

Lawmaker to DOH: Tackle TB cases in Manila

MANILA – A lawmaker on Thursday called on Health Secretary Teodoro Herbosa to ensure tuberculosis (TB) cases in Tondo and other densely populated areas in the City

of Manila remain manageable, following concerns about the disease's potential spread due to recent disasters.

Manila 2nd District Rep. Rolando Valeria-

no, who chairs the House of Representatives Committee on Metro Manila Development, cited the need for swift action by the Department of Health (DOH) and other government agencies

to prevent any escalation of TB cases.

"I trust Health see page 6..."



CICC seeks more funding to intensify fight vs. cybercrimes

MANILA – The Cybercrime Investigation and Coordinating Center (CICC) is seeking additional funding to ramp up its fight against cybercrimes in 2025.

This, as CICC deputy executive director Assistant Secretary Mary Rose Magsaysay said the agency had asked the Department of Science and Technology to fund its research and development project aimed at developing a new tool to detect and combat cybercrimes such as ransomware attacks and cyberfraud.

"We are funding it. We have asked the help of DOST and dinadasal namin sa Diyos na bigyan kami ng pagkakataon mapondohan (we pray to God to give us the chance to have it funded)," Magsaysay said during the Bagong Pilipinas Ngayon Program aired over state-run PTV-4 on Wednesday.

"So, research and development, wala tayong (we have no) choice –the tools are very expensive, hundreds of million. We have to create our own tools. We are breaking the barrier in the entry point to

solve cybercrime. We are making it affordable for every single law enforcement agency."

The CICC in October this year partnered with De La Salle College of Saint Benilde for a PHP15-million research project to create an anti-smishing program.

The project, funded by the DOST, aims to develop machine learning algorithms capable of analyzing patterns to detect signs of smishing attempts.

It is also expected to integrate natural lan-

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Remulla: Enforce law on use of firecrackers

MANILA – Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Secretary Jonvic Remulla on Friday urged local government units (LGUs) to enforce rules and regulations on firecrackers and other pyrotechnics in their respective jurisdiction to prevent firecracker-related injuries.

In a memorandum, Remulla called on LGUs to issue ordinances and other regulations banning or discouraging individuals or households from using firecrackers as pre-

scribed by Executive Order No. 28 series of 2017.

He also said LGUs must restrict the use of firecrackers only to community fireworks displays that have secured necessary permits and conduct information campaigns on the dangers of prohibited fireworks.

Remulla instructed the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) to ensure that fire exhibition safe zones are guided by the provisions of Republic Act (RA) 9514 or the Fire Code of the Philippines.



At the same time, the DILG chief directed the Philippine National Police to conduct inspection, confiscation, and destruction of illegal fireworks and pyrotechnic devices.

The public is also discouraged from patronizing illegal or otherwise hazardous fireworks and using alternative noise-inducing items such as horns, recycled containers, pans, and other common household items.

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Marcos to Filipinos: Take to heart Rizal's words, ideals

MANILA – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. called on Filipinos to reflect on the enduring legacy of Dr. Jose Rizal urging the nation to embrace his ideals and continue his work toward a just and progressive society as

the country commemorates the 128th anniversary of his martyrdom on Monday.

Marcos, in his Rizal Day message, said the national hero's vision of a just and forward-thinking society is no less alive today than it was more than a century ago.

He urged Filipinos to not only remember Rizal's sacrifices but also to take to heart the ideals that fueled the revolution for independence.

"As we remember his noble works and honor-



able life, let us take to heart his words and ideals that awakened the consciousness of our forebears and stirred a national movement for freedom," Marcos said.

"I call on my fellow Filipinos to look back see page 4..."

Iwas paputok parin para sa ating mga pets.

- Noise from fireworks can be distressing for dogs, cats, and many other pets.
- To keep them safe, it's advisable to keep pets indoors during fireworks displays.
- To prevent pet stress, it's best to avoid using fireworks at home altogether.
- Additionally, the smoke from fireworks can trigger asthma in both humans and animals.



Dahil #BawatBuhayMahalaga, kasama rin ang buhay ng ating mga alaga. #IwasPaputok na po tayoy!

BUSSINESS ONE STOP SHOP (BOSS) 2025

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Stakeholders in C. Luzon urged to collaborate for education reforms

MANILA – Department of Education (DepEd) Secretary Sonny Angara on Tuesday underscored the need for collaboration to advance reforms within the education sector.

"As constituents of the Department of Education, we know that educational excellence is a collective journey. Lahat po tayo rito [ay] may (Ev-



eryone of us has a) contribution," he said in a statement. Angara urged

stakeholders to take part in Central Luzon following the 2024 Education Week see page 4...

PhilHealth approves 50% case rate adjustment

AMID the issues hounding its funding for 2025, the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) approved a 50 percent adjustment in the case rates of selected medical benefits of its members.

In its Circular 2024-0037, PhilHealth issued the guidelines on the latest round of adjustment of its case rates in its continuing bid to lower the

out-of-pocket expenses of its members. "This PhilHealth Circular presents the formal guidelines for another round of adjustment to select case rates," said PhilHealth.

"This PhilHealth Circular applies to all accredited health facilities (HFs), PhilHealth regional offices, and all others concerned in implementing adjustment of 50 percent to see page 6..."

DA to remove brand labels on imported rice to stop price manipulation

MANILA – The Department of Agriculture (DA) said Thursday it would remove brand labels on imported rice to combat alleged price manipulation in local markets.

In a statement, DA Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. said the plan will cover "premium" and "special"

imported rice labels which are being used to justify the increase in prices. "After conducting a series of market visits, we now have reason to believe that some retailers and traders are intentionally confusing Filipino consumers with branded imports to justify the high prices of

rice," he said. Tiu Laurel said local rice would be exempted from the brand label removal to protect farmers and traders. The decision was made after the DA and the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) conducted joint market inspections on Dec. 19.

During the event, Tiu Laurel said he noticed the high retail prices of see page 6..."



