

PGC's Botika on Wheels initiative benefits more than 8K elderlies

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite Jul 5 (PIA) -- A total of 8,140 individuals benefited from the provincial government's initiative Botika on Wheels with its initial roll-out in several barangays in nearby towns of Maragondon, Naic and Cavite City.

The project aimed to help the vulnerable group of senior citizens who are not allowed to leave their houses during this time of COVID-19 pandemic, the mobile drug store will visit all the barangays in the entire province to provide easy access to the essential medicines they needed.

With its first roll-out on June 5-11, 2020, 27 barangays in the municipality of Maragondon with a total of 2,260 senior citizens were giv-

en free maintenance drugs as well as vitamins to help boost their immune system.

Likewise, on June 16-23, 2020 about 4,364 elderlies of Cavite City availed of the free maintenance medicines and vitamins from the Botika on Wheels while 1,516 senior citizens of the municipality of Naic were thankful to receive their prescribed medicines for free from the mobile drug store as it rolled in their

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Protect volunteer workers from liability - Revilla

Celebrities and ordinary Filipinos linked arms to form armies of volunteers to offer support, assistance and compassion to their fellow men, conquering their own fears and reservations, and overcoming the risks because of the threat posed by the dreaded coronavirus disease

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Sen. Bong Revilla

GORDON WELCOMES ACCREDITATION OF PRC MOLECULAR LAB IN BATANGAS

With the added boost it would bring to the Philippine Red Cross' testing capacity, Senator Richard J. Gordon, chairman and CEO of the Philippine Red Cross, welcomed the recent accreditation of the PRC's molecular laboratory in Batangas City.

Gordon said that with the Batangas facility already passing the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine's proficiency test on Thursday and certified as an accredited COVID-19 testing center,



Sen. Richard J. Gordon

the PRC can now conduct a combined total of 32,000 tests a day.

"With testing being the key to get our economy going again, the accreditation of our

laboratory in Batangas is a very welcome development as it would ensure that we can test more people. Thru testing we can prevent the further spread of the virus thru testing because we will be able to separate the infected people from those who are not infected so they can't transmit the virus. But more than that, people who are already tested can already go back to his or her job," he said.

The PRC chief
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Demonstration of Computerized Temperature Scanner & Alcohol Dispenser Machine for the City Government Of Dasmariñas, Outside and Satellite Offices.
The machine also has a capacity to record individuals scanned stored in its built-in memory card to serve as aid and reference in cases of contact tracing.

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NEWS UPDATE



OFFICIAL STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE ISSUE SURROUNDING THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION

Secretary Francisco T. Duque III issued a statement in response to the issue of fraud surrounding the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth):

"I am deeply disappointed about the recent events surrounding PhilHealth and WellMed. PhilHealth was founded with the vision of providing Filipinos with universal health coverage because it is our belief, as public health practitioners, that financial status should never hinder any Filipino from receiving quality health service. For the system to be taken advantage of and used in corruption is utterly unacceptable. These nefarious activities must end and PhilHealth should further strengthen its zero tolerance policy on overpayments.

As the Health Secretary and ex-officio Chairman of PhilHealth, I am warning all health providers and PhilHealth officials in the strongest possible terms: do not cheat the system nor even attempt to do it. Tama na ang hocus pocus. Maraming Pilipinong may sakit ang umaasa sa tulong na ibinibigay ng PhilHealth. I will ensure that justice will be served to those who defraud the system.

President Rodrigo Duterte has instructed for a clean slate in PhilHealth, hence I have ordered a revamp of PhilHealth's accreditation committee. All false claims are to be investigated and when warranted, charges will be filed. Board members have also been asked to submit their courtesy resignation upon the order of the President.

Moving forward, I have instructed my colleagues at the Department of Health to ensure anti-corruption measures are in place for the implementation of the Universal Health Care as we write the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR). This is to highlight the provisions in the UHC Act that were intended to improve the health financing system.

I am grateful to President Rodrigo Duterte for his robust leadership and swift action in this matter. I call for all of us to work together — the medical community, health providers, government units in the national and local levels, and the Filipino people — to fix the system and put an end to corruption and fraud."

