

Virtual Children's month celebration held in Imus City

IMUS CITY, Cavite, (PIA) – The Imus City Youth Affairs Office with the support of the local government planned a month-long activities for Imuseño youth in line with the National Children's Month this November

The youth affairs office led by Ms. Dulce Bustamante highlight the importance of supporting the youth, 18 years and below especially in this time of the pandemic with the theme "Samasamang Itaguyod ang Karapatan ng Bata sa Gitna ng Pandemya".

In an episode of the ELM FB Live, Mayor Emmanuel Maliksi stated that, "The country's future leaders are the youth of today," hence the LGU's earnest support to the programs of the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) councils of the city.

The LGU's notable initiatives include the Imus Youth Leadership Development Program (IYLDP) which aims to enhance leadership qualities of the youth leaders wherein present officers of the City Youth Affairs Office and leaders of the SK councils are trained to undertake the responsibilities and face the chal-

lenges inherent with the position.

Ms. Bustamante, also the Focal Person of the Local Council for the Protection of Children (LCPC), is a proud apprentice of said leadership trainings.

During her guesting on the ELM FB Live, Ms. Bustamante explained that the programs and capacity building seminars for the youth and other activities lined-up for the entire month of November are all virtual- that is adaptive to the New Normal.

She enumerated the programs and activities to be expected in the coming days such as the Outstanding Kabataan Awards 2020 wherein 20 exemplary youth excelling in different fields will be awarded; the Imus Social Media Fest, a virtual competition of talents (e.g. Tiktok); the Local State of the Children's Report by Mayor Maliksi; the two-

day Valorant: Royal Rampage Tournament; the E-musikapansanan Year 4 for the PWD youth; the Education Fair and; the 2nd Youth Leaders' Summit.

The Youth Summit in particular is not limited to the city's youth leaders but is also for all youth leaders nationwide.

Aside from the above-mentioned activities, Bustamante also mentioned that the leaders and members of the SK Councils have been active in the repacking of relief goods distributed to the residents during the quarantine period and also instrumental for the marketing of the native delicacies made by the Senior Citizens for the "Kakanindahan" program in partnership with the Young Entrepreneurs Services (YES) Cooperative. (Ruel Francisco, Mayor Emmanuel L. Maliksi FB page)



PAETE WOOD CARVING INDUSTRY GRADUALLY RECOVERING FROM COVID-19 IMPACT

MANILA - With lesser number of people going to the town of Paete due to the threat of COVID-19, Vice Mayor Aurelio Paraiso said that wood carvers there have gone online to market their products as means to cushion impacts of the pandemic.

feet amid the pandemic, while the local government continues to aid them.

"Nagbigay po ng ayuda ang pamahalaang bayan dun sa mga small and

In an interview on Monday, he said that selling their products and services online have helped revive the livelihood of their constituents, especially now that Christmas season is already approaching and many are patronizing their decorative products.

"Medyo nakakabangon na nang paunti-unti ang ekonomiya ng bayan ng Paete [The economy of Paete is gradually recovering]," he said during the Network Briefing News with host Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) Secretary Martin Andanar.

He also noted that they are monitoring the situation of their sea-based and overseas Filipino workers, who



Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) Secretary Martin Andanar interviewed Paete, Laguna Vice Mayor Aurelio Paraiso on the current status of the economy of the municipality amid the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

were affected by the travel restrictions back to their jobs abroad.

Paete is known as the wood carving capital of the Philippines and its industry is gradually returning to its

medium entrepreneurs ng puhunan na walang tubo para unti-unting makabangon yung ating mga maliliit na nagnenegosyo [The municipal government has provided loan without interest to small and medium



Dasmaringas City - Nov. 16, 2020. Nanumpa Kay Mayor Jenny Barzaga bilang bagong Kapitan NG Brgy. San Dionisio Dasmaringas City, Cavite, si Brgy. Chairman Pinky Alto Kasama Ang pamilya at mga kagawad ng Brgy. Taos puso na tinanggap ni Kapitan Pinky ang tungkulin na itinalaga sa kanya at nangako na ito ay maayos na gagampanan sa kanyang tungkulin. (DAM)



SIGA KA BA?