Mga Pagkaing Lunas sa Constipation

Payo ni Doc Ong

Ang constipation o pagtitibi ay isang kondisyon kung saan nahihirapan ang isang tao na dumumi o mayroong matigas na dumi. Narito ang detalyadong mga payo upang maiwasan ang constipation at mapadali ang pagdumi:

Pag-inom ng Tubig:

Napakahalaga ang tubig sa pagpapalambot ng dumi. Siguraduhing uminom ng walo hanggang sampung basong tubig bawat araw upang mapanatili ang tamang hydration. Kapag kulang ang tubig sa katawan, tiyak na titigas ang dumi.

Ehersisyo at Regular na Oras ng Pagdumi:

Ang paggalaw ng katawan ay nakatutulong sa pagpapabilis ng galaw ng bituka. Maglaan ng regular na oras sa araw-araw upang sanayin ang katawan sa tamang iskedyul ng pagdumi.

Mga Prutas na Pampalambot ng Dumi:

Ang mga prutas ay likas na lunas para sa pagtitibi. Subukan ang mga sumusunod:

Papaya: May natural na likido na nagpapadulas sa dumi at nagbibigay ng tamang porma rito.

Pakwan: Mataas sa tubig na nakatutulong sa hydration.

Peras: Isa pang prutas na puno ng fiber.

Gulay na Mataas sa Fiber:

Ang fiber ay mahalaga sa pagkakaroon ng regular na pagdumi. **Heto ang ilang gulay na maaaring subukan:**

Berdeng Gulay: Kangkong, spinach, pechay, malunggay, at talbos ng kamote. Ang spinach ay may magnesium na nagpapabilis ng galaw ng bituka.

Okra: May malapot na likido na nagpapadulas sa dumi at nagbibigay ng tamang porma rito.

Oatmeal: May beta-glucan, isang soluble fiber na nakatutulong sa pagtunaw ng pagkain at pagpapadumi.

Yogurt: May taglay na probiotics o mabuting bacteria na nakapagpapabuti ng kalusugan ng bituka.

Brown Rice at Tubig:

Ang brown rice ay mataas din sa fiber ngunit kailangang dahan-dahanin ang pagkain nito upang hindi magdulot ng diarrhea. Tandaan na ang mga pagkaing mataas sa fiber ay mas epektibo kung sasamahan ng sapat na tubig.

Urinary Tract Infection (UTI)

Ang UTI ay impeksyon sa urinary system na maaaring makaapekto sa kidneys, ureters, bladder, o urethra. Narito ang mga payo para sa paggamot at pag-iwas:

Gamutan at Hygiene:

Antibiotics: Karaniwang lunas para sa UTI. Siguraduhing tapusin ang reseta kahit bumuti na ang pakiramdam.

Mild Soap: Gumamit ng hindi matapang na sabon sa paglilinis ng uri.

Tamang Pagpunas: Sa kababaihan, punasan mula sa harap papunta sa puwitan upang maiwasan ang paglipat ng bacteria.

Pag-inom ng Tubig:

Ang tubig ay nakatutulong upang ma-flush out ang mga bacteria mula sa katawan. Siguraduhing uminom ng maraming fluids araw-araw.

Pagpili ng Damit:

Magsuot ng maluwag na pantalon at cotton underwear upang makaiwas sa moisture na pabor sa bacteria.

Yogurt:

Kapag umiinom ng antibiotics, makatutulong ang yogurt dahil sa probiotics nito na nakapagpapanatili ng balanse ng good bacteria sa tiyan.

Pyelonephritis:

Ang impeksyon sa kidney na dulot ng bacteria. Maaaring makaranas ng lagnat, pananakit ng balakang, madalas na pag-ih, o dugo sa ihi.

Dapat agad na kumonsulta sa doktor para sa angkop na gamutan.

Kidney Stones:

Iwasan ang sobrang ehersisyo tulad ng mahabang pagtakbo na maaaring magpalala sa kondisyon.

Kumain ng balanseng pagkain at uminom ng sapat na tubig upang maiwasan ang pagbuo ng mga bato sa bato.

Problema sa Pag-ih

Hirap sa Pag-ih:

Sa lalaki, maaaring dulot ito ng pinalaking prostate gland, prostatitis, o kanser sa prostate. Sa parehong kasarian, maaaring sanhi ito ng impeksyon o sugat sa urethra.

Madalas na Pag-ih (Polyuria):

Maaaring dulot ng sobrang pag-inom ng kape, tsaa, o alak.

Maaaring sintomas ng pagbubuntis, bladder infection, o diabetes.

Kakaunting Pag-ih (Oliguria):

Karaniwan kapag dehydrated, may glomerulonephritis, o kidney failure.

Dagdag Kaalaman

Glomerulonephritis: Impeksyon o pagkasira ng glomeruli ng kidneys. Maaring acute o chronic.

Prostatitis: Impeksyon sa prostate na nangangailangan ng agarang atensiyong medikal.

Sundin ang mga payong ito upang mapanatili ang malusog na sistema ng pagtunaw at ihi. Siguraduhing kumonsulta sa doktor para sa tamang diagnosis at gamutan.



PHILHEALTH ON THE RIGHT TRACK WITH NEW BENEFITS BUT STILL NEEDS TO DO MORE – LEE

“Kaya pang mas iparamdam ang tulong sa mga Pilipino. Kung mas maagang nagdadag ng mga benepisyo, hindi na sana umabot sa zero subsidy!”

This was the sentiment of Manoy Wilbert “Wise” Lee, the lawmaker who first exposed the billions of unused funds of Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) on September 2023, as he welcomed the new benefit enhancements announced by the state health insurer.

While Lee acknowledged the significance of the recently approved 50% increase on select case rates of PhilHealth, the increase in benefit packages for heart ailments, new outpatient emergency care benefit package, benefit for preventive oral health services in primary care, and Z benefit packages for kidney transplantation and peritoneal dialysis, he stressed that these are long overdue and are still not enough.

