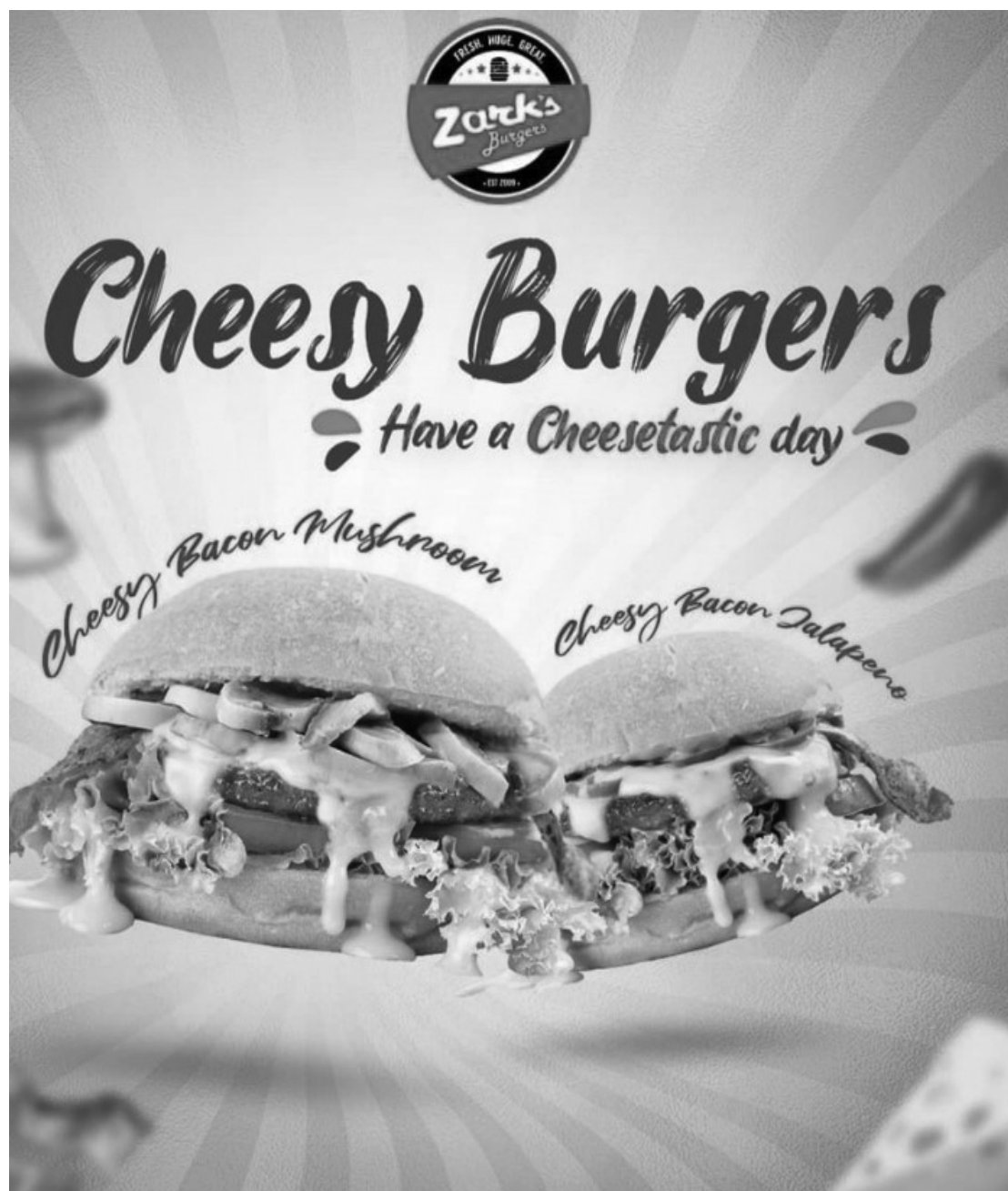
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## 487,200 doses of European Pharma's AstraZeneca vaccines arrive in the PH

President Rodrigo Duterte welcomed the first batch of vaccines from the COVAX facility which arrived on Thursday night from Belgium.

With the arrival of 487,200 doses of AstraZeneca vaccines from COVAX facility, the government targets to inoculate all health care workers nationwide from March through early April of this year.

Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr., National Task Force against COVID-19 chief implementer and vaccine czar said that the first tranche of the vaccine doses committed by the COVAX facility to the country for the first quarter has been specifically allocated for senior citizen medical frontliners and healthcare workers.

