



DILG files cases vs 45 mayors for failing to organize local anti-drug abuse councils

BACOR DISTRICT NOW BECOME A GEN. HOSPITAL

PRRD signs law creating Southern Tagalog Regional Hospital

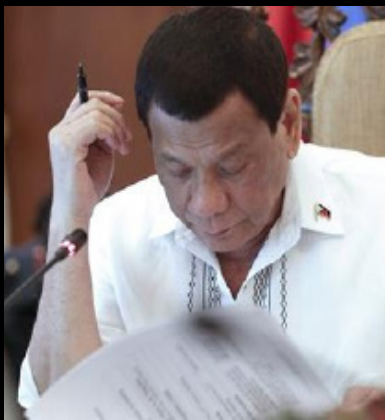
MANILA—President Rodrigo R. Duterte has signed a law upgrading the Bacoor District Hospital into a general hospital to be known as Southern Tagalog Regional Hospital.

In Republic Act 11233 signed by Duterte on February 20 and released to the media on Wednesday, the Bacoor District Hospital is upgraded into a Level III general hospital.

Under the newly-signed law, the bed capacity of the hospital will be increased from 10 to 100.

The law also ordered the upgrade of existing service facilities and professional healthcare services in the hospital. It also tasked the Department of Health (DOH) to handle direct control and supervision of the said hospital.

The DOH, provincial and city officials forged a tripartite agreement in November 2018 to renovate and



improve the services of the hospital.

Under the agreement, the parties agreed to provide the necessary budget, personnel, supplies and equipment as appropriate in providing primary and eventually secondary healthcare services to indigent residents.

Forty-five mayors (45) are facing cases before the Office of the Ombudsman for their alleged failure or refusal to create their respective Anti-Illegal Drugs Abuse Council (ADAC) in their localities, according to the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG).

DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año says that the Department has filed the complaint against 25 mayors on Wednesday afternoon before the Office of the Ombudsman mayors, while the first batch of complaints against 20 mayors were filed last March 14.

“Despite several directives from the DILG and the Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB), the concerned mayors still failed or refused to comply with the said orders and their towns are among those that are without an organized and functional ADAC,” says Año.



DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año

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5 nabbed, P1.3M marijuana, shabu seized in Dasma

Police authorities in Dasmariñas arrested five persons and confiscated some 47 kilos of dried marijuana leaves and 115 grams of suspected shabu all valued at some PHP1.3 million during separate buy bust operations on Monday night.

City police chief, Lt. Col. Nerwin Ricohermoso, identified the suspects as Felix Flores, alias Alex, 34, of Summerwind 2, Brgy. Salitran 3, Dasmariñas City; Rodel Herrera, 35, of Salitran

2, Dasmariñas City; and Albert Mabini, 36, of Salitran 3, Phase 2 Summerwind Village, Dasmariñas City.

The three men were apprehended during the buy bust operation, in coordination with the City Drug Enforcement Unit, around 8:30 p.m. at Brgy. Salitran 3, Dasmariñas City.

Confiscated from the suspects were 47 blocks and three small heat plastic sachets all containing dried marijuana leaves, with a street value of

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MEGA JOB FAIR sa CityMall Anabu last March 20, 2019



Matagumpay ang MEGA JOB FAIR sa CityMall Anabu noong nakaraang Marso 20 bilang bahagi ng selebrasyon ng Buwan ng mga Kababaihan. Mahigit na 55 kompanya ang pinagpilian at meroon Sales at Production positions sa ating mga partner BPO Companies. Naghahandog din ng mga libreng serbisyo kagaya ng free massage, manicure at pedicure. Nag apply din ang mga Senior High School Graduates sa Job Fair na ito.

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SENATE CORNER

Koko: President's abolition of Road Board shows seriousness in fighting corruption

Senator Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III today expressed satisfaction that President Rodrigo Duterte "did the proper thing and further heightened the fight against corruption" by signing Republic Act 11239, the measure abolishing the Road Board, a graft-ridden agency tasked with supervising the road user's tax, officially known as the motor vehicle user's charge (MVUC). Abolishing the Road Board, Pimentel remarked, has always been his personal crusade and advocacy.

