



## Calabarzon LGUs urged to institutionalize reforms

MANILA -- The Department of Health is urging local government officials to pass local ordinances that would help institutionalize health reforms.

At the sidelines of the Colloquium: Health Leadership and Governance Program here, DOH-Calabarzon Director Eduardo Janairo said that since local leaders have term limits, health reforms should be sustained.

“May naitanim na kami, mahalaga ‘yung sustainability at tuloy-tuloy ang programa para hindi mawala ang kalusugan para sa kanila (We have already planted the seed, what’s important now is sustainability and continuous implementation of health programs),” he said.

Local officials from selected municipalities in the Calabarzon region have undergone a training program, led by the DOH, called Municipal Leadership and Governance Program (MLGP), which aims to promote a systemic mindset for overcoming challenges in community healthcare.

The colloquium is held to formally end the two-year partnership program with the eight

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## Parents play key role in sex education, says Cardinal Tagle



Department of Health-Calabarzon Director Eduardo Janairo

\_\_\_\_\_ In educating children about human sexuality, the adult society especially parents should get in the game, a top churchman said.

Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle of Manila stressed the need for parents to recognize that they are the most significant teachers for their children.

“There is a need to face the truth of our times: the perception on the so called sexuality,” Tagle said.

He was responding to a comment on the rising incidence of teenage pregnancy in the country

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CARDINAL LUIS ANTONIO TAGLE

# FUTURE-PROOFING CAVITE MSMEs

In its thrust to raise the quality of life of Caviteños and contribute to the nation's economic progress, the provincial government of Cavite thru the Provincial Cooperative, Livelihood and Entrepreneurial Development Office (PCLEDO) in collaboration with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI-Cavite), and the Cavite Small and Medium Enterprises Development Council (CaSMEDEC), conducted the Cavite Business Expo 2019 last June 21, 2019 at the Tagaytay International Convention Center in Tagaytay City.



Undersecretary Zenaida Maglaya of DTI-IV-A, Regional Operations Group led the ribbon-cutting ceremony that officially opened the business expo, trade fair and exhibit. Usec. Maglaya was joined by DTI-Cavite Director Noly

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\_\_\_\_\_ Isang pagpupugay sa ating Sangguniang Bayan ng Carmona para sa parangal na kanilang nakamit sa katatapos lang na 2019 End Term National Assembly of the Philippine Councilors League (PCL) sa Cebu City.

Ang atin pong Sangguniang Bayan ay hinirang na National Finalist in the 1st to 3rd Class Municipalities Category ng 2018 Local Legislative Award para sa mga mahuhusay at epektibong mga polisiya na naipatupad nila sa ating bayan.

Congratulations po kina Vice Mayor Cesar L. Ines Jr. at sa lahat ng mga konsehal at bumubuo ng Sangguniang Bayan ng Carmona!





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## SENATE CORNER

## Grace Poe's response to media queries on water woes

It is time to look at Metro Manila's water woes thoroughly and offer a comprehensive and long-lasting solution.

In the short term, because the crisis is looming once again, the two water concessionaires should ensure 24/7 availability of water tanks that will deliver water if not house-to-house, in strategic points that may be accessed by the residents, establishments and offices.

In March this year, Manila Water announced its Cardona Water Treatment Plant has begun distributing 24 million liters of water per day to several barangays in Rizal. What impact does this have in augmenting the supply in the East Zone?

It is ironic that we have just passed a law requiring clean restrooms in terminals, yet we are faced with this problem of water supply.

The people's well-being is highly dependent on the quality and availability of water, and how well this vital resource is managed.

Diarrhea and a range of diseases are closely linked to insufficient water supply, inadequate sanitation and poor hygiene practices.

According to the World Health Organization, in 2015, the deaths of 526,000 children under five were attributable to diarrhea.

In the long term, we should explore ground water supplies that can be tapped without imperiling environmental conditions and balance. This may require a hefty investment, but one that will ensure availability of the resource in the future.

We also need to scrutinize the government contracts with the water concessionaires. The fact that we have the private sectors doing this for us does not clear the MWSS from its responsibility as regulators.

El Niño, climate change and other phenomena related to water supply have been there, and we should have planned a long time ago.

The concessionaires as well as the MWSS should have planned for the macro. The failure of the concessionaires to deliver water is as much the failure of the MWSS.



