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IMUS CITY, Cavite (PIA) -- The

This project is one of the city government's

On May 8, 2020, representatives from the

city government inaugurated Thursday the City of Imus Molecular Laboratory, the first LGU initiated COVID-19 Testing Facility in

countermeasures in the fight against COVID-19 pandemic was made possible thru the support of the

Sangguniang Panlungsod with the passing of the

City Ordinance No. 4-145 s. 2020 on April 20, 2020

approving the immediate construction of the facility.

the province.



Advisory

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF **CAVITE GOVERNMENT CENTER**

The Cavite Government Center at the **Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece** Martires City is hereby temporarily closed from 8-10 June 2020 to give way to disinfection activities, in view of the reported confirmed case of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) involving one of the employees reporting thereat.

Please be guided accordingly.

- Governor Juanito Victor C. Remulla



First LGUinitiated

Department of Health (DOH), Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM), and the World Health Organization (WHO) visited the facility for its Stage Turn to page 3

Testing Facility in Cavite inaugurated

GENERAL TRIAS CITY, Cavite (PIA) --Some 330 of the 44,373 beneficiaries of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Social Amelioraton Program (SAP) returned the P6,500 cash aid they received.

City Social Welfare & Development Officer Rebecca Generoso reported that their office received more or less Php2,145,000.00 returned SAP payout under the partial list of the SAP aid report released Wednesday, June 3,

"Every day, there are people coming to our office to return the money from the SAP payout, because according to them they already received their SSS assistance and that they don't want to be charged or penalized for keeping the money," Generoso ex-

Further investigation revealed some of the people who returned the SAP aid were either unqualified beneficiaries or already received assistance from the national government like subsidies from the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), and Social Security System (SSS).

"Di pa po final count

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Noong Hunyo 7 ay nag-inspect ang pamahalaan ng Bayan ng ay nasa ilalim ng Carmona kasama sa pamumuno ni Mayor Roy Loyola sa ilang pamilihan sa ating bayan tulad ng Carmona Public Market, Wal-ty Quarantine.



termart Carmona, at Puregold Carmona upang suriin kung sinusunod nito at ng mga mamimili dito ang minimum public health standards at social distancing ngayong tayo **General Communi-**



DOST distributes COVID-19 specimen collection booths to hospitals in Mimaropa

To improve the testing capacity in the country while protecting the welfare of the healthcare workers, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) has distributed specimen collection booths in hospitals across the Mimaropa region. Three units of SCBs were successfully distributed to the following public hospitals in Oriental Mindoro and Palawan – Oriental Mindoro Provincial Hospital, Ospital ng Palawan in Puerto Princesa, and Coron District Hospital.

Patterned to the telephone booth-style swabbing facilities used in other countries, the SCB was designed and fabricated by DOST-Philippine Council for Industry, Energy and Emerging Technology Research and Development (DOST-PCIEERD) Startup Grant Awardee and Palawan International Business Incubator (PITBI) incubatee Future Aviation and Maritime Enterprise, Inc. (FAME). The SCBs were jointly funded by DOST-PCIEERD and DOST - Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (DOST- PCHRD).

To minimize the risks of health workers of contracting the virus from suspected COVID-19 patients, the SCB also known as the "no contact booth" is equipped with clear water-proof acrylic window,

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IMEE: LAUNCH TROPA WORK **BRIGADES NOW!**

The alarming rate of 7.3 million job losses in April cannot wait for both Houses of Congress to resume business in July and must be contained immediately, Senator Imee Marcos said.

Marcos, who chairs the Senate committee on economic affairs, plans to file a quick-response measure called TROPA or the "Trabaho sa Oras ng Pandemya Act" on Monday morning, just three days after Congress had adjourned its first session.

"Unemployed workers in the creative industries, tourism, and agriculture are the hardest hit since the lockdowns started and have needed jobs long before yesterday," Marcos said.

"TROPA seeks to consolidate legislative measures proposed to aid skilled and unskilled workers through this pandemic, including wage subsidies and cash-for-work programs of the Department of Labor and Employment and the Department of Social Welfare and Development," Marcos explained.

The number of Filipinos out of work represents a 17.7 percent increase in unemployment, the highest rate ever recorded in the country, according to Philippine Statistics Authority data as

"Jobs can be assigned at once for country's Build-Build-Build projects which must go on, as well as those for community health and sanitation. Local government units can also create jobs oriented toward the hoped-for boom in the country's tourism when the pandemic eases, as predicted recently by Forbes magazine," Marcos said.