The President signed RA 11239 last March 8.

"I've always stressed that the Road Board's abolition was a major and necessary step in curbing corruption and in properly managing the government's financial resources earmarked for putting into place world-class infrastructure, especially in developing areas in Mindanao and the Visayas," the Mindanao-born lawmaker noted.

House Bill No. 7436, providing for the abolition of the controversial government body, was sent to Malacañang in February for the President's approval.

Last year, the Senate passed its own Senate Bill 1620 through an 18-0 vote but decided to fully adopt the lower chamber's version, thus skipping the need for a bicameral conference between the two houses to reconcile disparate versions of the proposal.

Pimentel, chair of the Senate Committee on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship, was a key proponent of the Road Board's abolition, filing his own Senate Bill 114 in 2017.

"With the Road Board, we created an agency that evolved into the center of political patronage and inefficiency. COA flagged the Board for such ills in a scathing 2017 report. I'm very satisfied that this government body has now ceased to exist."

Republic Act No. 11239 provides that funds collected under the Act shall be earmarked solely for the construction, upgrading, repair and rehabilitation of roads, bridges and road drainage to be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

"The funds will further fuel the Build Build Build program of the administration. We're optimistic and hopeful that our infrastructure projects nationwide will move faster with the new law," Pimentel noted.



PhilHealth Acting President and CEO, Dr. Roy B. Ferrer

PhilHealth hunts down fraud; secures UHC's

The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) intensifies its campaign against fraud in light of the Universal Health Care law's enactment. "We cannot afford to fall short on our efforts to halt the progression of these deceitful practices; especially now that the National Health Insurance Program (NHIP) needs a strong and stable fund to enforce the Universal Health Care Act," said Dr. Roy B. Ferrer, PhilHealth Acting President and CEO. "We take it upon ourselves to initiate collaborations with relevant government agencies and private entities to uphold the moral standards by which our

society must prosper," Ferrer added.

These partnerships ascertain the success of anti-fraud activities in order to ensure reliable and consistent services for PhilHealth beneficiaries.

The Corporation recently signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the National Bureau of Investigation and commenced a strengthened effort to suppress fraud. PhilHealth also joined hands with the Philippine Medical Association and Philippine Hospital Association to confront erring health care institutions; while the Professional Regulation Commission was tapped to dispense sanctions

upon dishonest health professionals.

Last year, PhilHealth filed about 5,000 cases with its Prosecution Department against health care institutions and professionals. The Corporation only took 17 days to process a case build-up that entails a thorough data-gathering method. Fraudulent transactions spanning from professionals recruiting members into a bogus "Free Wellness Program" only to be paid for by PhilHealth to hospitals and dialysis centers including filing claims for deceased patients were exposed. These cases were investigated and prosecuted

accordingly.

Stiff penalties and fines were imposed upon those involved and measures were formulated to prevent future occurrence of fraud. These anti-fraud efforts relied on truthful evidence extracted with careful deliberation.

As a testament to its stance against fraud, PhilHealth castigated 71 hospitals across the nation due to breach in accreditation, misconduct, and other grounds that warrant such punishment. Moreover, members of the so-called "mafia" within its ranks have been uncovered and suspended by PhilHealth due to a string of offenses against the Corporation. Investigations were conducted to ensure proper actions against the dishonest officials.

"Despite our commitment to fight fraud, we do not flail our swords aimlessly and chop down an innocent arm," Ferrer cleared. "Even if goals for anti-fraud efforts are set, devious practices are not tolerated just for the sake of reaching those goals. We are beyond that," he further clarified. The Corporation ensures its counter-fraud measures were guided by integrity, upheld by ethics, and administered with precision.

