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HONTIVEROS URGES GOV'T TO EXPAND ECONOMIC RELIEF TO ELECTRICITY CONSUMERS

Senator Risa Hontiveros on Friday urged the government to aggressively provide more measures to further cut electricity costs to ease the burden of Filipinos facing economic uncertainty due to the novel



Senator Risa Hontiveros

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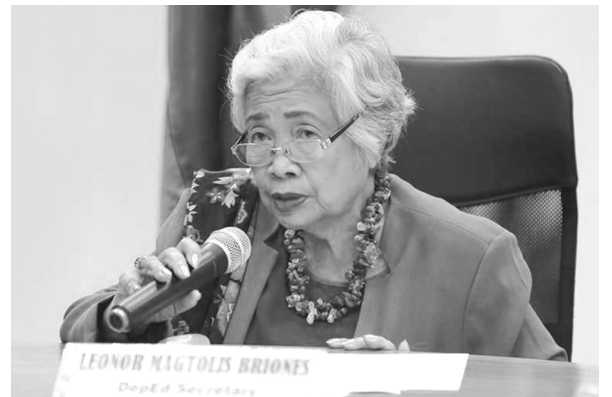
DEPED, CHED ASK SENATE: HELP TEACHERS COPE WITH COVID-19 IMPACT

Education officials have appealed for help for thousands of educators in smaller private schools, universities and colleges who could be displaced due to the COVID-19 outbreak and the quarantine restrictions imposed during the national health emergency.

The top officials of the Department of Education (DepEd) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) on Thursday said they fear for the teachers in private schools who might not be able to ride out the impact of the pandemic.

cerned about the private school teachers, but these are the small private school teachers. Kasi two months sila na walang [trabaho], kasi 'no work, no pay', so these months wala silang earnings (They have not been working for two months due to the quarantine, and

because they are 'no work, no pay' employees, they do not have earnings during these months)," DepEd Secretary Leonor Briones said when asked by



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"We are also con-

REMULLA: Handwashing facilities, free wifi at 15,000 computers sa Cavite bago buksan ang paaralan



Sa mga panahon pong ito na may kumakalat na virus at bilang paghahanda na rin sa tag-ulan, higit na kinakailangang protektahan at pangalagaan ang ating kalusugan. Kaya naman po ang inyong lingkod Cong. Alex AA Advincula sa tulong ng Imus Institute Batch '86 ay namahagi ng mga libreng gamot at vitamins na siyang nai-turn over na sa mga Barangay Health Centers sa lungsod ng Imus. Panatilihin po natin ang pagkakaroon ng ligtas at malusog na tahanan. (Cong.AlexAAAdvinculaFB)



Inilatag ni Governor Jonvic Remulla Sabado ng umaga ang mga pinaghahandaan

sa lalawigan para sa muling pagbubukas ng paaralan sa Agosto 24. Nag-alala ang

governador dahil sa kulang na oras at pag-apruba ng pamaha-

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DepEd, CHED ask Senate: Help teachers... from p. 1

Senate President Pro Tempore Ralph Recto during the hearing of the Senate Committee of the Whole on the government's COVID-19 response and stimulus plans Thursday.

The DepEd estimated that about 263,000 private school teachers are affected, excluding those who were part of the agency's program for low-salaried private school teachers, and those from big private schools that have paid their teachers a year-worth of salaries to prevent their exodus.

Briones said over 50,000 of these teachers could lose their jobs.

"We really need help for them dahil sila itong mawawalan ng sweldo," she said.

CHED Chairperson Prospero de Vera likewise said the delay in the opening of classes could also render jobless "a huge

number" of instructors in private universities and colleges, particularly part-timers.

"Because the semester will be moved from June to August, there will be no tuition collection. 'Yong maliit na private school na maiksi ang pisi, 'yon ang tatamaan (Smaller private schools with limited resources will be most affected)," De Vera said.

He said more than 50,000 part-time lecturers in public and private universities and colleges have also not been receiving wages during the quarantine period.

In addition, they did not qualify in any of the government's social amelioration programs amid the COVID-19 situation.

"Yong mga SUCs na mas maraming pera at private universities, binibigyan pa sila na dagdag na sweldo pero 'yong mas maliliit, hindi na sila

paseswelduhin in the next coming months (Educators in state universities and colleges and private universities that are more financially able could still get additional salaries, but those in smaller ones might no longer be paid in the coming months)," De Vera said.

The same case applies to teachers in private schools, Briones said. "We are hoping that their plight will be given attention."

The DepEd and the CHED have submitted to economic managers and legislators the financial impact of the COVID-19 to schools and universities.

The executive department earlier floated a P130-billion economic stimulus plan to help the Philippines recover from the pandemic.

P27 B needed for laptops for distance learning

As distance learn-

ing becomes the major component of learning delivery this coming school year, the DepEd said at least ₱27 billion would be needed to provide all teachers in public schools a laptop each.

Briones, during the same Senate hearing said the department has already completed the Basic Education-Learning Continuity Plan (BE-LCP) and "we're getting ready for the implementation part."

The BE-LCP, Briones said, is DepEd's major response amid the COVID-19 situation in the country. "It will be distributed to regions for the regional implementation," she said. "We are initiating blended or distance learning as well

as the use of different approaches and various ways to reach the students," she added.

To make this possible, Briones said the DepEd is eyeing to provide "laptops for all teachers." As of last year, DepEd said, there were around 800,000 teachers nationwide.

Undersecretary for Administration Alain Del Pascua said in order to provide teachers the needed assistance for distance learning, particularly on the issuance of laptops, the DepEd needs funds for it.