SENATE CORNER

Tolentino wants reasonable deduction in tax payment during this period of pandemic

Administration Senator Francis "Tol" Tolentino plans to propose that additional expenses incurred by work-from-home employees, particularly on electricity consumption, can be considered as deductible expense in tax payment.

Tolentino expressed his intention to file a corresponding measure during the hearing of the Committee on Energy on the electric power industry amid the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

"Ito pong ginastos ng ating mga nagtatrabaho sa bahay, pwedeng ikarga bilang deductible expense sa pagbabayad ng buwis dahil po naba-wasan ang gastos ng kanilang pinapasukan," said Tolentino.



Senator Francis "Tol" Tolentino

"Hindi na sila nagtatrabaho doon sa opisina nila, hindi kumo-konsumo ng aircon at kuryente. Dahil nagtatrabaho sila sa bahay, nadagdagan ang kanilang gastusin sa kuryente," he added.

Tolentino said that he and Energy Committee chairman Sen. Sherwin

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PDEA chief to drug personalities: 'Stigma is over'

Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) Director-General, Undersecretary Wilkins M. Villanueva, has urged former drug dependents to come out and be productive, and serve as advocates of the state's anti-drug abuse programs.

During his recent visit in Cagayan Valley region where he led the formal declaration of the province of Quirino and 92 barangays all over the region as drug cleared, he said the era of stigma is already over for drug dependents, especially those who have successfully graduated from the drug rehabilitation program of the government and are now enjoying freedom and fruitful living.

"Gone are the days that former drug dependents hide. Today, a lot of them are productive. They are proud recipients of our rehabilitation program. They are now our partners in the war on drugs," Villanueva said.

According to him, there were already 440,000 drug personalities nationwide who have completed the drug rehabilitation program of the government since President Rodrigo Roa Duterte laid his war on drugs campaign.

"These are the beneficiaries of the various interventions of the government agencies and other sectors of our society. These are the former drug personalities who were given the second chance to live meaningfully," he added.

Villanueva, who served as PDEA regional director in Northern Mindanao and former member of the Philippine National Police, said the former drug personalities in the region where he served have already organized themselves and now serving as advocates of the anti drug program of the government.

As the newly appointed director-general of the country's top anti-narcotics agency, Villanueva vowed to further improve the operations of the agency to run after illegal drug personalities with the help of the police, other government agencies, the civic organizations and the public. (BME/OTB/PIA-Cagayan)

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Provincial Government of Cavite

50th Regular Session of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Cavite on July 6



To address the rapid community transmission of COVID-19 in the province, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Cavite enacted Provincial Ordinance No. 290-2020, An Ordinance on Mandatory Quarantine and Isolation in a Hospital or a Government Facility of all Persons Confirmed with Coronavirus Disease 2019, during its 50th Regular Session on 06 July 2020.

Introduced by Vice Gov. Ramon Jolo B. Revilla III, sponsored by BM Kerby Salazar and co-sponsored by all SP Members, this ordinance aims to ensure the safety of Cavitenos and to prevent the massive spread of the disease. This ordinance is still for approval of the Provincial Governor, and once implemented, all persons confirmed with COVID-19 shall be brought to the isolation facility for the necessary quarantine.

The Sanggunian continuously exerts its best efforts in thinking of solutions against this pandemic for the people of Cavite. Let us all work hand in hand to face this challenge!

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Ablan: PH membership to ICIC beefs up protection, promotion of information rights in world stage

The Philippines' recent accreditation to a "permanent" and worldwide "network" of information commissioners, ombudspersons, and proponents of access to information will further enhance the government's appreciation and respect of access to public information, an official said Thursday.

During the Laging Handa network briefing, Freedom of Information (FOI) Project director and Presidential Communications Opera-

tions Office (PCOO) Assistant Secretary Kris Ablan happily shared the details that the FOI Project Management Office, an attached office of the PCOO that handles the implementation of the FOI program in the Executive branch, has been accredited as a member of the International Conference of Information Commissioners or the ICIC.

"Ito ay isang permanenteng network na nag-uugnay sa mga informa-

tion commissioners, mga ombudspersons at iba pang mga kinatawan na nagpapatupad ng access to information sa iba't ibang bansa sa mundo," Ablan said, emphasizing that the Philippine government is an open government that fuels citizen participation and access to information, and to official and public records, among others.