Even if travel restrictions ease, caution will remain and **Turn to page 3**

Official Statement from the Department of Education

We thank the President for reiterating the national government's willingness to assist us in our endeavor to offer alternatives to face-to-face learning despite the public health situation.

We will comply with the President's directive to postpone face-to-face classes until a vaccine is available.

We assure our parents, learners, stakeholders, and the President that we are preparing ourselves for this mission.

Indeed, it is a challenging task for us at the Department of Education to prepare our schools in a different set-up but we are committed to our duty to make education available and thriving, even in the most difficult time.

The Department is fully engaged in readying our operations based on our Basic Education-Learning Continuity Plan (BE-LCP), from the Central Office down to the school level. We are updating our policies, realigning our finances, and collaborating with our partners so that our goals of providing quality education and protecting the safety and health of our constituents will be achieved.

Currently, we are continuing to conduct remote enrollment nationwide in order to assess learners' household information, which will be crucial in the preparation and the contextualization of the learning delivery mode in each locality.

Meanwhile, the groundwork for blended learning is well underway. Radio, television, online and modular learning - which are pre-existing methods and were already used for decades - are being prepared and updated for this year. At the same time, teachers are being trained on utilizing newer platforms and innovative tools to aid their professional development.

We are working with the private sector and education experts to make these necessary steps logistically sound, especially on the development, acquisition, and deployment of learning resources.

We will provide regular readiness assessment reports to the public as we have committed to the Congress.

With a comprehensive BE-LCP and the President's instruction serving as our guide, we will continue our preparations. Finally, with our stakeholders coming together, we can leap towards achieving our ultimate goal - of making education a symbol of hope amidst doubts and uncertainties.

LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES Secretary

Bakit mahalaga ang CONTRACT TRACING?

Ang contact tracing ay ang proseso ng pagkilala, pagtatasa at pamamahala ng mga taong na-expose sa taong may COVID-19. Mahalaga ito upang mapigilan ang patuloy na pagkalat ng COVID-19.

Makipagtulungan sa mga lokal na awtoridad kung makipag-ugnayan sila sa iyo tungkol sa contact tracing. Maging handa na maaari kang ma-quarantine at bantayan ang kalusugan lalo kung magkakaroon ka ng sintomas sa loob ng 14 na araw.

Bakit mahalaga ang CONTACT TRACING? Ang contact tracing ay ang pagkilala sa lahat ng nakasalamuha nang malapitan ng isang taong may COVID-19. Ito ay isang **epektibong paraan upang matigil ang pagkalat ng virus** sa

DILG: Hindi pinapayagan ang "sabong" sa GCQ at MGCQ

Sa kabila ng mas maluwag na alituntunin sa ilalim ng general community quarantine (GCQ), pinaalala ni Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Secretary Eduardo M. Año ngavon na ang pagsasabong (cockfighting) ay hindi pa rin pinahihintulutan sa ilalim ng GCQ o MGCQ matapos makatanggap ng mga ulat ang kagawaran na may mga ibang LGUs na pinapayagan na ang ganitong operasyon.

"Bagamat mas maluwag po ang ating mga kautusan, bawal pa din ang sabong saan mang bahagi ng mga lugar na nasa ilalim ng GCQ o MGCQ habang patuloy nating pinipigilan ang pagkalat ng COVID-19 sa bansa," sabi ni Año.

Ang GCQ po ay hindi para magawa po natin ang mga gusto nating gawin tulad ng pagsasabong; ito po ay para gumulong ulit ang ekonomiya. Ang GCQ o MGCQ ay hindi nangangahulugang wala ng virus kaya dapat maging listo tayo," dagdag

Binibigyang diin ni Año na ang Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) ay hindi naglabas ng anumang resolusyon na magpapahintulot sa pagpapatakbo ng mga cockpit arenas.

"Ang sabong po ay hindi pa din po pinapayagan sa ilalim ng GCQ o MGCQ. Patuloy po ang paalala natin sa ating mga kababayan na ang mapapatunayang lumabag sa kautusan na ito ay mapaparusahan," sabi

Pinaalalahanan Año ang mga local government units (LGUs) na bantayan ang mga cockpit arenas o maging ang mga pamayanan at kanayunan na kanilang nasasakupan upang matiyak na sumusunod sila sa mga polisiya ng IATF at ng DILG. "Bantayan po natin ang mga sabungan na ito at huwag natin silang payagaang magbukas dahi ito po ay labag sa batas," sabi

Samantala, pinabulaanan ni Año ang sinasabi ng Globaltech Mobile Online Corp sa Ilocos Region na naglabas siya ng pahayag na ang mga gaming establishments ay pinahihintulutan nang magbukas sa ilalim ng GCQ. "Wala pong katotohanan ito, sumusunod lamang po tayo sa mga panuntunan ng IATF at wala po tayong ipinahayag na ang mga gaming activities ay papayagan sa ilalim ng GCQ."