“Bahagi lang ito sa mga commitment na pinirmahan ng DOH at PhilHealth na itutulak natin noong nakaraang budget deliberations. Fifty percent across-the-board, hindi lang sa ilang sakit ang napagkasunduan. Hinihintay pa rin natin ang katuparan ng iba pang mga dagdag na benepisyo na kanilang ipinangako,” he said.

It can be recalled that the Bicolano lawmaker sealed these health commitments signed by Department of Health (DOH) Secretary Ted Herbosa and PhilHealth President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Emmanuel Ledesma Jr., during the House Plenary Deliberations on the

DOH Budget that ended in a mic scuffle last September 25.

Other commitments that have yet to be complied with include the comprehensive plan to reduce the out-of-pocket medical expenses of Filipinos, detailed report on the availability of medicines and vaccines in public hospitals, implementing free diagnostic tests such as Positron Emission Tomography (PET) scan, Computed Tomography (CT) scan and Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) as part of outpatient services and at least 80% coverage for cancer treatments such as chemotherapy and procedures for heart diseases.

A staunch health advocate, Lee was instrumental in the 30% increase in PhilHealth benefits which started on February 14, after more than a decade of case rates not being reviewed or adjusted. Through his persistent efforts, PhilHealth also implemented more benefits enhancements such as free dialysis, and the increase in coverage for breast cancer treatment from P100,000 to P1.4 million.

Further, he was at the forefront of fighting for the inclusion of free eye checkup and free prescription

glasses on PhilHealth benefits which are now being finalized.

Calling on the DOH and PhilHealth, Lee said: “Make it your New Year’s Resolution to not repeat the same mistake of not using the billions of funds for health-care benefits so zero government subsidy for PhilHealth will not happen again.”

“Mahigit isang dekadang hindi umusad at naipagkait ang mga benepisyon pangkalusugan na kailangang-kailangan ng ating mga kababayan. Tigilan na ang pagiging manhid at kawalan ng pakialam sa mga nagdurusang Pilipino na araw-araw nangangamba at tinitis ang sakit dahil walang pambili ng gamot at pambayad sa ospital.”

“Nagpapasalamat po tayo sa pakikiisa ng marami nating kababayan at sa lumalakas pa nating nating panawagan na ang pondo para sa kalusugan ay dapat gamitin sa kalusugan. Patuloy natin itong ipaglalaban at hindi tatantanan. Dagdag lang nang dagdag ng mga benepisyo hanggang maging libre na ang gamot at pagpapagamot ng mga Pilipino. Ang ipinaglalaban ko: Gamot Mo, Sagot Ko!” he added.



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Infra dev’t, aid support ramped up as El Niño, La Niña tested PH

MANILA – After the harsh impacts of the El Niño and La Niña weather phenomena, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. demonstrated a strong desire to ensure the immediate recovery of affected persons and improve the country’s resilience against disasters.

Located in the Pacific Ring of Fire and the Pacific Cyclone Belt, about 60 percent of the Philippines’ total land area and 74 percent of its population are exposed to multiple natural hazards, including cyclones, floods, and landslides, according to a study by the World Bank Group.

During El Niño’s peak in May, about 61 provinces suffered drought, 17 experienced dry spells, and three endured dry conditions.

The phenomenon severely affected the agriculture and fisheries sector, incurring PHP9.89 billion in damage and losses, as of June 6.

Of the losses, PHP4.75 billion was absorbed by the rice sector, followed by corn (PHP3.37 billion), high-value crops (PHP1.70 billion), fisheries (PHP5.72 million), livestock and poultry (PHP10.47 million), and cassava (PHP3.42 million).

Assistance to farmers, fisherfolk

To cushion the impact of El Niño, Marcos led the distribution of financial assistance to farmers and fisherfolk nationwide through the Presidential Assistance to Farmers, Fisherfolk, and Families (PAFFF).

The presidential assistance was on top of the aid given by other concerned government agencies.

The government has distributed PHP906 million in assistance to more than 90,000 beneficiaries in Cagayan Valley, Bicol Region, Zamboanga Peninsula, Northern Mindanao, Davao Region, Soccsksargen, and the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao through the PAFFF from May 9 to June 5.

Select beneficiaries also received other assistance, among them farm inputs, alter-

native livelihood, and technologies, to compensate for their losses and aid in their recovery.

Based on data from the Department of Agriculture, the government has released PHP659.17 million as production support assistance to 18,838 beneficiaries, as of June 6.

On June 6, Marcos extended nearly PHP60 million in financial assistance under the PAFFF to help farmers and fisherfolk in the Davao Region cope with the adverse impacts of El Niño.

The President likewise distributed PHP158.15 million in financial assistance to the local government units (LGUs) of the Caraga Region on June 20 and PHP147.6 million in Aurora province on July 12, as part of the government’s support for farmers and fisherfolk affected by El Niño.

He also led the distribution of PHP952.66 million to Palawan LGUs and Romblon, Occidental Mindoro, and Oriental Mindoro LGUs on July 18 to help farmers and fisherfolk recover from the effects of the weather phenomenon. About PHP184.99 million from the Office of the President was also given to farmers and fisherfolk in the Ilocos Region on July 19.

Back-to-back typhoons

The Philippines was likewise confronted by the unprecedented series of on-slaughts of six strong tropical cyclones in less than a month between October and November.

Marcos acknowledged that climate change fueled the rare occurrence of back-to-back cyclones, which include Severe Tropical Storm Kristine (international name Trami, Oct. 21-25), Super Typhoon Leon (Kong-rey, Oct. 27 to Nov. 1), Typhoon Marce (Yinxing, Nov. 4-8), Typhoon Nika (Toraji, Nov. 9-12), Super Typhoon Ofel (Usagi, Nov. 12-15), and Super Typhoon Pepito (Man-yi, Nov. 14-18).

Despite the catastrophic events, Marcos was

prompt in issuing directives to concerned government agencies, augmenting the government’s relief and response efforts, visiting disaster-affected areas, and distributing cash, food packs, and other basic needs to the calamity victims.