"Ang pagkilala po ng ICIC sa FOI PMO bilang miyembro ay mahalaga sa pagkat tayo ay nabigyan ng

pagkakataon na makibahagi sa pagtataguyod ng access to information in an international platform," he added, saying the country's inclusion into this global community happened in February 2020.

He said being a member would allow to share best practice, to learn how we can improve, and to defend, promote, protect and develop access rights

"Through dialogue and mutual cooperation with other members, we will be able

to develop our capacity as an FOI institution by sharing information and best practices including peer learning," he furthered.

The ICIC currently has 56 eligible members across the world, of which, Ablan said, the Philippines is among only five countries in Asia and the lone state in Southeast Asia to be recognized by the conference so far.

"At present, there

are 56 accredited members worldwide. Ang Pilipinas po, sa pangunguna ng Presidential Communications Operations Office FOI PMO, ay isa sa limang bansang accredited sa Asya and the only Southeast Asian country accredited by the ICIC to date," he said.

"ICIC fosters the protection and the promotion of access to public information as a fundamental pillar to socio-economic and democratic governance," he added. (PIA NCR)

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also reiterated his earlier call for rampant testing to be conducted in the different economic zones in the country to enable factories and other business establishments to resume their operations since their employees can go back to work if they have been tested.

"Kaya natutuwa

ako dahil pwede nang magsimula ng operations diyan sa Batangas kasi marami tayong mga pabrika diyan, pati sa Laguna na malapit lang din sa Batangas. Ang tao, walang pambili dahil walang trabaho kaya binigyan ng pera ng gobyerno. Pero hindi pwedeng habambuhay bibigyan ng

gobyerno ng pera. Kaya dapat makapagtrabaho na ulit. Ang sinasabi ko, para makapagtrabaho na, dapat kayo ay magpa-test," he said.

The molecular laboratory in Batangas City, equipped with two automated ribonucleic acid extraction ma-

chines or Natch and four RT-polymerase chain reaction machines, is capable of running a total of 4,000 tests per day.

Last June 27, the PRC inaugurated its largest molecular laboratory in its former national headquarters in Port Area, Manila. It is equipped with seven RNA

extraction machines and 14 PCR machines and can complete a total of 14,000 tests in a day.

Earlier last month, the PRC also opened similar facilities in Subic and Clark, which have a combined capacity for running 6,000 tests a day. While last May, the foremost humanitarian organization opened its first two molecular lab-

oratories in its national headquarters along EDSA. The facilities are capable of conducting 8,000 tests a day.

"Once our laboratory in Batangas City is up and running, we will be able to test 32,000 people in a day. The more people we test, the faster we will ensure victory over COVID," Gordon stressed.

CITY GOVERNMENT OF BACOR



INSPECTION OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS IN CAVITE MALLS CONTINUES

DTI, Cavite Tourism, LGU Bacoor City during the joint monitoring of dine-in restaurants and salons at SM City Bacoor on June 26, 2020. Mayor Lani Mercado was also present during the post-audit monitoring, welcoming the inspection team led by DTI-Cavite OIC-PD Revelyn Cortez. Majority of the food establishments are compliant to the minimum health protocols as well as to the additional guidelines set by Governor Jonvic Remulla. The mall management and tenants pledged to support the government's efforts and continue to implement the health and safety measures to fight COVID-19. Likewise, they request for issuance of certification that establishment is proven compliant and wish for longer mall hours to somehow extend service to other customers who can only do errands after they leave work at 5:00PM.

According to the mall manager, foot traffic was down to 8,000 these days as compared to 80,000 before the pandemic hits the province. — (PTCAO)

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calls had also been made, one to Hong Kong and another to Beijing China with China Telecom.

"DITO has informed us that they have, in fact, begun limited user testing and have discussed their plans of expanding this within the next few months under the friendly user test. They have activated a significant number of sites wherein phone calls and connection to the internet are possible, and have put-up, in various stages of completion, a total of one thousand three hundred (1,300) towers on top of the Common Tower Agreements with Independent Tower Contractors they have secured." DICT Secretary Gregorio B. Honasan II said.

DITO Telecommunity also reported that the pandemic did cause a number of key infrastructure delays as they were approaching peak potential on the roll-out of DITO. Retired Major General Rodolfo Santiago, Chief Technology Officer of DITO, previously mentioned that DITO prepared for any eventuality by putting in place locally sourced materials needed for the roll-out, but as the situation evolved, even local industries had experienced difficulty in meeting their commitments due to COVID-19 pandemic and the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ).