Ni: BRENT MENDOZA



KASIYAHAN TUWING PASKO AT BAGONG TAON, HINDI YATA MANGYAYARI NGAYON

Pansin po ba ninyo kung may Pasko at Bagong Taon na paparating? Hindi po ito ngayon ramdam ng mga tao dahil sa pandemiya. Kung noong mga nakaraang Pasko ay September pa lang ay talagang ramdam mong mayroong Paskong darating dahil sa mga nagkikislapang mga Xmas décor sa mga bangketa at department store, pero ngayo'y mangilan-ngilan na lamang ang nagbebenta nito. Grabe talaga ang karanasan nating lahat sa krisis na ito. Hindi natin ito inaasahang lahat na darating sa ating buhay ang ganito katinding pagsubok, kaya dapat tayong lahat ay handa sa anumang mangyayari sa ating mundo. Ngayong paparating ang kapaskuhan sa ating buhay, sapat na ang makasama natin ang ating pamilya. Hindi na po kailangan ang magarbong handaan para sa Pasko at Bagong Taon. Dapat ay tanggapin po nating lahat sa ating mga sarili kung anuman ang dapat harapin.

Sa totoo lang po, kung nakasanayan nating lahat ang taun-taong kasiyahan para sa Pasko at Bagong Taon, hindi po natin dapat ito ikasama ng loob. Maaari naman po nating ipagdiwang ang kapaskuhan sa loob ng bahay kasama ng ating buong pamilya. Kumain po kayo nang sabay-sabay at batiin ang bawat isa sa ating pamilya. Kailangan po nating sumunod sa ating gobyerno kung ano ang dapat gawin para sa ating kaligtasan. Huwag na po sanang maragdagan ang mga positibo sa COVID-19, at sana sa susunod na taon ay tapos na ang pandemiyang nangyayari

sa ating mundo.

Hindi po muna tayo pwedeng gumala o bumisita sa iba't ibang mga pasyalan. Manatili po tayong magsaya sa loob ng ating mga tahanan at siguraduhin po ang ating kaligtasan at kapakanan, dahil ang ating buhay ay minsan lang. Kapag nawala na ito ay hindi na po tayo muling makababalik sa mundong ibabaw. Maaaring ngayong taon lamang tayo hindi makararanas ng sobrang kasiyahan sa pagdiriwang ng kapaskuhan at Bagong Taon. Medyo masakit po ito dahil nasanay na po tayong lahat dito. Alam po nating lahat na ang bawat isa sa atin ay mayroong mga inaanak na kung araw ng Pasko ay talagang pumupunta ang mga bata sa kani-kanilang mga ninong o ninang upang mamasko, malayo man sila o malapit, at Pasko lamang talaga ang hinihintay ng mga bata.

Lagi po nating tatandaan sa ating mga sarili, ang pandemiyang dumating sa ating buhay ay hindi natin inaasahan, at dapat ay ipaliwanag po ninyo nang mabuti sa mga bata upang manatili silang ligtas sa COVID-19. Hindi po dapat sila gumala sa kung saan-saang mga lugar. Lagi po nating gawin ang panalangin sa Dakilang Ama sa langit at hilingin sa Kaniya na sana ay magwakas na ang COVID-19 na dinaranas ngayon ng buong daigdig upang ang lahat ng mga tao makabalik na sa normal ang ating mga pamumuhay.

(Para sa katanungan o reaksiyon, text po lamang sa 0961-063-9368)



AGRINEWS As Farmers, the land for food production we are cultivating is getting SMALER!