"Hindi po tayo lilihis sa kung ano po ang ipinaiiral ng IATF at ni Presidente at ang mga paratang ng Globaltech Mobile Online Corp ay hindi totoo," dag-

Reaksyon ito ni Año sa isang liham na ipinadala ng nasabing kumpanya noong Mayo 21, 2020 kay PNP Region 1 Director PBGen. Rodolfo A. Azurin, Jr. na nagsasabing "inihayag at kinumpirma niya sa isang pambansang brodkast ng

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DILG: ...FROM P2

PTV4 na ang 'gaming' ay pinahihintulutan na ngayon, hangga't ang mga operators at mga kalahok ay tatalima sa minimum health standards at protocols na itinakda ng Kagawaran ng Kalusugan."

Sinabi niya na ang liham ng Globaltech ay walang katotohanan sapagkat hindi siya naglabas ng ganung pahayag, binibigyang diin na malinaw sa kanya na ang mga gaming activities at establishments ay hindi pa rin papayagan sa ilalim ng mga kalukuyang resolusyon ng IATF.

Ayon sa DTI memorandum na binabanggit ang mga business establishments o activities na pinapayagan sa ilalim ng enhanced community quarantine at GCQ, ang Category IV na kinabibilangan ng anumang amusement, leisure, gaming at tourism establishments kung saan mag-iipon-ipon ang mga tao" ay hindi pa rin pinahihintulutan.

Sinabi niya na ang mga matitigas ang ulong gaming establishments na magbubukas pa rin sa kabila ng mga direktiba ng mga ahensya ng gobyerno at ng IATF ay pananagutin at maaaring maparusahan sa ilalim ng batas. "Huwag na pong matigas ang ulo, tayo po ay nasa krisis, sumunod po tayo sa batas."

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dency in 2016.

The President acknowledged that aside from terrorism posed by the New People's Army (NPA), Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG), and other criminal groups, illegal narcotics trade has been one of the major problems that the country is facing.

The Bulacan PNP Provincial Office, in coordination with the Philippine National Police Drug Enforcement Group (PDEG), carried out the buy-bust operation in Barangay Lias, Marilao, Bulacan on Thursday, June 4.

Authorities seized 63 boxes of shabu weighing approximately 76 kilos during the raid.

Among those arrested were Yuwen Cai, a Chinese national, as well as Angela Tulio and Lyn Tulio. PND

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2 accreditation. Processing for the accreditation before Stage 3 would take more or less 45 days.

Likewise, the facility also passed the Proficiency Test conducted by the DOH and the RITM last May 29, 2020. From this test, the capacity of a testing facility is measured to produce the correct results on the swab samples undergoing testing.

The Real Time-Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) technique is used which is considered the 'Golden Standard' for testing.

Under the Public Health sector, the facility therefore will be managed by the City Health Office in partnership with the Ospital ng Imus.

The City Engineering Office supervised the completion of the construction of the two-story building that was finished by the end of May.

On June 4, 2020 the City of Imus Molecular Laboratory was officially accredited as a COVID-19 Testing Facility and awarded with a License to Operate by the DOH.

"With this accreditation, the city government could now conduct more tests, isolate the positive cases and patients will be given the proper attention and treatment until they fully recover from the disease. Eventually, the economy could start again safely with employees and workers going back to work cleared from the COVID-19 infection," Mayor Maliksi said.

The city government led by Mayor Emmanuel L. Maliksi, Vice-Mayor Ony Cantimbuhan along with 3rd district of Cavite Representative Alex L. Advincula, Cavite Mayors League President, Fredderick A. Vida and Department of Health IV-A Regional Director Eduardo C. Janairo attended (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite/ with reports from Imus Public Information

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create "tourism bubbles," wherein neighboring provinces will rely on each other's patronage, Marcos said.

The TROPA bill allots an initial P200 million to be managed by a council of government agency heads led by Secretary Silvestre Bello III of the Department of Labor and Employment, with additional appropriations to be determined by the Department of Budget and Management thereafter.

The TROPA bill directs the council to ensure living wages under humane working conditions, health insurance and hazard pay, and social security benefits, with leave privileges to be granted on a case-to-case basis.