Help fight fraud! Protect Your NHIP! Report fraud to PhilHealth's 24/7 Corporate Action Center Hotline, (02) 441-7442, e-mails may also be sent to actioncenter@philhealth.gov.ph. For more updates, members and stakeholders are encouraged to follow PhilHealth on Facebook (facebook.com/PhilHealthofficial) and Twitter (@teamphilhealth). END

Reference: Shirley B. Domingo M.D., Vice President for Corporate Affairs and Official Spokesperson | Mobile No.: 0917-1360964

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT & EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF IMUS, CAVITE

PHILIPPINE SAVINGS BANK,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

F.C. Case No. 16337-18
Extra-judicial Foreclosure of Real
Estate Mortgage under Act 3135 as
amended by Act 4118

SPS. JEREMY S. PAL AND JEANNE IRIS N. MARA-PAO-PAL, AS BORROWERS/MORTGAGORS, AND ELIZABETH A. SANTIAGO AS CO-BORROWER/ C0-MORTGAGOR AND ALSO THEIR ATTY-IN-FACT, Mortgagors,

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AMENDED NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as Amended by Act 4118, filed by **PHILIPPINE SAVINGS BANK**, mortgagee, with principal place of business at PSBank Center, 777 Paseo de Roxas corner Sedeño Street, Makati City, against **SPS. JEREMY S. PAL AND JEANNE IRIS N. MARA-PAO-PAL, AS BORROWERS/MORTGAGORS, AND ELIZABETH A. SANTIAGO AS CO-BORROWER/ C0-MORTGAGOR AND ALSO THEIR ATTY-IN-FACT**, borrowers/mortgagors, with residence and postal address at Blk. 26, Lot 4, Ph. 3, Villa de Primarosa, Buhay na Tubig, Imus, Cavite and/or 149 Daan Bukid, Bacoar City, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **June 19, 2018**, amounts to **SEVEN HUNDRED NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY SEVEN PESOS & 88/100 (Php709,527.88)**, Philippine currency, including interest and penalties, but excluding attorney's fees, sheriff's fees and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned will sell at public auction on **April 16, 2019 at 10:00 o'clock** or soon thereafter, at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk Court, RTC Multiple Sala, Imus, Cavite to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all the improvements therein, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE T-1063687

A parcel of land (Lot 4, Blk. 26 of the cons.subd plan, Pcs-04-017111, being a portion of the cons of Lots 4686-A and 4686-B (LRC) Psd-77974 and Lot 6222-A, Psd-04-138475 LRC Rec. No. 8843) situated in the Brgy. Buhay na Tubig, (Tanzang Luma), Mun. of Imus, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NE., along line 1-2 by Lot 6, Blk. 26; on the SE., along line 2-3 by Rd. Lot 26; on the SW., along line 3-4 by Lot 2; and on the NW., along line 4-1 by Lot 5, both of Blk. 26, all of the cons./subd. plan x x x containing an area of **FIFTY FOUR (54) SQUARE METERS.** x x x

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date.

In the event the public auction should not take place on said date, it shall be held on **April 23, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.** without prior notice.

Prospective buyers or bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said properties and encumbrances thereon if any there be.

Imus, Cavite, Philippines, **March 6, 2019**

EMMANUELLE H. FRANCISCO
Sheriff IV

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Regalado E. Eusebio
Clerk of Court VI
and Ex-Oficio Sheriff

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PHILIPPINE SAVINGS BANK
PSBank Center, 777 Paseo de Roxas corner Sedeño Street, Makati City
SPS. JEREMY S. PAL AND JEANNE IRIS N. MARA-PAO-PAL, ELIZABETH A. SANTIAGO
Blk. 26, Lot 4, Ph. 3, Villa de Primarosa, Buhay na Tubig, Imus, CaviteCavite and/or 149 Daan Bukid, Bacoar City

CN: **March 11, 18 & 25, 2019**



PGC's Kalinga sa Kalikasan Program in Brgy. Cabuco, Trece Martires City

Cavite Provincial Government's environment awareness campaign dubbed as "Kalinga sa Kalikasan" was conducted at Sunshine Ville Covered Court in Brgy. Cabuco, Trece Martires City on March 6, 2019. Governor Boying Remulla together with Vice Governor Jolo Revilla and Indang Municipal Councilor Ping Remulla led the program and encouraged Treceños to constantly participate in environmental activities. Also present at the event were Trece Martires City Councilors Aldrin Anacan and Kim Paulo Lubigan and former Presidential Adviser on Political Affairs Francis Tolentino.

