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**EDITORIAL:**

**“Being distant from something does not discount its reality.”**

Being the capital of a country has its own privileges. Metro Manila, for instance, with its 16 cities and lone municipality, is easily seen as the center of government, education, commerce and culture.

More than 12 million people live in it and the number of inhabitants swell during the daytime, pandemic or not, because of those working in the National Capital Region but who are living in adjacent provinces. Most job opportunities are here, which is the reason many from the rural areas leave behind their homes and venture into the big city.

It follows that those of us who live here are accustomed to thinking that the things that concern us are the most important of all. Our problems, troubles, threats here in the capital are automatically the problems, troubles and threats of the rest of the country. Consequently, if something bad happens, no matter how grave or heartbreaking, in some remote place, we hardly ever pay attention.

It just feels that way, but that is hardly true.

How many disasters, for instance, in far-off

**Moving out of the center**

places have merited less of our attention and action just because we did not feel compelled enough by reason of distance? How many atrocities did not merit our indignation just because we felt we were safe where we were? How many occasions of abuse of power have gone unnoticed or unpunished because nobody cared enough to look harder?

We are conscious of this now as we learn about two recent examples of violence south of imperial Metro Manila.

Last Wednesday, a 33-year-old human rights lawyer was attacked by still-unknown assailants in Iloilo.

Angelo Karl Guillen, counsel for 16 members of the indigenous Tumandok who had been arrested for supposed links to communists and one of the lawyers challenging the anti-terror law before the Supreme Court, was stabbed in the temple using a 25-centimeter screwdriver, part of which was still embedded in his skull when he was taken to the hospital. His laptop and documents in his bag were also taken by his attackers. Guillen is now recovering from the attempt on his life.

And then just this Sunday, nine activists in coordinated raids in the four provinces of Cavite, La-

guna, Batangas and Rizal were killed in their homes or offices. The incident, carried out by the military and the police, has been thus termed as “Bloody Sunday.” The casualties have also been linked to communist groups.

It is understandable that our immediate concerns here would be staying clear of the dreaded virus which has just become more transmissible, keeping our livelihood and ensuring we have enough food on the table for our families during this difficult time.

But it would not take much out of us to step out of our familiar zones and imagine what life must be like for fellow Filipinos in these situations, while they are also facing poverty and the threat of the virus. Violence should never be an option against those with a different point of view.

Many similar attacks have happened, are happening, and are bound to happen. We may not even hear about some of them. It is always good to be mindful that being distant from something does not discount its reality. Nor does it lessen our responsibility to keep ourselves aware and take a position against violence, sadly often committed with impunity in our name.

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**DBP...**

The Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) returned successfully to the international debt capital market this month with the refinancing of its 10-year US\$300-million bonds that were priced at even tighter spreads over the United States (US) Treasuries than when these notes were first offered to global investors in 2011.

JP Morgan, who was among the joint lead managers and bookrunners of the offering, reported to Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III that the bond refinancing tightened DBP’s spread over the US Treasuries to T10+97.5 basis points, from T10 + 225 bps in 2011.

The DBP raised US\$300 million from its global bond offering in 2011. The DBP refinanced the notes,

which are set to mature on March 25 this year.

JP Morgan said DBP and the Philippine government were able to score “another big win” with the bond refinancing last March 2, “despite a volatile past week on the back of weaker equity markets and large US Treasury rate swings.”

DBP’s offering last March 2 was the first US dollar-denominated bond sale by a Philippine issuer and the first US dollar senior public bond issuance from a Southeast Asian bank this year.

It also marked DBP’s return to the international debt capital market since its previous bond issuance in 2011.

JP Morgan said the transaction saw strong demand from real money fund managers and achieved a

27.5 bps revision from the initial price guidance.

“While investors had initially exhibited price sensitivity due to the volatility in rates, the transaction was eventually priced at T+97.5 bps to yield 2.421 percent, which represents a premium of approximately 32.5 bps over the implied fair value of the Philippine sovereign at the time of issuance,” JP Morgan said.

DBP’s spread over the implied fair value of ROP (Republic of the Philippines) bonds was 95 bps in 2011.