CITY GOVERNMENT OF BACOOR:

Kinilala ng mga representatives ng World Health Organization ang pagsisikap ng Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Bacoor sa containment at isolation ng mga confirmed at suspected cases, at sa tapat at napapanahon na pag-ulat ng mga kaso ng Covid-19 sa pamayanan. Sa kanilang makabuluhang pag-uusap kasama ang mga kawani ng Bacoor City Health Office sa pangunguna ni Dr. Ivy Yrastorza at ni Cristina Sumulong ng Provincial Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit, natalakay din ang kapasidad ng lungsod sa contact tracing. Sa huli'y nagtungo ang lahat sa Zapote 5 para sa isang site visit.

EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate left by the deceased JOSE A. DONES, consisting of a parcel of land covered by TCT No. T-598339, situated at Bo. Biwas, Tanza, Cavite, has been the subject of an Extra-Judicial Settlement with Deed of Absolute Sale by and among the heirs of the deceased as per Doc. No. 486, Page No. 99, Book No. 230, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Diosdado A. Macabutas.

Sgd. By all the heir

CN: May 25, June 1 & 8, 2020

DOST distributes...FRM P1

semi-disposable untextured nitrile gloves, pressure sensor to prevent outside contamination from getting inside the booth, a FAME-designed temperature scanner that allows temperature to be obtained and recorded in the cloud for easy monitoring of hotpots in areas where the SCB is installed, and caster wheels for easier mobility.

The first unit was installed in Oriental Mindoro Provincial Hospital on May 8. The turn-over of the SCB to the hospital was joined by Oriental Mindoro Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, Vice Governor Antonio S. Perez, Oriental Mindoro Board Member, Provincial Health Officer, and the head of the hospital. Aside from the SCB, 150 pieces of face masks were also donated by DOST-Mimaropa through its Provincial S&T Center in Oriental Mindoro. Ospital ng Palawan in Puerto Princesa City, which is the

region's first and only licensed testing center by the Department of Health (DOH) received the second unit of the SCB last May 9. The last unit was delivered to Coron District Hospital on May 21 to cater to patients residing in the northern part of Palawan.

The transport of the units from Manila to Oriental Mindoro and Palawan was made possible through the assistance of the Philippine Coast Guard. In case other institutions or private entities would like to fabricate their own SCBs, the design was also made available publicly for free. Designs are disseminated through the DOST-Mimaropa Regional Office and its Provincial S&T Centers in Occidental Mindoro, Oriental Mindoro, Marinduque, Romblon, and Palawan or online via this link : http://pcieerd.dost.gov. ph/library/fame-design. (DOST MIMAROPA)

SAP...FROM PAGE1

ito, every day may nagsosoli po ng SAP, we re-evaluate again for the new set of beneficiaries, yun pong mga qualified na hindi nabigyan sa first tranche," Generoso added.

("This is not the final count yet, everyday there are people that come to the office and return the SAP, we re-evaluate again for the new set of beneficiaries, those who are qualified but were not included in the first tranche of the SAP payout.") (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavitev with report from Dennis Abrina)

5th WAVE!!!





Magandang araw po!

Malugod po naming ipinaalam na ang ating Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Tagaytay sa pamumuno ng ating Punong Lungsod Mayor Agnes Tolentino at Cong. Bambol Tolentino, ay kasalukuyang namimigay na ng 5th wave ng ayuda para sa mamamayan ng Tagaytay kamakailan.

Muli po, ang distribution po ay ipapaabot ng lungsod sa bawat barangay at ang Sangguniang Barangay po ang mag aabot sa bawat pamilya ng ating lungsod.

Patuloy na pinapayuhan ang lahat na manatili sa inyong mga tahanan.

Maraming salamat po sainyong patuloy na pakikipagtulungan para labanan ang Covid-19.

CITY GOVERNMENT OF DASMARINAS



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PH embassy...FROM P4

has provided food packs and lodging to 66 OFWs. OFWs under the no work, no pay scheme will receive financial assistance from DOLE's AKAP for OFWs," Uy said at the Laging Handa public briefing on Friday.

The diplomat, however, said many OFWs have returned to work when malls, restaurants, and other businesses in Vietnam started opening on April 22.

Uy also reported that among the 4,991 Filipinos in Vietnam, none is infected with COVID-19, so far.

He narrated that learning from the severe acute resperatory syndrome (SARS) outbreak of 2002. Vietnam acted quickly and immediately implemented measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 cases in the country.

"The low COVID-19 cases in the country was the result of the government's swift action in the battle against COVID-19. Vietnam closed its land boarders and cancelled flights from China to the country on January 11, the government then cancelled all international flights," he explained.

Strict quarantine measures and rigid contact tracing. as well as social distancing protocol were established by Vietnam government. Uv added.

