

Proposed local ordinance to protect public, dogs' welfare

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite (PIA) -- Cavite 4th District Rep. Pidi Barzaga proposed the drafting of a city ordinance in Dasmariñas that will address the perennial problem on stray dogs biting residents, not only to protect the public but the dogs' welfare as well.

According to Rep. Barzaga, the city government allocates almost a million pesos of the LGU's funds on a monthly basis for the purchase of rabies vaccine.

He also cited that 50% of the victims were children or members of the household of dog owners.

As part of the initiative, the city government will undertake the construction of a big impounding center to house stray dogs captured with the support of a centralized dog catching system.

The proposed ordinance will affirm that all stray dogs will be caught and brought to the center. Dog owners will redeem their

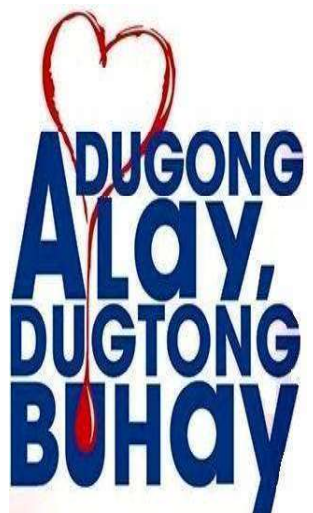
dogs within 10 days with corresponding fine. Dogs that will not be redeemed within said period will be placed for adoption, while those that will not be adopted will be "euthanized" as provided by Republic Act 8485 or The Animal Welfare Act of the Philippines.

Moreover, all residents who want to breed dogs will be required to obtain a dog breeder's permit from the city government. Puppies also need to have a cage with cor-

responding space.

A public hearing will be held for the drafting of said ordinance with concerned stakeholders present to solicit their views on the proposed ordinance.

According to the FB Page of Rep. Barzaga, the ordinance will not only address the safety of the public but also prevent the proliferation of stray dogs, resolve related sanitation problems and significantly reduce LGU expenses every month on anti-rabies vaccine with the savings allotted for other health projects. (Ruel Francisco with reports from Congressman Pidi Barzaga's FB page)



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Triage	0908 8150 650
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Source: Provincial Health Office
 Posted on FB, 16 April 2021

Cayetano: Duterte not surrendering West Philippine Sea

Former House Speaker Alan Peter Cayetano on Saturday refuted accusations that President Rodrigo Duterte is surrendering the West Philippine Sea (WPS) to China, saying the Commander-in-Chief is simply employing a non-aggressive style of negotiation.

"Unang-una, gusto kong linawin: malinaw ang stand ng Pangulo na not a single inch of Philippine territory or not a single peso worth of sovereign right ay igi-give up natin sa Malaysia man, sa Vietnam, or sa China," Cayetano, who served as Duterte's Foreign Affairs Secretary from 2017 to 2018, said in an interview with radio station RMN Davao.

He said it is Duterte's non-confrontational attitude towards China that has been preventing the Philippines from entirely losing the territory, as opposed to what happened in the previous administration.

"Kumbaga, kung pinag-aagawan natin ang isang kotse, 'yung isa ang style niya ay makipagsigawan, pero nakuha n'ung China 'yung kotse. Kay Pangulo (Duterte) naman, usap tayo nang usap pero walang

nawala po sa atin," he said.

(If we were fighting for a car, the previous administration's style of engaging in a shouting match ended up with China getting the car. Under President Duterte, we've been talking and talking but haven't lost anything.)

"So kumbaga parang mas siga sila (previous administration) kasi sigawan ang gusto nila. Kaya lang, maling strategy, kasi nawawala sa atin eh," Cayetano said.

(So in a sense the previous administration acted tough because they wanted a shouting match. The problem was it was a wrong strategy because we lost.)

In 2012, the Philippines lost the Panatag Shoal, also called Scarborough Shoal in the WPS, to Beijing after a standoff that erupted when Manila sent its biggest



Former House Speaker Alan Peter

warship to chase off Chinese poachers.

Duterte had blamed the administration of former President Benigno Aquino for the loss of Panatag Shoal, but on Tuesday, May 4, retired Supreme Court Associate Justice Antonio Carpio and former Foreign Affairs Secretary Albert del Rosario hit back and said it is the President who seems to "trade our lands and waters for prospects of money given by China."