Most of the scheduled material supplies from China such as fiber cables, DC containers, base stations, towers, and telecom ancillaries

failed to arrive as scheduled causing delays in the roll-out. Despite these limitations, more than two hundred fifty (250) tower sites are now operational, integrated and on air, and interim network operation centers are in place to allow limited internet connection and phone calls. The hardest hit during the ECQ was the laying of domestic and submarine cables.

In relation to the delay caused by the COVID-19 crisis, the NTC issued a resolution extending the July 2020 technical audit under the CPCN provisions. Under the current extension, DITO is given within six (6) months to deliver the commitments for the technical audit requirements- that is to provide a speed of 27 megabits per second to cover 37% percent of the population.

DITO Chief Administrative Officer Atty. Adel Tamano stressed that only the technical audit schedule was moved. DITO's other commitments, such as the commercial launch this March 2021, will proceed as scheduled.

With DITO's plans of building its network underway, Telco giants PLDT and Globe are each strategizing ways to revamp and upscale their services to meet the growing demand for connectivity in the country.

PLDT returned to the international bond market after 18 years and successfully raised 600 million U.S. dollars from the two-part issuance of

the lowest coupon for a 10-year and 30-year offering. The orders reached 10.2 billion dollars or 17 times the amount sold—the largest orderbook size and oversubscription achieved by an issuer driven by institutional investors.

The proceeds from the bond market will primarily serve to refinance PLDT's existing debt obligations at lower interest rates until 2021, allowing the telco to boost spending for operational and revenue growth.

Globe, for its part, is looking into building cell sites in public schools to ease the transition to blended learning and digital education as face-to-face classes are prohibited pursuant to social distancing measures of the Inter-agency Task Force (IATF).

These private sector efforts, concurrent with the DICT's strategic issuance of Department Circular (DC) No. 008, s. 2020, that provides for the guidelines on Shared

Passive Telecommunications Tower Infrastructure (PTTIs), are expected to improve connectivity services and generate more economic opportunities across the country, in line with the President Duterte's "Balik Probinsya Bagong Pag-Asa Program."

"The private telecommunications industry serves a major part in achieving the DICT's vision of a 'Digital Philippines'. The quality and coverage of the services they provide highly impact the overall ICT growth of the country," DICT Secretary Gregorio B. Honasan II said. "The President stressed that the need for reliable Internet connectivity has never been more urgent, so we are accelerating and encouraging digital transformation for both the public and the private sectors to curb the effects of the pandemic on our country's economy and the continued education of our youth," he added. (DICT)

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town on June 25 & 26, 2020.

Thru the coordination of the local government chiefs Mayor Reynaldo Rilo of Maragondon, Mayor Junio Dualan of Naic and Mayor Bernardo Paredes of Cavite City and the healthcare officers of the provincial, municipal

and city health offices as well as the barangay captains the had been well organized with strict implementation of the health protocols of mandatory wearing of masks and physical distancing. source:(Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite with report from PICAD)

DepEd Imus City Eagle Riders

Sa pagsisimula ng School Year 2020-2021, nais ng Pamahalaang Lungsod at DepEd Imus na matiyak ang pagkatuto ng mga kabataan kahit sa panahon ng pandemya.

Katuwang ang mga teacher-rider na miyembro ng DepEd Imus City Eagle Riders (DICER), maihahatid sa bawat kabahayan ang mga learning modules ng bawat mag-aaral.

Tayo rin ay namahagi ng mahigit 2,500 na radyo na maaring gamitan ng flashdrive para matulungan ang mga guro sa kanilang pagrereview ng mga recorded lesson.

Kasalukuyan din nating isinasabay ang paglalagay at pagpapabilis ng internet connection sa bawat paaralan at barangay upang matulungan ang mga mag-aaral at mga guro sa kanilang pag-aaral.

Sa ating pagtutulungan at pagkakaisa, lahat ay ating makakaya.



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2019 (COVID-19).

In this light, Sen. Ramon Bong Revilla Jr. filed Senate Bill No. 1511, or the "Emergency Volunteer Protection Act," which, if passed into law, would create an "enabling and conducive environment for volunteer work" by protecting them from liabilities for acts committed in the performance of their duties during emergency situations.