## UPDATE

# PHILHEALTH DENOUNCES ONE SIDED REPORTING: ENSURES THE PUBLIC OF CONTINUED FIGHT AGAINST FRAUD

Reading to a series of articles that PhilHealth is plagued by fraud and corruption, PhilHealth denounced in strongest terms the seemingly orchestrated efforts of people within and outside the Corporation to destroy the name of PhilHealth and undermine its efforts in fraud identification and control. The truth behind the allegations

There have been and there may be fraudulent activities at present that have been detected by the Corporation. But to say that PhilHealth has not been taking action is an utter lie. The Corporation has filed at least 13 criminal complaints against providers now pending in the Courts, approx. 200 cases against erring employers, 27 cases of unethical behavior of its provider doctors before the Professional Regulation Commission. Charges before PhilHealth's Arbitration office against 81 facilities and 26 doctors and more than 271 facilities and 206 doctors are facing preliminary investigation.

PhilHealth has revoked the accreditation of 21 facilities and 35 health care professional, suspended 147 facilities and professionals and imposed fines to more than 600 combined facilities and professionals.

Moreover, since 2008, PhilHealth has denied 1,294 applications for the renewal of accreditation after due evaluation of capacity and integrity of the health care provider. In addition, it has withdrawn accreditation of 71 providers. Ghost dialysis treatment

With regards to dialysis treatments of dead patients in WellMed, 5 formal charges have been filed in PhilHealth's Arbitration Office involving 83 cases/counts against the institution and 41 counts against at least 2 involved doctors.

The Corporation does not condone such acts as it undermines the people's entitlement, hence it has withdrawn the accreditation of WellMed Dialysis Center and Laboratory Corporation in view of the fraudulent claims for dialysis services filed on behalf of deceased patients. A total of 8000+ complaints against its health care providers nationwide are now also being investigated in its 17 Regional offices with the highest number in Region 12.

Pamela del Rosario case

It should be emphasized that the case which was recently made public involving Pamela del Rosario who connived with a former PhilHealth employee, Maria Eilrene Dizon-Zarate and was able to collect a total of P 1.17 million for her chemotherapy treatment for breast cancer as well as those of her parents is a case in 2010 - 2014 . Cases has been filed before the Ombudsman and the courts against the involved PhilHealth employee who is no longer connected with the Corporation and who has a warrant of arrest against her. PhilHealth Regional Office I filed several cases against del Rosario, Zarate and an employee of the

Nazareth General Hospital in the Prosecutor's Office in Dagupan City in June 2015. Zarate was charged with falsification by a public officer while her cohorts were charged with falsification by private individuals, used of falsified documents, swindling and estafa.

'Fake Receipts'

In relation to Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) remittances, 'fake receipts' issued to OFWs hired by at least seventeen (17) recruitment agencies was detected in 2015.

It was uncovered that out of 1,015 OFWs billed about 533 were issued fake receipts, amounting to P1,279,200.00. Through its collection efforts, As of May 2019, PhilHealth has collected P208,800 from some of the recruitment agencies, with the remaining balance either a) awaiting settlement, b) with final demand letter, and c) already endorsed to Legal Service of the PhilHealth NCR. Complaints have been filed against these recruitment agencies in the NBI.

PhilHealth asserts that actions were taken to resolve the issue on the fake receipts. On November 2015, then PhilHealth President and CEO Alexander Padilla wrote NBI Director Atty. Virgilio Mendez requesting for investigation on the reported cases of falsified PORs. To further augment public awareness on fake receipts, PhilHealth issued advisories and press release warning the public on the proliferation of fake PORs issued to PhilHealth members particularly to OFW. Reforms in its fight against fraud

PhilHealth has instituted reforms to combat these modus operandi of its providers in cheating the Corporation of the money of its members. Several innovations have been introduced in its IT system through the years. A clean up facility was installed so as to automatically identify double entries of members. Direct filing of claims is no longer accepted except for such conditions as peritoneal dialysis, animal bite, hospitalization abroad, to name a few.

Adoption of the Machine Learning Identification, Detection and Analysis System (MIDAS) and the Health Insurance Data Analytics Committee (HIDAC) that analyzes voluminous claims data to detect over utilization, among others. Through this method, fraud cases in relation to the overutilization of certain medical conditions such as cataract, pneumonia high risk, sepsis and, recently, diabetic ketoacidosis and pulmonary embolism were investigated and found out to suspiciously high, highest being in Region 11 (Davao Region) and Region 12 (Socargen Region) or Region 10 (Cagayan) all in Mindanao area. Analysis of data showed that in pulmonary embolism claims, number one

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## PGC EXTENDS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIGENT RESIDENTS OF CAVITE