JP Morgan said DBP “was able to time the market and capitalize on the stronger market backdrop” to launch its global roadshow on March 1 and subsequently price a successful transaction the following day. (PR)

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### To DepEd on face-to-face classes: Provide epidemiological data to determine risk of schools

Instead of simply relying on an area's quarantine classification in choosing sites for the pilot tests of limited localized face-to-face classes, Senator Win Gatchalian said that the Department of Education (DepEd) should provide science-based criteria or epidemiological measurements such as the number of active COVID-19 cases, positivity rates, and transmission rates.

"It's not only the quarantine restrictions, but you have to go much more granular in terms of location and the matrices that should be used in terms of assessing risk. So I would recommend that you go deeper beyond the quarantine level, use scientific and public health-based matrices, and create a 'heat map' for a better risk assessment," said the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Basic Education, Arts and Culture.

"Kumuha rin sana tayo ng mga eksperto o mga doktor sa epidemiology na magbibigay ng rekomendasyon sa DepEd para makita natin kung saan ang mga ligtas na lugar. Doon tayo pwedeng magkaroon ng pilot testing," he added.

Gatchalian cited the criteria of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in the mapping of pilot areas at the local government unit (LGU) level. Based on UNICEF's recommendations, an area should have less than 10 COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population in the past seven days. UNICEF also recommends pilot tests in areas with less than five percent positivity rates, while LGUs should have an active contact tracing and surveillance system.

Schools participating in the pilot tests should also have an inventory of Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) facilities. Aside from cleaning and disinfection facilities, the capacity to implement infection prevention and control should also be assessed at the school level. "The signal that superintendents might get is that as long as you are in an MGCQ area, it's all right to launch a pilot testing program. However, if you look at an MGCQ status, it has very general restrictions and it doesn't talk about the public health aspect of epidemiology," Gatchalian emphasized, adding that some highly-urbanized cities which tend to be dense are under MGCQ while having more than 100 active cases.

The lawmaker warned that without considering factors like the transmission and positivity rates, parents might not have the confidence to allow their children's participation in the pilot tests of face-to-face classes.

## Covid-19...

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Silang, Cavite: Gov. Juanito Victor Remulla Jr. is concerned on the rising daily cases of Covid-19 in the province as well as in Metro Manila.

On his social media account, the governor posted on Monday: "In the past days, in February, 2021, We used to have only nine to 15 cases a day in the whole province, now we are getting back to 60-130 cases per day."

Based on the Covid-19 bulletin released by the Provincial Information Office on March 7, Cavite has 21,129 total cases, 1,281 active cases with 94 new cases, 19,280 recovered patients and 571 deaths on record.

"There are fears that the new Covid strain from the United Kingdom, Brazil and South Africa has spread," Remulla said.

Yesterday, the Department of Health recorded a

## BIR..

The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) has launched its Mobile Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) Verifier app that lets taxpayers validate their TINs by simply typing relevant information on their smartphones.

BIR Deputy Commissioner Arnel Guballa said the mobile application is available on both the App Store for those with IOS-enabled smartphones, and on Google Play for Android smartphone users.

"The BIR Mobile TIN Verifier App is a service channel for taxpayers to send online TIN validation and TIN Inquiry using their mobile phones with real-time response from the concerned BIR Office," said Guballa in his report to Secretary Carlos Dominguez III during a recent Department of Finance (DOF) Executive Committee (Execom) meeting.

Guballa said the BIR launched the mobile app last January as part of the bureau's digital transformation program.

Revenue Memorandum Circular (RMC) No. 13-2021 was issued last month by BIR Commissioner Caesar Dulay to inform all internal revenue officers and employees of the availability of the TIN Verifier app, and instructed them to encourage taxpayers to download the app and disseminate information about this new BIR-developed digital tool.

"The development of the mobile application is one of the Bureau's efforts in its digital transformation by giving our taxpayers a convenient way and alternative in availing of the TIN validation service instead of going physically and queueing in the BIR district office," Dulay said in RMC 13-2021.

He said the BIR will continue to accept walk-in validation and inquiries about TINs in the bureau's district offices to serve taxpayers with no access to this mobile service.

Two years ago, the BIR warned the public against individuals selling unauthorized or fake TIN cards online.

It was able to apprehend several of these online sellers of fake TINs last year.

