

Inflation seen subdued in April

MANILA, Philippines — Inflation likely remained less of the worries of policymakers this month as a global oil price slump far offset a slight increase in food and utility prices, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) said on Thursday.

In a Viber message to reporters, BSP Governor Benjamin Diokno relayed that the central bank's department of economic research sees consumer prices rising between 1.9-2.7% this month.

Official inflation report will be released May 5. During the first quarter, inflation, as measured by the consumer price index, averaged 2.7%, well within BSP's 2-4% target this year. "The collapse in oil



prices is expected to moderate inflationary pressure coming from higher prices of rice and other food items along with upward adjustments in electricity rates....," Diokno told reporters.

Early this month, US oil prices sagged to negative territory, indicating refiners are willing to pay crude buy-

ers just to take overwhelming supply out of their packed storage facilities. Prices had since recovered, but has so far hovered to record-lows.

That drop in US oil costs was followed by Asian benchmarks, albeit at a more tempered scale, which in turn pushed down local pump

Sa kasalukuyan, 4 sa bawat 5 taong may impeksyon ng COVID-19 ay makararanas ng hindi malalang sintomas, gaya ng lagnat at tuyong ubo.

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SCHOOL PARAPHERNALIA, HANDOG NG LGU PARA SA MGA IMUSEÑO

Upang matulungan ang kanilang edukasyon sa gitna ng pandemya, nagpatuloy ang pamamahagi ni Mayor Emmanuel Maliksi at ang Imus LGU ng mga tablet at school supplies sa Gen. Pantaleon Garcia Senior High School.

Sa pakikipagtulungan ng Smart, nakatanggap din ng mga sim card ang mga estudyante para makatulong sa komunikasyon sa kanilang mga guro.



DOT eases travel restrictions in NCR Plus

By Patricia Bermudez (PIA) --Travel restrictions will be eased in the areas within NCR Plus, which includes Metro Manila, as well as the provinces of Rizal, Laguna, Cavite and Bulacan after the Inter Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) ordered more lenient travel guidelines until May 30.

In a press release, the Department of Tourism (DOT) said it welcomed the IATF-EID Resolution No. 115-A which places Metro Manila, Bulacan, Rizal, Laguna, and Cavite — collectively known as NCR Plus — under General Community Quarantine (GCQ) with heightened restrictions.

However, the DOT noted that while only essential travel is allowed within the area, the Resolution allows the implementation of "specialized markets of the Department of Tourism" which includes Point-to-Point (P2P) Air Travel for Leisure Purposes from the NCR Plus Area, and the Staycation program, subject

"The easing of restrictions in NCR Plus is good news for our tourism stakeholders. This means more tourism workers will go back to work, and economic activities will continue," Secretary Bernadette Romulo-Puyat said, reminding industry stakeholders that health and safety protocols must be observed in tourist destinations.

Under the IATF-EID Resolution, outdoor tourist attractions can now open at 30 percent capacity with strict adherence to minimum public health standards. Indoor dine-in services can operate at 20 percent of venue or seating capacity, while outdoor or al fresco dining

can open at 50 percent of venue or seating capacity.

Meanwhile, DOT Administrative Order No. 2021-003, allows P2P Air Travel from the NCR Plus Area to a resort in an area under General Community Quarantine (GCQ) or Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ), provided, that such travel must be undertaken through a chartered flight, which may involve short, private transfers by land or sea.

Only Accommodation Establishments that have been granted a Certificate of Authority to Operate for point-to-point travel (CAO-P2P) may accept guests from NCR Plus.

On the other hand, staycation for tourists aged 18 to 65 years is allowed for Accommodation Establishments in NCR Plus that have been granted a Certificate of Authority to Operate for Staycation. (PB)

TABLETS AT SCHOOL SUPPLIES, IPINAMAHAGI SA JUAN CASTAÑEDA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Ipinamahagi ni Mayor Emmanuel Maliksi at ng Imus City Schools Division Office ang mga tablet at school supplies sa mga mag-aaral ng Juan Castañeda Senior High School upang makatulong sa kanilang edukasyon. #ImusKongMahal



General Natividad, pinanonood ang jueteng sa Cavite!