For Fiscal Year (FY) 2020, Pascua said DepEd will be purchasing 36,676 multimedia packages composed of laptops, televisions, laptop microphones, and

speakers. This, he explained, is "in addition to the 54,350 laptops, 2,350 televisions, and 167,500 tablet PCs procured last year that are scheduled to be delivered this year."

By end of FY2020, Pascua said 475,650 tablet PCs and 634,877 desktops/thin clients will be available for use by 21.4 million students or about 94% of the 22,746,855 public school students while 190,574 laptops will be available for use by teachers or 22% of the total DepEd teaching force.

Pascua also noted that the DepEd's OUA-ICTS is "contemplating the home-use of these laptops and tablet PCs should face-to-face class interactions become impossible." ###

BIÑAN CITY MOVES 10TH PUTO LATIK FESTIVAL ONLINE AMID NEW NORMAL

B IÑAN CITY, L A G U - NA - With modified enhanced community quarantine (MECQ) making it impossible to hold mass gatherings, the local government here is celebrating the city's 10th Puto Latik Festival with one major adjustment - instead of the usual stage and street venues, they're holding it online.

It is claimed to be the first online celebration of a festival in the Philippines, and features several activities conducted and delivered through the internet from May 15 to May 23.

According to Biñan City Culture, History, Arts and Tourism Office (BCHATO), headed by 2019 Most Outstanding Tourism Officer of the Philippines Bryan Jason Borja, this year's festival aims to give people something positive to look forward to amid challenges faced due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

The two-time Association of Tourism Officers of the Philippines (ATOP)-Department of Tourism (DOT) Pearl Awards awardee for Best Tourism Event got its name from the local delicacy Puto Biñan, and

a type of folk dance that originated in the city called Maglalatik.

Fittingly so, this year's lineup of events includes a "Puto Biñan 2.0" online cooking demo by award-winning cookbook author Chef RV Manabat, as well as an online tutorial of the Maglalatik dance.

There are also online concerts, performances, and cultural workshops broadcast through the festival's social media accounts.

Puto Latik's FB and YouTube videos have reached a viewership of over 55,600 in the first four days of the week-long virtual event. (MB)

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Relief good distribution for PASAMA Urban Poor of Calamba Coun. Kuya Joey Chipeco.

LAMBANOG DOWNS THREE IN LAGUNA

Camp Vicente Lim, Laguna - Three persons died after drinking lambanog in Los Baños Sunday.

Laguna Provincial Director Col Serafin Petalio identified the fatalities as Christian Macasinag, Analyn Jubilo and Regino Lapitan, all residents of Purok 5, Barangay. Maahas.

Initial investigation revealed that victims with 4 others had a drinking spree of Lam-

banog from 7:00 PM of May 15, 2020 to 3:00 AM of May 16, 2020 at the residence of Tito Macasinag at the middle of the field in Sitio Ibaba, Purok 5, Brgy. Maahas, Los Baños, Laguna.

The victims suffered stomach ache allegedly caused by drinking of the lambanog. Macasinag died at his residence on May 16, 2020 at 2:00 PM, while the two other victims died in the hospital also in the same date.

(Roselle Aquino)

ERRATUM

In the Issue of Southern Sparkle News and Publishing dated September 9, 16 & 23, 2019 with the title Extra-Judicial Settlement of Estate with Waiver of Rights of the late VALENTIN DACAY BARCAS AND ENGRACIA GO BARCAS, the following should have been published as: "x x x among their heirs with waiver of interest, rights and participation in favor of LUIS G. BARCAS on February 7, 2016 at Cavite City before Notary Public Atty. Sikat V. Agbunag and entered in her Notarial Register as Doc. No. 4726, Page No. 554, Book No. XXX, Series of 2016". Our apologies.

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Mitsubishi Motors Phil. continues aid to Santa Rosa City frontliners



As part of its commitment to help the local government of Santa Rosa, Laguna amid the COVID-19 pandemic, Mitsubishi Motors Philippines (MMPC) donated critical supplies to frontliners and other essential personnel.

A total of 200 water dispensers and 50 resting benches were handed over by MMPC to Santa Rosa City May-

or Arlene Arcillas. Apart from that, the MMPC also donated 400 pieces of face shields that were produced by some of its employees from excess scrap and existing inventory materials.

MMPC president and CEO Mutsuhiro Oshikiri expressed his gratitude to all of the frontliners who are battling the dreaded virus in the province.

"Mitsubishi Motors Philippines is one with

the city government of Santa Rosa in the fight against this virus. We hope that the additional equipment will further boost the city's capabilities," Oshikiri said.

"We deeply thankful and grateful for all the sacrifice being done by our frontliners to keep this wonderful city safe. MMPC will remain your partner in these trying times. Mabuhay kayong lahat!" Oshikiri added. (PS/MM)###

REMULLA: Handwashing facilities, free wifi... from p. 1

laang nasyunal ukol sa preparasyon para masiguro ang kaligtasan ng mga estudyante at guro sa pagsapit ng bagong school year.

Dahil sa banta ng pandemiya, ilan sa pina-plano ng pamahalaang panlalawigan ay handwashing facilities kada school site.

"Ako ay nag aalala sa kahandaan natin para sa bagong school year umpisa August 24. Kailangan ng in-

vestment para sa handwashing facilities para sa kada school site," saad ni Remulla.

Nabatid din niya ang pangangailangan ng remote learning centers. Barangay covered court ang nakikitang paraan para dito. Isama pa ang paglalaan ng 1 bilyong piso upang ipambili ng 15,000 computers at pagset-up ng free wifi sa buong Cavite.