A total of 3,712 indigent residents gathered at the Provincial Gymnasium in Trece Martires City and received a total of P 19, 932, 000. 00 during the mass distribution of welfare assistance on June 24, 2019. The outreach program aims to ease the burden of constituents who are facing difficulties in paying their medical and burial obligations. The ceremonial distribution in the morning was led by Governor Boying Remulla together with Provincial Cooperative Livelihood and Entrepreneurial Development Office head Atty. Khervy Reyes while in the afternoon, they were joined by 7th District Board Member- elect Lito Langit. Likewise, in line with his advocacy "Mula sa Bayan, Para sa Bayan", Governor Remulla echoed his commitment on giving back the taxes paid by his constituents thru extending welfare assistance to those who are in need. Recipients thanked and expressed their appreciation to the local government for continuously initiating programs beneficial to the underprivileged Caviteños. The event was made possible thru the efforts of the Office of the Provincial Governor (OPG) in cooperation with the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO) and Provincial Treasurer's Office (PTO).

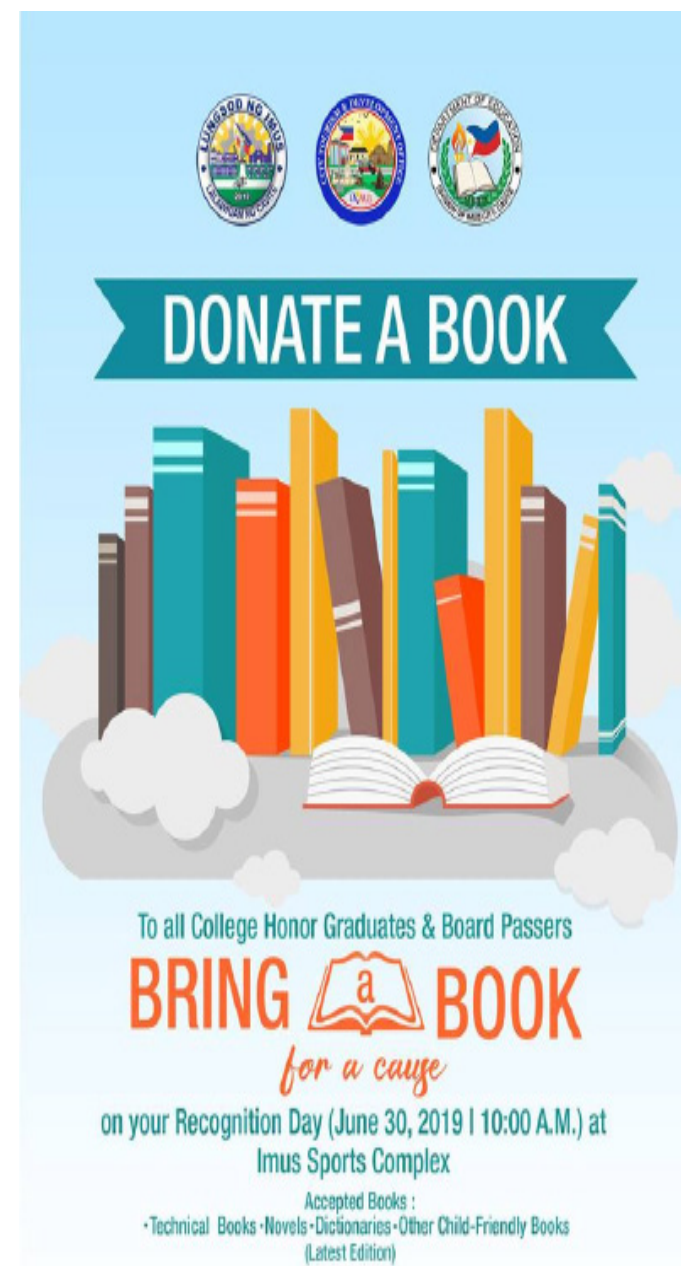
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**Announcement to all College Honor Graduates & Board Passers, you are REQUIRED to BRING A BOOK on June 30, 2019 (Sunday) 10:00 A.M. at Imus Sports Complex.**

**Accepted Books:**

- 1. Technical Books & Dictionaries (Latest Edition)**
- 2. Novels**
- 3. Child-Friendly Books**



The City Government of Bacoor turned over a Man-Lift Truck and One Elf Truck to the City Engineering Department earlier this morning. The equipment will help the department in their everyday operations.