Cayetano, for his part, encouraged the public to analyze the issue based on facts and not on "mere accusations."

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Perpetual Help Cavite, Ideneklarang "Special Economic Zone for Science and Technology" ng PEZA

Idineklara ng Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) ang isang unibersidad na nakabase sa Cavite bilang "special economic zone for science and technology".

Pumirma ng PEZA Director General Charito B. Plaza ng isang kasunduan sa University of Perpetual Help System (UPHS) Molino, Cavite bilang opisyal pagkilala sa campus bilang isang espesyal na economic zone institute ng Knowledge, Innovation, Science and Technology (KIST).

Ang unibersidad ay ang unang pribadong institusyong pang-edukasyon na kinilala bilang isang KIST ecozone, ayon sa naging pahayag ng PEZA noong Miyerkules.

Ang UPHS ay

come the bridge between the educational institution and the needs of various indus-



nagtatayo ngayon ng AltaHub innovation institute para sa mga programang pangkalusugan, negosyo, at teknolohiya.

"AltaHub shall be-

tries in the country as they will serve as a research and development facility not only for the University but also for the neighboring towns and areas," pahayag ng PEZA.

Real friends, real foes in time of crisis

By Jun Ladesma

THE horror of the grotesque specter of nearly half a million people getting severely ill and thousands dying each day in India is, to say the least, frightening and nightmarish. If we trace back the cause of the meteoric rise of COVID-19 infections it indubitably points to the unbridled celebrations of religious events and social gatherings and utter disregard of the basic health protocols. It is a sad commentary in a time of mourning but it is important that we reveal the facts against the backdrop of Filipinos penchant for religious rituals, fiestas, rallies, and cockfights ...to name a few.

The people of the United States of America are not keen on festivals except for Mardi Gras but they are prone to hold protest rallies for some insane reasons. In most instances, protesters are even armed with deadly weapons. They think that they are the invincible human beings living on this planet and to prove that they demonstrate in state capitals ignoring every bit of cautions and health protocols. As I write this piece, 33.23-millions Americans contacted Covid-19 plus 39-thousand plus daily cases. Almost 592-thousand perished as 400 new deaths on average are recorded daily.

Brazil predilection for religious and events festivities ranked it second to the US of A. with 15-million positive cases with 36,000 new cases are reported daily. There are now 408-thousands who perished as they average about 1,000 cases in their daily tally.

India, despite its 1.3-billion population, was never on the radar screen of morbid cases of Covid 19. Early on some quarters speculate that the Indian diet may have played a significant role in their immunity. But that turns out to be a myth. The celebration of a Hindu festival, Kumbh Mela, in several days in April was to be the start of India's paralyzing nightmare. Thousands of pilgrims all over India flocked to the Ganges river for the traditional ritual bath. They came and, like the Americans, disregarded all the basic protocols as they waded through the Ganges for the holy bath.

The holy festivities became the most horrible super spreader of coronavirus we see in the world today. India was prepared to battle the unseen enemy but it did not anticipate that tens of thousands will be infected on a daily basis and had gone out of hand. COVID infections had soared and reached a momentum of over 350-thousand positive cases per day!

The health system in India is overwhelmed. The government is almost down to its knees assuming it is not yet. While indeed India is the biggest vaccine producer in the world, the components are mostly from the western countries, and with those countries in dire need of vaccines themselves, the production line has come to a halt. The death toll has not.

Even the supply of medical oxygen had run out. Covid patients who are to be resuscitated and aided to breathe need oxygen otherwise they will be gasping for breath and gasping die. The crematories can no longer handle as many as 3,000 deaths per day thus the remains of the victims have to be burned in pyres on the pavements in cities and towns all over India.

While we stare at India in disbelief, but we too are astounded with how its misery invites sympathy and of all incredulity saw China, its arch adversary for decades over their border disputes come to succor the enemy. They have fought little wars and lost a few men in these conflicts. Beijing could have taken advantage of a crippled enemy but no, it extended its hand to India and came to its aid and comfort instead.

President Xi Jinping called on India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi and assured him of help. Quickly the first batch of 25,000 oxygen concentrators pledged by China arrived in the country. Another 5,000 ventilators and 21,000 oxygen generators were also dispatched. Later more than 15,000 sets of monitors and nearly 3,800 tons of medical supplies and medications were also shipped to India.