"We have to harness the Barangay cov-

ered basketball courts as alternative Remote learning centers. Kailangan mag invest ng 1 bilyon piso para sa free wifi dito at 15,000 computers na ikakabit sa buong Cavite. Kaya naman. Ang kulang ay oras at payagan tayo ng National Government."

Pupulungin ng gobernador ang District Supervisors ng Department of Education, ayon sa kanyang pahayag. **(gocavite)**

Surrender is New Normal Among NPAs in Quezon as Two Fighters Yield

CAMP CAP-INPIN, Tanay, Rizal - Two more members of the NPA's Southern Tagalog Regional Party Committee decided to return to

the folds of law after a successful local peace negotiation with TF ELCAC.

A former NPA sniper together with a bomb expert were welcomed by the local

government officials of Lopez, Quezon during their presentation on Monday.

According to Lt Col Emmanuel Cabahug, Commanding Officer **(cont. p.6)**

Sa panahon ng pandemiya ay nais nating lahat na maging ligtas ang mga bata at makasiguro na ang mga magulang ay kamanteng nasa mabuting kalagayan ang kanilang mga anak.

Nakita po ito ng ating Gobernador at nais itong gawan ng aksyon at paghandaan ang nalalapit na school year simula August 24.

Bilang isang magulang din, kaisa niyo ako sa pagkabahala sa pagbubukas ng klase sa mga paaralan sa darating na Agosto. Ipararating po natin ang ating mga agam-agam sa kinauukulan.

- Vice Governor Jolo Revilla

Ramdam ni Vice Governor Jolo Revilla ang pag-aalala ng mga magulang sa nakatakdang pagbubukas ng school year sa Agosto 24.

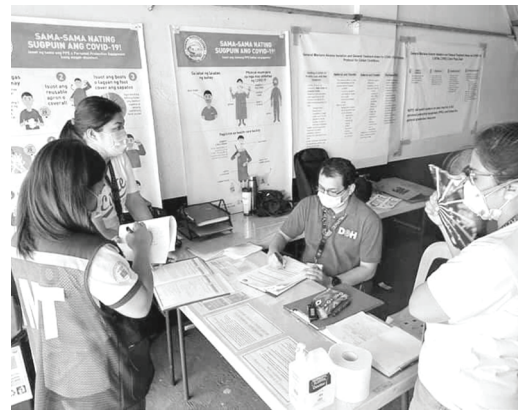
Bagaman gagawin ng pamahalaang panlalawigan ang lahat upang masigurado ang kaligtasan ng mga bata, ilalapit din ng bise gobernador sa Inter Agency Task Force ang saloobin ng mga magulang sa ating lalawigan ukol dito.

"Agad ko pong ginagawan ng summary ang lahat ng inyong ipinahayag at ipinarating para makabuo ng mga rekomendasyon sa ipadadala natin sa IATF. Sa nagkakaisa nating boses, positibo akong matutugunan ang ating pagkabahala," aniya. (gocavite)

DOH CALABARZON DISCLOSES LIST OF LIGHTAS COVID CENTERS IN THE REGION



One of the local hotels converted as LIGTAS COVID Center in Gen Mariano Alvarez in Cavite



DOH-CALABARZON regional team together with members of the local government unit finalizes the assessment forms during the accreditation of one of the identified establishment in the municipality to be used as one of the LIGTAS COVID Centers in General Mariano, Cavite conducted last April 2020.



DOH-CALABARZON staff with local health officers of the province of Cavite inspects the Talon High School located in Amadeo, Cavite to be converted as LIGTAS COVID Center for patients of COVID 19 during the assessment and accreditation held last April 2020.

The Department of Health (DOH)-CALABARZON (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, Quezon) today disclosed the updated lists of community isolation units (CIUs) in the region also known as the "LIGTAS COVID Centers" duly approved and accredited by the health department as of May 6,

2020.

"Even with the lifting of the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) in most provinces of the region who are now under General Community Quarantine (GCQ), except for Laguna, these isolation facilities will continue to operate and accommodate individuals who will be identified as possible and confirmed

COVID-19 with mild symptoms", Regional Director Eduardo C. Janairo stated.

"These centers will facilitate the treatment and care of COVID patients in the communities should a second wave of COVID-19 cases occur. It is best that the health system is ready and capable to handle such situation," he emphasized.

LIGTAS COVID

Centers are managed by a Local COVID-19 Task Force (LCTF), Barangay Health Emergency Response Team (BHERT), a Sanitation Officer, and an assigned LIGTAS COVID manager.

The LGUs shall ensure that all health care workers and other frontline personnel exposed

to the risk of infection are provided with proper and adequate personal protective equipment (PPE) according to their roles and responsibilities.

According to Director Janairo, the regional office has already provided the necessary and essential personal protection equipment

(PPEs) to various LGUs in the region.

For the province of Cavite, there are a total of 24 CIUs located in various cities and municipalities. Laguna province with 40 isolation facilities. Batangas province with 54 isolation facilities. Rizal province with 19 CIUs in operation. In Quezon, 117 LIGTAS COVID Centers were

established.

As of May 17, 2020, there are a total of 1,399 COVID-19 cases were reported in the region, with 25 new cases, 266 patients have recovered and a total of 94 deaths.

There is now a grand total of 12,305 cases, with 2,561 patients recovered and 817 deaths recorded nationwide.