Under the measure, a volunteer "properly licensed, certified or authorized" either by government entities, non-government organizations or the Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency (PNVSCA) should not be held liable for harm caused by an act or

omission done in performance of his or her duties or functions; or the harm was not caused by willful or criminal misconduct, gross negligence, reckless misconduct, or a conscious, flagrant indifference to the rights and safety of the individual harmed by the volunteer.

The liability protection, however, shall not apply to a misconduct which constitutes a crime under the Revised Penal Code or an offense in any special penal law; if the misconduct was performed by the volunteer under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any dangerous drug at the time of the act or omission; if the volunteers are from business organizations that employ

volunteers for pecuniary purposes; and if volunteers receive compensation for volunteering at a nonprofit organization.

"In this measure, we introduced several incentives for volunteers such as insurance coverage, access to trainings, leave privileges, and employment merits that may encourage more to be involved in worthwhile civic work," Revilla said.

The insurance shall cover disability benefit, hospitalization, medical treatment and rehabilitation therapy, and death benefit, the measure read. The measure also ensures that emergency volunteers shall receive incentives to be sponsored or facilitated by the the PNVSCA.

Gen. Trias City's business inspection



Gen. Trias City's business inspection unit headed by LEIPO Rommel Olimpo assisted the provincial monitoring team comprised of employees from DTI, DOLE, PHO, and Cavite Tourism during their visit at Robinsons Mall-General Trias on July 02, 2020, as they continue to monitor compliance of dine-in restaurants and salons to the minimum health protocols.

Robinsons' Regional Operations Manager Maricel Ramirez once again pledged

their commitment to ensure that their tenants, particularly the 17 restaurants and salons inspected, observe and further improve safety measures for both customers and employees.

The mall manager likewise expressed their appreciation to Governor Jonvic Remulla and Mayor Ony Ferrer for the support, hoping for the pandemic to cease and more businesses to reopen soon. — Rochelle D. Bawalan (Tourism Operations Officer II)

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Regional Director Eduardo C. Janairo stated during the turn-over ceremony held at the regional office on July 1, 2020.

"Marami ang mga pasyente na namamatay sa aksidente sa kalsada, sa biglang atake sa puso habang nasa bahay kasama na dito ang mga may malubhang sakit dahil walang ambulansya sa kanilang lugar para sila ay mapuntahan agad at mabigyan ng first aid at magdadala sa kanila sa pinakamalapit na ospital."

"Mas madali tayong makapagligligtas ng buhay kung kumpleto ang mga kagamitan at mga serbisyong pangkalusugan sa ating mga pampublikong ospital at pasilidad lalo na sa mga nasa malalayong lugar sa mga probinsya. Lahat ng ito ay isasaayos natin at palalakasin ang ating mga primary health care facilities para matugunan ang mga pangangailang pangkalusugan ng ating mga

kababayan," he added.

One of the LED TV set to be distributed to the 10 recipients of land ambulances during the turn-over of the second batch of land ambulances held at the DOH CALABARZON regional office, Quirino Memorial Medical Center Compound, Project 4, Quezon City July 1, 2020 (Photo & caption: DOH CALABARZON)

The second batch of 10 land ambulances is part of the 98 units procured by the regional office under the DOH-Health Facility Enhancement Program (HFEP) to be distributed to various public health facilities.

The DOH-HFEP upgrades the capabilities of government health facilities as well as providing training to health professionals to improve the access of people to quality health care.

According to Janai-

ro each ambulance is supplied with medical equipment necessary for emergency medical personnel to respond to medical emergency including automatic external defibrillator, nebulizer, portable suction machine, examining light, aneroid sphygmomanometer, folding stretcher, scoop stretcher, heavy duty stethoscope, and oxygen cylinder.

Among the recipients of the brand new land ambulances are Pagamutan bayan

ng Dasma, General Mariano Alvarez RHU, Ospital ng Tagaytay, San Pedro Jose L. Amante Emergency Hospital, Calamba City RHU (Main), Cardona RHU, Mabini RHU, Sariaya RHU, Quezon Medical Center, and Unisan Medicare Community Hospital.

