

## DA IV CALABARZON distributes agri support to Silang ornamental plant growers

**SILANG, Cavite (PIA) –**The Department of Agriculture (DA) IV CALABARZON distributed P3,064,699 worth of agricultural support to Silang ornamental plant growers thru the Taal Recovery and Rehabilitation Program (TRRP).

The agri support the farmers received comprised of 428 packets of assorted cut flowers, 5,000 packs of assorted seedling bags, and 2,000 bundles of soft pots that would help them grow back their livelihood.

DA IV CALABARON Regional Director Arnel V. de Mesa during the distribution of the agri interventions recognized the significance of the ornamental plant growing industry as part of the agriculture sector.

“It is only expected that our ornamental plant growers would also be helped by DA, especially when they were also heavily

affected by the eruption of Taal,” said RD de Mesa.

Silang Mayor Corie Poblete was extremely grateful for the continuing assistance to the town’s ornamental plant growers and farmers.

“Thank you for helping us during the devastation of Taal and particularly during this current COVID-19 pandemic. We hope you will never get tired of helping Silang farmers and may you continue to trust us with the much-needed interventions,” Mayor Poblete said.

Officials of ornamental plant growers groups, Ms. Elizabeth S. Lopez, presi-

dent of the Pook Ornamental Growers’ Association, and Mr. Anselmo E. Noveno, Federation of Silang Ornamental Plant Growers president, expressed their appreciation for the assistance for the revival of their livelihood that had been ravaged by the Taal eruption and again, affected by the loss of clients due to the pandemic.

“We are reviving our livelihoods with the help of DA interventions, inch by inch,” shared Ms. Lopez.

Ornamental plant growing had been creating a niche in the agricultural market especially during this pandemic when everybody had time to stay in the house and planting became more than a hobby but an alternative source of livelihood. (Ruel Francisco/Silang Agriculture Office/DA Calabarzon RAFIS)

## Tagaytay ‘good model’ for tourism ops amid COVID-19: JTF

Joint Task Force Covid Shield commander Lt. Gen. Guillermo Eleazar recently lauded Tagaytay City for being a good model in managing the entry and movement of tourists to ensure that both local residents and visitors are protected from the coronavirus disease (Covid-19) infection.

“The JTF Covid Shield and the Office of Mayor Agnes Tolentino are now working together to turn Tagaytay City as a pilot or model area for all the LGUs that are planning to also open their borders in order to boost local tourism,” Eleazar said during his visit to the popular weekend destination.

Eleazar’s visit aims to make sure that the travel and other quarantine protocols that would be implemented are aligned with the guidelines of the National Task Force on Covid-19 while giving local government units (LGUs) the discretion to find ways to reboot their respective economy amid the adverse economic impact brought by the coronavirus pandemic.

Eleazar said the reopening of Tagaytay City means that people from any part of the country can now visit the area without any travel authority, except for those who live in areas under the general community quarantine (GCQ) or

to revive our economy and the health safety of both our visitors and the people of Tagaytay City,” she added.



stricter community quarantine status.

Meanwhile, Tolentino welcomed the visit of Eleazar and said the presence of the JTF Covid Shield commander and other ranking Philippine National Police officials.

“We assure the national government through the NTF on Covid-19 that we will be in constant coordination with the JTF Covid Shield to make sure that everything will always be in place in ensuring the proper balance between the need

Tolentino said among the health safety protocols that they would strictly implement is the wearing of both face mask and face shield and the observance of the physical distancing.

To date, Metro Manila, Batangas, Bulacan, and Tacloban City are under the general community quarantine while Iligan City, Bacolod City, and the province of Lanao del Sur are under modified enhanced community quarantine until Sept. 30. (PNA)



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# SIGA KA BA?