"Ang target po natin, as soon as possible, kailangan mabakunahan po natin ang ating mga health care workers kasi 'yun po ang directive ng ating mahal na Pangulo, na kailangan protektado po sila," he said.

To date, 32 hospitals throughout the country have started their vaccine roll-out including health facilities in Region IV-A and Cebu. Around 200,000 Sinovac vaccine doses have been deployed in Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao.

According to Galvez, roughly 10,000 health care workers have already been inoculated and the government targets to deploy all 600,000 doses of Sinovac vaccines within the week in order to inoculate 70 to 80 percent of all health care workers within the month.

Meanwhile, one million doses of Sinovac vaccines are expected to arrive in the third week of March 2021. (NTF Against COVID-19)



# CARD MRI Hijos Tours launches first Virtual Food Tour

While tourism remains to be one of the industries most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, a glimmer of hope can be seen as the Department of Tourism (DOT) continues to support Laguna's tourism sector, promoting it as a "fun, safe, and sustainable tourist destination." CARD MRI Hijos Tours, for example, gets the nod of DOT as the San Pablo-based tour company in Laguna continually creates fun virtual tour programs that let the adventurous explore the country without travelling.

One of its programs allows food vloggers, culinary students, and food lovers to enjoy "a real time fun experience" in the comforts of their home, through CARD MRI Hijos Tours' Virtual Food Tour.

The first Virtual Food Tour will jumpstart on February 27, 2021 which will include discussions on the history of San Pablo City's traditional dishes and delicacies like fern salad (ensaladang pako) and grilled tilapia, and Pancit Kalabuko or noodles made out of mushroom with squash (kalabasa) and coconut (buko).

The Virtual Food Tour will also include a pre-recorded food demo of suman, a Filipino rice cake, that will allow subscribers to cook and prepare these traditional specialties alongside members of CARD.

Food enthusiasts may subscribe to the Virtual Food Tour by purchasing a Food Box (Php1,999) that includes some of the key ingredients in making these traditional specialties like the malagkit or glutinous rice for suman and the mushroom noodles for the Pancit Kalabuko. The Food Box also contains products that can be best paired with these special

Filipino food like Coco Sugar, Coco Jam, and Kapeng Barako to complement the suman delicacy.

### Stories of Heritage and Hope

"The Virtual Food Tour is a way for us to learn more about history, stories of the past," said CARD MRI Hijos Tours President Marilyn M. Manila. According to Manila, one of the goals of the Virtual Food Tour is to share heritage stories of both food and families how they passed down recipes through generations and how important it is to be stewards of one's resources.

The Virtual Food Tour also aims to help communities recover from the effects of the pandemic as Hijos Tours sources the contents of the Food Box from their suppliers who are CARD clients. "With every bite of these delicious delicacies, we support the livelihood of our clients," Manila added.

Subscribers of the Virtual Food Tour will not only learn about the culture, history, and tradition of San Pablo City, Laguna but will also be able to support communities through its activities and help food become "the new destination". (PR)

*Hijos de Siete Lagos Food Box contains ingredients used for virtual cooking demo as well as other local products from CARD clients.*



Discover the history and culture San Pablo City's delicacies and specialties through Hijos de SieteLagos Food Box.

# SM City Santa Rosa Security Guard recognized by Mayor Arcillas for Heroic Deed



Santa Rosa City – SM Security Mall guard SG Juverson Leynes Junio of Unicorn Security Agency was recognized this week by Santa Rosa City Mayor Arlene Arcillas with a Commendation award held during a Flag raising ceremony in the Santa Rosa City Hall. SG Junio was given commendation for his role in with the apprehension of a "helmet burglar" suspect. The incident happened last February 14th where in SG Leynes went above and beyond and assisted in the pursuit of the fleeing suspect that led to its arrest.

Mall Guards like SG Junio is truly remarkable and his attentiveness and quick action is important in keeping the mall safe for everyone, his professionalism and commitment to public service is truly worthy of emulation for others to follow. Good Job Sir!

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### Volunteered to be vaccinated to enhance PH vaccination program

Senator Win Gatchalian has volunteered to be vaccinated with jabs of CoronaVac, manufactured by Beijing-based biopharmaceutical company Sinovac, if allowed under the government's prioritization framework for the nationwide immunization campaign to combat the coronavirus.