## SSS taps local fund managers for P7B funds

QUEZON CITY.-- State-run Social Security System (SSS) tapped nine (9) domestic fund managers to manage part of its Investment Reserve Fund (IRF) worth P7 billion to help improve pension fund's earnings from investments.

SSS President and CEO Aurora C. Ignacio said the pension fund deployed P1 billion each for three Balanced Fund Mandates, three Pure Equity Fund Mandates, and one Pure Fixed Income Fund Mandate. An investment mandate is an instruction to manage the pool of capital or funds, using a specific strategy and within certain risk parameters.

Earlier, SSS opened the bidding to hire nine local fund managers to manage the P9 billion investible funds which are divided equally to three types of mandate namely: Balanced Fund Mandate, Pure Equity Fund Mandate, and Pure Fixed Income Mandate.

Ignacio said the local fund managers underwent an open and competitive bidding and transparent evaluation process. After the bidding process, only P7 billion was deployed to qualified fund managers.

Under the Balanced Fund Mandate, SSS selected the Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation, BPI Asset Management, and Trust Corporation and ATRAM Trust Corporation who will each manage P1 billion investible fund. For Pure Equity Fund Mandate, BPI Asset Management and Trust Corporation, Metropolitan Bank and Trust Company, and Philequity Management, Inc. will each handle P1 billion investible fund. Meanwhile, BPI Asset Management and Trust Corporation was entrusted to oversee P1 billion investible fund for the Pure Fixed Income Fund Mandate.

"The SSS management believes that it will benefit from the investment value-added services of the fund managers such as training, access to proprietary investment analysis and information and access to business analytics," Ignacio said.

Under the old charter of the SSS, the pension fund is allowed to appoint local or foreign fund managers to manage the IRF.

SSS' investment reserve fund as of the end of 2018 period stood at P495.6 billion wherein bulk of it, or 43 percent is invested in government securities, 19 percent in equities, another 19 percent in loans to members, 3 percent for bank deposits, 8 percent for corporate notes and bonds, 7 percent in real estate and 1 percent for mutual fund.

"The remaining P2 billion allotted for two local fund managers will be open for rebidding this year," Ignacio said. (SSS)

## EFFECTIVELY PROVIDING HEALTHCARE SERVICES FOR THE PEOPLE OF IMUS

Residents of Tanzang Luma IV in the City of Imus showed their gratitude to the medical mission team who conducted free health care services to the locals of Imus on June 26, 2019. Two hundred fifty-nine citizens benefited from free consultations, checkups and tooth extraction rendered by volunteer doctors, dentists and other medical practitioners from General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital (GEAMH) with Dr. Remegio Camerino, City Health Office Dental Team, 15th Strike Wing Philippine Air Force and Dr. Cecil Camantigue, a private dental practitioner. Free medicines and vitamins were also given to the patients



who have availed the healthcare services. The event was made possible thru the request of Barangay Chairman Milaner R. Amoroso with the members of the barangay council which include Councilors Jhun G. Cinto, Archie T. Piedad, Rosemarie D. Castronuevo, Mila S. Pancho, Rosemarie A. Nombrefia, Marites E. de Quiroz, and Judemy V. Reyes. Barangay health workers and employees from the local and provincial government were also present who assisted the medical team in conducting the outreach event.

SOURCE: PROVINCIAL INFORMATION AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

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hospital in terms of amount of claims was in a Level 1 hospital in the Cagayan Region.

As of May 31, 2019, 11 health care providers and 22 health care professionals were penalized by the Arbitration Office of PhilHealth due to cataract-related cases involving around P7.8 million worth of fines. Almost 4,000 cases are still on-going to date for cataract-related cases alone.

E-Claims or the automated submission of claims was implemented in 2018. This ensured that no entry of data would be done in PhilHealth Regional Offices.

Other mechanisms to deter fraud were instituted such as the use of Claims Form 4 (CF4) for all admissions starting March 01 of this year. CF4 requires more information to better evaluate the truthfulness and quality of service given to its members.

Other measures include the data-driven transformation of PhilHealth through the continuing implementation; strengthening of Business Intelligence Office; and strengthening operations for efficient and effective delivery and review of roles, performance and assignment. Robust Finances

PhilHealth strongly maintains that the fund entrusted to us by our members is secured. In 2018, a net income of P11.6 Billion was realized. In March this year, a net income of around P 2.44 Billion was recorded with a total fund balance of P127 billion to date.