Ni: BRENT MENDOZA



## MGA NAG-RALLY NA TUTOL SA WHITE SAND SA BAYWALK, NASAAN ANG INYONG UTAK?

N i t o n g nakaraang linggo ay nagkaroon ng mga taong nag-rally sa kahabaan ng Roxas Blvd. sa Maynila. Ang dahilan lamang ay ang paglalagay ng "Crushed Dolomite Boulders" o white sand sa Baywalk upang ito ay maging maganda sa paningin ng lahat lalung-lalo na sa mga turistang dumarayo rito sa ating bansa. Ang tanong ay noong panahon ng Aquino Administration na punung-puno ng mga basura ay hindi kayo nag-rally upang linisin ang Baywalk. Bakit ngayong pinapaganda at talagang super linis na at saka kayo nag-rally? Gusto niyo talaga ang mga basurang nagkalat sa Baywalk? Pero hindi kayo magtatagumpay sa dugyot ninyong hangarin,

dahil napakaganda ang nais na mangyari ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte sa bansang Pilipinas. Dagdag pa rito ang masipag na mayor ng Lungsod ng Maynila na si Mayor Isko Moreno Domagoso. Asan ba ang mga taong nagpasimuno ng rally na ito? Sana naman ay ginagamit nila ang kanilang utak. Sana tinanong nila ang kanilang sarili kung para kanino ang pagsasaayos ng Manila Bay, at kung sila ba'y makikinabang dito. Baka nga mauna pa silang magpa-picture kapag natapos na ang paglalagay ng white sand.

Sa totoo lang, 'yung mga taong nagsasabing "imbes na ilaan ang perang 'yan para sa pagpapaganda ng Manila Bay, ilaan

nalang daw ito pambili ng bigas" ay hindi sila nagkakaroon ng katuturan sapagkat ang salaping inilaan para sa proyektong iyan ay dalawang taon na po mula nang maaprubahan. Hindi ito nagsimula sa kalagitnaan ng COVID-19 pandemic. Kapag natapos na ang pagsasaayos ng Baywalk ay magiging world-class tourist spot ang lugar na iyan. Mas maraming mamamasyal at hahanga sa ganda nito.

Ang mga taong ayaw sa kaayusan ng Baywalk ay mga walang utak. Kung kayo po ay may Facebook, laging dumaraan sa inyong newsfeed ang tungkol sa white sand. Karamihan sa ayaw ng paglalagay ng white sand ay mga dilawan o mga supporter

ng Ex-President Noynoy Aquino. Pati mga ilang artista ay nakisawsaw na rin. Ayaw po kasi nilang makitang may ginagawa ang Duterte Administration. Kahit maraming bumabatikos, tuloy pa rin ang mga magagandang proyekto ni Pangulong Duterte. Malaki na ang naging improvement ng ating bansa. Kahit na nagkaroon ng pandemiya ay hindi ito naging hadlang sa pag-arangkada ng mga proyekto ng pangulo. Hindi rin naman nagpabaya ang mahal nating pangulo sa taumbayan dahil nagbigay naman sila ng mga ayuda sa bawat Pilipino.

Kaya sa mga taong bulok ang takbo ng utak, magbago na kayo. Idilat po ninyo ang inyong mga mata sa katotohanan at huwag magbulag-bulagan. Tahakin natin ang magandang buhay at sumunod po tayong lahat sa pamumuno ni Pangulong Duterte.

## BRIC-A-BRAC FOR LIFE CORNER

By: Arturo E. Piao



A Bric-a-Brac excerpt series for knowledge enhancement to Better, Inner-being, Social-interaction and Healthful Living

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Studies prove that we enjoy almost any activities more when we're with other people; thereby, sociability in nature and an extrovert in character abound in us, as to induce a healthful living and a happy social-interaction. Now you know, so be confident in mixing-in.

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Laugh heartily when somebody tells a joke; assuring your susceptibility to humor invoking your jolly, happy companionship, of which in effect, side - swiping the word "boring" in a gathering you will be in.

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It is not motivation that we need; it is change that we need in order to be properly motivated from the present position as to move to a new direction.

