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CALAX Toll

Operations, upcoming section inspected

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite (PIA) -- The Toll Regulatory Board (TRB) recently inspected the operational segments and upcoming section of the Cavite Laguna Expressway (CALAX), one of the road infrastructure projects of the MPCALA Holdings, Inc. (MHI), a subsidiary of the Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC) in partnership with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

TRB's newly appointed Executive Director Atty. Alvin A. Carullo led the inspection team together with TRB Chief of Regulation Division Joz Carlos G. Ordillano, TRB Communication Head and Spokesperson Julius Corpuz, and Department of Transportation Representative for TRB BGen. Melquiades V. Ordiales, Jr., and TRB audit and inspectorate team.

The inspection covered the overall toll operations of CALAX's operational segment which spans from Mamplasan, Biñan to Santa Rosa-Tagaytay Road, the toll plazas including the safety and security features in place, such as the newly installed Emergency Call Boxes (ECBs) which motorists can use for immediate roadside assistance.

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CAYETANO UMAASA SA SNOWBALL OF SUPPORT' SA P10K AYUDA

Former House Speaker Alan Peter Cayetano

Umaasa si dating Speaker Alan Peter Cayetano na magkakaroon ng snowball of support' para sa kanyang isinusulong at ng mga kasamang kongresista sa Back To Service na P10K Ayuda Bill sa kamara.

Ito ay matapos magpahayag ng suporta sa naturang panukala si Paranaque 2nd District Rep.Eric Olivares. Sa panayam ng DZRJ, sinabi ni Olivares na full support' sya sa P10K Ayuda Bill ni Cayetano dahil kailangan ito ng sambayanang Pilipino. "Kung kaya ng budget bakit hindi para sa mga nangangailanan, kung kaya ng appropriation na i-budget po 'yon para sa nangangailangan full support tayo doon kung kaya ng budget", ani Olivares.

Kaugnay nito, lubos ang pagpapasalamat ni Cayetano kay Olivares at sa iba pang mga kongresista na anya ay payag at sumusuporta din sa P10K Ayuda Bill. May consensus naman talaga ang buong Pilipinas na kailangan ng P10K ayuda ang mga Pilipino at ito'y mabuti sa ekonomiya

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House of Representatives approved Bayanihan three on 2nd reading

The House of Representatives approved on second reading the proposed third Bayanihan measure that aims to cushion the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the lives of Filipinos.

Via voice voting, the lower chamber passed the Bayanihan 3 law, formally known as the Bayanihan To Arise As One Act.

Bayanihan 3 includes the provision of P2,000 cash aid per Filipino, regardless of social status. This cash assistance will be given in two installments or P1,000 per tranche.

The measure likewise seeks to provide wage subsidies, assistance to displaced workers, housing relief, assistance to the agri-fishery sector, medical assistance, and support to basic education, among others.

It also intends to help pandemic-affected households through a one-time cash subsidy program worth P5,000 to P10,000, which will be dispensed by the Department of Social Welfare and Development.

AAMBIS-Owa Party-list Rep. Sharon Garin, chair of the House committee on economic affairs, underscored the importance of the direct assistance that the Bayanihan 3 bill will provide amid the pandemic.

"Ito 'yung immediate need. We do recognize that

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Cong. Alex Advincula

Sa pamamagitan ng Webex meeting, dinaluhan ko po ang pagtatalaga kay Internal Auditor Henry Maningas Doyaoen bilang Major General sa Armed Forces of the Philippines.
Binabati ko po kayo Major General Doyaoen sa inyong promosyon!

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PH eyes New Zealand expertise to upgrade BOC, SSS frontline services

By DOF

Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III and New Zealand Ambassador to the Philippines Peter Kell have discussed possible bilateral cooperation arrangements that would allow the Bureau of Customs (BOC) and the Social Security System (SSS) to tap New Zealand's expertise on modernizing their respective processes and services to better serve the public.

Ambassador Kell said during a recent virtual meeting with Secretary Dominguez that New Zealand can get involved in the ongoing BOC modernization project as a consultant and advisor.

He said New Zealand can provide training and the services of its experts to assist the BOC in capacity building and modernizing its trade facilitation and border protection functions.

New Zealand is also finalizing the financing component of a project with the SSS to redesign the processing of social security pensions and other benefits, which aims to improve the approval system and procedures for SSS members applying for these claims.

Secretary Dominguez expressed his deep appreciation for New Zealand's offer of assistance and assured the Ambassador of the support of the Department of Finance (DOF) for both initiatives.

During the meeting, Ambassador Kell also thanked Secretary Dominguez for the DOF's assistance to the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP) in the preparation of a project proposal on establishing the DAP's competency framework.