The new mobile TIN verifier app is expected to discourage the proliferation of such illegal activities as this digital tool requires the user to input relevant information before one can validate or inquire about a TIN.

The TIN Verifier requires the user to input his or her complete name, birthdate, address, civil status and spouse name, (if applicable) and take a selfie together with a valid government-issued ID before proceeding to use the application.

IFPB approves guidelines on Bangsamoro foreign grants, donations

The Intergovernmental Fiscal Policy Board (IFPB), created under the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL) to deal with revenue imbalances and fluctuations in the regional financial needs and revenue-raising capacity of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), has approved the guidelines on the acceptance of foreign grants and donations by the Bangsamoro government.

Finance Undersecretary Bayani Agabin said the guidelines issued by the IFPB are similar to the protocols provided under the law that other government agencies have to follow when receiving grants or donations.

Representatives from the Bangsamoro government and the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) held their first meeting last Jan. 26 to discuss the framework for the Shari'ah Supervisory Board.

The BOL provides for the establishment of the Shari'ah Supervisory Board and the promotion and development of Shari'ah compliant financial institutions in the BARMM.

As for the establishment of the BLGF regional office in the BARMM, the creation of 18 staff positions for this office was already approved by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), according to Agabin. (PR)

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ing grants or donations.

"The IFPB's goal in issuing the guidelines was to streamline the process for the Bangsamoro government in receiving grants and make it more efficient," Agabin said.

Co-chaired by Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III and BARMM Chief Minister Ahod Ebrahim, the Intergovernmental Fiscal Policy Board (IFPB) between the national and Bangsamoro governments approved the set of guidelines during its second meeting held on Feb. 5 last week.

The IFPB held its inaugural meeting on May 29 last year.

During the Feb. 5 meeting, Secretary Dominguez and BARMM Public Works Minister Eduard Guerra, who was Minister Ebrahim's representative, agreed that the Department of Finance (DOF) should be informed by the Bangsamoro government when initiating talks with potential foreign donors, so that the processing of grants can be done simultaneously with the national government.

Under IFPB's approved guidelines, the Bangsamoro Government shall coordinate closely with the DOF prior to the negotiation and signing of foreign grants "to facilitate issuances of request for Office of the President (OP) Approval or Special Authority."

Under the BOL (Republic Act No. 11054), the BARMM shall enjoy fiscal autonomy, and have the power to create its sources of revenues as provided under this law.

The BOL also provides that the Bangsamoro government shall exercise authority over grants and loans, without prejudice to the general supervision of the President of the Philippines, and that its acceptance of foreign grants shall be subject to the prior clearance and approval by the President or his authorized representative.

The guidelines on foreign grants to the BARMM shall take effect 15 days following the filing of its three copies with the Office of the National Administrative Register (ONAR) of the University of the Philippines (UP) Law Center.

During the Feb. 5 meeting, the IFPB also discussed the ongoing work being done by the BARMM Tax Study Group (TSG) and the establishment of the Shari'ah Supervisory Board in the BARMM, along with the creation of a regional office of the DOF-attached Bureau of Local Government Finance (BLGF) in the autonomous region.

Secretary Dominguez advised Minister Guerra to start with digitalizing the tax processes of the BARMM to ensure efficient revenue-generating operations and funding for its priority projects.

"If there's any more help you need from us on taxation, please let us know because this is so important. Without good taxation and a good collection agency, you cannot get anything done. Nice engine, but no gasoline," Secretary Dominguez told Minister Guerra.

Secretary Dominguez also instructed Finance Assistant Secretary Dakila Napao to track the timeline of the studies being done by the TSG and to align this task with the timeline of the parliamentary approval of the BARMM Revenue Code.

BARMM Deputy Minister Ubaida Pacasem, who is also the Minister of Finance and Budget and Management, informed the IFPB that the Bangsamoro government expects the proposed Revenue Code to be presented to its Cabinet in May and to the Parliament by this year's third quarter.

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In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **April 22, 2021** without further notice.