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LGU Cavite bent on conserving natural resources

PROVINCE OF CAVITE (PIA) – The provincial government of Cavite (PGC) is determined to continuously care for its environment to conserve its natural resources and at least cushion, if not reverse the effect, of climate change.

Most recently, the province joined the #BattleForManilaBay that aimed to clean and rehabilitate the coastal areas surrounding Manila Bay.

And in separate occasions, the PGC initiated various clean-up activities under its Lingap Kalikasan program in different barangays in the province.

On Valentine 's Day, former Governor Jonvic Remulla,

on behalf of Governor Boying Remulla, led the clean up activity held at Ladislao Diwa Elementary School in Cavite City together with Vice Governor Jolo Revilla, Cavite City Mayor Totie Paredes, Ms. Patty Keng of WOW Philippines and members of the city council.

The former governor encouraged the participants and residents "to be a part in the drive to protect the environment through constant clean up of community roads and sewerages."

Another clean up activity was conducted a week later which was led by Governor Boying Remulla himself under the Lingap Kalikasan awareness campaign held at Southville Subdivision Phase 2 Covered Court in Brgy. Aguado, Trece Martires City.

The governor reiterated on the "importance of working as one in pursuing a common goal to have a clean and healthy environment."

He said that in pursuit of a clean and safe environment for future generations, change must begin in every household through discipline and concern for the province and the country's natural resources. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite/with reports from PICAD)



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They will be joining the 12 lawmakers who were elected in the May 10, 2016 polls, namely: Senators Franklin Drilon, Joel Villanueva, Vicente Sotto III, Panfilo Lacson, Richard Gordon, Juan Miguel Zubiri, Manny Pacquiao, Francis Pangilinan, Risa Hontiveros, Sherwin Gatchalian, Ralph Recto, and Leila de Lima.

Incidentally, de Lima is in detention since February 2017 due to charges filed against her by the Department of Justice on allegations that she received money from drug dealers when she was Justice secretary during the Aquino administration. (PNA)



The Philippine Senate building in Pasay City

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
BRANCH 23
TRECE MARTIRES CITY

Republic of the Philippines
Fourth Judicial Region
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT - Tagaytay City
Office of the Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff
New Justice Hall, J.P Rizal Ave., Kaybagal South,
Tagaytay City

RURAL BANK OF GEN. TRIAS, INC.
Mortgagee,

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-444-18

-versus-

ROGELIO B. TABANAO, AIF OF JUANITO R. TORRES
& LILIA MARCOSA D. AQUINO,
Mortgagor/s,

DELIA N. SORIO married to NELSON V. SORIO,
Respondents/Mortgagors,

Home Development Mutual Fund,
(otherwise known as PAG-IBIG FUND)
Petitioner-Mortgagee,

For: Extra -judicial Foreclosure of
Real Estate Mortgage under Act 3135,
as amended by Act 4118

-versus-

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Respondents/Mortgagors,

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135 as Amended by Act 4118, filed by the mortgagee, **RURAL BANK OF GEN. TRIAS, INC.**, with business address at **General Trias, Cavite**, against the mortgagors, **ROGELIO B. TABANAO, AIF OF JUANITO R. TORRES & LILIA MARCOSA D. AQUINO**, with residence and postal address at Block 11, Lot 55, Phase 7, Carissa Homes, Punta I, Tanza, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of December 14, 2018 amounts to **FIVE MILLION SIX HUNDRED TWENTY NINE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY FIVE PESOS AND 59/100 (P5,629,895.59)**, Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, penalties as of said date but exclusive of other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned sheriff will sell at public auction on **May 14, 2019** at **10:00 o'clock** in the morning at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-569842

A parcel of land (Lot 1960-F-4-A of the subd. plan, Psd-04-033032, being a portion of Lot 1960-F-4; Psd-04-015361 L.R.C . Rec. No.) situated in the Bo. of Amaya, Mun. of Tanza, Prov. of Cavite. Bounded on the S., along line 1-2 by Lot 1960-F-4-B of the subd. plan; on the W., along line 2-3 by Lot 1960-F-4-9, Psd-04-015361; on the N., along line 3-4 by Lot 1960-F-9, Psd-04-015361, and on the E., along line 4-1 by Barrio Road (10.00 m wide), port. of Lot 2047, Santa Cruz de Malabon Estate. Beginning at a point marked “I” on plan x x x containing an area of **FIVE HUNDRED (500) SQUARE METERS.** x x x

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date.