(GLEN RAMOS)



Personal na nagmonitor at nag inspeksyon si Parañaque City Mayor Edwin L. Olivarez at Congressman Eric L. Olivarez kasama si Mr. Mario L. Jimenez, Chief of SSO/PIO sa iba't ibang opisina dito po sa ating Parañaque City Hall tulad ng BPLO, Treasury, Assesor's Office at Incident Command Center upang siguruhin na nasusunod ang mga panuntunanan at guidelines sa ilalim ng "Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine" dito po sa ating Parañaque City Hall. Pinalalahanan at iminungkahi ang kahalagahan ng Social Distancing, Proper Hygiene at regular na Disinfection sa mga opisina lalo na sa mga Frontline offices sa lungsod ng Parañaque. (MayorEdwinOlivarezFB)

Barangay Cabilang Baybay sa Carmona sasailalim sa pansamantalang lockdown

Ipinagbigay alam ng Carmona Municipal Health Office (MHO) nitong Mayo 23, na may 7 empleyado ang CG Integra Corp. Muntinlupa ang nagpositibo sa isinagawang COVID-19 rapid diagnostic test (RDT) ng kumpanya. Kasalukuyang naninirahan ang mga ito sa 2 boarding house ng

kumpanya sa Barangay Cabilang Baybay.

Binigyang paglilinaw naman ng alkalde na ang nasabing uri ng testing ay hindi pa confirmatory at hindi rin 100% reliable base na rin sa Department of Health (DOH), kung kaya't sasailalim pa rin sa reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) ang

mga ito.

Bilang pag-iingat, ipinagutos na rin ng Pamahalaang Bayan na isailalim pansamantala ang Baranagay Cabilang Baybay sa total lockdown habang isinasagawa ang contact tracing.

Inilipat na rin sa quarantine facility ang 7 empleyado at pinag-aaralan na ng MHO ang

posibilidad ng community transmission sa nasabing barangay.

Hinihingi naman ng Bayan ang kooperasyon ng

lahat upang malabanan ang sakit. (gocavite)

WAREHOUSE NA UMANO'Y GAMOT SA COVID 19, SINALAKAY SA CAVITE, 2 CHINESE NATIONAL, NAARESTO

NAGSASAGAWA ng imbestigasyon ang Cavite Police kung may kaugnayan ang mga nakumpiskang mga sari-saring gamot para umano sa COVID 19 at pagkakaaresto sa dalawang Chinese national sa isang sinalakay na illegal na ospital ng mga Chinese sa Pampanga sa isang Warehouse sa Bacoor City, Cavite

Kasong paglabag sa RA 9711 (Known as Food and Drug Administration Act of 2009) as amended by RA 3720 in relation to RA 11469 (Bayanihan to Heal as One) ang isinampa laban sa dalawang Chinese National na nakilalang sina Zhixing Chen at Lingjie Zhao alyas Kira, kapwa nasa hustong gulang, residente ng nasabing lugar habang pinaghanap ang kasamahan nilang nakataka na si Achinglee Payoran Xu,

nasa hustong gulang.

Sa ulat ni PSMSgt Christian Rosales ng Bacoor City Police Station kay Cavite Provincial Director Police Col Marlon Santos, dakong alas-9:00 ng umaga nang isinagawa ang pagsalakay sa bisa ng Search Warrant sa pangunguna ni PCol. Vicente Cabatangan, Hepe ng Bacoor CPS, RSOU41 at PDEA Cavite sa Warehouse # 9 APX Liquid Diswashing Products Trading na nasa loob ng compound ng Prime Pacific United Consortium, Inc. sa may Ilaya St., Niog Road, Brgy. Niog 2, Bacoor City, Cavite.

Bitbit ang search warrant, kasama si Hon. Alexander D. Felizardo, Brgy Chairman ng Brgy Niog 2 pagpasok sa nasabing warehouse ay naabutan dito ang 2 Chinese National habang nag-aayos ng mga kahon ng mga gamot.

Narekober dito

ang may 27 piraso na malalaking boxes ng medicine at bawat kahon ay naglalaman ng may 10,800 na maliliit na kahon na naglalaman ng mga capsules.

May mga label na Lianhua Qingwen Jiaonang, ang mga gamot na isang chinese medicine na di umanoy para sa COVID-19 patient.

Ang mga nakumpiskang gamot ay ilegal at hindi naka-rehistro sa Food and Drug Administration.

Inaalam naman ng pulisya kung posibleng ang mga narekober na gamot sa nasabing warehouse ay kabilang sa mga ipinapadalang gamot sa isang sinalakay na illegal na ospital sa isa sa mga villas sa Fontana Leisure Park sa Pampanga na ginawang makeshift medical facility sa mga Chinese na hinihinalang COVID patients noong May 19, 2020. **(MARGIE BAUTISTA)**

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coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

"The government should take urgent action and come up with all possible forms of financial relief to ensure the economic survival of Filipino families and businesses," she said.

During the Joint Congressional Energy Commission hearing on the effects of the COVID-19 on the power sector, Hontiveros urged Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) and other members of the sector such as the Department of Energy (DOE) to immediately exercise their regulatory powers pursuant to their mandate of ensuring power rates are reasonable and affordable, especially in this extraordinary time. "The Filipino people has always been carrying the burden of high electricity rates na lalo pang pinabigat ng krisis. Stakeholders should sacrifice short term profitability to help unload the public of this baggage," she added.

Hontiveros proposed the cancellation of VAT charges on electricity bills to complement the deferred and staggered payment options imposed by ERC on distribution utilities such as Meralco. This will hasten the financial diffi-

culty of consumers who lost their income source during the quarantine period.

"At the end of the day, consumers still need to foot the bill in its full amount. Paano kung walang pagkukunan dahil nawalan ng trabaho?" she said. "Dapat tulungang mabawasan man lang ang kailangan nilang bayaran."

