

PBBM OKs P7.9-B for immunization drive; Bakuna Eskuwela set Oct. 7

Pres. Ferdinand
"Bongbong" R. Marcos, Jr.



MANILA – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. has approved the allotment of PHP7.9 billion for the Department of Health's (DOH) national immunization program, Health Secretary Teodoro Herbosa announced.

Marcos gave the approval during a sectoral meeting with DOH officials led by Herbosa at Malacañan Palace in Manila on Tuesday morning.

In a Palace press briefing after the sectoral meeting, Herbosa said the approved budget was high-

er than the previous PHP6.4 billion budget allotted for the DOH's immunization program.

"Naibigay ni Presidente 'yung aking ni-request na full budget. First time po ito. Lagi pong 60 to 70 percent lang nang hinihingi (The President granted my

request for a full budget. This is a first because usually, only 60 to 70 percent of our request is granted). But this is the first time our President really allocated PHP7.9 billion para sa mga pambili lang ng mga bakuna lamang po iyan (just for the acquisition of vaccines)," he said.

Herbosa said the DOH, in partnership with the Department of Education **Turn to page4**

P300-M nakalaang budget para sa konstruksyon ng UP Dasmaringas Campus

DASMARINAS, Cavite- Nagkakahalaga ng P 300- milyon ang inilaang budget ng gobyerno para sa konstruksyon ng bagong University of the Philippines (UP) campus sa Dasmaringas City. Ang nasabing halaga ay mula sa 2024 national budget.

Ang ground breaking para sa naturang proyekto ay isinagawa kamakailan lamang, bagaman at ang

proyekto ay ipinahayag noon pang 2016 kasabay ng property donation mula sa Vista Land and Lifescapes, Inc.

Ayon sa pangulo ng UP na si Angelo Jimenez, ang UP Dasmaringas Technology Innovation campus ay itatayo sa isang, 5- ek-taryang lupain na nasa loob ng compound ng Villar City's University Town.

Ang campus ay



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Youth Congress and Awarding of Best PYAP Cavite held at SM City Trece Martires

The Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer (OPSWDO), successfully hosted the Youth Congress and Awarding Ceremony for the Best Pagasa Youth Association of the Philippines (PYAP) - Cavite at SM City Trece Martires last September 17, 2024. The event gathered 149 participants,

including youth leaders, PYAP members, and focal persons from various cities and municipalities across the province, fostering collaboration and recognizing outstanding contributions.

The event commenced with an inspiring opening remarks delivered by Ms. Beverly Alvaran, representing Board Member Romel Enriquez, Chairperson of the SP Committee on

Women, Family, Children, Elderly, and Social Services. Alvaran emphasized the importance of empowering the youth in addressing societal challenges and commended PYAP members for their continued dedication to youth development initiatives.

The congress also featured insightful discussions from two esteemed re-

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PHILHEALTH REGIONAL OFFICE IV-A HOLDS PRESS CONFERENCE TO HIGHLIGHT NEW BENEFITS AND COMBAT FRAUD

PhilHealth Regional Office IV-A held a press conference today September 20, 2024 at the Strike Multi-Purpose Hall to inform the public about new benefits available through the program, including the PhilHealth Konsulta Package, and to raise awareness about health insurance fraud. The event was organized by PhilHealth and attended by key figures including Mayor Strike B. Revilla, Mr. Edwin M. Orina, MD - Acting Regional Vice



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SENATE Balita

Bong Go helps boost livelihood recovery of almost a thousand indigent workers in General Trias City, Cavite

Senator Christopher "Bong" Go's Malasakit Team, in coordination with the local government of General Trias City, Cavite extended assistance to displaced workers during a gathering held at the Vista Mall in General Trias City on Wednesday, September 18.

In his message, Go, an adopted son of CALABARZON, emphasized the importance of working together to provide immediate support to those in need, particularly displaced workers due to economic challenges and various crises.

Senator Go reiterated

ed his dedication to advocating for workers' rights, emphasizing the significance of pro-poor programs providing livelihoods to displaced workers. He also mentioned Senate Bill No. 420, which he filed to establish the Rural Employment Assistance Program (REAP), a proposed initiative to create temporary jobs for low-income families in rural areas if enacted into law.

Furthermore, Go highlighted his co-authorship of Senate Bill No. 2534, which seeks to increase the daily minimum wage by P100 nationwide to address the rising cost of living and provide much-needed relief

to Filipino families.

"Sa totoo lang po, 'wag po kayong magpasalamat sa amin. Kami po ang dapat magpasalamat sa inyo dahil binigyan n'yo kami ng pagkakataon na makapagserbisyo sa inyo. Kaya hindang-hindi ko sasayangin ang pagkakataon na ibinigay ninyo sa akin. Magtatrabaho po ako para sa Pilipino sa abot ng aking makakaya," he expressed.