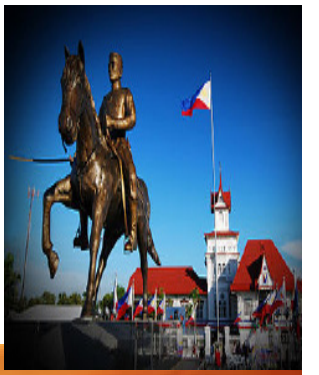
PhilHealth called on the public to support the fight against health insurance fraud. PhilHealth cautioned its members against institutions or practitioners who use their names to claim for admissions that never happened. It also encouraged its members to immediately report to the nearest PhilHealth office any incidence of medical procedures undertaken without the members' informed and written consent. It issued the call to keep unethical doctors and abusive facilities from manipulating and exploiting PhilHealth and its members. It also enlisted the support of its media partners in being vigilant about potentially fraudulent practices, emphasizing that every amount saved from fraud and abuses can be used to improve the benefit packages to make these beneficial for more PhilHealth members.

"I ask our members to maintain your trust in PhilHealth and not to believe in biased reports. PhilHealth is keeping true and steadfast to its mission of Members' First. Hence, our efforts will not stop here. We will continue to initiate reforms that will ensure the integrity of the National Insurance Program, and the viability of the health insurance fund to enable us to fulfill our obligation to our 104 million strong membership," said PhilHealth OIC, President and CEO Ruben John Basa. (END)









The City Government of Bacoor paid tribute to the senior citizens of Bacoor with the induction of the newly elected officers of their federation earlier today at Strike Gymnasium. Mayor Lani Mercado Revilla led the oath taking ceremony of the federation directors and officers, barangay association presidents, and cluster heads. Also present during the occasion were Senator Ramon “Bong” Revilla, Cavite Vice Governor Jolo Revilla, Cavite Provincial Board Member Aba Gawaran, Vice Mayor Karen Sarino Evaristo, members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, and OSCA Chairman Bayani de Leon.

# Duque swears in 1.9K Calabarzon Universal Health Care pros

The new human resources for health (HRH) ready for deployment to the Calabarzon provinces consisted of 324 for Cavite; 403 for Laguna; 410 for Batangas; 360 for Rizal; and 496 for Quezon for a composite team of doctors, dentists, nurses, medical technologists, midwives, and pharmacists.

The health secretary described the successful signing of the UHC Act as a step towards restructuring the health care system – one that shifts its emphasis towards a primary care-oriented system.

He said the strategy to attain UHC is contained in the DOH medium-term health

agenda FOURmula One Plus for Health, anchored on the four health reform pillars of Financing, Service Delivery, Regulation, and Governance across achieving Performance Accountability.

He added that the pillars were established to judiciously manage financial capital and human resources under an environment conducive to healthful choices and service delivery networks.

“Primary care is never primary care without you,” Duque told the newly sworn-in team of health professionals.

He said the DOH’s commitment is to ensure a functional service delivery

network where primary health care translates to “every Filipino family is taken care of by a primary care provider team.”

“Enhanced coordination and integration facilitate adequate care for people who have limited financial resources that hinder their access to health services,” he said.

Duque also thanked the corps of medical professionals who opted to work with the DOH despite the many challenges in the past and chose to pursue public health where passion and dedication are paramount in government service.

“Our fight for quality and affordable health services through the UHC will not be on full swing without you on board,” he

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BINAN CITY, Laguna -- Department of Health (DOH) Secretary Dr. Francisco T. Duque III on Friday swore in 1,993 medical professionals and allied health services as a new breed of health workers to be deployed to the Calabarzon region to ensure the implementation of the government’s Universal Health Care (UHC) program.

Duque, along with DOH 4-A (Calabarzon) Director Dr. Eduardo C. Janairo and national and local health officials, congratulated the newly sworn-in government health professionals who are now part of the massive force for better health delivery services and health agents, in pursuit of the UHC law that was signed by President Rodrigo Duterte.

“I am happy to see an excellent cadre of health professionals all set to take part in nation-building, through providing quality health services that will make every Filipino reach his or her full potential,” Duque said during the event that was held at the Alone Sports Complex here.



**WHEN: June 24, 2019 | Monday**

**WHERE: Brgy. De Ocampo Covered Court, Trece Martires City**

**WHEN: June 26, 2019 | Wednesday**

**WHERE: Tanzang Luma IV Covered Court, City of Imus**

**WHEN: June 27, 2019 | Thursday**

**WHERE: Sunnybrooke Subdivision Brgy. San Francisco, City of Gen. Trias**

**WHEN: June 28, 2019 | Friday**

**WHERE: Alulod Elementary School, Brgy. Alulod, Indang**