MAHINA talaga ang liderato nitong si Calabarzon police director Brig. Gen. Felipe "Pipoy" Natividad o walang diskarte lang talaga? Kasi nga halos mag-iisang buwan na itong jueteng ng bangkang si John Yap at management na si Jun Alvaran alias Jun Moriones subalit wala pang matibay na aksiyon si Natividad. Tsk tsk tsk!

Naniniwala kaya si Natividad sa boladas nina Yap at Alvaran na legal ang palaro nila? Sa totoo lang, hindi masabi nitong sina Yap at Alvaran kung saang ahensiya ng gobyerno sila "nagbibigay" ng ayuda. At higit sa lahat-, walang ahensiya ng gobyerno ni President Digong na nagsasabing legal itong palaro nina Yap at Alvaran. Get's n'yo mga kosa?

Bola-bola kamatis lang kaya itong ibinabando nina Yap at Alvaran na legal sila?

Kaninong bulsa kaya ang napupuno sa patuloy na jueteng operations nina Yap at Alvaran sa Cavite, Gov. Jonvic Remulla Sir? Dipugaaaa! Kanya-kanyang gimik lang 'yan!

Kaya naman nasabi kong mahina si Natividad ay dahil hindi niya nagaya ang diskarte ni PRO1 director Brig. Gen. Jun Azurin laban sa jueteng ni Tony Ong sa Panga-sinan. Kahit ipinagyayabang ni Ong na legal ang palaro n'ya, aba ni-raid sila ni Azurin at halos 178 kubrador at mana-naya ang arestado at P800,000 ang taya na nakumpiska.

Kinasuhan sila ni Azurin ng paglabag ng "Bayanihan Heal as One" at hayun 'di nakapalag si Ong, 'Yan ang dis-karte, 'di ba mga kosa? Nahinto ang jueteng ni Ong dahil ayaw tumanggap ng pitsa si Azurin. Ang balita naman sa ngayon, inaayos ni Ong ang kalakaran para makapagsimula na ang jueteng niya sa

Pangasinan.

Papasa kaya si Ong sa supladong si Azurin? Dipugaaaa! Tsk tsk tsk! Milyones na itong tinanggihan ni Azurin- ah, 'di ba mga kosa?

Kung sabagay, magkaiba naman ang estilo ng liderato nitong sina Azurin at Natividad, na nakasandal sa kamag-anak na si Interior Secretary Eduardo Año, di ba kosang Rico Posadas Sir?

Naniniwala ba kayo mga kosa na walang padulas ang mag-among sina Yap at Alvaran kay Natividad at Cavite provincial director Col. Marlon Ramos?

Kung talagang negatibo, aba pueede ng isalang sa Guinness Book of World Records itong sina Natividad at Ramos, di ba mga kosa? Si Gov. Remulla? Aba, kaya ng dibdib ni Remulla 'yan dahil magaling naman siyang umiwas sa isyu, lalo na vs COVID-19, di ba mga kosa? Dipugaaaa! Abangan!

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IBA'T IBANG KARANASAN SA NAGDAANG KAPASKUHAN SA METRO MANILA

Nitong nakalipas na December 25, 2020 ay araw ng Pasko. Ano nga ba ang pagkakaiba nito sa nakalipas na Pasko noong 2019? Iba't ibang karanasan ng bawat tao sa Metro Manila ang ating isasalaysay ngayon. Malaki ang pagkakaiba ng Pasko ngayong 2020 sa mga nagdaang Pasko dahil ngayong taon, dumating ang 'di natin lahat inaasahan na pandemya sa ating buhay. Marami ang mga ipinagbabawal na dapat nating sundin para sa kaligtasan ng ating buhay. Kailangan po nating gumamit ng face mask at face shield kapag tayo ay nasa labas o namamasyal. Dapat din pong mayroong social distancing. Ang lahat po ng mga pinagbabawal ay kautusan ng ating gobyerno upang masiguro ang kaligtasan ng bawat isa. Kaya huwag pong matigas ang ulo at sumunod na lang nang maayos dahil para rin po ito sa sariling kaligtasan ng buhay.

Sa totoo lang, talagang hindi po kayo mag-eeenjoy sa panahong ito pero gawin po ninyo nang tama ang lahat ng pinapatupad ng ating gobyerno at magiging masaya rin ang Pasko ng bawat isa. May ilan po tayong nakapanayam upang alamin ang pagdiriwang nila ng Pasko.