In 2020, our beloved country- the Philippines reached a staggering population of more than 100 million people to feed. With it, Gone are the days when we can move freely, had sustainable and readily available food on the table, and farming as a way of life was totally different. Nowadays, we can foresee people are getting hungry and food is becoming expensive and of which only the rich people can afford to buy with luxury. In a short time, majority of our countrymen can no longer eat at their favorite fastfood restaurants and food courts. In the advent of rapid modernization, the land suitable for food production is becoming less and less, perhaps time will come soon that we will realize, we have no more arable land left for us to cultivate and plant our staple food to sustain life. Unabated, Population growth gives pressure to our fragile and limited natural resource - the SOIL or LAND, a major human life resource. Mismanagement of this precious resource is irreversible. One glaring model of land mismanagement is Metro Manila and other highly urbanized cities of Total Human Habitation. The once upon a time fertile lands and farms were converted into subdivisions, commercial buildings, supermarkets and warehouses are everywhere. Trees are cut left and right and transformed into condominiums.

Even the seas near Manila or Roxas boulevard are covered with concrete, much to our dismay. We don't anymore see groups of fishes but groups of scavengers scouting food from afar. With the continuous influx of people in the city looking for greener pasture, farming in the rural areas is already considered a history. Even the younger generation are not anymore interested in farming but they are more interested with gadgets (ipads and cellphones). With the government's lack of programs in the agriculture sector and political insanity and corruption in our country, we are left with no people to involve in farming to feed this overcrowded nation. In other countries, farmers are rich because their governments play an important role in helping their farmers. Subsidies are given to farmers and farming in other countries is a luxury and they are rich, but in our country, it is the opposite: farmers are poor, very poor. The only rich farmers in our country are big corporations like Dole, San Miguel, Del Monte. Our farmers are now people who just toil for them. Farming becoming rich here in our country is only a DREAM, unless we take steps to turn that dream into reality.

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GUHIT NG KAPALARAN

SCORPIO: (Okt. 24-Nob. 22) Ang udyok ng iyong kutob ang magpapasaya sa'yo. May hindi inaasahang pangyayari na lalong magpapagnada sa buong araw. Tutukan ang mga prayoridad at ipagpatloy ang pagsisikap para makita ang resulta. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 26, 52, 11, 33, 42 at electric blue.

SAGITTARIUS: (Nob. 23-Dis. 21) Kapag nakita mo ang effect ng lahat pagsisikap, lalong mag-aalab ang udyok na isakatuparan ang lahat. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 31, 51, 22, 43, 12 at satin white.

CAPRICORN: (Dis. 22-Ene. 19) Masaya ang iyong gawa dahil lahat ng investor ang lumapit sa iyo. Magiging satisfied ka sa result ng mga pinagkaabalahan. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 11, 22, 36, 53, 41 at sapphire blue.

AQUARIUS: (Ene. 20-Peb. 18) Feel good time ang araw ngayon. I-enjoy ang buhay at tuloy-tuloy ang biyaya para sa iyo at sa mga mahal mo sa buhay. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 46, 33, 13, 55, 21 at citrine yellow.

PISCES: (Peb. 19-Mar. 20) Patuloy na pagsikapan na mapawi ang mga pagdududa sa kapareha. Huwag aksayahin ang oras sa pagtatalo. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 22, 43, 11, 55, 35 at fire red.

ARIES: (Mar. 21-Abr. 19) Nasalubong mo ang tao na-enjoy ka, hindi mapapansin ang oras dahil sa haba ng kwentuhan. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 55, 42, 22, 35, 11 at dollar green.

TAURUS: (Abr. 20-May. 20) Kontento ka sa effect ng iyong project. Simulan ang bagong project na excited ka dahil magiging makulay ang adventure dito. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 53, 32, 15, 26, 42 at ice blue.

GEMINI: (May. 21-Hun. 21) Gumaganda ang mahal mo. Panatilihin ang magandang reasyon. Pabor ang araw para sa gustong gawin. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 11, 22, 35, 53, 43 at pearl white.

CANCER: (Hun. 22-Hul. 22) Feel mo ang mga naiinggit dahil sinusundan ka sa iyong stable na tagumpay. Keep your heart humble. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 32, 23, 13, 55, 41 at ultra violet.

LEO: (Hul. 23-Ago. 22) Magiging adik ka sa drama ng iyong problema. Patidin ito. Sumama ka sa mga masayahing tao. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 31, 23, 53, 46, 11 at electric blue.