“All of these compel us to establish a culture of preparedness and institutionalize disaster risk reduction and management practices across all sectors,” Marcos said during the 24th Gawad Kalasag awarding ceremony on Dec. 13.

Modern, climate-resilient infrastructure

In the wake of the damage and losses incurred due to climate-related disasters, Marcos emphasized the need to build safer, adaptive, and disaster-resilient infrastructures, such as roads and bridges.

In November, he directed all government agencies to step up preparations for natural disasters, including massive floods and landslides.

He directed the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and other agencies to revise their flood control master plans, with an aim to expand the capacity of infrastructures to handle increasing flood risks.

Marcos also ordered the Department of Trade and Industry to ensure that all construction materials meet the standards for quality, safety, and climate adaptability.

Flood control projects

To improve drainage and prevent flooding in low-lying areas in the country, the Marcos administration continues to build flood control projects.

Marcos repeatedly instructed the DPWH to ensure that flood control projects are durable and can withstand the impacts of strong typhoons.

In August this year, the Department of Finance said the Philippine Health Insurance Corp.’s excess funds would be used to fund the implementation of infrastruc-

ture projects, which include farm-to-commercial center roads; the interconnectedness of islands, particularly the Panay-Guimaras Island Bridge; and support for flood management and control in Metro Manila and river basins in Luzon and Mindanao.

More than 5,500 flood control projects were completed from July 2022 to May 2024, according to government data.

More evacuation centers

As part of the government’s commitment to providing relief to calamity victims, Marcos was also focused on ensuring that each city or municipality will have an evacuation center that is safe, adaptive, and climate-proof.

On Dec. 6, Marcos signed Republic Act (RA) 12076, or the Ligtas Pinoy Centers Act, establishing a nationwide network of permanent, storm-resilient evacuation centers designed to withstand typhoon winds of up to 300 kph and seismic activity of up to magnitude 8.0.

The evacuation centers will be fully equipped with sleeping areas, health care stations, sanitation facilities, and provisions for livestock, and prioritize high-risk and disaster-prone areas, based on RA 12076.

Public-private partnership

The President also expressed openness to the recommendation of the Private Sector Advisory Council - Infrastructure Sector Group (PSAC-ISG) in August to allow front-line agencies, such as the National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council and the Department of National Defense, to seek public-private partnerships for disaster risk reduction.

He was also open to the PSAC-ISG’s suggestion to direct LGUs to conclude pre-agreements with local construction companies for clearing of debris, and road and building repairs after disasters, saying it is a good idea for quicker government response. (PNA)

GUHIT NG KAPALARAN

CAPRICORN: (Dis. 22-Ene. 19) – Feel mo ang influence ng spirituality sa kalooban mo. Sa practice ng meditation, naa-appreciate mo kung ano ang meron ka. Increasing ang iyong income dahil dadagsa ang costumers. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 21, 35, 53, 13, 43 at ivory white.

AQUARIUS: (Ene. 20-Peb. 18) – Maakit ang hinahangad. Sa meditation mababago ang iyong mindset. Pagtuunan ang kalusugan. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 43, 12, 21, 52, 31 at turmeric yellow.

PISCES: (Peb. 19-Mar. 20) – Ang inner being ang aakit ng true love. Kung compatible kayo, mauwi ang usapan sa kasalan. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 22, 41, 15, 51, 35 at vermilion red.

ARIES: (Mar. 21-Abr. 19) – Suriin mo ang feelings mo sa kalayaang inaasam. Ang negosyong balak pasukin ay pag-aralan ng mabuti. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 25, 33, 45, 11, 55, at emerald green.

TAURUS: (Abr. 20-May. 20) – I-surrender mo ang lahat ng mga kaabalahan sa Maykapal. Palal-akasin ka ng mga pagsubok na pagdaraan. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 21, 32, 51, 45, 12 at mocha brown.

GEMINI: (May. 21-Hun. 21) – Gamitin sa puhunan para negosyo. Kung naghahangad ng kasosyo, mag-background check ka muna. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 41, 51, 15, 52, 23 at lilac violet.

CANCER: (Hun. 22-Hul. 22) – Ang mga kaganapan ay magkakaroon ng maliwanag na patutunguhan. Ituloy ang balak kung sapat ang kahandaan. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 12, 21, 51, 35, 43 at bamboo green.

LEO: (Hul. 23-Ago. 22) – Magtiwala sa Maykapal lalo na sa gitna ng situwasyong hindi inaasahan. Kapag nagipit, sa kanya kumapit. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 35, 45, 52, 26, 11 at carrot orange.

VIRGO: (Ago. 23-Set.23) – God given moment ang pagtatagpo ninyo ng bagong kaibigan. Merong creative adventure na aakit ng salapi. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 22, 31, 43, 52, 11 at pine green.

LIBRA: (Set. 24-Okt. 23) – Masaya ang iyong buhay. Lahat ng gusto mo ay darating. Huwag kalimutang magpasalamat. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 42, 15, 25, 33, 51 at scarlet red.

SCORPIO: (Okt. 24-Nob. 22) – Sundin ang good feelings. Ang satisfied emotion ang aakit ng mga solution sa problema. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 45, 25, 36, 11, 51 at shocking pink.

SAGITTARIUS: (Nob. 23-Dis. 21) – Ang lahat ng wish ay matatamo kung sisimulang kumilos ngayon. Supilin ang masamang hinala sa kapwa. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 12, 51, 26, 33, 42 at mango orange.

House leader backs DND stand on enhancing PH defense capabilities

MANILA – A House leader on Thursday expressed his full support for Defense Secretary Gilberto Teodoro Jr. for his efforts to safeguard the Philippines' territorial integrity and national sovereignty amid China's criticism of the country's military upgrades.

Surigao del Norte Rep. Robert Ace Barbers, who chairs the House Committee on Dangerous Drugs and the Quad Committee, said Beijing has no business meddling in Manila's affairs.

"The China government and its leaders have no business nor moral ascendancy to meddle with what the Philippine government does or wants to do in its effort to upgrade and accelerate its military capability, such as acquiring mid-range missiles and other armaments from the United States," Barbers said.