During their visit, Go's Malasakit Team distributed snacks, vitamins, facemasks, shirts, basketballs, and volleyballs to 50 beneficiaries, with selected beneficiaries also receiving shoes.

In collaboration with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), an orientation on the Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged/Displaced Workers (TUPAD) program was also conducted for qualified workers. The program, which is continuously supported by Go, aims to provide short-term employment opportunities to displaced individuals, enabling them to earn a living while acquiring valuable skills.

As the chairperson of the Senate Committee on Health and Demography, Go also pointed out the impact of the Malasakit Centers

Act of 2019, which he principally authored and sponsored. The program now has 166 operational Malasakit Centers across the country, including those at General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital in Trece Martires City and Southern Tagalog Regional Hospital in Bacoor City.

Go initiated the Malasakit Centers program in 2018 after he witnessed the struggles of financially disadvantaged Filipinos in settling their medical expenses. The Department of Health likewise shared that more or less 12 million Filipinos have benefitted so far.

"Patuloy po akong



Senator Christopher "Bong" Go

magserbisyo sa inyo bilang inyong Mr. Malasakit na ang tanging bisyo ay magserbisyo. Naniniwala ako na ang serbisyo sa tao ay serbisyo sa Panginoon," Go stated.

Ugnayan sa Barangay in Indang

The Provincial Government of Cavite, in collaboration with local officials of Indang, successfully conducted the Ugnayan sa Barangay in Tambong Kulit, Indang, on September 16, 2024. The



program aimed to bring government services closer to the residents, ensuring that their concerns and needs were addressed directly by the provincial government. Local officials and residents expressed their gratitude to Governor Jonvic Remulla for the continuous support from the provincial government, emphasizing the importance of these initiatives in fostering closer relationships between the government and the community.

The event not only facilitated open communication but also reinforced the government's commitment to uplifting the lives of the people.-- J. Patulot

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(DepEd), would also launch the nationwide "Bakuna Eskuwela" campaign on Oct. 7, in an effort to strengthen the national immunization program and address the decreasing immunization rate in the country.

He said the Balik Eskuwela Program covers Grades 1, 4, and 7 students in all public schools nationwide.

Under the school-based immunization program, vaccines for human papillomaviruses (HPV), measles, rubella, tetanus, and diphtheria will be administered to the students, Malacañang Press Briefer Daphne Oseña-Paez said.

Herbosa clarified that the vaccination is not mandatory and still needs parents' consent.

"Kailangan pa rin ng parental consent. Of course, right of refusal pa rin (Parental consent is still required. Of course, there is still a right of refusal)," he said.

"And then, ang usual process naming, pag may nagrefuse na parents, 'yung health workers na naming ang pumupunta at ini-interview, tinatanong bakit ayaw magpabakuna. And then we try to convince them, baka

maling information, maraming nababasa sa social media (when there are parents who refuse, our health workers go to them and interview them, asking why they don't want to be vaccinated. And then we try to convince them, maybe they get the wrong information on social media)."

Herbosa said students from private schools may also avail of the vaccination drive, stressing he would make sure that "the program will not refuse any child."

'Big catch-up'

Herbosa said the DOH is also implementing a "big catch-up plan" to restore the country's immunization rate.

This, as he acknowledged the DOH's failure to reach its goal of vaccinating at least 95 percent of Filipino children in the country.

Herbosa said the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic caused a delay in the immunization of vaccines among Filipino children.

To date, only 71 percent of children nationwide are fully immunized, he said.

"We're hoping every year, nakaka-95 percent tayo (we're reaching 95 per-

cent). Seventy-one lang ang nakukuha natin. With these two programs, 'yung (the) schools-based at saka (and) big catch-up, we're hoping to increase that by the end of the year by December," Herbosa said.

"Ganito iyan, after ma-catch up mo siya to 95 every year, may natitirang 5 percent so hinahabol namin ulit iyan. Every three years, nagkakaroon nang tinatawag na (It's like this, after you catch up to 95 every year, there is a remaining 5 percent so we have to address the backlog. Every three years, there is a so-called) supplemental immunization activity."

Herbosa said the government would also address several challenges in vaccinating children, including logistics and supply management.

Herbosa said he is also eyeing the mandatory submission of vaccination data from private pediatricians, noting it could help increase the number of vaccinated children by 10 percent.