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## BARANGAY KORNER

Ni: George Arce



## MGA BARANGAY, SOBRANG SAYA SA NATANGGAP NA 2<sup>ND</sup> WAVE NG SAP

Hello po, mga ka-barangay! Kumusta na po ang isang linggong nagdaan? Alam po nating lahat na rito sa Maynila ay unti-unting nang nakatatanggap ng 2<sup>nd</sup> wave ng Social Amelioration Program (SAP). Sa muli pong pag-ikot ng inyong lingkod sa ilang mga barangay, sa Tondo po tayo napadpad at dito po natin nalamang nakatanggap na sila ng SAP. Kaya naman kitang-kita ang saya sa kanilang mga mukha. Sa Parola, Tondo ay may nakausap tayong isang ginang na tawa nang tawa

dahil masaya raw siya sa natanggap na SAP. Tumatagiting na 16-K pesos ang kaniyang natanggap dahil hindi raw siya nakatanggap ng unang bugso ng SAP. Ayon pa sa ginang na ito, hindi na raw siya umaasa pang matatanggap ang ayuda, kaya't sa pagtitinda ng gulay siya naka-focus. Ngunit nang biglang makatanggap ng text ang kaniyang anak ay halos mapalukso raw siya sa tuwa na para bang nanalo sa lotto. Malaki raw kasing tulong ito sa kaniyang pamilya. May walong anak ang


ginang, ang dalawa rito ay may asawa na kaya anim pa ang kaniyang pinapakain at silang lahat ay nag-aaral. Ipuhunan daw niya ito sa maliit na negosyo upang mabuhay niya ang kaniyang pamilya. Grabe raw kasi ang kaniyang karanasan noong mag-lockdown. Halos hindi na sila kumakain dahil sa hirap ng buhay. Ngayon daw ay siguradong hindi na sila magugutom dahil may maayos na silang hanapbuhay.

Sa totoo lang po, mga ka-barangay, mahirap talaga ang buhay kung hindi kayo maghahanapbuhay o

magtatrabaho. Marami na po palang nakatanggap ng SAP sa Maynila at tuluy-tuloy ang pagtanggap ng mga text mula sa DSWD. Marami noon ang nawalan ng pag-asa na tatanggap pa sila ng ayuda dahil sa iba't ibang mga pangyayari, pero ngayong isa-isa nang tumatanggap ng text upang tanggapin ang SAP o 2<sup>nd</sup> wave ng ayuda. Kitang-kita po ng inyong lingkod kung gaano kasaya ang pakiramdam nang tanggapin nila ang pangakong ayuda ng ating Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte para sa taumbayan. Mahal na mahal po talaga tayong lahat ng mahal na pangulo. Walang naging pangulo ng Pilipinas na may tunay na malasakit maliban kay Dating Pangulong Ferdinand Marcos at ang ating pangulo sa kasaluyukan

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Senator Christopher “Bong” Go has again called on the timely passage of his Senate Bill 203, also known as the “National Housing Development, Production and Financing (NHDPF) Act of 2019”, for the benefit of the poor and homeless during the aid distribution in Talisay City, Cebu on Wednesday, September 16.

“Nananawagan ako sa aking mga kasamahan sa gobyerno na ipasa na natin ang National Housing Bill para sa ating mga kababayang mahihirap, tulad ng ating mga kababayan na nawalan din ng bahay ngayon dahil sa sunog,” Go said.

“Tulungan natin ang bawat Pilipino na magkaroon ng maayos na bahay, komportable at hindi na magsiksikan sa mga malalaking syudad tulad ng Maynila. Panahon na para wala nang squatter sa sariling bayan,” he added.

SB 203 aims to institutionalize a program that will address the housing needs of Filipinos by generating and mobilizing sustainable funds for housing and encouraging public and private sector participation.

“Gusto na nating palaguin ang mga probinsya. Kapag mabigyan natin ng pagkakataon ang mga Pilipino na magkaroon ng sarili nilang bahay lalo na sa mga probinsya, gugustuhin na rin nilang umuwi,” Go said.

Meanwhile, Go’s team distributed aid to two barangays in Talisay City, Cebu that were affected by fire incidents on separate occasion. Some 422 individuals comprising 121 families in Barangay Tangke and around 32 families composed of 152 individuals in Barangay Cansojong were given immediate relief from the Senator.