He accused China of employing "bullying tactics" by criticizing the country's actions to protect its territory and sovereignty, calling on Filipinos to stand united behind Teodoro.

"The Filipino people, including Senators and Congressmen, should rally

and voice out their support to Secretary Gibo Teodoro for standing up against the whims and caprices of the China government and its leaders," Barbers said.

"Sobra nang pakikialam ang ginagawang China sa ating bansa at dapat magkaisa at sama-sama tayong lahat na Filipino na pigilin at tuligsain ang kanilang mga makasariling layunin sa loob at labas ng bansa, partikular na sa West Philippine Sea (China's interference in our country has gone too far, and all of us Filipinos should unite and collectively stop and criticize their selfish intentions both within and outside the country, particularly in the West Philippine Sea)," he added.

Teodoro earlier said the deployment of the US-made mid-range capability "Typhon" Missile System in the Philippines in the context of joint exercises is completely "legitimate, legal, and beyond reproach".

He added that enhancement of the country's defense capabilities in accordance with the Comprehensive Archipelagic Defense Concept is conducted based on the Philippines' own national interest and by the country's indepen-

dent foreign policy.



Secretary of Defense Gilberto Teodoro Jr. (left) and House Speaker Ferdinand Martin Romuldez (right) during a press conference.

China recently warned that the Philippines' weapons upgrade could heighten geopolitical tensions and spark an arms race in the region.

Barbers dismissed this assertion as political nonsense, pointing to Beijing's aggressive military expansion and regional activities.

"China is up and planning for a world domination by upgrading to the max its military hardware and technology," Barbers said.

The lawmaker echoed Teodoro's stance that Beijing must take responsibility for reducing regional tensions by ceasing provocative actions and withdrawing its forces from Philippine waters.

Teodoro has accused the Chinese Communist Party (CPC) of expanding its nuclear arsenal

and ballistic missile capability, "sponsoring criminal syndicates and subversive organizations beyond their shores, and is unwilling to uphold human rights in their own country".

Barbers also criticized CPC spokesperson Mao Ning for calling Manila's planned military upgrades an "irresponsible choice."

He suggested that China's objection stemmed from self-interest.

"Baka siguro gusto ng China ay sa kanila tayo bumili ng mga military weapons na kung iisipin ay baka mabudol tayo dahil kilala sila sa pag-produce ng mga counterfeit o peke na mga gamit (Maybe what China wants is for us to buy military weapons from them, but if you think about it, we might be scammed because they are known for producing counterfeit or fake items)," Barbers said.

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select case rates," it added.

Among the medical cases covered by the adjustments are urinary tract infection (UTI), acute gastroenteritis, and influenza.

Also up for adjustments are benefit packages for cholecystectomy, and craniotomy.

Excluded from the adjustments are Acute Stroke (Ischemic and Hemorrhagic), Pneumonia (high risk), Neonatal Sepsis, Bronchial

Asthma in Acute Exacerbation, severe dengue, Ischemic Heart Disease-Acute Myocardial Infarction (IHD-AMI), and Covid-19 as they are being rationalized separately.

Also excluded are Z Benefits packages that are being re-costed and are scheduled for adjustment, newly approved benefits packages starting 2023, cases that are identified to have a high risk for moral hazard and/or adverse incentives, and

benefits packages that are paid through other provider payment mechanisms.

PhilHealth said the adjustments are deemed necessary as the National Health Insurance Program (NHIP) covers less than 40 percent of total hospital service.

"This PhilHealth Circular aims to increase support value, decrease out-of-pocket payment, increase financial risk protection, and ensure the effective delivery of high-quality health ser-

vices," said the state-run health insurer.

PhilHealth said the new case rate adjustments shall take effect on hospital admissions starting January 1, 2025.

Earlier, the bicameral conference committee thumbed down PhilHealth's proposed P74 billion subsidy budget for next year, saying the agency should instead utilize its P600 billion excess funds. (HDT/SunStar Philippines)

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Secretary Ted Herbosa and the DOH Tuberculosis Directly Observed Treatment, Short-Course (TB DOTS) program will swiftly and properly stem any sudden spikes in tuberculosis in Tondo and other densely populated areas in the City of Manila," Valeriano said in a statement.

He attributed the recent TB cases to the aftermath of fires and flooding that displaced residents, forcing many to seek shelter in crowded evacuation centers.

"Any current and recent incidence of TB in Tondo is probably the aftermath of recent fires and flooding that forced residents to flee to evacuation centers, causing TB to spread," Valeriano said.

He said tuberculosis is curable, highlighting the importance of the TB DOTS program in addressing the disease.

He urged the DOH to ensure the availability of TB treatment and called on the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) to play a coordi-

nating role in relief efforts.

"Responsibility is with the DOH to make the DOH prophylaxis or treatment regimen fully available and for DSWD to facilitate and coordinate," he said. "I trust DOH and DSWD will take it from here and do what they must ASAP." House Deputy Majority Leader, Iloilo 1st District Rep. Janette Garin, earlier raised concerns over rising TB cases after it was reported that 1,280 individuals were diagnosed with the disease in Manila.

Citing logistical challenges, Herbosa said in March that the shortage of anti-TB medicines in the country was due to distribution issues.

According to the Global Tuberculosis Report 2024 of the World Health Organization (WHO), released in October, TB returned as the world's leading infectious disease killer in 2023.

The WHO report said the Philippines remains among the top eight countries with the highest TB cases. (PNA)

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branded rice which show possible "profiteering" of some rice importers.

Meanwhile, DA Assistant Secretary Arnel de Mesa said the plan may be implemented next year.

Other plans to lower the price of imported rice include invoking a food security emergency under the amended Rice Tariffication Law which will allow the release of buffer stocks

from the National Food Authority (NFA); and possible rice importation by the Food Terminal Inc. (FTI) to compete with private importers.