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**LAST BATCH OF BOW BENEFICIARIES IN SILANG:** On March 9, 2021, a total of 457 senior citizens and 1,200 children received their free medicines and insect repellent lotion from the provincial government's Botika on Wheels. They were the last batch of beneficiaries in the municipality of Silang coming from barangays Ipil 1 and 2, Narra 1, 2 and 3, and Yakal. BOW team were welcomed and accompanied by Mayor Corie Poblete, Vice Mayor Aidel Paul Belamide and 6th district Board Member Ivey Jane Reyes in delivering the medical supplies to target beneficiaries. To date, a total of 6,180 elderlies and 12, 648 children of the municipality benefitted from the medical outreach event. (PICAD)

# CAVITE TOURISM WORKERS BENEFIT FROM DOLE-DOT BAYANIHAN 2 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE



As of March 5, 2021, a total of 277 establishments comprising of 3,674 individuals were approved for COVID-19 Adjustment Measures Program (CAMP) of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and the Bayanihan II Financial Assistance of Department of Tourism (DOT). More tourism workers will benefit as the two agencies continue to accept applications.

Last March 2-5, 2021, the municipality of Carmona and the cities of Tagaytay and Trece Martires were identified as the Focused Tourism Destinations in the province by the Department of Tourism based on their 2019 Overnight Tourist Arrivals Report, being allocated with funds to benefit around 7,000 workers

in the tourism support services sector.

The municipality of Carmona recorded a total of 1,750 applications from their Tourism Alliance and Transport Operators and Drivers Association, which are currently being encoded in the DOLE registration system. Meanwhile in Tagaytay City, a total of 1,926 tourism workers from 125 tourism enterprises were accommodated during the joint assistance of DOLE and DOT on March 3-4, 2021 at the Tagaytay International Convention Center. Finally in Trece Martires City, the Bayanihan Team reached out to a total of 1,752 beneficiaries, mostly from the transport sector and tourism MSMEs, on March 5, 2021 at the Provincial Capitol Ceremonial Hall.

Aside from tourism workers, Community Based Tourism Organizations (CBTOs) in the province, such as Cafe Amadeo Development Cooperative, Alfonso Organic Farmers, Pawikan Patrollers and Palangue Agrarian Reform Cooperative in Naic, were also accepted to the financial assistance program.

The Provincial Government of Cavite, through its Provincial Tourism and Cultural Affairs Office and together with the local tourism officers, extended their support through information dissemination, coordination, and provision of venue, thereby contributing to the successful implementation of the program. (Rochelle D. Bawalan, Tourism Operations Officer II)

## LGUS . . .

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The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) on Tuesday reminded all local government units (LGUs) near the Taal Volcano Island to undertake necessary precautions due to the volcano's increased unrest.

"The NDRRMC is constantly monitoring the situation of Taal, and Our Regional DRRMC for CALABARZON (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal Quezon) has already reminded all LGUs around the volcano island to ensure readiness for any possibility," said NDRRMC deputy spokesperson Mark Cashean Timbal, in a message to reporters.

Preparations include the activation of evacuation sites and relief support.

"(These include) preparations for evacuation activities, evacuation centers, relief support, etc, (aside from) integrating Covid-19 (coronavirus disease 2019) protection protocols," Timbal said.

On Tuesday morning, the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) raised Alert Level 2 over the volcano which means eruption could still happen.

While evacuation is not recommended under this alert status, the public is advised against going to the Taal Volcano Island which is classified as a permanent danger zone.

The vicinities of the main crater and Daang Kastila fissure must also remain strictly off-limits to people. (PNA)

## SSS...

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billion in 2020, down by 7.1 percent from the previous year's collection of P220.38 billion and by 17 percent from its target of P246.83 billion.

The drop was the result of 1.5 million members unable to pay their contributions because of COVID-related job losses.

The SSS paid benefits amounting to P192.84 billion last year based on preliminary data. This was 2 percent below the P196.76 billion in benefit payments reported in 2019.

Operating expenses of the pension fund declined by 17.7 percent to P8.18 billion in 2020 from P9.93 billion in 2019.

For its digitalization efforts, the SSS reported a 140.8-percent increase in the electronic My.SSS registrations to 3.27 million in 2020 from 1.36 million transactions in 2019.

Also, 99.3 percent of transactions in 2020 were coursed through electronic channels, it said.