This DAP project will be implemented with technical assistance from New Zealand.

Ambassador Kell also informed Secretary Dominguez of the significant progress made in the discussions between New Zealand and Philippine officials on a project that will continue New Zealand's support to Mindanao's agriculture sector and agribusiness enterprises.

He said he looks forward to working closely with the Philippines as New Zealand hosts this year the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) meetings, which are expected to focus on discussions on how to overcome the global economic impact of the lingering COVID-19 pandemic.

In partnership with the United Nations International Organization for Migration (IOM), the New Zealand government has extended about P64.25 million in assistance to support the Philippine government's response against COVID-19, particularly in providing assistance to vulnerable communities in Mindanao.

New Zealand and the IOM have also donated 35 cold storage units necessary for the efficient delivery and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).

Through the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the New Zealand government has likewise continued to assist Mindanao's agriculture sector with a US$2.69 million project to support agriculture-based livelihoods and agribusiness enterprises in Maguindanao and North Cotabato.

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EDITORIAL - Paghandaan ang tag-ulan!

Narito na ang tag-ulan. Ito ang inihayag ng Phi--lippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astrono-mical Services Administration (PAGASA). Pinagbasehan ng PAGASA sa pagdedeklara ng tag-ulan ang 25 millimeters ng ulan sa loob ng tatlong sunud-sunod na araw.

Noong Linggo ng hapon, umulan nang malakas sa maraming lugar sa Metro Manila na nagdulot nang pagbaha sa ilang mababang lugar. Hindi lamang- ulan ang malakas kundi pati na rin hangin. Noong Lunes, umulan muli dakong hapon na nagdulot din ng pagbaha. Noong Martes, muling umulan ng dakong hapon. Sabi ng PAGASA, wala pa namang namamataang sama ng panahon sa mga susunod na araw.

Pumasok na ang tag-ulan at siyempre kakambal nito ang problemang baha. Taun-taon, kahit pa sinabi ng Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) at Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) na nagkaroon na sila ng paglilinis sa imburnal, estero at kanal, problema pa rin ang baha. Marami pa ring nakabarang plastic na basura. Ang mga plastic ay hindi natutunaw kaya habambuhay itong nakabara sa mga daanan ng tubig. Walang ibang paraan kundi ibawal ang single-use plastic. Sa mga lungsod sa Metro Manila, Quezon City pa lang ang nagbawal sa paggamit ng single-use plastic.

Sa panahon ng tag-ulan maraming sumusulpot na sakit – dengue, leptospirosis, malaria at iba pa. Makikipagsabayan ang mga sakit na ito sa COVID-19 na kasalukuyang nananalasa hindi lamang sa Pili-pinas kundi sa buong mundo. Posibleng kumalat ang COVID sa evacuation centers. Kadalasang kapag nagkaroon ng bagyo at baha, inililikas sa evacuation centers ang mga apektado at dito sila posibleng magkahawahan.

Baha at sakit ang dulot ng tag-ulan kaya nararapat na mag-ingat. Habang may panahon pa, ipagpatuloy ng DPWH, MMDA at LGUs ang paglilinis sa mga estero at kanal para maging maayos ang daloy ng tubig at maiwasan ang baha.

Wasakin ang mga posibleng tirahan ng lamok na nagdudulot ng dengue at malaria. Linisin ang kapaligiran para walang mabuhay na daga na nagdudulot ng leptospirosis. Ang leptospirosis ay sakit na naku-kuha sa baha na kontaminado ng ihi ng daga.

Paghandaan ang tag-ulan, baha at ang mga sakit na dulot nito.

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GUHIT NG KAPALARAN

GEMINI: (May. 21-Hun. 21) Matutuklasan sa meditation ang inner skills. Pagyamanin ito dahil magiging matibay na tulay ito para maiangat ang iyong kabuhayan. Laging maniguro sa kaligtasan ng iyong health. Iwasan ang magpuyat. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 23, 35, 41, 15 at dollar green.

CANCER: (Hun. 22-Hul. 22) Harapin ang makulit na kasama at turuan siya ng leksiyon na makakatulong para siya ay mag-matured. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 23, 36, 49, 51, 11 at hot pink.

LEO: (Hul. 23-Ago. 22) Walang makakahadlang sa mga nagla-landas na oportunidad, kung mananatiling pursigido. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 33, 46, 59, 13, 21 at emerald green.

VIRGO: (Ago. 23-Set.23) Malaking tulong ang tatanggappin para maitawid ang kabuhayan. Ingat sa mapagsamantala. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 53, 26, 49, 13, 41 at amethyst violet.