In dealing with profiteering, Tiu Laurel ordered the DA's legal division to look into the Price Act and explore possible actions on profiteering in retail rice. (PNA)

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Marcos signs 2025 nat'l budget, vetoes over P194-B in line items

MANILA – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Monday signed into law the 2025 national budget and vetoed over PHP194 billion in line items he deemed inconsistent with his administration's priorities.

In his speech, Marcos emphasized that the General Appropriations Act (GAA) 2025 was designed to sustain economic growth and improve the lives of future generations and should be carefully curated and scrutinized.

"We must exercise maximum prudence, or we risk increasing our deficit and debt, which could derail our development agenda," Marcos said.

While the final version of the budget reflects many of the administration's priorities, the President said certain provisions required "careful scrutiny" to ensure that every centavo is spent on programs that truly benefit the Filipino people.

"The Filipino people have spoken, and every centavo must go toward strengthening communities, uplifting lives, and securing the country's future development," he stated.

Marcos acknowledged that some had called for a veto of the entire budget and a return to a reenacted budget.

However, he emphasized that this would have set back vital programs and delayed the country's economic goals, including achieving single-digit poverty levels and attaining upper-middle-income status.

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our program priorities," he added.

These cuts include certain projects under the Department of Public Works and Highways and an increase in unprogrammed appropriations by 300 percent.

The President also explained that the Ayuda sa Kapos ng Kita Program (AKAP) should be subjected to a convergence process involving the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), and National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA).

"This way, we ensure that its implementation will be strategic leading to the long-term improvement of the lives of qualified beneficiaries while guarding against misuse and duplication, and fragmented benefits," he said.

Collaborative effort

Meanwhile, Senate President Francis said the 2025 General Appropriations Act (GAA) was a result of a collaborative process that involved various sectors, including the public.

While the signing took longer than expected, Escudero stressed that the thorough review of the GAA by President Marcos and his economic team was part of the normal budget procedure.

"The General Appropriations Act is the most important and the most complex piece of legislation Congress passes each year. It's no surprise that

CAAP gears up for safe New Year op after hassle-free Xmas travel



MANILA – The Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) prepares for the New Year celebrations after ensuring passengers experience smooth and hassle-free journeys during the peak days of the Christmas travel operations.

The CAAP attributed its success to enhanced planning, proactive measures, and collaboration with airport stakeholders.

It said the surge

in holiday traffic was met with streamlined processes, including faster check-ins, improved baggage handling, and better passenger flow management.

"Christmas is one of the busiest times of the year, and we're delighted to have provided seamless travel experiences for Filipinos and international visitors. Our efforts reflect our commitment to operational excellence, even under peak demand," CAAP Director General Manuel

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PGG to holiday travelers: Beware of exploitation in ports

MANILA – The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) on Thursday urged holiday travelers to remain vigilant against individuals taking advantage of the heavy influx of passengers at ports.

"Pinapaalalahanan po natin ang ating mga kababayan, lalong-lalo na iyong gustong umuwi sa kanilang probinsiya, na bagama't madami ang mga pasahero na daga ngayon sa ating mga pantalan at baka may-roon silang ma-experience na nananamantala na nanghihingi sa kanila ng pera para matulungan (While many are traveling to their provinces during this peak season, we remind everyone to avoid entertaining individuals soliciting money in exchange for assistance)," PCG spokesperson Commodore Armando Ricalfrente said in an interview with Bagong Pilipinas Ngayon.

"Sana po ay huwag nating tangkilikin ito at i-report kaagad sa pinakamalapit na himpilan ng Philippine Coast Guard o ng iba pang sangay ng ahensiya kagaya ng Philippine National Police (If you encounter such incidents, please report them immediately to the nearest Philippine Coast Guard station or other authorities like the PNP)."

Ricalfrente emphasized that ensuring an organized and fair boarding process at ports remains a priority of the PCG.

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He encouraged passengers to follow proper ticketing and booking procedures, which operate on a first-come, first-served basis.

"Ito ay para mas ma-ensure natin na maayos at walang inggitan sa pagpasok ng pasahero na sa much as possible ay maging milder ticket to first-served basis, depende doon sa mga booking nila at sa pagkuha nila ng ticket para organisado iyang daloy ng ating mga pasahero (This will help ensure smoother passenger flow and reduce tensions that as much as possible, there will be a first-come, first served basis, depending on their booking and ticket for our passengers, to be organized)," Ricalfrente added.

He assured that they would continue to collaborate with other agencies to ensure public safety and security at the nation's ports, anticipating a higher volume of passengers starting Friday.

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He called everyone to take proactive steps to protect themselves and their families from these fraudulent activities. (Leonel Abasola/PNA)

Antonio Tamayo said in a news release on Thursday.

As New Year celebrations approach, he said CAAP remains on heightened alert to maintain safe and efficient airport services, in line with the directive of the Department of Transportation's Oplan Biyaheng Ayos: Pasko 2024.

As airports brace for a second wave of holiday travelers, CAAP reinforces its protocols to ensure safety and convenience.

The agency also reminds passengers to follow travel guidelines, arrive early for their flights, and be mindful of prohibited items to help maintain smooth airport operations.

CAAP expects an increase of 7 to 10 percent in air passengers this year compared to the 2.4 million passengers recorded in December last year. (PR)

Vigilance vs. holiday-themed scams

Meanwhile, Senate Minority Leader Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III on Thursday urged the public to be vigilant against holiday-themed fraudulent schemes proliferating during this season of gift-giving and online shopping.

"Maraming scammer ang naghahanap ng pagkakataon para manloko (Many scammers are looking for an opportunity to deceive people)," he said in a news release.

He underscored the importance of heeding the National Telecommunications Commission's (NTC) advice to avoid clicking links embedded in suspicious text messages.

"Huwag po tayong magpapadala sa mga mensaheng hindi natin kilala ang pinagmulan (Don't be deceived by the messages from unknown sources)," he said.

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Marcos to...

in pride and embody all the things he cherished - love of country, dedication to the truth, and commitment to the betterment of our people," he added.