In the event the public auction should not take place on said date, it shall be held on **May 21, 2019** without further notice.

Prospective buyers or bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrances , if any there be.

Trece Martires City, March 19, 2018

LUCIO C. ALEJO III
Sheriff IV

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MR. GREGORIO B. LANTIN, III
Rural Bank of Gen. Trias, Inc.
General Trias, Cavite

Mr. Rogelio B. Tabanao
Mr. Juanito R. Torres & Ms. Lilia Marcosa D. Aquino
Block 131, Lot 55, Phase 7, Carissa Homes, Punta I, tanza, Cavite

Warning: it is absolutely prohibited to remove, deface or destroy this Notice of Extra-Judicial Sale on or before the date of Sale.

CN:March 25, April 1 & 8, 2019

EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH
WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate left by the deceased DINA GONZALES GEDA consisting of one-half portion of a parcel of land covered by TCT No. T-498297 situated at Dasmariñas, Cavite, has been the subject of an Extra-Judicial Estate with Waiver of Rights by and among the heirs of the deceased as per Doc. No. 352, Page No. 72, Book No. 038, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty Gerald C. Sergio.

Sgd. By all the heirs

CN:March 18, 25 & April 1, 2019

EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH
DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate left by the deceased FLAVIANO KAPANGYARIHAN and HERMINIA LONTOC consisting of a parcel of land covered by OCT No. (P5029) 2955 situated at Maguyam, Silang, Cavite, has been the subject of an Extra-Judicial Estate with Deed of Absolute Sale by and among the heirs of the deceased as per Doc. No. 106, Page No. 22, Book No. 02, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty Rosalinda O. Camba.

Sgd. By all the heirs

CN:March 18, 25 & April 1, 2019

EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH
DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate left by the deceased JOSE P. CANTIMBUHAN consisting of a parcel of land covered by TCT No. T-24693 situated at Dasmariñas, Cavite, has been the subject of an Extra-Judicial Estate with Deed of Absolute Sale by and among the heirs of the deceased as per Doc. No. 314, Page No. 71, Book No. 08, Series of 2017 of Notary Public Atty Gerald C. Sergio.

Sgd. By all the heirs

CN:March 18, 25 & April 1, 2019

EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate left by the deceased SPS. LUISA PONCIANO PEGOLLO and LUIS PEGOLLO consisting of a parcel of land covered by Tax Declaration No. 01-0020-00630 situated at Marahan II, Alfonso, Cavite, has been the subject of an Extra-Judicial Estate by and among the heirs of the deceased as per Doc. No. 113, Page No. 23, Book No. II, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty Celia N. Closa.

Sgd. By all the heirs

CN:March 18, 25 & April 1, 2019

DESTROY THIS NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SALE ON OR BEFORE THE DATE OF SALE, UNDER PENALTY OF LAW.

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DELIA N. SORIO married to NELSON V. SORIO
Lot 37 Block 4, Villa Palao, Banlic, Calamba, Laguna and
Lot 3 Block 32 Rancho Imperial De Silang, Tartaria, Silang, Cavite

CN: March 11, 18 & 25, 2019

Agri training body taps media in Calabarzon for info drive

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite – The Department of Agriculture’s (DA) extension training arm, the Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) 4-A (Calabarzon), on Monday tapped media practitioners to promote its programs and projects to a wider audience.

ATI 4-A Center Director Marites P. Cosico acknowledged the media’s important role in promoting transparency and faster delivery of message and sought their help as the institute upgrades its services to keep pace with their clientele’s dependence on technology for learning and information.

“Kung dati, bilang na bilang lamang ang may kakayahang magkaradyo sa kanayunan, ngayon ay hindi maitatatangang ang bawat bahay ay may sari-sariling telebisyon (If in the past, only a few could afford owning a radio in the rural areas, now we can no longer deny that

every household owns a television),” Cosico said during their first media interaction. She said more people now have internet access where people can easily get information on certain issues or topics, and farmers and fisherfolk now are very adept in using smart phones.