While this mercy mission is ongoing we still have to hear what the Western countries can offer. It seems for now that India will have to rely heavily on China. Of late we heard that outside of what government can offer the Chinese people through non-government organizations and China's National Red Cross will be sending their help too.

The grim scenario in India impacts the Philippines in that our penchant for fiestas, religious events, cockfighting (legal and illegal), and rallies is almost legendary and oftentimes borders on fanaticism. Amidst the constant threats of infection, we are not wanting in bull-head individuals and groups doing exactly what's happening in India and the US, goaded by their individual insensitivity and sadly by crazy political agenda. Groups who ejaculate seeing the statistics rising and blame it on the government but are at the forefront of the queues to demand from the government immediate attention and sustenance.

Like India, the only country that comes to help us in the battle against Covid-19 is China. Like India, we have our own conflict with China over the islands in the West Philippine Sea which, as we do, are claimed and occupied by other countries. We lost Scarborough by the sheer idiocy of former Foreign Affairs Sec. Albert del Rosario and his bosses and now by the same act of madness ex-Justice who wants to be President, Antonio Carpio, is pushing Pres. Rodrigo Duterte to go to war against China.

The multi-lateral claims will always be there. While Carpio and Del Rosario escalate the conflict thinking their Uncle Sam will come to succor Philippines, other countries like Vietnam are working to normalize relations with China. In the middle of this crisis India and China talk of complete disengagements in disputed borders. Duterte made a diplomatic inroads with China the moment he engaged President Xi in a bilateral talk. While today we see only over a million doses of vaccines donated by China and billions worth of bridges and roads plus cheap loans we overlooked the fact that China has opened its market to anything we can sell to that biggest consumer population in the world. And thank goodness, despite the brazen foolishness of Carpio and Del Rosario China, so far, is the only vaccine-producing country that has delivered to our shores millions of doses of vaccines with more to come.

We are a family of nations in this part of the globe. Like in any family there will always be disputes and irritants but at the end of the day whenever calamities and pandemics strike we only have each other to turn to. When this crippling health crisis shall be over, hopefully, we shall have realized who our true friends are and our foes.

Postscript: Joel Locsin, Media Relations Officer of Sen. Ping Lacson, wrote a rejoinder to the recent piece I wrote, to say that the Senator will never be part of the legal front of any armed warfare against the state. That's good, clear, and well taken. But sadly this Locsin seemed to have a convoluted concept of what propaganda is in warfare especially in counter-insurgency. The hundreds of NPA combatants and their mass base had given up and had returned to the folds of the law and significantly much of these had been achieved without a single shot. That, Mr. Locsin is a product of ingenious propaganda unless you are not aware of what is happening outside the comfort of the Senate hall.

Indian variant dapat tutukan

Magandang balita ang sinasabing pagluwag ng mga ospital sa mga pasyenteng dinapuan ng COVID-19. Ibig sabihin may dahilan para kumambyo na ang pamahalaan sa mas maluwag na quarantine protocols para bigyang daan ang pagsulong ng mga negosyo.

Pero nangyari na iyan noon. Nagluwag na tayo nung una pero biglang nagkaroon ng second wave of attack ang COVID-19 nang nakaabot sa Pilipinas ang UK at African variant na sinasabing mas madaling makahawa.

Nakababahala na sa muling pagluluwag ng quarantine protocols, nababalitaan naman natin ang pagdating sa Pilipinas ng mas nakamamatay na variant mula sa India. Kahit pa nagkaroon ng pagbabawal na makapasok sa Pilipinas ng mga biyaherong mula sa India at iba pang kalapit na bansa tulad ng Pakistan at Sri Lanka, may mga kumpirmado pa ring kaso na nakalusot sa Pilipinas.

Kaya nga on high alert ngayon ang local government units sa pagbabantay para mapigilan ang pagkalat ng virus na nakita natin ang nakahahambal na epekto sa mga mamamayan ng India. Sinasabi kasi na umabot na sa 12 kaso ng Indian variant infection ang naitala.

Ayaw nating maganap sa Pilipinas ang nangyari sa India kaya tayong mga mamamayan na ang dapat magingat sa ating sarili. Alam na natin ang dapat gawin para makaiwas sa pagkakaroon ng sakit na ito.