The President emphasized that the values of patriotism, truth, and dedication to the welfare of the people that Rizal espoused remain crucial to the country's progress.

He encouraged Filipinos to embody these values in their daily lives, whether in service to their communities, in the pursuit of knowledge, or in working toward the upliftment of the marginalized.

"True change begins within us, especially when we stand firm on the issues that we face today. Let us be bold enough to be catalysts of change and hold on to the belief that each of us can contribute to the beloved Philippines," he said.

Marcos, along with the First Family, led a wreath-laying ceremony at the Rizal National Monument in Manila on Monday

DSWD chief: AKAP not pork barrel; social workers vet beneficiaries

MANILA – The Ayuda para sa Kapos ang Kita Program (AKAP) is not "pork barrel" and neither are barangay officials responsible for the list of its beneficiaries, Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Secretary Rex Gatchalian said Friday.

Gatchalian said the agency's field offices across the country "serve people in need, whether they are walk-in clients or were referred to by local government unit officials."

"DSWD social workers process applications for AKAP and they determine the amount of aid to qualified beneficiaries," Gatchalian said in a news release.

He made the statement in reply to the Dec. 26 statement of former Supreme Court Senior

morning.

In addition to the main ceremony in Manila, similar flag-raising and wreath-laying rites were conducted in key locations across the Philippines, with local government units and organizations hosting their own activities.

The National Historical Commission of the Philippines and other government agencies also lined up activities such as educational exhibits, cultural shows and community programs to celebrate Rizal's life and teachings.

AFP honoring Rizal with sacrifices

The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) said it honors Rizal's heroism through the continued sacrifices of its personnel in defending the nation.

"Today, 128 years after his martyrdom, we honor his vision of a united and peaceful nation and the sacrifices of our men and women in uniform who embody his values," the AFP said in a Facebook post.

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AFP chief Gen. Romeo Brawner Jr., meanwhile, said the military continues to draw inspiration from Rizal's legacy of courage, patriotism, and dedication to progress.

"As steadfast guardians of peace, committed to our constitutional mandate of protecting the people and securing the state, we draw deep inspiration from Dr. Jose Rizal's enduring legacy of courage, patriotism, and dedication to progress through just and principled means," he added.

Also, Brawner said the AFP's participation in the annual event honoring Rizal underscores the organization's role as a modern-day guardian that is dedicated to protecting the freedom and democracy that the hero envisioned for the Filipino people.

Beacon of 'intellectual brilliance'

The Philippine National Police (PNP), meanwhile, called the Filipino hero "a beacon of patriotism, courage, and intel-

lectual brilliance."

"As we reflect on Dr. Rizal's selfless dedication to the ideals of freedom, justice, and national pride, the PNP reaffirms its commitment to safeguarding the democratic principles he valiantly fought for. His life and works inspire us to perform our duties with integrity, discipline, and a deep sense of service to the Filipino people," it said in a statement.

The police force also urged Filipinos to embrace Dr. Rizal's legacy by fostering unity and working together toward a peaceful and progressive nation.

"The PNP, as your steadfast partner in ensuring public safety and security, pledges to continue upholding the rule of law and protecting the rights of every Filipino. Let us honor Dr. Rizal's memory by embodying his values in our daily lives and striving for a Philippines where every individual can live in dignity and peace," the PNP added. (with Priam Nepomuceno & Lloyd Calivan/PNA)

lines.

"The original intention of the AKAP program is to protect the minimum wage earners and near-poor Filipinos from the effects of inflation that erode their buying power," Gatchalian said.

The General Appropriations Act of 2024, specifically Special Provision No. 3 of the DSWD budget, authorized the funding for AKAP amounting to PHP26.7 billion which will serve as financial assistance to minimum wage earners falling under the category of low income that were severely affected by the rising inflation.

Almost 5 million "near poor" Filipinos have benefitted from AKAP from January to Dec. 26 this year. (PR)

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guage processing, a branch of artificial intelligence (AI) that analyzes the content of SMS messages to identify phishing attempts that may lead to fraudulent activities and identity theft.

Other law enforcement agencies and cyber security professionals are expected to benefit from the research project. Magsaysay said AI has played a "very big role" in solving cybercrimes.

In 2025, the CICC would also focus on promoting the digital foren-

sics laboratory dedicated to women and children who are victims of sexual abuse and exploitation, Magsaysay said.

"One thing about 2025 is that kailangang malaman ng ating public na mayroon na po tayong the first in the world OSAEC/CSAEM (online sexual abuse or exploitation of children/child sexual abuse or exploitation materials) digital forensics laboratory – dedicated only for the women and children, mga cases (with such cases)," she said. (PNA)

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in Baler, Aurora.

Angara cited areas of improvement including the lack of adequate school resources; teachers' welfare and development; and challenges among learners in terms of learning continuity such as malnutrition and poverty.

He said collaboration is "crucial" to ensure that learners are molded in the right way for their future.

"Transformative education is not just the act of teaching. It is creating

a culture, a culture which engenders growth, collaboration, and empowerment among educators and learners," he said.

The 2024 Education Summit in Aurora, Baler, meanwhile, featured various activities including consultative assembly, mental health and resiliency talk, sports festival, youth jam, heritage visit, outreach activity, performances exhibit, and networking booth to showcase schools' best practices and innovation, among others.

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ensuring that our tourism industry becomes a true pillar of national pride and prosperity."

Meanwhile, she encouraged the public to keep the bayanihan spirit (sense of community) and the country's unique traditions alive.

"These have not

only brought us through the challenges of the past year but have also fueled our aspirations for a brighter future," she said.

"May this season inspire us all to Love the Philippines, as we share the beauty of our nation with the world." (PNA)



CTA grants PAL petition to review P1.95-M tax refund claim



MANILA – The Court of Tax Appeals (CTA) has granted a petition filed by Philippine Airlines Inc. (PAL) to review a 2014 ruling for a refund of PHP1.95 million representing erroneously paid excise taxes dating back to 2009.