In the past, ATI 4-A had linked with radio stations for its “School-On-Air” program.

The distance learning technology involves a sequence of radio programs on agricultural subject matters, aired for at least three months.

ATI 4-A has reported some 3,000 farmer graduates in the past three years, on various “learning enhancement” topics, such as sustainable hog raising, corn and organic farming.

With the emerging trend of social media and the Internet, the Calabarzon Center also boasts

of some 56 Farmers Information Technology Services (FITS) Centers strategically located around the region where farmers and fisherfolk may learn the latest trends, in terms of information, technology and strategies.

As these programs yield positive, effective results, ATI plans to use print and TV as strategic channels for possible course offerings or to download the latest information, Cosico added.

The Calabarzon Center, although cited for its best practices in knowledge management and information services, continuously seeks out ways to improve its services and reach out to media for faster, better delivery of information for the benefit of the public. SOURCE: (PNA) Gladys Pino



ATI IV-A MEDIA ENGAGEMENT. Agricultural Training Institute Region IV-A (Calabarzon) panelists, led by Center Director Marites P. Cosico (seated 3rd from right), answer a query from a media participant at the “Connect: Engaging ATI RTC IV-A Programs and Services through Media Linkages” event at the ATI IV-A Training Hall, Brgy Lapidario, Trece Martires City on Monday, March 18. COURTESY(PNA photo by Gladys Pino)

DOH INTENSIFIES MEASLES VACCINATION BEFORE SCHOOL ENDS

The Department of Health (DOH) said it is escalating its measles vaccination activities in the country, this time among schoolchildren from Kindergarten to Grade 6, in anticipation of the summer months when measles is usually on the upswing.

The school-based

immunization will employ a selective method, meaning those who already received two doses of the Measles Containing Vaccine (MCV) will not be given anymore.

“We are targeting to vaccinate our schoolchildren at this time before school closes on

April 5, since we are almost finished vaccinating in our health centers. So far, our immunization accomplishment may be attributed to the zealousness of the health workers in trying to stem the upsurge in measles cases,” Health Secretary Francisco Duque III declared.

In fact, even the population who are considered mobile or informal settlers because they frequently transfer from one residence to another were also vaccinated. In other regions where there is a sustained and increasing rate of transmission, the health workers vaccinated all eligible children (six to 59 months old) regardless of immunization status.

Measles is a highly contagious respiratory disease caused by a virus. It is transferred from person-to-person by sneezing, coughing, and close personal contact. Its signs and



Secretary Duque

symptoms include cough, runny nose, red eyes/conjunctivitis, fever, skin rashes lasting for more than 3 days.

The disease’s complications include diarrhea, encephalitis (swelling of the brain), pneumonia (infection of the lungs) which may lead to death.

“We continue to appeal to mothers and caregivers of children in Kinder to Grade 6 to have them vaccinated against measles, a tried and tested vaccine. Let us give our children a fighting chance to have a bright future,” Secretary Duque concluded.

mayors are in Agusan del Norte province. There are also three in Calabarzon, precisely in Laguna and Quezon provinces.

Moreover, there are two from Cagayan Valley – one in Cagayan province and one in Nueva Vizcaya. There is also one in Eastern Visayas, from Eastern Samar province.

The DILG and the DDB issued Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2018-01 on May 21, 2018, mandating all local government units (LGUs) to activate, strengthen and ensure the functionality of their local ADACs; approve a comprehensive local anti-drug plan of action to eliminate drug affectation; and appropriate a substantial amount of funds for anti-illegal drugs related programs, activities and operations.

This was followed by numerous DILG directives and DDB regulations which have been cascaded to LGUs to remind and direct local chief executives to organize their respective ADACs.

“For their refusal or neglect to organize their local ADAC, the 45 mayors have committed grave misconduct in office and gross dereliction of duty,” he says.

Misconduct is a transgression of some established and definite rule of action, more particularly, unlawful behaviour or gross negligence by a public officer, a forbidden act, a dereliction of duty, wilful in character, and implies wrongful intent and not mere error in judgment.