Last year, the SSS mandated the online filing and processing of salary and calamity loans, UIBs, sickness claims reimbursement for employers, applications for SSS number, sickness notification, maternity notification, filing of retirement benefit claim with electronic disbursement, and the enrollment of the disbursement account with PESONet and other digital payment

channels.

The SSS reported 7.38 million downloads of its SSS Mobile App last year, which represents a 221.2-percent increase from the 2.3 million downloads in 2019.

Last year, the SSS also helped process and generate disbursement files for approved applications under the Small Business Wage Subsidy Program (SBWS), which released a total of P45.61 billion in assistance to 3.1 million qualified workers as part of the government's COVID-19 response efforts.

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By virtue of Presidential Proclamation No. 115-A, the month of March was declared as Fire Prevention Month. Hence, the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), as the primary agency mandated to prevent and suppress destructive fires, strengthens its fire safety campaigns for a safer and more resilient community. The BFP partnered with SM Prime Holdings Inc. to promote community preparedness and resiliency to fire incidents.

BFP Laguna in partnership with SM City Calamba recently had an exhibit about firefighting, rescue and medical equipment, skills demonstration, and display of BFP uniforms and performances. This year's theme is "Sa Pag-iwas sa Sunog, Hindi ka Nag-iisa!"

The event was graced by Fire SUPT Emilio C. Langcay, Provincial Fire Director – BFP Laguna and SR INSP Marc Christopher Pila, Regional Chief Fire Safety Management Section.

F/SUPT Langcay (middle) together with SR INSP Pila (left) during the turnover of the certificate of appreciation to Ms. Rae Anne Maranan (right) Mall Manager - SM City Calamba



# MAKE THE SWITCH WITH WATSONS VITAMINS AND SUPPLEMENTS



Boost your immunity and strengthen your bones, teeth and muscle with Vitamin C + Zinc + Vitamin D in passion fruit flavor . . . support your nerve health while enjoying the orange flavor of B complex . . . see a more beautiful world with Bilberry Complex, which is perfect eye care for those who are always in front of laptops and mobile devices . . . reduce

acne, eczema, and help relieve symptoms of PMS, hot flashes, and breast pain with Evening Primrose, which boosts women's health.

These are just some of the exciting finds in the newest range of Watsons Vitamins and Supplements. Discover over 64 new products in various formats – tablets, capsules, softgels, and effervescent tablets for overall wellness, immunity building as well as beauty supplements. These quality yet affordable vitamins and supplements go through the meticulous Watsons Quality Assurance Process to meet FDA standards, making your daily health routines more convenient and enjoyable.

This comes at a time when it has become part of our daily routines to take precautionary measures



against COVID-19 as well as any other viruses that may be looming around us. Together with being proactive in eating healthier goods and maintaining a consistent workout routine, we must also make a habit of taking vitamins and supplements to further build and strengthen our immune system.

For those always on the go, Watsons offers 4 new variants of effervescent tablets that are fit for individuals who are always on the go. Just drop

a tablet to a glass of water and leave it to dissolve so you can enjoy a refreshing and fizzy way of taking your vitamins. Apart from Vitamin C + Zinc + Vitamin D and B Complex which we mentioned earlier, there is the Calcium + Vitamin D3 variant supports bone and joint health, and Watsons Vitamin C + Vitamin E + Glutathione which whitens, nourishes, and protects skin from UV damage.

There are other essential Watsons vitamins and supplements that might be helpful during this time. We earlier mentioned Evening Primrose for women's health and Bilberry Complex for eye health support. It might also be good to stock up on Glucosamine for joint health, B Complex Plus for nerve health and increased energy level, Omega-3 capsules which reduce risks of heart diseases, and MGX+ by Watsons, which has the anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties of mangosteen.

It's now time to make the switch. Support your immune health and boost overall wellness with Watsons vitamins

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No approved therapeutic claims.