"Sa national immunization program, when we present data, hindi kasama yung data ng mga pediatrician

sa private. Hindi 'yun nirereport (That's not being reported). So, we miss the data by 10 to 15 percent. So, I'm trying to find a way to make it mandatory or online para madali lang mareport yung ilang mga batang binakunahan niyo para maka-count namin (so they could easily report the number of vaccinated children and we can count them). I'm sure our figures will increase by 10 percent," he said.

Massive info drive

Herbosa also sought the media's help to raise public awareness on the importance of vaccines.

He said the massive information drive is vital in educating Filipinos, especially those from lower socioeconomic classes who listen and believe in rumors that contribute to vaccine apprehension.

"He (Marcos) was asking for a massive campaign so I do hope matulungan niyo ang (you help) Department of Health in that aspect," Herbosa said. "Our lower socioeconomic classes, nakikinig sa (listen to) rumor and then naniniwala sa (believe in) rumor. So, we hope [to correct that] with valid information," he added. (PNA)

BIRTH REGISTRATION SA BARANGAY, PATULOY SA GEN. MARIANO ALVAREZ



Naging matagumpay ang isinagawang Mobile Birth Registration at PhilSys Birth Registration Assistance Center ng lokal na pamahalaan ng Gen. Mariano Alvarez, kasabay ng pag-arangkada nito sa Brgy. Lumbreras kamakailan.

Sa pangunguna ng Municipal Civil Registry Office, regular itong isinasagawa ng lokal na pamahalaang bitbit ang naisang pormal na maitala ang bawat residente sa kanilang bayan. | via Mayor Maricel Echevarria Torres

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kabuuang floor area na 22,932 square meter, ayon naman kay Jovel Mendoza, ang hepe ng Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) CALABARZON.

Nagpaabot naman ng lubos na pasasalamat si Dasmariñas City Mayor Jennifer Barzaga sa lahat ng mga opisyal ng UP sa pagkakapili ng mga ito sa kanilang lungsod para itayo ang nasabing unibersidad.

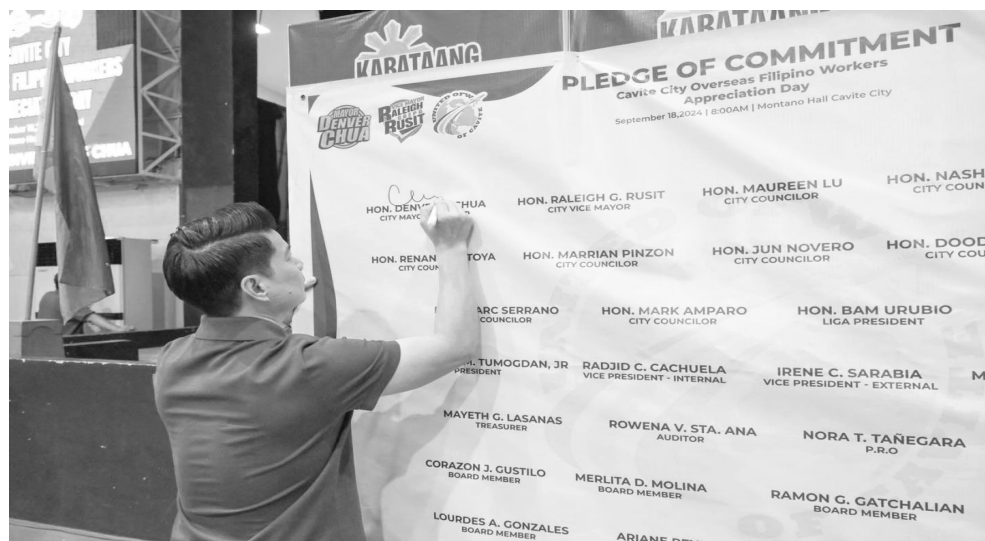
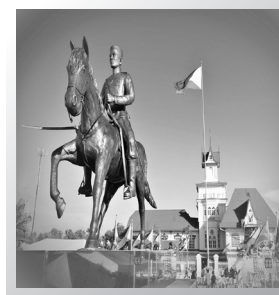
"The UP campus' will be the place where students are empowered to explore their passions, develop their skills, and prepare to make impactful contributions to society," pahayag pa ni Mayor Barzaga.

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President, Mr. Arturo C. Ardiente - Field Operations Division Chief, Ms. Maria Theresa G. Liwanag, MD OIC Health Care Delivery Management Division, Mr. Benjamin A. Rodil Jr.- Head Local Health Insurance Office Trece Martirez City, and Ms. Darlene Albano -Social Insurance Officer II, LHIO Dasmariñas City. The conference also saw participation from PhilHealth staff and various media outlets.