"Alam ko may prioritization tayo ngayon. Kung hindi naman lalabag dito, I would volunteer to be vaccinated by Sinovac. This is to show to the public our support to the vaccination program," Gatchalian said.

The senator said he sent word to the National Policy Against COVID-19 chief implementer and vaccine czar Sec. Carlito Galvez Jr. over the weekend of his willingness to participate in the national vaccination program to help address the high vaccine hesitancy in the country.

This is also to disprove the notion that some politicians want to be vaccinated with the brand of their choice and with an efficacy rate higher than CoronaVac, Gatchalian said.

"What's more important to me is the seal of approval of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). If it's approved by the FDA, which went through tedious analysis prior to the grant of authorization for emergency use, I'm okay with it. I'm okay with any brand of anti-COVID-19 vaccine. I'm not brand conscious. I put my trust in the FDA," the senator said.

The FDA earlier recommended against the use of CoronaVac on health workers as its efficacy rate stands at 50.4%, which makes it not the best vaccine to be given to medical frontliners who are exposed to COVID-19 patients. Senior citizens were not also advised by the FDA to use the said vaccine.

Prior to Monday's immunization drive, a survey conducted from January 26 to February 1, 2021 by the Octa Research Group showed that only 19 percent of Filipinos are willing to have themselves vaccinated while 46 percent would not want to be inoculated and 35 percent are still undecided.

Gatchalian, however, expressed optimism saying that the coming days will likely show a significant increase in the number of recipients of CoronaVac.

"Maraming hesitant dahil bago itong vaccine. Kaya importante dito ang confidence building na dapat pangunahan ng mga opisyal ng gobyerno, well-known personalities, at kahit mga elected officials kagaya ng ginawa ni Indonesian President Joko Widodo at Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam," he said.



**BOTIKA ON WHEELS CONTINUES IN SILANG:** The Provincial Government's Botika on Wheels program remains steadfast in providing basic medical supplies on February 23-24, 2021, this time in Barangays Biga 1, Biga 2, San Vicente 1, San Vicente 2, Biluso, Adlas, Sabutan, Balite 1, Ulat, Lumil, Paligawan, Pulong Bunga, Pulong Saging and Hoyo. One thousand one hundred sixty-eight (1,168) senior citizens were given prescribed maintenance medicines, while a total of 2,800 children received vitamins and insect repellent lotion during the event. Mayor Corie Poblete together with BM Ivey Reyes, Vice Mayor Aidel Belamide, Counselors Matt Toledo and Isang Bagsak Doneza, Punong Barangays and Health Workers of the said barangays accompanied the BOW team in delivering the medicines at their doorsteps. (PICAD)

## IATF to utilize DOST's

S-PaSS app for travelers The Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases has adopted the Safe, Swift, and Smart Passage (S-PaSS) Travel Management System developed by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Region VI and will now be institutionalized as the one-stop-shop application/communication for travelers. This is in light of the approval by the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) on 26 February 2021 of the uniform travel protocols for all local government units (LGUs). On the other hand, the StaySafe.ph System shall be utilized as the primary contact tracing system by the government. Moreover, other existing contact tracing applications, such as Traze App, must be integrated with the StaySafe.ph System. The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) crafted the uniform travel protocols for land, air and sea, in close coordination with the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines, League of Provinces of the Philippines, League

of Municipalities of the Philippines, and the League of Cities of the Philippines. The S-PaSS, developed by DOST VI initially as a travel management system, was primarily intended to make a hassle-free journey for Locally Stranded Individuals (LSIs), Returning Overseas Filipinos (ROFs), Emergency Travelers (ETs), and other travelers during this pandemic. The S-PaSS is also meant to benefit not only the travelers but also the authorities to properly monitor the movement of people in different locations in the effort to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. This is a convenient and safe way for travelers to apply for Travel Authority (TA) online, without the hassle of long queues, before visiting their local police station where the QR Code can be used to view one's TA, to register at designated monitoring locations, and track one's travel history.

