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With the approval of Bayanihan 2, DILG begins hiring 50,000 contact tracers

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) will start tomorrow the recruitment, hiring, and training of at least 50,000 contact tracers nationwide to significantly ramp-up the country's contact tracing program following the signing by the President of the "Bayanihan to Recover as One Act" or Bayanihan 2 Law.

DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año said that the additional 50,000 contact tracers are "the game-changer in the country's COVID-response since this will allow us to cut the transmission of the disease and ultimately defeat COVID-19."

"We welcome the signing of Bayanihan 2 Law for it means that we can now go ahead and start the hiring process for additional contact tracers urgently needed by the various Local Government Units nationwide. Again, we thank the President and Congress for allocating much-needed funds for our COVID response," he said.

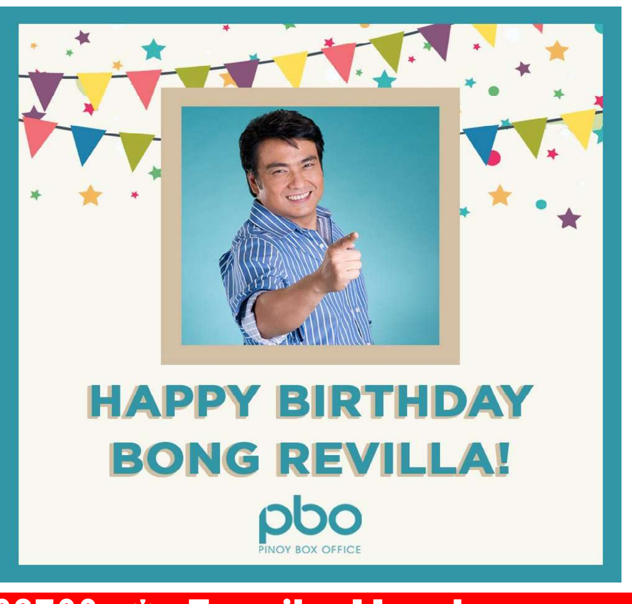
"The DILG is looking for dedicated and patriotic individuals who want to join the fight against COVID-19. If you want to take an active part in defeating the pandemic, join the DILG Contact Tracing Teams!," he said.

He said that the 50,000 contact tracers to be hired will be assigned to the various Contact Tracing Teams (CTTs) of the Local Government Units. At present, the Contact Tracing Teams are composite units led by the Municipal/City Health Officers with members from the Philippine National Police, Bureau of Fire Protection, Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams (BHERTS), and volunteers from Civil Society Organizations (CSOs).

There are currently 97,400 contact tracers nationwide and the additional contact tracers will allow the country to reach the target of 150,000 contact tracers. "With the additional 50,000 contact tracers, we will now be able to meet the Magalong formula of tracing 37 close contacts of 1 COVID patient up to the 3rd degree," he said.

Under the guidelines drafted by the DILG, the contact tracers will earn a minimum of P18,784 per month in a contract of service status. Among their responsibilities are to conduct interviews, profiling, and perform an initial public health risk assessment of COVID-19 cases and their identified close contacts; refer the close contacts to isolation facilities; conduct enhanced contact tracing in collaboration with other agencies and private sectors; conduct daily monitoring of close and general contacts for at least 14 days, and perform such other tasks in relation to the COVID response.

He said that the National Capital Region (NCR)



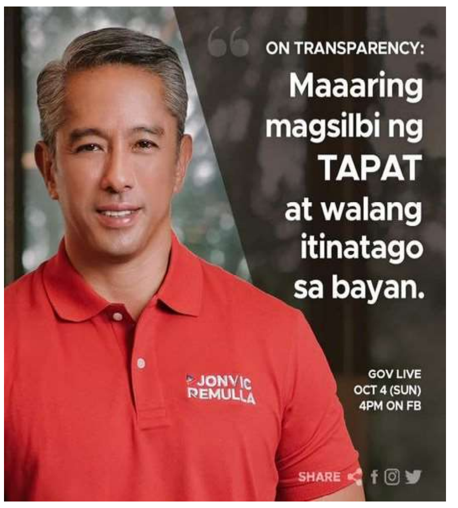
On behalf of the Cavite Provincial Government,

I would like to apologize for the hasty decision to issue a travel warning to Tagaytay City last September 15.

I was reacting to a directive made by Philippine National Police Chief General Guillermo Eleazar issuing a statement that a travel pass is required to enter Tagaytay.