LIBRA: (Set. 24-Okt. 23) Ang meditation ang magpapalaya sa iyong negative emotions. Pag-isipan muna ang mga bagay-bagay bago magpasiya. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 23, 56, 49, 33, 11 at fire red.

SCORPIO: (Okt. 24-Nob. 22) Turuan ang sarili na mag-focus sa tagum-pay. Mangyayari ang inaasahan, makakaahon ka sa kagipitan. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 43, 56, 28, 12, 41 at lavender.

SAGITTARIUS: (Nob. 23-Dis. 21) Sa process ng meditation, makikita ang sarili na recharged. Madaramang handa ka na uli sa anumang pangyayari. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 33, 26, 49, 51, 34 at tangerine.

CAPRICORN: (Dis. 22-Ene. 19) Ang iyong subsconcious mind ay may nag-uumapaw na ideas tungkol sa business. Himayin at pag-aaral ang tungkol dito. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 43, 39, 51, 55, 36 at hot pink.

AQUARIUS: (Ene. 20-Peb. 18) Manatili sa feel good moments, maaakit ang masayang buhay. Magiging tuloy-tuloy ang daloy ng biyaya. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 23, 47, 59, 11, 31 at turmeric yellow.

PISCES: (Peb. 19-Mar. 20) Mag-focus sa masa-yang moments, magsisilbing supplement ito para ganahan sa paggawa. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 43, 26, 39, 51, 12 at magenta red.

ARIES: (Mar. 21-Abr. 19) Aarangkada ang online business, basta focus sa mga dapat gawin at maging consistent. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 53, 47, 29, 13, 33 at cinnamon brown.

TAURUS: (Abr. 20-May. 20) Unawain ang mga pa-saway sa paligid. Taglay ang karunungan para panghawakan ang situwasyon. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 33, 26, 49, 55, 11 at cobalt blue.

Philippines and Argentina forge cooperation on Diplomatic Training, Science and Technology, Agriculture and Culture

By DFA

The Philippine and Argentine delegations pose for a photo at the start of the 4th Bilateral Consultation Mechanism (Photo: OAMSS-ICTD)

MANILA, May 21 -- Acting Foreign Affairs Undersecretary for Bilateral Relations and ASEAN Affairs Elizabeth P. Buensuceso successfully co-chaired the 4th Philippines-Argentina Bilateral Consultation Mechanism (BCM) on 17 May 2021 via Zoom together with Argentinian Undersecretary for Foreign Policy Gustavo Alejandro Dzugala.

The Philippine delegation included Philippine Ambassador to Argentina Linglingay F. Lacanlale and Assistant Secretary Maria Lumen B. Isleta of the Office of American Affairs and officials from other agencies such as the DTI, DepEd, DICT, DA, DOST, PNRI, PhilSA, NCCA, DOH and PSC.

The BCM provided an opportunity for the two countries to update each other on domestic political and economic developments, as well as relevant regional and multilateral issues.

ISEN Director, Ambassador Victorio Maria Taccetti, and FSI Director General, Ambassador Jose Maria A. Cariño, sign the MOU on Diplomatic Training between the PHL and ARG Diplomatic Academies (Photo: OAMSS-ICTD)

A virtual signing ceremony was also held during the BCM on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Foreign Service Institute (FSI) and the Instituto del Servicio Exterior de la Nacion (ISEN) on diplomatic training. FSI Director General Jose Maria A. Cariño and ISEN Director Victorio Maria Taccetti signed on behalf of their respective diplomatic academies.

The Philippines and Argentina expressed their readiness to sign the MOU on Agricultural Cooperation at a mutually convenient date and time. Signing for the Philippines would be Agriculture Secretary William Dar.

The two countries also agreed to extend the validity of the 2012 Cultural Agreement. They also agreed to deepen cooperation in education, nuclear energy and aerospace technology, and sports, while further strengthening trade and investment.

The third BCM was held in Buenos Aires in 2017. Due to the current pandemic-related restrictions, the Manila hosting of the 4th BCM was done via video-conferencing. (DFA)

The Big Bang Theory

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DOH-CALABARZON opens Cabuyao hemodialysis center for COVID patients

CALAMBA CITY, (PIA) - The Department of Health Region IV-A (DOH IV-A) recently opened a new facility for patients with kidney problems who tested positive for COVID-19.

Last May 19, Regional Director Eduardo Janairo led the opening of the Hemodialysis Center for Covid patients at the Cabuyao City Hospital in Barangay San Isidro.

With a total of 20 dialysis stations that can ammodate around 150 patients per day, the hemodialysis center is the first project established by DOH IV-A through a tripartite agreement between the city government of Cabuyao and NephroMed Asia Medical Group.