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Food Supplement

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30 Capsules

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**EVENING PRIMROSE OIL 1400 mg**

Supports Women's Health

Food Supplement

**NO APPROVED THERAPEUTIC CLAIMS**

30 Softgels

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**GLUCOSAMINE 1500 mg**

Supports Bone & Joint Health

Food Supplement

**NO APPROVED THERAPEUTIC CLAIMS**

30 Tablets





**ALLIANCE OF LGU'S ALONG SAMAR BAYS AND CHANNELS (ALSBACH)**  
 BFAR Samar Provincial Fisheries Office  
 PLGU-Samar Provincial Fishery Office  
 Catbalogan City  
 6700 Samar, Philippines



**MANIFESTO OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 7853**

The Alliance of Local Government Units Along Samar Bays and Channels (ALSBACH) Incorporated, STRONGLY OPPOSED to the passing of HB 7853, allowing Commercial Fishing Boats to operate within the 10.1 to 15 kilometers distance from the shoreline of the City and Municipal Coastal Waters, a violation to Section 18, of RA 8550 as amended by RA 10654. Accordingly, the City and Municipal Coastal Waters shall be utilized by the marginal fisherfolk.

The City and Municipal Local Government Units are mandated by law to manage, protect and conserve fisheries and aquatic resources within their designated coastal waters for the benefit of the marginal and subsistence fisherfolks who are directly dependent on these resources.

The three (3) most highly productive and critical habitats such as the coral reefs, seagrass beds and mangroves are located within the City and Municipal Coastal Waters which are important in the life cycle of many marine organism including pelagic fishes to regenerate its population.

The Unified Fishery Ordinance of the Twelve (12) Municipalities and One (1) City under the Alliance of LGU's Along Samar Bays and Channels (ALSBACH) PROHIBITS the operation of active fishing gears and other such related activities in the City and Municipal Coastal Waters of Maqueda, Villareal, Laguimit Bays, San Juanico Strait, Zumarraga, Daram Channels and Samar Sea areas.

Signed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of February 2021, at Motiong, Samar, Philippines.

Hon. **RENATO T. CABAEL**  
 ALSBACH Chairman  
 Municipal Mayor - Motiong

**SSS releases P31.69-B calamity loans, P1.71-B unemployment benefits in 2020**

The Social Security System (SSS) released P31.69 billion in calamity loans for 2.12 million of its member-borrowers, and another P1.71 billion in unemployment insurance benefits (UIB) for 136,000 claimants last year in support of government efforts to mitigate the economic shock of the COVID-19 pandemic on wage earners.

In its report to Finance Secretary and Social Security Commission (SSC) chairman Carlos Dominguez III, the SSS said it also released P30.47 billion in salary loans for 1.28 million members, and extended pension loans totaling P3.4 billion to 74,799 borrowers in 2020.

The SSS said it saw a marked increase in the number of borrow-

ers under its Calamity Loan Assistance Program (CLAP) after President Duterte declared a state of calamity nationwide last March as a result of the COVID-19 crisis.

UIB claims rose nearly 10 times from 15,000 claimants availing of P178 million in benefits in 2019 to 136,000 beneficiaries claiming a combined P1.71 billion in 2020.

Pension loan releases in 2020 increased by 34.6 percent from the P2.52 billion reported in 2019 because of the enhanced guidelines issued by the SSS, which increased the maximum loanable amount under this program from P32,000 to P200,000 starting in October 2019.

"From a robust securities placement in 2019, our investible funds

for 2020 were shifted to member loans, particularly for calamity loans," the SSS said in its report.

Loan releases to members increased by more than half from P40.59 billion in 2019 to P62.35 billion in 2020, but member loan collections from January to November 2020 dropped by 17.6 percent to P32.44 billion amid the implemented moratoriums and the pandemic-induced recession, the SSS said.

The SSS generated a contribution-benefit surplus of P62 billion in 2019, while preliminary data indicate a surplus of P11.92 billion in 2020 despite the pandemic, the SSS said in its report.

Preliminary data also show that SSS contributions reached P204.75

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

TRANS-PHIL CREDIT CORPORATION,  
 Petitioner/Mortgagee

File No. FC-DC-0143-21

-versus-

EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE  
 OF REAL ESTATE mortgage  
 UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED  
 BY ACT 4118

SHIRLEE JAVIER BENITEZ,  
 Respondent/Mortgagor.