Treatment for Vietnamese national who are afflicted with the disease is free, he further said. (PIA-NCR)

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mind that 'Q' means quarantine. There is still COVID which is very much prevalent everywhere. Always keep safe. Always wash your hands. Always wear a face mask. Everyone is a COVID Suspect," reiterated the governor. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite with report from the official FB page of Gov. Jonvic Remulla)



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Maraming hamon ang hatid ng "New Normal" sa patuloy na pagtataguyod ng karapatan sa edukasyon ng bawat magaaral

Bilang tugon, inihahandog ng DepEd Cavite Province ang 12 O'CLOCK o nang 12 Learning Modalities na maaaring pagpilian ng mga magulang at mag-aaral, bahagi ito ng Learning Continuity Plan ng Sangay ng Cavite para sa patuloy na paghahandog ng "Serbisyong Pang-Edukasyong Tapat at Sapat para sa Batang Kabitenyo"

Many challenges brought by "New Normal" to continuously promoting the right to education of every student

In response, DepEd Cavite Province dedicates 12 O ' CLOCK or 12 Learning Modalities that parents and students may choose, this is part of the Learning Continuity Plan of Cavite's Branch for continuous offering of " Educational Support and Enough Services for Child Cabitenyo"

PH embassy in Vietnam repatriates 145 OFWs, reports no Filipino infected with COVID-19

By Alehia Therese Abuan

The Philippine Embassy in Vietnam has repatriated a total of 145 overseas Filipinos last April, and has been assisting overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) in securing exit permits or extension of visas, a diplomat said.

Philippine Embassy in Vietnam Charge d' Affaires Paul Vincent Uy, during his Laging Handa interview on Fri-

day said the OFWs were affected by the closure of establishments and some have opted to return to the Philippines.

"Aside from the consular assistance, the Philippine government Turn to page 3

MODIFIED Q-PASS SYSTEM IN CAVITE TO TAKE EFFECT JUNE 7

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite (PIA) -- Governor Jonvic Remulla announced early this morning that the guidelines for the Modified Q-pass system in the province will take effect at 5am on June 7, 2020.

This developed after consultation and approval from the members of the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) for certain adjustments on the present policies were granted.

Upon effectivity, Quarantine passes are transferrable to other qualified, legal-aged members of the household which may require an Identification card for proof of membership in said household.

Travel passes are no longer needed for travel to cities within Cavite while those employed in NCR, employment/company IDs could suffice. Also, proof of medical, dental appointments especially in the city of Las Piñas are required for said purposes due to strict monitoring in the border checkpoints.

As regulated by the IATF, inter-province travel requires Travel Authorization/Pass with the exception of work/employment that requires only employment or



Governor Jonvic Remulla

company IDs to allow passage into the province.

Similarly, returning residents of Cavite will be accepted but travel restrictions for residents aged 18-20 years will have to wait for the lifting due to the transition to Modified GCQ status of the province.

On the other hand, regulations already implemented like the curfew from 8pm - 5am, and the mall operating policies remain in effect while IATF ruling for the 'Couples pass" is not yet granted

"Always keep in **Turn to page 3**



President Rodrigo
Roa Duterte holds
a meeting with
members of the Inter-Agency Task
Force on the Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) at the
Matina Enclaves in
Davao City on June
4, 2020. ROBINSON
NIÑAL JR./PRESIDENTIAL PHOTO

PNP commended for P5.1-billion drug haul

President Rodrigo Roa Duterte on Friday, June 5, praised the Philippine National Police (PNP) for its P5.1-billion drug haul in Marilao, Bulacan, stressing the trade of illicit drugs remains a major threat to the country.

"I would like to congratulate the PNP at si Archie Gamboa, General, taga-Davao 'to. You have my snappy salute. I will talk to you when I go back to Manila," President Duterte said in a public address aired Friday morning.

He lauded the PNP for its untiring service amid COVID-19 pandemic. "So despite of the pandemic, police are working. So kita mo ang mga pulis ko nagtatrabaho. So — and mindful of the fact that they can get the COVID by their dedication."

The contraband involved is huge and it prompted the President to say "it will destroy my country because the 5.1 billion of shabu will be consumed by millions of people".

The country has become a drug transshipment location, the President said, adding Mexico's Sinaloa cartel, a notorious drug syndicate, has already entered the Philippines.

Warning Chinese drug dealers, he said, "I will say that itong mga Chinese, I'd like the Chinese government to know that there is so many ways of fighting corruption. But one of them that is really pisses me to no end, these are things that — it destroys my country — the human resource, ang mga bata, ang mga anak namin — ninyo."

Fighting illegal drugs, along with crime and corruption, was one of President Duterte's campaign promises when he ran for the presi-

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