"This hemodialysis center will cater solely for patients with kidney problems who tested positive for the coronavirus. Dito, ang mga pasyenteng positibo sa Covid virus ay tatanggapin at hindi tatanggihan na gaya ng ginagawa ng ibang hospital," Janairo said of the facility which the regional health office helped establish.

[This hemodialysis center will cater solely for patients with kidney problems who tested positive for the coronavirus. Here, patients who tested positive for the coronavirus will be accepted and not turned away like what other hospitals do.]

The region's top doctor assured that patients will receive the best services possible as the DOH IV-A facilitated the accreditation and License to Operate (LTO) for this project.

Aware of the treatment costs, Janairo assured that patients who will undergo dialysis need not worry about paying for their treatment.

"Sasagutin ng PhilHealth ang gastos at kung may kulang pa ay pupunan ito ng regional office through the medical assistance for indigents program. Kaya walang dahilan upang hindi makapagpagamot ang mga pasyenteng nangangailangan ng dialysis treatment,"

[PhilHealth will shoulder the costs, while the regional office will pay for the remaining costs through the medical assistance for indigents program. There is no longer a reason for patients not to get their dialysis treatment.]

Aside from the treatment costs, Janairo added that DOH will also assist in logistics augmentation, including the provision of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when needed. (PB/ DOH 4-A)

Dasma chess wizards to represent country in FIDE Chess World Cup

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite (PIA) -- Daniel Quizon and Michael Concio, Jr., two 16 year-old Grade 10 students of the Dasmariñas Integrated High School will represent the country in the FIDE World Cup chess tournament in Sochi, Russia on July 2021.

The chess athletes ranked top 2 in the recently concluded Asian Zonal 3.3 Chess Championships after winning against Indonesian Grand Masters who represented Indonesia in the Board 1 and 2 of the Chess Olympics.

During the last round of the championships, Quizon tied with Indonesian Grand Master Susanto Megaranto leading with 7 points - 5 wins and 4 draws while Michael Concio scored 6.5 points as he defeated Indonesian Grand Master Novendra Priasmoro in the last round in 103 moves.

The Asian Zonal 3.3 Chess Championship was held via online using the Tornelo platform where the boys played from the home of their coach FIDE Master Roel Abelgas.

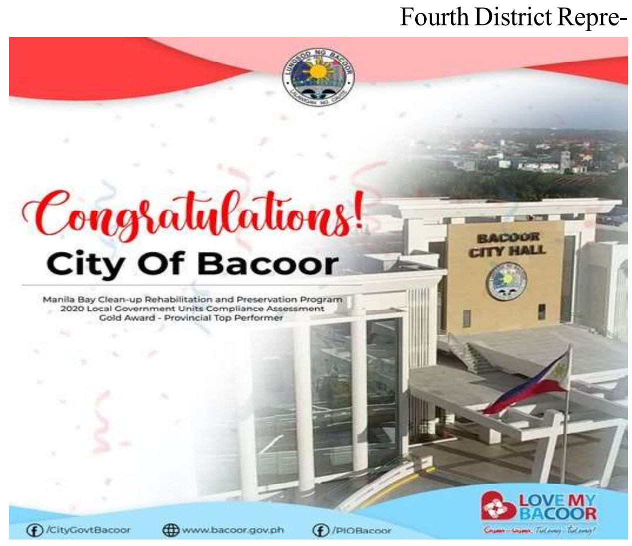
Fourth District Representative Pidi Barzaga was proud and expressed support to the teen chess wizards.

"Nakaka-proud isipin na pawang disi-sais anyos ang dalawang batang Pinoy na sina Quizon at Concio ay Grade 10 sa Dasmariñas Integrated High School. Congratulations and keep up the hard work! Ang buong lunsod ng Dasmariñas ay patuloy na sumusuporta sa ating mga batang atleta," said Congressman Barzaga.

(It makes me proud to think that two young Filipinos, Quizon and Concio, are both 16 years old and are in Grade 10 at Dasmariñas Integrated High School. Congratulations and keep up the hard work! The entire city of Dasmariñas continues to support our young athletes.)

The solon thanked the rest of the Team Dasma, coaches GM Darwin Laylo, Fide Master Roel Abelgas, and Chester Caminong for relentlessly guiding the young athletes.

The International Chess Federation (FIDE) is the governing body of the sport of chess and regulates all international chess competitions. (Ruel Francisco with reports from Rep. Pidi Barzaga FB page)



Pinarangalan ang Lungsod ng Bacoor ng Gold Award sa ilalim ng Manila Bay Cleanup, Rehabilitation, and Preservation Program . Mabuhay ang Bacoor!