The main purpose of the press conference was to disseminate information about the new PhilHealth Konsulta Package, which provides access to essential healthcare services like consultations, health screenings, laboratory tests, and medications. The event also aimed to educate the public about the dangers of health insurance fraud and how to identify and report suspicious activities.

The press conference served as a valuable platform for PhilHealth to engage with the community and ensure that Filipinos are aware of the benefits and resources available to them. The event also highlighted the importance of combating fraud to protect the integrity of the health insurance program and ensure its sustainability.



‘UNSUNG HEROES’, BINIGYANG PAGKILALA NG CAVITE CITY LGU

Binigyang pagkilala ng pamahalaang panlungsod ng Cavite ang mga natatanging ambag ng mga Overseas Filipino Worker (OFW) nilang kababayan kasabay ng Appreciation Day na isinagawa noong Miyerkules, Setyembre 18.

Sa pangunguna nina Mayor Denver Chua at Vice Mayor Raleigh Rusit, nilagdaan rin ng pamahalaang lungsod ang Pledge of Commitment bilang pagpapakita ng kanilang suporta sa mga OFW sa ibayong dagat. Sinundan naman ito ng livelihood training. | via City Government of Cavite

MALASAKIT SA KALIKASAN, MALASAKIT SA LINGKOD BAYANI

‘Tree Growing for a Cause’ ginanap sa Biñan City

Higit 600 lingkod bayani o mga kawani ng pamahalaan ang lumahok sa ‘Tree Growing for a Cause’ noong Setyembre 16, Lunes sa Biñan City Esplanade, Dela Paz, Biñan City, Laguna na inorganisa ng Civil Service Commission, Laguna Lake Development Authority, at pamahalaang lungsod ng Biñan.

Layon ng sa-bayang pagtatanim ng puno na makalikom ng pondo para sa implementasyon ng Pamanang Lingkod Bayani Program ng CSC na layong

magbigay ng financial assistance at scholarship program para sa pamilya ng mga kawani ng pamahalaan na nasawi habang naglilingkod sa pamahalaan.

Dumalo sa aktibidad sina CSC Chairperson Atty. Carlo AB. Nograles, Laguna Lake Development Authority (LLDA) Acting General Manager Atty. Senando A. Santiago, Biñan City Mayor Walfredo Arman R. Dimaguila Jr., Biñan City Vice Mayor Angelo B. Alonte, at iba pang mga opisyal

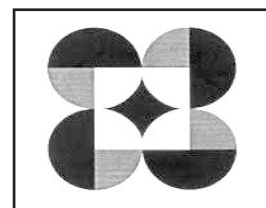
ng CSC, LLDA, lokal na pamahalaan, at iba pang mga ahensya ng pamahalaan.

Ayon kay Nograles, naging matagumpay ang idinaos na ‘Plant Run’ noong nakaraang taon kaya naman minarapat ng ahensya na muling magdaos ng kahalintulad na programa na makakatulong sa kalikasan.

Bilang lingkod bayan na nanunumpa sa pagiging maka-kalikasan, hinimok ni Nograles ang bawat kawani ng gobyerno na bigyang

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DOST- Calabarzon launches 'hackathon' for software development



CALAMBA CITY, Laguna – The Department of Science and Technology (DOST)-Calabarzon, through its Management Information System (MIS) Unit, is set to launch its first "hackathon" series titled “Hack4AProgress: Creating Innovative Solutions to Address Local Government Challenges.”

A "hackathon", also called codefest, is a social coding event for computer programmers to create or improve a software program.

Scheduled Sept. 23-25 at Sol Y Viento Hotels and Resorts in Calamba City, it aims to generate smarter, more sustainable solutions for the local government units (LGUs) of Santa Rosa City, Laguna, and Carmona City, Cavite.

Participants will develop minimum viable products (MVPs) to address

the pressing issues faced by these communities, supporting the national program for Smart and Sustainable Communities.

Harley Margallo, spokesperson for DOST-Calabarzon's Public Affairs, Relations, and Communications Unit (PARCU), shared in a phone interview that eight teams from various institutions in the region have been selected to compete in the 48-hour hackathon's final round.

The finalists are konek.dev – University of

the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB); HealthConnect – National University (NU) - Laguna Team Basu-Heroes – National University (NU) - Laguna; CodeKnights – Colegio de San Juan de Letran-Calamba; PNC-ACOES – Pamantasan ng Cabuyao; Team 8 – National University (NU) - Laguna; Dash2Attack – Cavite State University - Main Campus; and Alcoholics – National University (NU) - Dasmariñas.

The challenges to be addressed include a smart health coordination solution, a smart waste management system, an urban air quality monitoring system, an accident reporting tool, and

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