Ayon kay Ginoong Marcel Cido ng Ermita, Manila, may anak daw siyang lima (5) at lahat ay talagang bata pa at ang kaniyang panganay ay labinglima na at ang kaniyang bunso ay pitong buwan pa lang pero naging masaya naman daw ang kanilang Pasko. Ang importante raw ay sama-sama silang lahat pagsapit ng Pasko. Mahalaga raw sa kaniya ang pag-iingat kaya't ang kaniyang mga anak ay naka-face mask.

Ayon naman kay Ginang Wilma Fuentes, ang Pasko, para raw sa kaniya ay dapat daw talagang magsaya dahil minsan lang ito sa isang taon pero ang pag-iingat ay huwag daw kalilimutan. Malungkot naman ang naging Pasko ng isang mister na ito dahil ang kaniyang maybahay ay hanggang ngayon, nasa Quarantine Room ng isang ospital. Nagpositibo raw sa swab test ang kaniyang maybahay kaya hindi nila nakasama ng kaniyang mga anak sa nagdaang Pasko. Kaya hindi po lahat ay talagang masaya sa nagdaang

pagsalubong ng Pasko 2020. Marami pang iba't ibang karanasan na talagang hindi nila ito malilimutan. Magiging tatak na ito sa kanilang mga isipan dahil sa pandemyang nararanasan.

Kaya lagi po nating tatandaan na ang ating buhay sa mundong ito ay madaling mabago sa isang iglap lang kaya't matuto po tayong gumawa ng mabuti sa ating kapwa dahil baka bukas o sa mga susunod na oras ay iba na ang takbo ng iyong buhay. May kasabihan nga po na hindi araw-araw ay Pasko. Ang pinakamabuti po na ating gawin ay gumawa ng kabutihan sa kapwa. Huwag gumawa ng ikasasama ng iyong sarili at pamilya at huwag nating lahat kalilimutan sa araw-araw ang paglapit sa Dakilang Ama na nasa langit upang araw-araw po niya tayong gabayan sa magandang buhay.



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Tourists can now get P750 RT-PCR test at PCMC: DOT

MANILA – Tourists can now apply for a PHP750 reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) test at the Philippine Children's Medical Center (PCMC), the Department of Tourism (DOT) announced Monday.

During the signing of a memorandum agreement with PCMC, Tourism Secretary Bernadette Romulo-Puyat said the DOT, through the Tourism Promotions Board (TPB), will earmark PHP8.7 million to finance the new subsidy program.

This cuts into half the PHP1,500 regular cost of RT-PCR test at PCMC for qualified locals or foreigners residing in the country as long as their purpose for travel is for tourism.

The program is on

top of DOT and TPB's PHP10 million allocation for a similar 50 percent RT-PCR subsidy at the Philippine General Hospital.

“The rolling out of the subsidized RT-PCR tests for qualified domestic tourists is just one of the tourism promotions’ recovery strategies as part of our Safe Bangon Turismo campaign to support the Philippine tourism industry which has been adversely affected by the ongoing pandemic,” Romulo-Puyat said.

The tourism chief is also optimistic that this initiative would further encourage the traveling public to rediscover places that have been declared open and safe by the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management

of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) and local government units.

Among these destinations are Manila, Boracay, Palawan, Cebu, Bohol, Baguio, and Ilocos Norte.

To avail of PCMC's 50 percent testing cost subsidy, travelers must first register online to pre-schedule their RT-PCR test at <http://www.tpb.gov.ph/rtpcrphtravel/> and submit a valid government-issued identification card, proof of hotel booking in a DOT-accredited accommodation establishment, and proof of mode of travel such as airline or bus ticket.