Sa kasalukuyan, bukas po ang Tagaytay City under MGCQ at hindi po kinakailangan ng TRAVEL PASS para makarating dito:

1. Nagkaroon po ng COVID outbreak sa PNP Academy, kamakailan. Tinatayang halos 250 katao ang nag-positive. Ang PNPA ay located sa Tagaytay-Sta. Rosa Road kaya't ingat sa mga malimit na napapadaan dito.
2. All restaurants in Tagaytay City are subject to IATF guidelines. Occupancy and operation hours apply.
3. 50% lang po ang maximum occupancy ng mga DOT-accredited hotels. Siguro ang ibig sabihin: One (1) person per room lamang ang puedeng gumamit at a time ?? Bahala na po kayo umintindi sa patakaran na yan.
4. Ayon sa mga dalubhasa, kapag dalawa ang pumasok ng sabay sa hotel room ay required na ang face mask at face shield at all times. Ayun lang. Hindi ko talaga maintindihan. Paano na? ???????



On a serious note, PLEASE remember that we are still under a strict QUARANTINE system. We are still very much in a pandemic mode. Patuloy ang paglaganap ng COVID kaya't siguraduhin po ang pag-iingat ng lahat.

Panahon ng tag-ulan ngayon sa Cavite at ang pagkakasakit ng sipon at ubo (at ang droplets na dala nito) ay maaaring maging contributing factor sa pagkalat ng COVID.

Stay safe and keep well everyone. God bless Cavite!

WHO solidarity trials might start end Oct, says DOH exec

MANILA – The World Health Organization (WHO) solidarity trials on the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) vaccines might start by the last week of October, a health official said Friday.

"(In) the fourth week of October, the implementation might start already. And I say the implementation might start because there could be a lot of factors, intervening factors, that the dates might be moved. But based on the discussions September 9, this is what we have agreed upon," Department of Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire said in a mix of Filipino and English during a virtual media forum.

Citing the timeline from the WHO, Vergeire said the vaccines to be included in the solidarity trial would be identified in the third or fourth week of September while the sites for the conduct of the trials would be identified by the end of September.

"We will be monitoring this and we hope we can pursue this based on the specific timeline that was given to us," she said.

The solidarity trial is an international clinical trial to test the effectiveness of a possible vaccine for Covid-19.

The Philippines' participation in the WHO solidarity trial was approved by the Single Joint Research Ethics Board on April 17 in support of the Covid-19 global response. (PNA)

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SIGA KA BA?

Ni: BRENT MENDOZA

MGA PAGSUBOK SA RIVERSIDE II, KAILAN KAYA MATATAPOS?

Nitong nakaraang Biyernes (September 4) ay ginulat ng Demolition Team ng Manila City Hall ang mga naninirahan sa Riverside II na sakop ng Barangay 659-A Zone 71 Dist. V, Manila. Biglang bumulaga ang naturang team. Kung sa bagay, maayos naman ang ginawang demolisyon. May dalang notice na kung wala ang pangalan ng may-ari ng bahay sa notice na kanilang dala ay magigiba ang kabahayan. Sa bungad ng Riverside II, nang nalaman nilang wala ang pangalan ng may-ari ng isang tindahan ay agad na giniba ang bahay. Ang buong Engineering Compound ay kanila rin itong giniba dahil tapos na raw ang kontrata nito. Pumasok ng looban ang mga matataas na opisyal ng Manila City Hall at dito nakausap ang Pangulo ng Riveside Home Association. Doon nila nalaman na ang lahat ng tao na may notice ang bahay ay nasa looban pala kaya hindi nila ito ginalaw. Mayroon na palang tagging ang lahat ng mga bahay sa looban.

Ganon pa man, maraming ipinagbawal ang mga opisyal, pero sinagot ito lahat ng pangulo ng association. Ayon sa kaniya, matagal na niyang ipinagbabawal ang pagtatapon ng basura sa Pasig River. Lahat ng mga basura ay kanilang iniipon sa sako at dinadala sa truck ng basura. Naging maayos ang lahat hanggang umalis na ang team ng demolition.

Sa totoo lang po, hindi madali ang magpatakbo ng isang samahang tulad ng home association. Kung magpatupad ang isang pangulo ng mga tuntunin, marami rito ang hindi sumusunod dahil pinapairal ang kayabangan sa buhay. Pero kapag nagkaroon ng problema ay sa pangulo pa rin lalapit. Bagaman maraming pagsubok ang dinaranas ng mga taga-Riverside II. Ang laging tanong nila ay kailan daw kaya ito matatapos? Lagi silang mayroong pangamba sa araw-araw lalo na kung wala ang kanilang pangulo ng association. Hiling na rin ng lahat sa Riverside II na sana raw ay mabigyan na sila ng relocation upang mawala na ang kanilang pangamba sa buhay.