Assuming that the applied VAT rate is 10%, a household with an average monthly consumption of 100 kilowatt per hour (KWH) can save at least P100, once VAT is waived. "Every peso counts in this pandemic. Savings from uncharged VAT will provide an indirect support to consumers, pandagdag sa pambili ng pagkain o sa iba pang bayarin," she added.

Aside from cancelling VAT charges, Hontiveros explained that ERC should urgently suspend controversial rate collections such as the Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC) under the transmission charge of the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP) which is almost twice the global average.

"The rate of 15% is under review and while it is pending evaluation, ERC can temporarily peg

it at global standard of 8%," she said. "Review of power rate increase applications should also be extra rigorous and carefully evaluated."

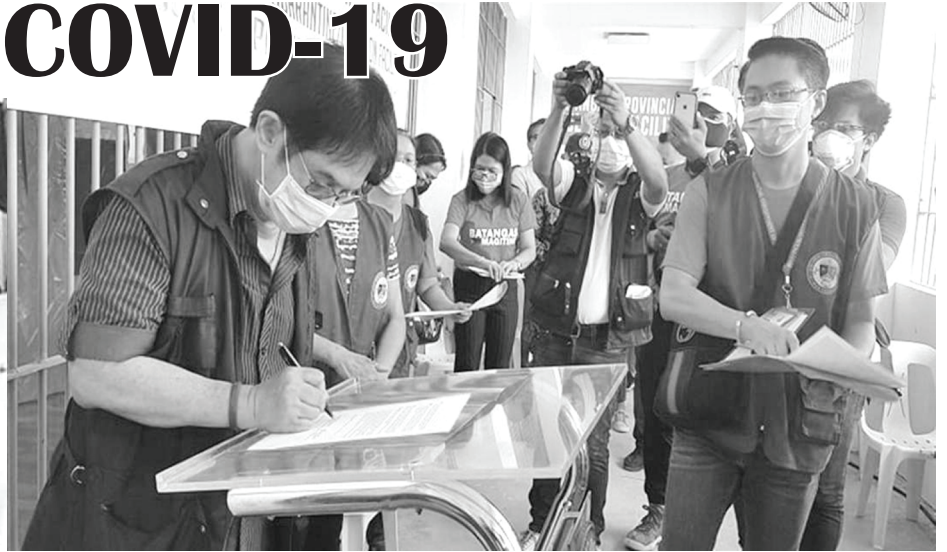
Likewise, the Senator urged DOE to further explore its Competitive Selection Process (CSP) policy guideline for power supply contracts which according to Energy Secretary Alfonso Cusi's report in last year's budget hearing, has lowered power rates among distribution utilities.

"The measure was able to reduce at least P2.00 per kilowatt-per-hour in covered areas under Meralco franchise. This is a substantial amount that can reduce the monthly electricity bills of consumers," she said.

Hontiveros said that despite privatization, the power sector is still imbued with public interest and remains a legitimate interest of the State especially during this time of crisis.

"We are now living in an extraordinary time. Shared responsibility and accountability are expected from the energy sector, not just to tide us over this economic catastrophe, but to help us adapt to the "new normal" moving forward," she concluded.

DOH CALABARZON ASSURES RESIDENTS OF IBAAN, BATANGAS OF THEIR HEALTH AND SAFETY FROM COVID-19



DOH-CALABARZON Regional Director Eduardo C. Janairo emphasizes the safety of the facility to local officials who attended the Turn-over and MOA signing ceremony of the Provincial Isolation and Quarantine Facility Isolation Facility for Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs) located in Brgy. Malainin, Ibaan, Batangas. He later assured residents that they need not worry and that no COVID-19 transmission will occur in the locality due to the isolation facility which officially opens on May 26, 2020.

Department of Health (DOH) - CALABARZON (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal and Quezon) Regional Director Eduardo C. Janairo has allayed fear and panic among residents of Ibaan town in Batangas and assured them of their health safety from COVID-19 during his

visit to the municipality on May 21, 2020.

"Nauunawaan ko ang inyong pangamba at makakaasa po kayo na hindi kakalat ang COVID-19 sa inyong lugar dahil magiging ligtas at pagbubutihin namin ang pagbantay at pangangalaga sa kalusugan ng mga kababayan natin na mailalagay sa ating quarantine at isolation

facility na nasa inyong bayan, katuwang natin dito ang ating kapulisan at ang inyong lokal na pamahalaan," he stated during the turn-over and MOA signing ceremony of the Provincial Isolation and Quarantine Facility Isolation Facility for Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs).

He added that the isolation facility is locat-

DOH-CALABARZON Regional Director Eduardo C. Janairo signs the Memorandum of Agreement for the operation and administration of first Provincial Isolation and Quarantine Facility Isolation Facility for Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs) located in Brgy. Malainin, Ibaan, Batangas on May 21, 2020.

ed in Barangay Malainin which is far from residential area. "Residents need not to be afraid because it is safe and well-equipped".

The plan for the conversion of the provincial drug rehabilitation center to an isolation facility was met with protests from residents and local government officials of the town fearing for their health and safety.

According to Director Janairo, plans are

already set in motion to establish health facilities in to complete the facility which can also serve residents of nearby barangays in the area.

"Kailangan natin dito ang tulong ng lokal na pamahalaan ng Ibaan upang madagdagan pa ang serbisyong pangkalusugan kasama na dito ang pagsasaayos at pagpapaunlad ng health system ng buong bayan ng Ibaan".

Janairo aims to have

at least one major quarantine facility per province in Calabarzon.

As of May 23, 2020, the Municipality of Ibaan recorded 1 confirmed case with a total of 1,462 cases in the region.