Under strict health protocols, Go’s team gave food packs, masks, face shields, cash assistance and lunch to the fire victims. They also provided vitamins and medicines, and gave away bicycles to those who need them most.

Go also advised the fire victims to always wear masks and follow necessary health protocols to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

“Sumunod lang tayo sa utos ng gobyerno na mag-social distancing, suot ng mask, maghugas ng kamay at kung hindi kailangan, ‘wag na muna lumabas ng bahay dahil

delikado pa ang panahon,” Go told the fire victims.

He then added that once the vaccine for COVID-19 is available, the government will prioritize the poor and the vulnerable sectors.

“Pero ‘wag kayong mag-alala dahil kapag mayroon ng vaccine, uunahin namin ni Pangulong Duterte kayong mga mahihirap para makabalik na kayo sa mga buhay na normal. Ating ipagdasal na makabalik tayo sa normal, hindi lang ‘yung new normal, ‘yung pwede na natin yakapin ang kapwa tao natin,” he added.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development, the Department of Trade and Industry and the National Housing Authority also provided assistance to the fire victims.

Representatives of DSWD provided financial assistance to the fire victims through the Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation program. The DTI conducted an assessment and validation to individuals qualified for the Pangkabuhayan sa Pagbangon at Ginhawa livelihood program while the NHA also evaluated the fire victims to provide housing aid through the Emergency Housing Assistance Program.

“Itong pangkabuhayan, tuturuan kayo ng pagbenta, halimbawa, gusto ninyo magtinda sa sari-sari store o barbecue, pwede iba’t-ibang pangkabuhayan para makapag-umpisa kayo ng negosyo,” Go said.

“Ngayon nandito ang NHA, mayroon programa ang ating gobyerno na housing materials. Bibigyan kayo ng pambili ng housing materials para sa inyong itatayong mga bahay,” he added.

Go then addressed the local officials, especially in the barangay level, to take care of their constituents especially amid the health crisis.

“Wag ninyo pababayaan ang mga tao sa barangay, lalong-lalo na ang mga nasunugan dahil wala talaga ‘yan silang matatakbuhan kung ‘di kayo lamang. Mga officials sa barangay, maraming salamat, patuloy tayong magdasal at magbayanihan upang malampasan ang krisis na ito,” Go said.

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**Farmers train**

tems towards sustainable production of safe food and improve the market competitiveness of key agricultural commodities. He also presented the critical elements and the key concepts in the guiding principle of GAP and its relevance to farm management, food safety, environmental conservation, and quality management.

Mr. Gerald Glenn F. Panganiban, DA-BPI Assistant Director, noted the challenges due to the pandemic and the realization of the importance of having food on the table, especially during the enhanced community quarantine period, which constrained the logistics of distribution and even farm production. He reiterated that

DA-BPI advocates GAP and would like to engage the public to learn more.

The step-by-step adoption of GAP and its operationalization amid the COVID-19 pandemic was explained by Mr. Samuel Fontanilla, DA-BPI Agriculturist II. He expounded on the concept of GAP, and its principles, and techniques and how to minimize hazards and conduct of risk assessments.

Meanwhile, Ms. Cherrie D. Atilano, President, CEO and Founding Farmer of AGREA Philippines, underscored that "agriculture should not be that complicated so that

our farmers can easily adopt technologies. We want to change their lives from being subsistence farmers to the farming entrepreneurs that they can be."

She discussed how simple farm practices can help improve the quality of farm produce. She shared that she is working on how to introduce fair trading practices to rural communities to allow them access to better prices.

Ms. Atilano said she wants to change people's prejudice against farmers and make farming an attractive profession for the future generation.

"Agriculture is not an option. It is a necessity," she stressed.

On the other hand, Mr. Fabian Espiritu, owner of

Cavite-based Farmtec Foods, Inc., presented the experience of Farmtec as a major producer of dehydrated food ingredients in the Philippines. The company has certifications on good manufacturing practice (GMP) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) of the Philippines.