Maganda nga namang mabigyan na sila ng sariling bahay na kanilang titirhan upang mag-umpisa sila sa tamang landas ng pamumuhay. Sana naman kapag nabigyan na kayo ng paglilipatan ng bahay ay mahalin at ayusin ninyo dahil pang-habangbuhay na ang inyong tatanggaping pabahay.

Lagi po nating tatandaan na ang pagsubok sa ating buhay ay laging mayroong katapat. Kaya dapat ay lagi tayong handa sa ating mga sarili. Danasin man natin ang matinding pagsubok, ang katapat po nito ay gantimpala. Huwag lang po tayong gumawa ng masama, sigurado ang gantimpala ng dakilang Ama sa Langit ay inyong makakamit.

(Para sa katanungan o reaksyon, text po lamang sa 09610639368)

BRIC-A-BRAC FOR LIFE CORNER

By: Arturo E. Piao

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

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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

PIYESTA SA MGA BARANGAY, DAPAT PA BANG IPAGDIWANG?

Hello po, mga ka-barangay! Kumusta na po ang isang linggong nagdaan sa inyong barangay? Alam kong medyo nakakakilos na po tayo nang maayos. Marami sa inyo ay nakabalik na sa kani-kanilang trabaho. Sa muli pong pag-ikot ng inyong lingkod sa bawat barangay, sa isang barangay sa Arroceros, Manila po tayo napunta. May ilang mga residente rito ang ating nakausap. At kinumusta natin kung anong plano nila dahil papalapit na ang piyesta sa kanilang lugar. Ayon sa ilang mga residente na ating nakapanayam ay wala raw silang planong maghanda dahil sa COVID-19. Unang-una raw ay bawal ang mga pagtitipon. Paano raw magsasaya ang mga tao kung maraming bawal? Hanggang ngayon po kasi ay may pinapatupad na social distancing at kailangang gumamit ng face mask at face shield. Kaya paano pa tayo magdiriwang ng piyesta? Para mairaos ninyo ang piyesta, mas mabuti sigurong maghanda na lang para sa sariling pamilya. Kumain nang sabay-sabay at bumati ng Happy Fiesta sa isa't isa.

Sa totoo lang po, naging tradisyon na ang piyesta sa bawat barangay at taun-taon itong ipinagdiriwang sa lahat ng mga barangay. Dahil may pandemiya sa panahong ito, unawain na lamang po nating ang takbo ng ating mga pamumuhay. Bagama't may nagsabing "Dapat pa bang ipagdiwang ang piyesta sa panahong ito?" Kung sa bagay, may punto naman ang nagsabi nito dahil sa kalagayan ng bawat isa sa ating buhay, pwede nga naman ipagdiwang ito sa susunod na taon kung ang takbo ng ating buhay ay maayos na at wala nang dapat iwasan pa.

Ang piyestang ginaganap taun-taon ay tunay talagang masaya at lahat ng tao ay talagang todo-bigay ng kasiyahan. Pero sa ating kalagayan ngayon, pag-unawa ang dapat nating gawin dahil sa COVID-19. Mas mahirap na kung ang isa ay mahawa at madala mo ang virus sa inyong pamilya nang hindi mo nalalamang may COVID-19 na pala ang katawan mo. Ang pag-iingat ang dapat nating gawin para sa aitng kaligtasan sa buhay. Bigyan nating halaga ang buhay na bigay ng dakilang Ama sa Langit. Kaya ang mga piyestang paparating sa inyong barangay ay huwag po ninyong ikalungkot kung hindi ninyo ito maipagdiraiwang nang masaya at maligaya. May susunod na taon naman.

Lagi po nating tatandaan na ang bawat buhay ay may halaga, kaya dapat po natin ingatan ito. Panalangin sa ating dakilang Ama sa Langit ang dapat nating gawin.

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GUHIT NG KAPALARAN

LIBRA: (Set. 24-Okt. 23) Isa sa mga negosyo ang increasing income. Mag- focus dito. Happy ka dahil malalaman na tapat ang mahal mo sa'yo. Maintain disipline and stay happy. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 45, 55, 11, 25, 23, 32 at scarlet red.

SCORPIO: (Okt. 24-Nob. 22) Hawakan mo ang good moments, ito ang magpapalitaw ng iyong inaasam. Naglalandas ang kasaganahan. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 53, 32, 23, 41, 11 at amethyst violet.

SAGITTARIUS: (Nob. 23-Dis. 21) Mag-focus sa kung ano ang meron ka. Magpa-salamat sa buhay, dahil mananaig ang iyong kabuhayan sa hanay nito. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 51, 22, 35, 41, 12 at jade green.