Ibaan is a 2nd class municipality in the province of Batangas with a population of 52,970 people according to the 2015 census. It is located at 96 kilometers south of Metro Manila. **(GLEN RAMOS)**

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of the 85th Infantry Battalion who was in charge of the negotiations, the surrender was the result of two simultaneous peace engagements held at Barangay Villahermosa of Lopez and Barangay Malupak of Lucban which are both towns in Quezon.

He identified the former rebels as "alias Roben, the supply officer and marksman of Platun Japson, and alias Jigs who was Platun Sol's bomb-making expert" while saying that they are "keeping their true identity confidential to prevent possible retaliatory actions from their former comrades."

The former rebels were then turned-over to the 59th Infantry Battalion which has

operational jurisdiction over Lopez for coordination and proper endorsement to the LGU which will ensure the subsequent release of government grants due them.

Mayor Rachel Ubana of the Municipality of Lopez assured the former rebels that the "government will always be ready to help NPA terrorists who will abandon their armed struggle and opt to live peacefully with their families as productive citizens of our great country."

She added that "the Municipal Task Force ELCAC has an initiative called 'Supporta sa Bagong Umaga' or SBU project which is designed to provide a systematic process for former rebels to avail

their benefits under the government's Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program or E-CLIP."

Lt Col Edward Canlas, the Commanding Officer of 59th Infantry Battalion, said that they discovered during the course of their debriefing that "the former rebels' primary reason to surrender was the fear of getting killed in combat due to our unrelenting combat operations which have been consistently tracking their locations and engaging their already depleted forces."

The former rebels are now undergoing DSWD's profiling and will subsequently undergo check-up and counselling by health professionals to ensure

that they are free from Covid-19 infection and psychological trauma while undergoing the enrolment process to the government's Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program.

Brig Gen Norwyn Tolentino, Commander of 201st Brigade, thanked the leadership of Lopez town's TF ELCAC for initiating measures to support the national government's campaign on ending local communist armed conflict.

He added that "such action on the part of the local government is a clear indicator that communist insurgency which has been hampering our growth as a nation will, sooner than later, meet its inevitable end

which will pave the way for the much coveted peace, prosperity and development that every Filipino deserves."

Maj Gen Arnulfo Marcelo Burgos Jr, Commander of the Philippine Army's 2nd Infantry Division, lauded the soldiers and the local officials for being relentless in pursuing peace while helping our constituents survive the threat of Covid-19.

"I congratulate the former rebels for responding to the government's call for national unity and reconciliation and for choosing to be part of the solution to the numerous problems that our country is facing," added Burgos while calling upon the few remaining NPA terrorists

"to lay down your arms and rejoin mainstream society while there's still a chance because we will use all of our military might and exhaust all means to go after those who spoil peace and deny our people the prosperous life that they deserve."

He ended his statement by reaffirming his soldier's commitment in performing their mandate as advocates of peace, servants of the people and defenders of Southern Tagalog.

Per the military's record, 2ID has already facilitated the surrender of 603 former rebels who turned over 108 firearms across Southern Tagalog since E-CLIP was launched in 2018.

(Roselle Aquino)

Fight for Food Security Gains Traction in Southern Tagalog, First Quarantine Farm Camp Established

CAMP CAPINPIN, Tanay, Rizal — The ceremonial signing of partnership documents between and among the Tanay LGU, the Army and private farm owners here on Friday officially signalled the launching of efforts to ensure food security in Southern Tagalog.

The initiative is also in support to the national government's Balik Probinsya Program which intends to decongest Metro Manila and promote rural liv-

ing and farming among the people.

Maj Gen Arnulfo Marcelo Burgos Jr, Commander of the Philippine Army's 2nd Infantry Division which is one of the partnership's proponents, said that the initiative is designed to keep the people afloat during, and even beyond, the Community Quarantine period being implemented by the government to prevent the spread of the deadly corona virus.

He added that even before the formal signing and launching of

the project, the soldiers have already "identified and converted almost two hectares of Camp Capinpin into farmlands as we promote farming to prevent a looming food crisis as the nation battles the Covid-19 pandemic."

"As of the moment, we are already on the road to self sufficiency because our soldiers are already benefiting from the fruits of our labor, something which we want to replicate in the communities within our operational jurisdiction," said Burgos.

He ended his statement by articulating the soldiers' "hope that this project will be the beginning of another enduring partnership which will help us not just in our quest to have ample food supply but, more importantly, to

achieve peace, prosperity and development which every Filipino truly deserves."

Under the partnership, the farms will be providing technical assistance in livestock raising, crop production and food processing to the soldiers while volunteers from the community and paramilitary forces will be tapped to augment the manpower of the private farms that will be converted into "Quarantine Farm Camps" which is projected to produce huge volumes farm-fresh food for the community.

Mr Dexter Villamin, the President and CEO of DV Boer Farms which is also known as "The People's Farm", said that food security should be ensured so that greater problems such as hun-

ger and civil disobedience can be prevented as those are the problems that might arise as a result of the measures which were set in place to contain the current global crisis.

He added that the partnership will help the Filipino people in surviving this very challenging phase of our lives and overcome hunger because "we have a natural skill for farming, on top of our innate resiliency, which can help address possible food shortage."

"As agri-business, we feel that it is our civic responsibility to help the government avert such problems not only by providing food but also by empowering and giving our people the ability to grow their own food during, and even beyond, the current health crisis", ended Villamin.

Mayor Rex Manuel Tanjuatco expressed his appreciation to the Army's 2nd Infantry Division and the DV Boer

Farms International for being a consistent and reliable partner of the people of Tanay.

He reiterated his optimism that "this out of the box program will turn out to be the extraordinary action that will help ensure my constituents' survival during these extraordinary times."