For the part of the Philippine National Police, this will be an easier, faster and integrated process of issuing Travel Authority that can quickly generate real-time reports. In the case of Local Government Units & Monitoring Agencies, the system will allow real-time monitoring of incoming travelers and provide convenient tracking of travelers by setting up designated monitoring locations and likewise quickly generate real-time reports. This innovative system has a local mobility feature that replaces the use of pen-and-paper or logbooks. It can also be used to document and monitor border crossings in LGUs. The travelers will be monitored by scanning their unique S-PaSS QR Code every time they visit an establishment and offices. The system will then automatically record information on its eLog-Book for recording and monitoring purposes. Together with the use of S-PaSS, authorities shall still continue to strictly implement the minimum public health standards, such as physical distancing, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, and wearing of face masks and face shields across all settings. Clinical and exposure assessment shall be strictly implemented in all ports of entry and exit while health assessment of passengers, supervised by medical doctors, shall be mandatory upon entry in the port/terminal and exit at point of destination. The DILG, Department of Health (DOH), Department of Tourism (DOT), Department of Transportation (DOTr), the DOST and the Philippine National Police (PNP), as well as the LGUs, shall together ensure the smooth implementation of these protocols.

## Surallah farmers coop gets mobile rice mill from DAR

Rice farmers in Surallah town in South Cotabato received a much needed boost from the government through the provision of a Mobile Rice Mill.

Members of Malay Communal Irrigator's Association Inc. (MCIA) in Brgy. Duengas received the machinery worth P250,000 from the Department of Agrarian Reform in a simple ceremony earlier this week.

Ma. Theresa Quimsing, Surallah – Municipal Agrarian Reform Officer, said that the equipment grant is part of DAR's Climate Resilient Farm Productivity Support Project (CRFPSP).

Through CRFPSP, DAR provides Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Organization (ARBO) with assistance to sustain their agricultural productivity being the primary means of livelihood in agrarian communities as an adaptation towards resiliency and effects of climate

change.

"Thank you for your cooperation and please take good care of the mobile rice mill and ensure to maintain and sustain its operation," Quimsing said.

Aside from providing the machinery, DAR will also continue to assist and monitor the beneficiaries especially in the preparation of Policy, System and Procedure (PSP) of the mobile rice mill.

In response, Gerimo Bugante, President of MCIA, said it is "a dream turned reality" as the machinery is indeed a big help for their members.

CRFPSP implements the provision of farm machineries aimed to improve farm productivity and the earning capabilities of ARBs in a sustainable manner through their organizations. (ORVR)

# DILG: PNP Travel Authority and medical certificate no longer required for travel

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) today confirmed that the travel authority from the PNP and the medical certificate from the LGU health office are no longer required for travel after the IATF-MEID approved the harmonized national travel protocols for land, air, and sea recommended by the department.

DILG Undersecretary and Spokesperson Jonathan Malaya said that the Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID) issued Resolution No. 101 on Friday approving the streamlined travel protocols crafted by the DILG in coordination with the Philippine National Police, Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines, League of Provinces of the Philippines, League of Municipalities of the Philippines, and the League of Cities of the Philippines.

He said that the new protocols are applicable to all LGUs across the country and he enjoined all LGUs to comply with the new regulations issued by the IATF.

He also said that COVID-19 testing shall not be mandatory for domestic travelers except if the LGU of destination will require testing as a requirement prior to travel. "If the LGU of destination requires a test, it shall only require a Reverse-Transcription - Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) test and no other. Meaning, LGUs cannot require Antigen tests or rapid tests as test requirements prior to travel," he said.

He advised all travelers to check with their LGU of destination before travelling to ensure a smooth trip.

Malaya also said that under the new protocols approved by the IATF, no traveler shall be required to undergo facility-based quarantine unless they exhibit symptoms upon arrival at the LGU of destination.

"Therefore, the health assessment of passengers or travelers supervised by medical professionals shall be mandatory upon entry in the port/terminal and exit at point of destination," he said.

He said that all LGUs, regardless if they require PCR tests or not, shall conduct clinical and exposure assessment at all points of entry and exit to ensure that only asymptomatic, non-close contact individuals are allowed to travel or move from one LGU to another.

Malaya emphasized that with the travel regulations harmonized, minimum public health standards which include physical distancing, hand hygiene, cough etiquette and wearing of face masks and face shields, among others, shall be strictly implemented by the PNP and local authorities.

Those Authorized Persons Outside of Residence (APORs) from national government agencies and attached agencies shall provide their identification card, travel order, and travel itinerary, and must pass symptom-screening at ports of entry and exit pursuant to IATF Resolution No. 98-A issued on February 4, 2021.

"Pero kahit lumuwag ang travel protocols, paa-lala po sa travelers na pinapatupad pa rin ang minimum public health standards. Maging disiplinado pa rin po sa pagsunod sa physical distancing, hand hygiene, cough etiquette at pagsuot ng face masks at face shields. Disiplina muna para sa ligtas na biyahe," he said.