The regional Health Education and Promotion Unit also distributed one LED TV set per recipient hospital for health education purposes. (PIA-4A/DOH-CALABARZON)

MUNICIPALITY OF SILANG COVID 19 UPDATE

Based on Mayor Corie Poblete's announcement, it has already recorded a 29th case of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in town on July 5. The said patient was a frontliner, 47 years old, woman, and originated from Barangay Bulihan. In the report, before entering swab testing the patient undergoes mandatory 14-day quarantine because he was exposed to a Confirmed Covid-19 patient. The said patient is currently in the isolation facility. Source: Mayor Corie Poblete #COVID19PH

Tolentino...FROM P2

Gatchalian will file a bill seeking to amend the National Internal Revenue Code to provide a reasonable deduction on gross income of any taxpayer who has incurred additional electricity consumption while working at home.

"Because he was able to produce something for the government office or for a private employer, he is entitled to some tax relief," Tolentino said.

Earlier, the Manila Electric Company (Meralco) said that electricity consumption went up by 30 percent during the quarantine period.

Meanwhile, Tolentino asked the Meralco to make its messaging clearer and simpler for the consumer to understand amid the confusion regarding its monthly billing during the lockdown period.

"Napakahaba ng paliwanag ng Meralco, kahit ako hindi ko maintindihan. Nakadagdag pa sa kalituhan iyong kanilang advertisement sa diyaryo," said Tolentino.

"Hindi ba kayang gawing simple ang paliwanag ng Meralco para mas maintindihan ng tao ang kailangan nilang bayaran?" he added.



DOH turns over 10 more ambulances to health facilities in CALABARZON

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna, (PIA) --Department of Health (DOH) - CALABARZON (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, Quezon) gave out 10 more land ambulances to health facilities in the region to further strengthen its response to the present COVID-10 crisis and other emergency situations during trauma, crisis and disaster.

My goal is to equipped every public health



Regional Director
Eduardo C. Janairo

facility with one land ambulance each because it is a necessity and an essential part in the delivery of health care services in the community,"

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The 10 brand new land ambulances distributed to health facilities in the region presented during the turn-over ceremony held at the DOH-CALABARZON regional office, Quirino Memorial Medical Center Compound, Project 4, Quezon City July 1, 2020. (Photo & caption: DOH CALABARZON)

CAVITE GOVERNOR JONVIC REMULLA ON MERALCO BILLING ISSUE

Governor Jonvic Remulla also gave the answer to those asking about high electricity billing. He told his Facebook live that he talked to Meralco about it. "I talked to Meralco. Please check your new billing as they say billing has adjusted since June. Your billing in March, April, May, please check again because your new billing will come out this June," according to him. The problem is that the meter readers can't turn around and can't check during ECQ and GCQ so what happened is that they are just estimates based on the former consumption, but now you can get it true bill reading this coming in June," he will explain it. SOURCE:#GoCavite

PH to improve telco services to meet 'new normal' demands

QUEZON CITY -- To combat the unprecedented effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) continuously expands its efforts aimed at improving communications and connectivity services available to the public. Accelerating ICT infrastructure buildup, and improving

telecommunications services are critical components of this agenda, as the need for Internet access surges due to social, economic and educational demands during the COVID-19 state of public health emergency.

In a memorandum dated March 12, 2020, the DICT directed the National Telecommunications Com-

mission (NTC) to monitor the compliance of all operating Mobile Network Operators (MNOs) and Internet Service Providers (ISPs) in providing ample bandwidth allocation, and availability of service and signal, based on their respective service level agreements. Pursuant to the said Memorandum, the NTC directed all MNOs and ISPs to submit

their Business Continuity Plans detailing measures taken to ensure uninterrupted service and to address the increased demand for ICT services.

In a report to the DICT on its current progress, DITO Telecommunity is on track for its March 2021 commercial launch. According to DITO, they reported the

successful series of local and international test phone calls made, with the last of the first test calls made on 27 March 2020 - almost two (2) months earlier than the May 2020 milestone as stated in the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) granted to them by the government.

DITO Telecommunity reported that the lo-

cal calls made were with the five (5) regional subdivisions representing the five DITO vendors in the country, namely Huawei for North Luzon, Northern and Southern for the National Capital Region (NCR); ZTE for South Luzon and the Visayas; and Huaxin for Mindanao. Two (2) successful international phone

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