According to Año, these are grounds for which an elective official may be disciplined, suspended or removed from office pursuant to Section 60 of the Local Government Code of 1991.

“It is President Duterte himself who is leading the fight against illegal drugs and yet these local governments simply did not heed several orders and reminders and did not step up to the plate. Magmula sa national government, hanggang sa mga probinsya, lungsod, bayan at barangay – lahat ay dapat kumikilos at nagtutulung-tulong para sugpuin ang iligal na droga,” says Año.

He says the Department is still validating from its regional offices the alleged non-compliance of another list of mayors and may file another set of complaints in the next few weeks.

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Of the 45 mayors, 15 are in Bicol Region, particularly in Albay, Camarines Sur, Catanduanes, Masbate, and Sorsogon provinces.

Seven are in Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), specifically in Basilan, Tawi-Tawi, and Lanao del Sur provinces.

Five are in Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR), exactly in Abra and Ifugao provinces. There are also five in Mimaropa, all from Palawan province. In Central Visayas, four mayors are al in Cebu province. In CARAGA, all three



Ensure availability and sustainable management of water for all

PASAY CITY-- In observance of World Water Day, March 22, Senator Loren Legarda supp current consumption and conserve for future generations.

Legarda said that this year's celebration carries the theme "Leaving No One Behind," which re accessible, and affordable water for personal and domestic use.

"Having safe water means we secure public health. With people dying due to unsafe water must ensure we afford every human being their basic right to access safe water," Legarda said.

Senator Legarda also expressed, in light of the water supply shortage in Metro Manila, that authorities must take necessary measures to adapt to climate change impacts, such as increasing temperatures, sea level rise, and changes in rainfall pattern, which could further intensify the effects of El Niño and jeopardize the long-term water supply in the country.

She also reiterated the call for households, offices, businesses, and industries to use water more wisely and recycle used water, as we are already experiencing weak El Niño conditions wherein rainfall is below normal or scarce.

Legarda said that PAGASA confirmed that 2019 is set to be the warmest year on record due to El Niño, which could affect provinces with dry condition (two consecutive months of below normal rainfall conditions or 21-60% reduction), dry spell (three consecutive months of below normal or two consecutive months of way below normal rainfall conditions or more than 60% reduction), and drought (three consecutive months of way below normal or five consecutive months of below normal rainfall conditions), from March until June this year.

"We must treat this issue as a climate change concern and not just a water supply issue. The El Niño phenomenon is a natural process, but its varying effects are compounded by climate change," Legarda said.

"The La Mesa Dam breaching critical level, the lowest in years, and the dry climate outlook for most of our provinces in light of the weak El Niño and climate change should serve as a reminder for all of us to use our water resources more sustainably, also as a means to protect public health, food security, and ecosystems," Legarda concluded. (OSLL)



2019 Leaving no one behind

DILG to LGUs: Revoke business permit of establishments violating environmental laws, polluting Manila Bay

As part of on-going efforts to clean and rehabilitate Manila Bay, Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Secretary Eduardo M. Año is prodding all mayors of 178 cities and municipalities inside the Manila Bay Watershed Area to revoke the business permits of establishments violating environmental laws.

DILG Undersecretary and Spokesperson Jonathan Malaya said that Año issued a memorandum directing all mayors of local government units (LGUs) in the National Capital Region (NCR), Central Luzon, and Calabarzon to ensure that all establishments in their areas should comply with the pertinent provisions of the National Building Code, the Fire Code, the Code on Sanitation, and other related laws, regulations, and policies.



Blessing and inauguration of the new BJMP building in Molino, BJMP Calabarzon Regional Director JCSupt Efren Nemeno gave the welcome remarks with Bacoar City Mayor Lani Mercado Revilla, Congressman Strike B. Revilla, and BJMP NHQ Director for Directorate Logistics JCSupt Leo Baldon sharing messages. Bishop Ericson Santos doing the blessing.



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He said that all LGUs should act with dispatch on the enforcement of orders from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Laguna Lake Development Authority (LLDA), and other government agencies in line with the continuous effort to clean

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