He discussed how his company developed the technologies and how they broadened the market in the 30 years of Farmtec's existence through the implementation of GAP.

According to Mr. Espiritu, GAP is also essential at the farm level to lessen microbial hazards at the processing level, this is to prevent an increase in processing cost and losses incurred.

**GUHIT NG KAPALARAN**

**VIRGO:** (Ago. 23-Set.23) Mahalaga ngayon ang totally paglilinis ng paligid. Ito ay paraan para makaiwas sa sakit. Sikapin na laging feeling good at happy ka. Stay safe and healthy. Isang kapamilya ang lalapit, kung kaya huwag pagkait ng tulong. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 51, 15, 33, 22, 45 at sapphire blue.

**LIBRA:** (Set. 24-Okt. 23) Ang salapi na hiniling ay darating. Dadaloy ang oportunidad at magiging masaya ang buhay. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 31, 11, 46, 52, 22 at crimson red.

**SCORPIO:** (Okt. 24-Nob. 22) Panatilihin ang ikapu sa bawat transaksyon sa negosyo. Ito ang aakit ng increasing income sa iyo. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 22, 31, 45, 55, 11 at ultra violet.

**SAGITTARIUS:** (Nob. 23-Dis. 21) Na-pending ang negosyo dahil sa situation. Pero may bago na dapat pagtuunan ng pansinin. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 31, 22, 51, 43, 11 at emerald green.

**CAPRICORN:** (Dis. 22-Ene. 19) Pag-aralan ang pagme-meditation para ma-control ang galit. Lumayo sa kahit anong temptation. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 43, 31, 13, 51, 22 at cobalt blue.

**AQUARIUS:** (Ene. 20-Peb. 18) Tigilan ang sisisihan, ayusin ang weakness sa mga plano para maging matagumpay. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 11, 22, 33, 55, 41 at marigold yellow.

**PISCES:** (Peb. 19-Mar. 20) Darating ang solutions sa problem. Tigilan ang pangamba dahil hindi makakaahon kung nega ang mindset. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 51, 33, 22, 46, 11 at flame red.

**ARIES:** (Mar. 21-Abr. 19) Taglayin ang feel good happy feelings na aakit ng masaya at masaganang buhay. Ibaba ang pride. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 23, 52, 35, 15, 43 at carrot orange.

**TAURUS:** (Abr. 20-May. 20) Iwasan ang galit na reaction dahil mahahadlangan ang blood circulation sa puso. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 13, 31, 23, 55, 45 at bignay purple.

**GEMINI:** (May. 21-Hun. 21) Pairalin ang bugso ng iyong kutob sa desisyon. Mapapasaya ang mga mahal sa buhay. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 15, 51, 32, 45, 23 at dollar green.

**CANCER:** (Hun. 22-Hul. 22) Sundin ang health protocol para manatiling regular sa practice ng meditation. Matutupad ang wish. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 35, 53, 22, 41, 12 at fuchsia pink.

**LEO:** (Hul. 23-Ago. 22) Huwag magtiwala sa talino ng manok dahil isang kutsara lang ang utak nito. Huwag basta makinig sa tsismis. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 27, 13, 31, 45, 55 at lilac violet.

In closing, Dr. Rico C. Ancog, SEARCA Operations Consultant for Emerging Innovation for Growth, said SEARCA strives to develop farmer-centric programs that link to modern networks and innovative markets and invited the participants, particularly farmers and farming families, to work with SEARCA as it aims to create a farmers network. (PIA-4A/SEARCHA)



## Carmona LGU inaugurates Mega Isolation Facility for COVID patients

CARMONA, Cavite, (PIA) -- The local government of Carmona inaugurated the Mega Isolation Facility located in CarSiGMA (Carmona-Silang- Gen. Mariano Alvarez) Gymnasium in Barangay Lantic on Saturday, September 5, 2020.