The local chief executive believes that the noble undertaking will help his people, particularly the indigenous people, in cushioning the long term effect of the pandemic to the local economy and to the lives of his constituents.

The military said that they are planning to replicate the initiative across Southern Tagalog.

Talks with other LGUs and private farm owners are now on initial stages and are envisioned to culminate in similar signing of MOPs for the establishment of more Quarantine Farm Camps in the region.

(Roselle Aquino)

AFFIDAVIT OF ADJUDICATION BY SOLE HEIR OF BANK ACCOUNT AND REAL PROPERTY OF DECEASED PERSON

NOTICE is given that the estate of the late **OSCAR BASA GABAT**, who died intestate on February 26, 2020 at National Kidney and Transplant Institute, East Avenue, Quezon City, left an estate consisting of a Bank Account with LandBank, GMA, Cavite, covered by savings account number 3281-0573-66 and a parcel of land with improvements with an area of 150 square meters, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-251659 located in Gen. Mariano Alvarez, Cavite were Extra-Judicially Settled among the legal heirs of the said deceased in the said instrument, executed before Notary Public Atty. Angela Lenin F. Emmanuel-Paycana, under Doc. No. 182, Page No. 38, Book No. 08, Series of 2020.

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF INTESTATE ESTATE OF THE LATE ERNESTO KAPANGAYARIHAN DE LUNA WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE OF PORTION OF LAND

NOTICE is given that the estate of the late **ERNESTO KAPANGAYARIHAN DE LUNA**, who died intestate on August 17, 2015 at Malipa, Maguyam, Silang, Cavite, left a parcel of land located at Maguyam, Silang, Cavite, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-14638 with an area of 1,967 square meters, and was Extra-Judicially Settled among the legal heirs of the said deceased in the said instrument, executed before Notary Public Atty. Zaldy M. Ambon, under Doc. No. 376, Page No. 77, Book No. 2, Series of 2020.

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF ANICIA REYES

NOTICE is given that the estate of the late **ANICIA REYES**, who died intestate on March 12, 2010 in Dasmariñas City, Cavite, left a residential land, covered by TCT No. T-1050097, TCT No. T-1050098, TCT No. T-1050099, TCT No. T-1050100, TCT No. T-105101 & TCT No. T-1050102, all located in Dasmariñas City, Cavite were Extra-Judicially Settled among the legal heirs of the said deceased in the said instrument, executed before Notary Public Atty. Ceasar Anthony S. Solis, under Doc. No. 427, Page No. 85, Book No. 3, Series of 2020.

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF LATE PRIMITIVO M. CARUNGCONG AND PERPETUA T. CARUNGCONG

NOTICE is given that the estate of the late **PRIMITIVO M. CARUNGCONG AND PERPETUA T. CARUNGCONG**, who died intestate on June 6, 2002 and August 25, 1997 both died at Brgy. Sabang, Dasmariñas City, Cavite, left a parcel of land situated at Brgy. Sabang, Dasmariñas City, Cavite covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-205262 with an area of 1,203 square meters, and was Extra-Judicially Settled among the legal heirs of the said deceased in the said instrument, executed before Notary Public Atty. Sonia M. Moratal, under Doc. No. 08, Page No. 3, Book No. XIX, Series of 2020.

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF THE LATE CONSTANCIA ROSALES ALIX

NOTICE is given that the estate of the late **CONSTANCIA ROSALES ALIX**, who died intestate on April 4, 2020 at De La Salle University Medical Center, Gov. D. Mangubat Avenue, City of Dasmariñas, Cavite, left certain personal property, with Account Number 6641623400000016 at Philippine National Bank, Cavite City Branch, and was Extra-Judicially Settled among the legal heirs of the said deceased in the said instrument, executed before Notary Public Atty. Richmond Rei Ram Belleza, under Doc. No. 071, Page No. 16, Book No. III, Series of 2020.

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AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is given that the estate of the late **ANTONIA D. FERMA AND AGUSTO E. FERMA**, who died intestate on March 30, 2010 and February 8, 2008, both in Cavite City, left a parcel of land covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-20906, with a total lot area of 106 square meters, situated at San Roque, Cavite City, and was Extra-Judicially Settled among the legal heirs of the said deceased in the said instrument, executed before Notary Public Atty. Sikat V. Agbunag, under Doc. No. 0761, Page No. 32, Book No. 4, Series of 2020.

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH TRANSFER AND WAIVER OF RIGHTS WITH SALE

NOTICE is given that the estate of the late **PEDRO L. BALDONO**, who died intestate on October 10, 2011 at Brgy. Pob. 4, GMA, Cavite, left a parcel of land situated at Blk. 1 Lot 58, Brgy. Pob. 4, GMA, Cavite, covered by TCT No. T-129286, with an area of 144 square meters, and was Extra-Judicially Settled among the legal heirs of the said deceased in the said instrument, executed before Notary Public Atty. Ceasar Anthony S. Solis, under Doc. No. 126, Page No. 26, Book No. V, Series of 2020.

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AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is given that the estate of the late **MARIA CRISTINA NATULA MOSTAJO**, who died intestate on November 12, 2010 in Noveleta, Cavite, left a parcel of land covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-1322447, with a total lot area of 183 square meters, situated at Noveleta, Cavite, and was Extra-Judicially Settled among the legal heirs of the said deceased in the said instrument, executed before Notary Public Atty. Sikat V. Agbunag, under Doc. No. 0806, Page No. 41, Book No. 4, Series of 2020.