VIRGO: (Ago. 23-Set.23) Mag-meditation upang matigil ang paulit-ulit na problema. Darating lang ang solution kung handa ang sarili na tanggapin ito. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 53, 35, 23, 45, 11 at carrot orange.

LIBRA: (Set. 24-Okt. 23) Ang meditation ay magbibigay ng solution na ikasusurpresa mo. I-enjoy ang bawat event ng buhay. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 33, 12, 21, 45, 55 at ruby red.

SENATOR BONG GO BROUGHT MALASAKIT FOOD PACKS TO TYPHOONS VICTIMS

SAN PABLO CITY – Twelve hours before San Pablo City, being a part of Laguna, was placed under Typhoon Signal No. 1 for Typhoon Tony by PAGASA, Senator Christopher Lawrence “Bong” T. Go visited this city Saturday morning (November 7) to spearhead the distribution of PCSO food packs to families affected both by Typhoon Quinta and Typhoon Rolly . The distribution was held at the Vicente Amante-Type Stadium of the San Pablo Central School with the help of the field representatives of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), where he was officially welcome and received by City Mayor Loreto S. Amante , along with Laguna Voce Governor Karen C. Agapay, Board Members Angelica B. Alarva and Alejandro “Abi” Yu, City Vice Mayor Justin G. Colago, City Administrator Vicente B.



Amante, and some members of the Sangguniang Panglungsod. (Ruben Taningco) In the picture: Senator Bong Go (in red) with Vice Governor Karen C. Agapay, City Mayor Loreto S. Amante, Vice Mayor Justin S. Colago, and City Administrator Vicente B. Amante.

SEARCA bats for transformative innovation amid pandemic

By Patricia Bermudez

Revolutionizing the agriculture industry will make it more sustainable and resilient even after the COVID-19 pandemic, the Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA) advises.

During the recent Dagyaw 2020: Open Government Virtual Town Hall Meeting, SEARCA Director Glenn Gregorio admitted that the COVID-19 pandemic underscored the gaps in the supply chain and consumption system yet to be addressed.

Agri most hit by COVID

Relevant economic sectors in Southeast Asia, including the Philippines, suffered from supply and demand shock after the agriculture industry recorded great losses.

SEARCA reported that 31% of the combined population in the South East Asian region rely on agriculture and its related industries.

Majority of Filipinos are engaged in agricultural activities, accounting for 23% of the local labor force.

Around 17.03 million tonnes were also lost in regional productivity due to decline in labor.

Changing perspectives

“Given the complexity of the agriculture sector, we have to partner together, the government and the academe, to make this happen,” Gregorio assured.

Having a business-oriented outlook at the ag-

ricultural sector will motivate farmers and landowners to create long term and resilient plans for their crops.

SEARCA suggested seven priority areas for transformation, including: farmer-centric and market-centric extension systems, improved access to farming inputs, adoption of financial technology and business models, market-led agri-innovation and, technology hubs for agricultural food systems.

Revolutionizing agriculture education

Improving the agricultural sector must start in schools, according to Department of Agriculture CALABARZON regional director Arnel de Mesa.

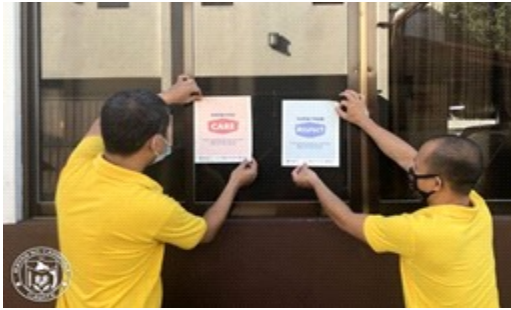
Graduates of agriculture technology courses can help their families local farmers and their children can help the industry become more productive.

De Mesa also expressed his hopes that graduates in these programs will be involved in agribusiness, technology and agriculture arts to usher the sector’s holistic growth. (PB/PIA4A)



.Carmona MITCAO visits tourism enterprises to ensure compliance with minimum public health standards

The Municipal Government of Carmona, through the Municipal Information, Tourism, Culture and Arts Office (MITCAO) visited 19 tourism enterprise-members of the Carmona Tourism Alliance Inc. on November 16-17, 2020 to ensure their 100% compliance with minimum public health standards. The said office distributed QR codes that must be scanned by visitors using the Carmona Digital Contact Tracer App, Disiplina Muna health-related posters, and Health Declaration Forms.