CAPRICORN: (Dis. 22-Ene. 19) ang bawat moment. Ito ang mag-stabilize ng salaping darating. Mahalin ang sarili. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 21, 33, 43, 55, 11 at royal purple.

AQUARIUS: (Ene. 20-Peb. 18) Huwag pag-usapan ang salapi, dahil lalo itong lalayo sa'yo. Pag-usapan ang moments of abundance na darating sa iyo. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 53, 35, 41, 12, 21 at citrine yellow.

PISCES: (Peb. 19-Mar. 20) Ang iyong wish ay dara-ting sa mga bagay na meron ka. I-enjoy ang lahat, i-appreciate ng effort at maging masaya. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 12, 31, 31, 42, 55 at raspberry red.

ARIES: (Mar. 21-Abr. 19) Ang iyong feelings ay magbibigay ng karanasan sa buhay. Kailangan piliin ang feel good, masaya at masaganang buhay. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 52, 23, 32, 11, 41 at lilac violet.

TAURUS: (Abr. 20-May. 20) Makakaya mo ang mga gawain. Ngayon bigyang saya ang lahat ng gawain. Magpokus para matapos ang gawain. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 43, 35, 53, 13, 22 at mango orange.

GEMINI: (May. 21-Hun. 21) Pandagdag sa income ang sari-saring negosyo. Ang iyong vibration ay magbibigay ng tamang direksiyon sa buhay. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 11, 21, 33, 55, 42 at sapphire blue.

CANCER: (Hun. 22-Hul. 22) Ang feel good ang magsisilbing gabay para sa tamang decision. Mapapasakamay mo ang mga hinahangad. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 1, 25, 51, 15, 33 at yellow.

LEO: (Hul. 23-Ago. 22) Ano man ang takot ay tanggalin sa isip. Maging mahinahon sa lahat ng pagkakataon. Ipagpa-salamat kung ano ang meron ka. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 26, 53, 42, 11, 35 at tangerine.

VIRGO: (Ago. 23-Set.23) Mag-focus sa mga bagay na nasa iyong kamay. Pagyamanin ito at mababago ang takbo ng buhay. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 15, 51, 23, 35, 41 at pearl white.

DA 4A turns over P2.6M worth of agricultural interventions to Magallanes farmers

By DA CALABARZON RAFIS

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna, (PIA) --The Department of Agriculture (DA) Region IV-CALABARZON, through its High Value Crops Development Program (HVCDP) and Taal Recovery and Rehabilitation Program, turned over P2,687,250 worth of agricultural interventions, including a newly built 72-square meter packing house, to the Magallanes-Samahang Magsasaka ng Kay-Apas at Medina Association (MAG-SAMAKAME) and other farmers' groups in Magallanes, Cavite on September 17, 2020.

Regional Director Arnel V. de Mesa graced the activity and expressed his appreciation for the resilience of the farmers of Magallanes. He said that agriculture is thriving during this pandemic and was the only sector to register a 1.6 percent positive growth, according to the Philippine Statistics Authority.

"For the remaining months of 2020, the national government allocated an additional P24 billion for the agriculture sector to aid people's food requirement during this pandemic. We, at the regional office, will make sure that from this additional financial injection, there will be an allocation for Magallanes," Director de Mesa said.

Director de Mesa added that the regional office will support Magallanes to become the vegetable bowl of Cavite. "DA's support won't stop in here. I have instructed our Regional Livestock Program Coordinator to distribute cattle, goats, and poultry to farmers in Magallanes affected by Taal eruption," he said.

Magallanes Mayor, Hon. Jasmin Angelli Maligaya-Bautista shared her utmost gratitude for the continued support of DA for the Magallanes farmers.

"The agriculture department is very close to my heart and today we are very lucky to have them here and giving us this new packing house and other agricultural interventions. During this pandemic, the people of Magallanes were never hungry, thanks to the hard work and commitment of our farmers and full support from DA. With our collaborative effort, farming in Magallanes will improve significantly," Mayor Bautista said.

Mr. Freddie D. Sisante, the Municipal Agriculture Officer (MAO) of Magallanes, welcomed the regional office officials and expressed his thanks for giving MAG-SAMAKAME a newly built packing house.

"This facility from DA was built in a very strategic location for farmers to consolidate and repackage their harvests before delivering their products to nearby areas and Metro Manila," MAO Sisante said.

MAG-SAMAKAME Chairman Mr. Jose Mariano Maligaya shared how grateful he is for the newly built packing house to be used by their association.