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

NOTICE is given that the estate of the late **SPOUSES GERUNDIO BAYAS & LOIDA BAYBAY**, who died intestate on August 1, 2009 and April 18, 2012 respectively at Tagaytay City and Amadeo, Cavite, left five (5) parcels of land located at Amadeo, Cavite, covered by Tax Declaration No.: 02-0005-00502, Tax Declaration No.: 02-0005-00517, Tax Declaration No.: 02-0006-00129, Tax Declaration No.: 02-0006-00132 and Tax Declaration No.: 02-0014-00748 were Extra-Judicially Settled among the legal heirs of the said deceased in the said instrument, executed before Notary Public Atty. Gabriel B. Octava, under Doc. No. 72, Page No. 15, Book No. VII, Series of 2020.

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF FELIX FERRER SR. AND LEONIDA PELLERBA FERRER

NOTICE is given that the estate of the late **FELIX FERRER SR. AND LEONIDA PELLERBA FERRER**, who died intestate on October 1, 1987 and April 8, 1998 both at Indang, Cavite, left parcels of land situated in Cayquit II, Indang, Cavite, covered by Tax Declaration No. 4586 (Land), Tax Declaration No. 4587 (Improvement), Tax Declaration No. 10-0010-00833 (Improvement) and Tax Declaration No. 10-0017-00986 (Land) were Extra-Judicially Settled among the legal heirs of the said deceased in the said instrument, executed before Notary Public Atty. Perfecto G. Dumay-as, under Doc. No. 6, Page No. 2, Book No. I, Series of 2020.

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF SPS. MOISES SATOQUIA AND ROSARIO CRISTOBAL

NOTICE is given that the estate of the late **MOISES SATOQUIA AND ROSARIO CRISTOBAL**, who died intestate on October 31, 1984 at Salitran, Dasmariñas, Cavite, left a parcel of land situated at Salitran, Dasmariñas City, Cavite, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. (T-13989) RT-370, with an area of 905 square meters, and was Extra-Judicially Settled among the legal heirs of the said deceased in the said instrument, executed before Notary Public Atty. Perfecto G. Dumay-as, under Doc. No. 48, Page No. 10, Book No. I, Series of 2020.

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Pasasalamat ng Punong Lungsod Mayor Emmanuel Maliksi sa ating Sangguniang Panlungsod ng Imus sa pangunguna ni Vice Mayor Ony Cantimbuhan at mga konsehal na buong-buo ang suporta at agarang ipinasa ang ordinansa upang magkaroon ng sariling testing facility ang ating lungsod at ito nga ang City of Imus Molecular Laboratory. Kudos din sa City Health Office at Ospital ng Imus na nagsilbing punong abala sa aspetong medikal at accreditation ng facility, at sa City Engineering Office na 24/7 ang ginugol para sa preparasyon ng gusali. Hangad natin ang tagumpay ng akreditasyon nito upang maging katuwang natin sa ating laban sa Covid-19.

LGU Imus extends help to SAP beneficiaries not included in payout

Imus City, Cavite -- The local government here announced the granting of financial aid to qualified beneficiaries of the Social Amelioration Program (SAP) of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) but was not included in the payout distribution.

To address the problem, Mayor Maliksi established the Imus Grievance and Redress Committee Hotline number that focused on the complaints of the affected Imuseños with thousands of beneficiaries that turned out from this service.

Thus, the city government came up with their financial subsidy programs: the Imus Expanded SAP amounting to Php6,500.00 cash aid to be given to eligible household qualified under the DSWD SAP national program but were not included in the payout, and the Lingap Imuseño Assistance program amounting to Php2,000.00 to be given to all eligible household that were not qualified under the programs of the DSWD like the SAP, 4Ps, Senior Citizen pension; Imus Extended SAP; DOLE TUPAD, CAMP

and all other financial aid of any other agencies under the national government.

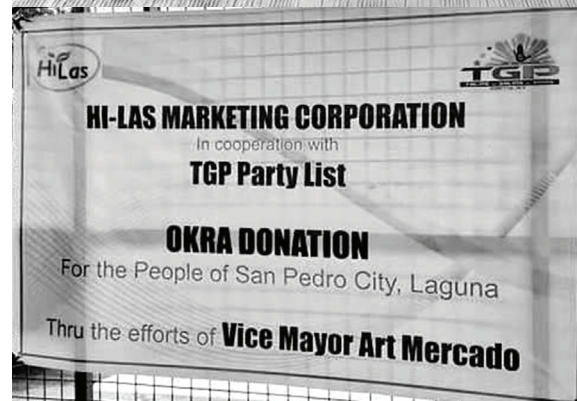
Mayor Maliksi was grateful for the combined efforts of the employees of the City Social Welfare and Development Office, City Treasurer's Office, Liga ng mga Barangay, and other volunteer personnel from the different offices of the city government who tirelessly evaluated and processed the applications of said beneficiaries.

He proudly said, "Ulanin man ng batakos, buo ang loob ng bawat isa na manatili sa pagseserbisyo, umulan man o umaraw, umagahin man at dilimin, hindi alintana ang pagod at pangani sa kalusugan ng bawat isa makapaglingkod lamang. Maraming salamat sa inyo."

(No matter what they say, everyone is determined to stay in the service, whether it rains or shine, whether it be sunny or dark, regardless of the fatigue and danger to the health of each individual. Thank you very much.)

The city government will announce the distribution schedule soon on its official Fb page and on Mayor

Maliksi's FB account. (RF, PIA-Cavite with reports from Mayor Maliksi FB page)



Noong May 22, tinanggap ni Vice Mayor Art Jam Mercado ang 300 kahon ng Export Quality Okra mula sa HI-LAS Marketing Corporation at TGP Partylist. Ito ay pinamahagi sa mga mamamayan ng San Pedro.