Mayor Atty. Roy Loyola along with DPWH USEC Emil Sadain led the inauguration of the Mega Isolation Facility, a repurposed evacuation center, consisting of about 151 cubicles.

With the partnership between the local government unit and the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), the facility was constructed with a budget of Php6M.

DPWH Sec. Mark Villar, represented by USEC Emil Sadain said the facility will facilitate treatment and care of COVID-19 patients of Carmona and nearby industrial zones.

"This is considered a Mega Facility because the

total bed capacity reached 151 compared to average or



Carmona Mayor Atty. Roy Loyola delivers a speech during the blessing and inauguration of the 151 bed capacity Mega Isolation Facility located in CarSiGMA Gymnasium, Barangay Lantic. (Photo: Atty. Roy Loyola FB Page)

normal isolation facilities built by the DPWH with about 45 bed capacities only," Sadain commented.

The facility also have provisions for doctors and medical healthworkers quarters and equipped with CCTV cameras to monitor the pa



## Farmers train on good agricultural practices for emerging commodities amid COVID-19 pandemic

By SEARCA

LOS BAÑOS, Laguna, (PIA) --"The pandemic has greatly affected agricultural production and food systems. It has also emphasized food supply and its safety. Since hazards and contamination can occur in different stages along the production chain, it has become necessary to address food safety measures right at the farm level," said Dr. Glenn B. Gregorio, Director of the Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA).

He said the need to help farmers to rethink and redesign their current farming methods was the reason for conducting the "Virtual Training-Workshop on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) For Emerging Agricultural Commodities Amid COVID-19 Pandemic" jointly convened by SEARCA and the Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Plant Industry (DA-BPI).

The training-workshop intended to help farmers establish a set of practices in their farming operations for a more sustainable food system, enhanced farm productivity, and increased market competitiveness, thereby contributing to the overall local food security, particularly considering the challenges posed by COVID-19, Dr. Gregorio explained.

He stressed that an understanding of the approach, principles, and standards of GAP and benchmarking local GAP schemes against globally recognized guidelines are essential so that stakeholders, particularly smallholder farmers and farming families, are properly guided in implementing GAP standards in their respective farm production.

Further, Dr. Gregorio reiterated that the training-

workshop's learning outcome "will lead to a better, bigger, and smarter normal that is highly relevant for the future of Southeast Asia."

"Now that the world must confront more complicated and fighting challenges, the more we recognized the need for a stronger cooperation with our stakeholders and partners, and intensify the use of quality seed inputs and appropriate technologies. That is the way to go. If we are to boost our agricultural productivity and ensure food security for the continued survival of our communities and economies," Agriculture Secretary William D. Dar emphasized in his keynote message delivered by Dr. Leocadio S. Sebastian, DA Special Adviser on Food Security and Agricultural Innovation.

Secretary Dar said "we cannot do with our business as usual approach. We need to be more innovative and unified to limit COVID-19 adverse impact on food security, nutrition, and sustainable development."

Dr. Sebastian added that "it is in this context that we welcome the timely conduct of this training on GAP. The conduct of a training such as this one has become increasingly important, con-

sidering the global consciousness and the norm of consumers for quality, safety, and hygienic products, specifically during health crisis such as the current pandemic."

He noted that the focus on GAP is included SEARCA's 11th Five-Year Plan (2020-2025), and remarked that this "clearly supports DA's overall goal of ensuring that our beloved partners, and farming families will produce safe produce and sustain the national food security."

Further, Dr. Sebastian said "we hope that this activity can be included in the activities that SEARCA and DA will implement together. Hoping that this workshop will provide useful insights on how to improve farm operations from the application of GAP."

Experts on GAP composed of representatives from DA, DA-BPI, DA-Agricultural Training Institute (ATI), academe, and private sector presented their technical know-how. Aside from the Filipino farmers and farming families, other participants of the two-day training-workshop were from local government units, development partners, international organizations, and individuals from other countries.

Mr. Manuel M. Dimalalauan, DA-ATI Food Safety Focal person, discussed the significance of the different approaches and techniques of GAP in order to guide various food sys