For ports and terminals, on the other hand, all must have assigned sufficient quarantine facilities. A referral system must be in place wherein travelers who become symptomatic shall be transferred to quarantine or isolation facilities to enable the Bureau of Quarantine

for airports, or local health officials in case of LGUs, to take over.

For the National Capital Region, all buses bound for provinces shall be required to use the Integrated Terminal Exchange as the central hub for transportation. No bus company or public transport shall be allowed to use their private terminals.

LGUs, at their option, may provide transportation for all travelers who are transiting from one LGU to another in cases of arrivals at air and seaports to their end-point destinations.

S-PaSS Travel Management System

In line with these developments, Malaya said that when it comes to communication technology services, the Safe, Swift, and Smart Passage (S-PaSS) Travel Management System of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) shall be institutionalized as the one-stop-shop application or communication for travelers.

He said that a focal person from the province with respect to their municipalities and component cities, and from highly urbanized cities (HUCs) and independent component cities (ICCs) will be assigned.

"To complement the S-PaSS, we are also encouraging the public to install the mobile application StaySafe.ph. It shall be utilized as the primary contact tracing system," Malaya said

"The work of contact tracers of the DILG field offices and LGUs is complemented by technology. I urge travelers and the public, in general, to use the StaySafe.ph app in their mobile phones as our way of contributing to beating COVID-19 so we may smoothly transition to a safe new normal," Malaya said. (DILG.GOV)

## Cavite Province pays respect to former Gov. Ayong Maliksi



The untimely passing of former Provincial Chief Executive Erineo 'Ayong' Maliksi last February 24, 2021 saddened the people of the province particularly those who had known him and grew up during his heyday in politics.

Governor Jonvic Remulla ordered to raise the national flag in the provincial capitol grounds in half mast this week, as a sign of respect to his predecessor. "On behalf of the people serving the Capitol, the Remulla family and the Province of Cavite, I would like to extend my condolences to the Maliksi family for the loss of their beloved patriarch Erineo 'Ayong' Maliksi," said Remulla.

He acknowledged the contributions of the former governor who served the province in various political positions for almost 40 years, beginning with his Imus City Vice-Mayoral position for a term in 1980-1986,

two terms as Imus City Mayor from 1986 -1998, represented the 2nd District of Cavite in 1998 - 2001 and in 2010-2013, and best of all as the Provincial Governor from 2001-2010

Gov. Jonvic described Gov. Maliksi as a 'giant in his generation' recalling that both his father, Gov. Johnny Remulla, and Gov. Maliksi were political allies, with their vision and dreams for Cavite province serving as foundation and lay-out of the (provincial development plan) developmental transformation being carried out today.

Teresa C. Araneta, a good friend and colleague of the former governor recalled how 'Ayong' envisioned the future of the province to relieve the roads from traffic congestion thru an extension of the train system. He spoke to the experts and poked on concerned national offices to push this project but all the paperworks sat underneath all the new projects as soon as a new administration set foot in the Presidential office.

Nevertheless, that vision is almost realized now with the ongoing construction of the LRT-1 Cavite extension, which will end at the Niog station in Bacoor City.

"Pagdating ng panahon na kayo ay sasakay sa LRTA at nakarating ng maayos at mabilis sa inyong pupuntahan o sa inyong pag-uwi sa inyong pamilya, palagi niyong iisipin na yan ay dahil kay Ayong Maliksi," said Araneta to the Caviteños.

(When the time comes when you take the LRTA and arrive safely and quickly at your destination or on your way home to your family, you will always think that it is because of Ayong Maliksi.)

Likewise, grateful Caviteños who were able to pursue their studies thru the scholarship grants from the Provincial Government during Ayong's administration and now are successful in their careers expressed, their sadness for the demise of the former governor

Though they may not have met him personally, they felt his sincerity and generosity in his message which inspired them to go after their dreams and not let poverty, or the lack of means, to stop them from pursuing a better life.

Meanwhile, Cavite LGU heads, government

legislators and politicians visited the wake of the former governor at their Villa Emilia Farm in Malagasang 1-A.

Also a close friend to the former governor, Senator Richard 'Dick' Gordon shared, "Three weeks before he passed, we were still exchanging hopes for our country and how we can be great again. He is a loss to Cavite."

At age 82, Governor Ayong Maliksi is survived by his wife Olivia and their son Imus City Mayor Emmanuel 'Manny' Maliksi, daughter-in-law Jelyn and three grandsons. (PIA)

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