"This packing house from DA will save us more time and money because we no longer have to rent a place to sort our harvest. Our current packing house is also small and has only plastic as shade, which is why this packing house will ensure that our products are safe and that we will have a permanent roof above our heads," Mr. Maligaya said.

Aside from the packing house containing 38 pieces of plastic crates and one heavy-duty weighing scale, MAG-SAMAKAME and other farmers associations in Magallanes also received 15 kilograms of assorted vegetable seeds, 150 seedling trays, 15 knapsack sprayers, three power sprayers, 15 plastic mulch, and 40 bags of complete fertilizer under the regional HVCDP.

Moreover, Magallanes farmers received 475 bags of organic fertilizers, 475 bags of vermicast, 500 bags of complete fertilizers, and 500 bags of muriate of potash through DA's Taal recovery and rehabilitation program. (PIA-4A/DA CALABARZON RAFIS)

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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 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

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)

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KADIWA on Wheels project brings farmers' fresh produce closer to consumers

IMUS CITY, Cavite (PIA) -- The Department of Agriculture (DA) Region 4A (CALABARZON) recently rolled out it's KAtuwang sa DIwa at GaWA (KADIWA) ni Ani at Kita Project on Wheels at Unioil Anabu 1 and Unioil Anabu 2.

promote and exhibit the farmers' fresh and quality produce to help them earn more to support their livelihood amid the on-going pandemic.

This activity will run every Saturdays and Sundays of September with fresh harvested quality products of the participating groups like the SAGULAY Farmers Association and other farmers groups in CALABARZON on sale. (Ruel Francisco/ DA-4A RAFIS)

Tagalog News: DA namahagi ng P7M halaga na mga kalabaw at baka sa Lalawigan ng Batangas

LUNGSOD NG CALAMBA, (PIA) –Namahagi ng 100 kalabaw at 100 baka na nagkakahalaga ng P7M ang Department of Agriculture (DA) Region IV-CALABARZON sa mga magsasaka mula sa iba't ibang bayan sa Lalawigan ng Batangas na naapektuhan ng pagsabog ng Bulkang Taal noong Enero.

Ang mga kalabaw at baka ay ipinamahagi ng DA IV-CALABARZON sa ilalim ng Taal Recovery and Rehabilitation Program na naglalayong pagkalooban ng alternatibong hanapbuhay ang nabanggit na mga magsasaka at bilang bahagi ng patuloy na suporta ng Departamento.

May 20 kalabaw na nagkakahalaga ng P700,000 ang ibinigay ng DA IV-CALABARZON sa mga magsasaka sa Lungsod ng Lipa noong Set 7 habang may 32 magsasaka mula sa Mabini ang nakatanggap ng tig-iisang baka na nagkakahalaga ng P1,120,000 noong Set 8.

Sumunod na araw, Set 9, ang DA IV-CALABARZON ay inihatid ang may 80 kalabaw na nagkakahalaga ng P2,800,000 sa mga magsasaka sa Laurel; may 30 magsasaka naman sa Taal ang pinagkalooban ng baka bawat isa na may kabuuang halagang P1,050,00; at walo namang magsasaka sa San Jose ang binigyan ng tig-iisang baka na may kabuuang halaga na P280,000.

Lubos ang naging pasasalamat ni Laurel Mayor Joan Lumbres-Amo sa DA IV-CALABARZON dahil sa walang sawang suporta sa mga magsasakang naapektuhan ng pagsabog ng Bulkang Taal, lalong lalo na at panahon pa ngayon ng pandemya.

Samantala, may 30 magsasaka naman sa Malvar ang nabiyayaan ng tig-iisang baka na may kabuuang halagang P1,050,000 noong Set 12.

Nagpahayag ng taos-pusong pasasalamat si Malvar Mayor Cristeta Reyes sa tulong na ipinagkaloob ng DA IV-CALABARZON sa mga magsasaka sa bayang kanyang nasasakupan.

"Ang tulong na ito ay tiyak na pahahalagahan at pangangalagaan. Ang suportang ito mula sa DA IV-CALABARZON ay makakatulong sa mga magsasaka, sa kanilang pamilya at sa henerasyong darating pa," pahayag ni Mayor Reyes.

Ang pamamahagi ng tulong ay dinaluhan nina Regional Director Arnel V. de Mesa; Assistant Regional Director for Operations and Rice Program Coordinator Mr. Dennis R. Arpia; at Assistant Regional Director for Research and Regulations, and Livestock Program Coordinator Ms. Vilma M. Dimaculangan. (CPG, PIA-4A at ulat mula sa DA IV-CALABARZON RAFIS)