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**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**

Upon extra-judicial petition sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118 filed by the petitioner/mortgagee, TRANS-PHIL CREDIT CORPORATION with postal address at No. 1218 Pablo Ocampo corner Alfonso Street, Malate, Manila against the respondent/mortgagor, SHIRLEE JAVIER BENITEZ with postal address at Block 4, Lot 11, Duke Street, Regency Executive Townhomes, Sampaloc II, Dasmariñas City, Cavite and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of March 06, 2021 amounts to NINE HUNDRED TWENTY ONE THOUSAND SIX PESOS & 24/100 (Php921,006.24), exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned sheriff will sell at public auction on April 15, 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, Buro I, Dasmariñas Community City, Province of Cavite to the highest bidder and for CASH or CERTIFIED CHECK, in the Philippine Currency, the following described real property together with all the buildings and other improvements existing thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLNO. 057-2019013477

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BRGY. OF MALINTA, MUN. OF DASMARIÑAS, PROV. OF CAVITE, bounded and described as follows:

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 11 BLK. 4 OF THE CONS./SUBD. PLAN PCS-042106-009271 BEING A PORTION OF THE CONS. OF LOTS 3873-A-1 & 3873-A-2, (LRC) PSD-291420, L.R.C. REC. NO. ) SITUATED IN THE BRGY. OF MALINTA, MUN. OF DASMARIÑAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE. BOUNDED ON THE S., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 9 BLK. 4 OF THE CONS. SUBD. PLAN; ON THE W., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY ALLEY 1 (4.50 M. WIDE); ON THE N., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 13; AND ON THE E., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 12 BOTH OF BLK. 4, OF THE CONS./SUBD. PLAN. BEGINNING AT A PT. AMRKRD "1" ON THE PLAN BEING N. 32 DEG. 42 'W., 358.99 M. FROM MON. 151, IMUS ESTATE; THENCE DUE WEST EAST 12.50 M. TO PT. 4; THENCE DUE SOUTH 4.00 M. TO THE PT. OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF FIFTY (50) SQ. METER. ALL PTS. REFERRED TO ARE INDICATED ON THE PLAN AND ARE MARKED ON THE GROUND BY PS CYL. CONC. MONS. 15x60 CM.; BEARING TRUE; DATE OF ORIG. SURVEY JULY 27, 1905-JUNE 11, 1908 AND THAT OF THE SUBD. SURVEY SEPT. 10, 1994 AND WAS APPROVED ON NOV. 22, 1994.

Prospective buyers and/or bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of the said real property and the emcumbrance 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 April 22, 2021, at the same time and place without further notice.

10 March 2021, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite.

(sgd.) RODRIGO C. ESTOGERO, JR.,  
 Sheriff IV

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

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 Regency Executive Townhomes,  
 Sampaloc II, Dasmariñas City, Cavite

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Taken last February 2020



As we celebrate Women's Month this March  
**GO NEGOSYO IS GIVING AWAY**

**₱1 MILLION**  
**PANDAGDAG PUHUNAN**  
para sa mga  
**WOMEN**  
**NEGOSYANTES!**

**100 winners of ₱10,000 Pandagdag Puhunan**  
(March 15-26, 2021 | 6PM)

**MANOOD ARAW-ARAW NG MENTOR ME ONLINE**

 **LIVE** 6:00PM - 7:30PM  
FB.com/GoNegosyoOfficial

REGISTER HERE: [bit.ly/PuhunanPangNegosyo2021](https://bit.ly/PuhunanPangNegosyo2021)

"Women – who comprise 90% of MSMEs – are inspiring and enterprising, showing us what grit and grace can do to help the economy bounce back. Mothers, sisters, homemakers, businesswomen – all play an integral role not only as heads of families but as leaders within our communities. Naturally persistent and passionate, women are basically the catalyst of both the family and our society."

-JOEY CONCEPCION, Presidential Adviser for Entrepreneurship and Go Negosyo Founder

**NEGOSYO 75 YEARS**

## CONCEPCION: GO NEGOSYO WILL GIVE 1 MILLION PUHUNAN PANG-NEGOSYO TO WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS

As we celebrate Women's Month, Presidential Adviser for Entrepreneurship and Go Negosyo Founder, Joey Concepcion, announced that Go Negosyo will be giving away a total of 1 million pesos to 100 lucky women entrepreneurs from March 15 to 26.