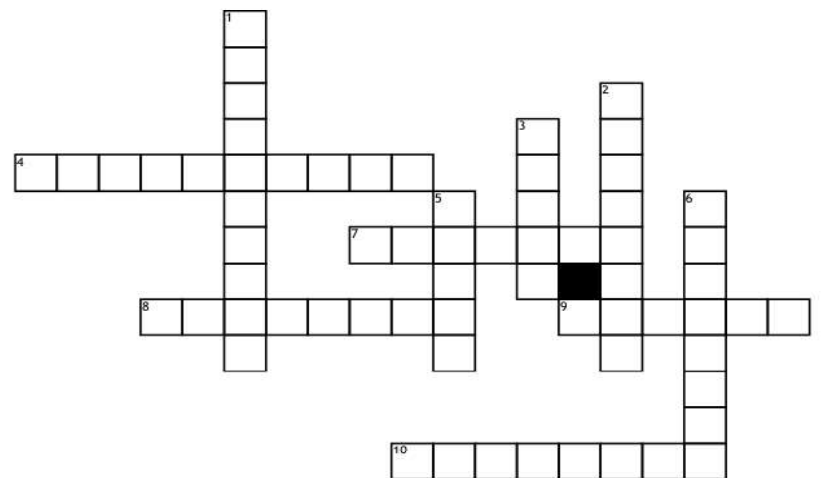
The TPB reminded the public that PCMC will accept RT-PCR test applications on a first-come first-served basis. (PNA)

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FREE MEDICAL SERVICES FOR SILANG RESIDENTS

More than 300 Silang residents availed free medical services from the provincial government of Cavite's health outreach program conducted at Barangay Lalaan II. Health professionals from the Provincial Health Office rendered their services which include medical consultation, dental check-up and tooth extraction with the assistance of barangay health workers and nutrition scholars. Prescribed medicines and vitamins were also provided for free. Barangay Captain Eric L. Sulit together with other barangay officials warmly welcomed and thanked the mission team headed by the OPG-Extension for conducting the health activity in their barangay.-- Janice D. Patulot



PGC's LIBRENG PUSTISO PROGRAM FOR CAVITE CITY RESIDENTS



They also thanked the dentists and medical mission team who volunteered and assisted during the awarding of the dentures. Witnessing the event was ABC President Azenith

A total of 60 beneficiaries of the PGC's Libreng Pustiso program from Cavite City received free dentures during a simple turnover ceremony at the City Hall Annex, Barangay 57, San Roque. The locals with their new set of dentures thanked Governor Jonvic Remulla and Mayor Totie Paredes for the new year present from the provincial government.



Mahigit isang taon na po ang pandemyang ating kinakaharap, ngunit kailanman po ay hindi napagod at sumuko ang ating mga barangay frontliners.

Nawa po na sa aming simpleng suportang ito ay maipadama po namin sa inyo ang aming taus-pusong pasasalamat sa lahat ng inyong sakripisyo at pagmamalasakit sa ating Bayan at mga kabarangay. Mabuhay po kayo!



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Samuel Gaerlan promoted to Supreme Court: Palace

By Ruth Abbey Gita-Carlos

MANILA — President Rodrigo Duterte has named Court of Appeals (CA) Justice Samuel H. Gaerlan as new Supreme Court associate justice, Malacañang said on Wednesday.

"Confirmed," Presidential Spokesperson Salvador Panelo told Palace reporters in a chance interview at Malacañan's Rizal Hall.

Duterte appointed Gaerlan because of his "competence and integrity," Panelo said.

Panelo said Gaerlan will take an oath before the President on Wednesday afternoon.

He, however, did not disclose further details about Gaerlan's promotion to the high tribunal.

Malacañang has likewise yet to release Gaerlan's appointment paper.

Gaerlan will fill the seat at the high court vacated by Diosdado Peralta who was appointed as Chief Justice in October 2019.

He completed the 15-man Supreme Court, also composed of Justices Estela M. Perlas-Bernabe, Marvic Mario Victor F. Leonen, Alfredo Benjamin S. Caguioa, Andres B. Reyes Jr., Alexander G. Gesmundo,

viduals who made it to the shortlist of candidates vying for a seat at the Supreme Court, namely Jose Midas Marquez, Manuel Barrios, Ramon Garcia, Josep Lopez, and Eduardo Peralta Jr.

Gaerlan was an alumnus of San Beda College of



Jose C. Reyes Jr., Ramon Paul L. Hernando, Rosmari D. Carandang, Amy C. Lazaro-Javier, Henri Jean Paul B. Inting, Rodil V. Zalameda, Mario V. Lopez, Edgardo L. delos Santos, and Chief Justice Peralta. He bested five indi-

Law like Duterte. He was also a professor at the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila.

Gaerlan also served as Public Attorney's Office lawyer before he became a trial court judge. (PNA)



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