Carmona LGU inaugurates four new infrastructure

November 17, 2020, Congresswoman Dahlia Loyola and Carmona Municipal Mayor Roy Loyola led the blessing and inauguration of four new



infrastructure in the municipality which include the barangay halls of Barangays 2 and 8, a daycare center at Barangay 8, and a covered court at Monte Carlo Townhomes Subdivision, Barangay Bancal. Vice Mayor Toto Ines Jr., Members

of the Sangguniang Bayan Members, and barangay officials also attended the said event.

Carmona LGU distributes financial assistance

The Municipal Government of Carmona, through the Municipal



Social Welfare and Development Office, distributed financial assistance on November 17, 2020, at the Carmona Town Plaza as part of the local government's social services programs.

Carmona LGU holds donation drive for typhoon victims

The Municipal Government of Carmona conducts an ongoing donation drive for victims of typhoons Rolly and Ulysses. Several groups and individuals donated food, drinking water, and hygiene products, among others. Interested groups



and individuals may proceed to the Carmona Town Plaza or to their respective barangay halls to hand over their donations.

DOH-CALABARZON conducts swab testing activity in evacuation centers in Laguna

By DOH-CALABARZON

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna, (PIA) --Department of Health (DOH) - CALABARZON (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, Quezon) Regional Director Eduardo C. Janairo led the swab testing activity and distribution of health kits in evacuation centers in the province of Laguna on November 17 to prevent exposure or transmission of covid virus in temporary community shelters.

"We need to make sure that everyone in these evacuation centers are well managed and secure and most important of all, we must ensure their health and safety from the threat of covid virus," he stated during his message in Lingga evacuation center.

"Individuals in evacuation centers are required to share living spaces and sanitary facilities and constantly exposed to crowded conditions that is why we have to provide and sustain appropriate infection prevention measures to reduce the spread of infectious diseases," he emphasized.

DOH - CALABARZON medical team provides consultations to evacuees of Linggad Elementary School in Barangay Linggad, Calamba City on November 17, 2020. (Photo & caption: DOH-CALABARZON)

Among the evacuation centers visited were

Lingga Elementary School in Purok 1, Barangay Lingga and Palongon Elementary School in Barangay Palongon, both in Calamba City. Swab testing were done including checking of temperature of all evacuees.

The health kits that were given includes 3 face shields, 2 dozen face masks, an alcohol, 3 bath soaps and an information booklet on Covid-19.

The regional office also ensured that basic health protocols are being implemented in the evacuation centers like wearing of face mask, physical distancing and hand washing and sanitizing.

Janairo reminded everyone to always wash their hands with soap and assist their children in doing so. Gumamit lamang ng alcohol kung walang tubig at sabon dahil ito ay nakakatuyo ng balat kung

madalas itong gagamitin,"

"Iwasan ang pagkumpol-kumpol dahil ito ang panahon upang iwasan nyo ang isat-isa dahil hindi tayo nakakasiguro na ang kausap natin ay hindi naxpore sa may sakit o mayroong sakit na covid."

"Importante na magsuot palagi ng face mask para hindi kayo mahawaan. Bawal din ang pagpapahiram ng mga personal na gamit tulad ng toothbrush, tuwalya, baso, kutsara at tinidor at plato. Siguraduhin ding malinis ang inyong mga gamit bago gamitin," he cautioned.

He encouraged evacuees who are experiencing signs and symptoms to proceed immediately to the swab testing booths in order to be tested and be given immediate treatment if confirmed to be positive.

"Matagal pa ang bakuna laban sa covid. Kailangan nating lahat na mag-ingat at magtulungan sa paglaban sa covid upang tayo ay maging ligtas at malayo sa kapahamakan," he stressed. (PIA-4A/DOH-CALABARZON)