In its decision promulgated Dec. 19, the CTA's Third Division affirmed PAL's claim that its refund has not yet been claimed because the decision dated March 26, 2014 has not yet been executed.

The court turned down Bureau of Internal Revenue's (BIR) claims that the flag carrier failed to establish that the decision has not yet been executed; as well as the contention that the CTA has no jurisdiction over PAL's Petition for Revival of Judgment because it is a civil action incapable of pecuniary estimation.

In its ruling, the

CTA maintained that it has jurisdiction over the decisions of the BIR in cases involving disputed assessments; refunds of internal revenue taxes, fees, or other charges, penalties in relation thereto; or other matters arising under the National Internal Revenue Code or other laws administered by the BIR.

It also ruled that PAL need not prove that the March 2014 decision has not yet been executed.

"On the contrary, the burden of proof lies with respondents (BIR) to prove that the subject decision had already been executed. Basic is the rule in evidence that the burden of proof lies upon him who asserts it, not upon him who denies, since by the nature of things, he who denies a fact cannot produce any proof of it."

The CTA ordered the BIR to refund PHP1,948,175.07 to PAL.

EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF THE DECEASED JANIFICO S. TAJARAN WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of deceased **JANIFICO S. TAJARAN**, who died on 22th of November 2005, at Blk 45 Lot 20 Brgy. San Miguel II, City of Dasmariñas, Cavite, without any last will, the said deceased, left a certain property to wit; Parcel of land situated at Blk 45 Lot 20 Brgy. San Miguel II, City of Dasmariñas, Cavite covered by TCT No. T-131821 with an area of One Hundred Eleven (111), Sq. meters, was the subject of this Extra-Judicial Settlement among the legal heirs of the said deceased in the said instrument, executed before Notary Public Atty. Cesar T. Verano, under Doc. No. 246, Page No. 55, Book No. V Series of 2024

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DSWD returns 'normalization fund' to BTr amid lack of beneficiary list

MANILA – The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) has returned to the Bureau of the Treasury (BTr) the PHP658-million budget allocated by the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (OPAPRU) for the fourth phase of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) decommissioning process.

DSWD Undersecretary Alan Tanjusay of the Inclusive-Sustainable Peace and Special Concerns Cluster said the funds from the OPAPRU were originally intended for the provision of socio-economic interventions to another set or decommissioned MILF combatants as part of the normalization track under the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB).

"We were supposed to proceed with the fourth phase of the decommissioning process this year. However, since there were delays with the finalization of the official list of beneficiaries, the DSWD and the OPAPRU arrived at the mutual decision to return the funds allocated for the said phase to the Bureau of Treasury," Tanjusay said in a news release Friday.

The DSWD, as part of the Task Force for Decommissioned Combatants and Communities chaired by the OPAPRU, is among the agencies mandated to provide packages of assistance to decommissioned combatants (DCs) and their families in the form of cash grants, livelihood grants, and endorsement for skills training.

Tanjusay said the list of verified MILF beneficiaries is one of the

requirements needed by the DSWD to be able to proceed with the provision of assistance for the reintegration process of the DCs.

The DSWD, however, has not received the official list of target beneficiaries for the fourth phase from the OPAPRU.

"Eventually, we returned the funds to prevent any potential violations of audit regulations and ensure that public funds are utilized responsibly," he explained.

With this adjustment, Tanjusay said the agency anticipates the swift provision of necessary documents and beneficiary lists for 2025 to enable seamless fund releases for the decommissioning process.

"While delays and bottlenecks may arise, the DSWD remains committed to advancing the peace process and ensuring the successful implementation of the normalization program," the DSWD official said.

"We want to reassure everyone that the national government's dedication to achieving lasting peace and sustainable development in BARMM (Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao) will not be deterred."

Signed by the Philippine government and the MILF in 2014, the normalization track under the CAB eyes to decommission a total of 40,000 combatants in five phases.

The first to third phases have been completed, while the fourth and fifth phases aim to decommission 14,000 more MILF combatants and reintegrate them and their families into mainstream society. (PR)

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
CITY OF IMUS, CAVITE

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
(otherwise known as PAG-IBIG Fund),

Mortgagee,

- versus -

CATALINO N. BANTOLO,
married to EDNA M. BANTOLO,

Respondents-Mortgagors,

FC Case No. 19254-24

EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF
REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER
ACT 3135 AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act No. 3135 as amended by Act No. 4118 filed by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as PAG-IBIG Fund), mortgagee, with principal office at The Petron Megaplaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against CATALINO N. BANTOLO married to EDNA M. BANTOLO, mortgagors, with residence and postal address at No. III Carsadang Bago II, Imus, Cavite and/or Lot 18 Block 15 Belgium St., Metroville Subdivision, Alapan 1-C, Imus, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of November 19, 2024 amounts to THREE HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND SIXTY-NINE PESOS and 48/100 (Php 395,069.48), Philippine Currency, including interest and penalty charges but excluding attorney's fees, sheriff's fees, and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff IV will sell at public auction on **January 28, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.** or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC-Imus, Bulwagan Ng Katarungan, Aguineldo Highway, Imus City, Cavite, to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following properties with all the improvements therein, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-1251351

"A parcel of land (lot 18 Blk. 15 of the subd. plan, Psd-04-174521, being a portion of Lot 1552-A, Psd-04-134488, LRC Rec. No.) situated in Brgy. Alapan, Mun. of Imus, Prov. of Cavite, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NW., along line 1-2 by Road 3; on the NE., along line 2-3 by Lot 19, Blk. 15; on the SE., along line 3-4 by Lot 12, Blk. 15, and along line 4-5 by Lot 13, Blk. 15, and on the SW., along line 5-1 by Lot 17, Blk. 15 all of the subd. plan. xxx containing an area of THIRTY SIX (36) SQUARE METERS. xxx"

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **February 04, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.** without prior notice.

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

Imus City, Cavite, Philippines, December 04, 2024.

BRYAN C. CERVANTES
Sheriff IV

APPROVED:
ARMIE A. FRANCISCO
Clerk of Court VI

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