"Highlighting the contribution of the women entrepreneurs to our economy—comprising 90% of MSMEs around the country—and to our vision of an enterprising Philippines, we are giving 10,000 pesos puhunan pang-negosyo daily from March 15 to 26 through our Mentor Me Online," Concepcion stated.

"We hope that through this small puhunan that we give, the selected women entrepreneurs can expand their business or add something that can greatly increase their productivity and profit in the long run. As natural-born entrepreneurs, most women can do a lot from a small capital. As we all know, women have this innate gift to be an entrepreneur and we want to celebrate this, this women's month," Concepcion added.

To join, watch Mentor Me Online every day, from Monday to Friday, 6PM to 7:30PM at Go Negosyo's Facebook page, and register for Pandagdag Puhunan Raffle at [bit.ly/PuhunanPangNegosyo2021](https://bit.ly/PuhunanPangNegosyo2021).

The raffle will be exclusive to our women entrepreneurs as part of the MMO's Women Special for the whole month of March. Episodes in this special celebration will also be featuring Go Negosyo women negosyantes, awardees, supporters, and celebrity entrepreneurs. (PR)

## CARD MBA's "E-Tanong Mo" Chatbot sees an increased usage rate during pandemic

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, businesses have started to convert processes from manual to digital as it provides a safer way to transact with clients. CARD Mutual Benefit Association (CARD MBA), the largest microinsurance institution in the Philippines, launched its "E-Tanong Mo" service, a chatbot on Facebook Messenger that responds to the queries of CARD members, staff, and MBA coordinators.

"The development of 'E-Tanong Mo' chatbot is very timely because of the COVID-19 pandemic. We intend to continue providing our service by immediately responding to our members' questions in a safe manner. Our members' safety is our priority," said CARD MBA CEO Ms. May S. Dawat.

Currently, the "E-Tanong Mo" chatbot has 12,985 net contacts wherein 58% or 9,713 are CARD MBA members, 34% or 5,767 are MRI staff and the remaining 8% or 1,287 are MBA Coordinators. Family Security Plan is the most inquired product/service in the chatbot.

CARD MBA's chatbot became available in November 2019 and has shown an increased usage rate which may be attributed to the pandemic. It accommodates questions about the following: General information on MBA, Product

and Services and Claim Policies. To tailor-fit the chatbot to its targeted audience, the language setting is a mix of Tagalog and English.

Other functions of the chatbot leads to CARD MBA's website and Facebook page for those looking for more information. For users who have specific inquiries, Customer Service Representatives are always available to answer their inquiries. Users can also give their feedbacks after using the chatbot.

CARD MBA plans to let members access their records such as the amount of their weekly contributions and their available claims, which will be linked to the institution's "Panatag" App.

Digitization and convenience are the goals of CARD MBA during the development phase of the "E-Tanong Mo" chatbot. "Developing this chatbot is our way of responding to the call of CARD MRI as a group to move towards the journey of digital transformation of our clients," Dawat concluded. CARD MRI has also developed mobile applications such as the "Panatag" and "Konek2CARD" to cater to the different needs of its clients.

CARD MBA is an institution under CARD MRI which provides the microinsurance for more than 21.7 individuals nationwide. (PR)

## SM CITY BACOR SECURITY GUARD RETURNS BAG TO SHOPPER



SM CITY BACOR, CAVITE – Despite being a breadwinner after his father got sick, SG Jhonrod I. San Jose of Combined Blue Dragon Security Agency Inc., never for once, thought about keeping what he found. Recently, he recovered a bag full of valuables at one of the entrances of SM City Bacor and chose to report to be able to help the owner of the bag.

Knowing how to hard it is to make ends meet especially during the pandemic, SG San Jose was glad that the owner could get to have her valuables back. "Sa panahon ng pandemya, 'SG San Jose said, 'ramdam ko ang hirap ng buhay naming ngunit hindi ito hadlang para tumulong sa aking kapwa.'" SG San Jose did not just stayed true to his sworn duty, but also made an act his family be proud of. Truly, his deed is reflective of SM's Corporate value of honesty and integrity and bespeaks well of the attribute of a good member of SM Security force, worthy of praise and emulation.