Sa panig ng gobyerno, importante rin na pabilisin pa ang makupad na vaccination program upang sa lalong madaling panahon ay matamo na ng mga mamamayan ang kinakailangang herd immunity at mapigil na ang pag-laganap ng sakit na ito.

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TAURUS: (Abr. 20-May. 20) Wagikasa sport event at qualified sa international napaligsahan. Ipagpatuloyangpagpa-practice at alagaanang health. Nakatadhanaangtagumpay. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 49, 55, 31, 11, 32 at sun yellow.

GEMINI: (May. 21-Hun. 21) Patuloyangpag-unladngnegosyo. Epektoitongpagsye-share ngbiyayasamga orphanage. Increasing ang income. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 43, 56, 12, 22, 11 at crimson red.

CANCER: (Hun. 22-Hul. 22) Productive angiyong team building. Mara-ming goals angmaachieve. Ingatanang credit card. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 22, 41, 16, 55, 53 at shock-ing pink.

LEO: (Hul. 23-Ago. 22) Ayusinangmga document sanegosyo. Kumpletuhinangmgabuwishabang may panahon pa. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 51, 23, 44, 27, 48 at mango orange.

VIRGO: (Ago. 23-Set.23) Tatanggapngparangal, kasamaritoang cash price. Lalagdangkasunduanegosyo. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 22, 49, 44, 51, 28 at electric blue.

LIBRA: (Set. 24-Okt. 23) Kahitsaankapumunta, daratingang surprise money. Maramingmabibigyan at mabibiyayaan. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 44, 31, 54, 12, 22 at crimson red.

SCORPIO: (Okt. 24-Nob. 22) Tagumpayangiyongplano. Maaakitangmga helpful people. Lalagoangiyongkabuhayan. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 22, 34, 46, 13, 55 at satin white.

SAGITTARIUS: (Nob. 23-Dis. 21) Surprise visitor angdarating. Tatanggapng opportunity parasaiyongnegosyo. A-lagaanangkalusugan. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 53, 26, 49, 13, 33 at tangerine.

CAPRICORN: (Dis. 22-Ene. 19) Miracle angmararanasan. Dahilhigit pa sa in a a s a h a n a n g m a k a k a m i t . Nakatadhanaangtagumpay. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 42, 35, 56, 13, 37 at citrine yellow.

AQUARIUS: (Ene. 20-Peb. 18) Dadaloyaiyoangmasaganangbuhay. Tatanggapng award sa consistent sales quota. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 55, 41, 38, 47, 11 at cyan blue.

PISCES: (Peb. 19-Mar. 20) Masaya kangayondahilmatutupadnaangiyongwish. Matatanggapkasa work abroad. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 55, 41, 33, 21, 28 at white.

ARIES: (Mar. 21-Abr. 19) Sa meditation, angnaisna employment ay maaakit. Kung qualified, maaangkinang spot. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 23, 33, 55, 41, 31 at cyan blue.

Further warming promotes emergence of infectious diseases

Two experts have raised the urgency for mitigating greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, warning that more infectious diseases would emerge if global warming intensifies.

"The latest climate science already warned us that (a) higher degree of global warming would lead to (the) emergence of new infectious diseases," Climate Change Commission (CCC) Vice Chairperson and Executive Director Emmanuel de Guzman told participants of the climate change expenditure-tagging webinar organized for local government units (LGUs) nationwide by the commission and the Department of the Interior and Local Government and held this month.

De Guzman said GHG emissions are further warming the Earth and changing the climate, as these discharges continue to accumulate in the atmosphere and trap heat.

Scientist and University of the Philippines professor, Dr. Rodel Lasco, said new studies indicate disease outbreaks are becoming frequent.

Lasco said scientists attribute the shortening of the interval between outbreaks to the complex interaction among virology, biodiversity, changes in the climate, poverty, food safety, and population growth.

"I hope we can see there's a wider connection out there," he said during the webinar.

Findings of a study he presented during the webinar linked the Zika virus to GHG emissions and climate change.

Earlier, the World Health Organization (WHO) reported an apparent increase in infectious diseases, including several newly circulating ones.

This increase reflects the combined impact of rapid demographic, environmental, social, technological, and other changes, the WHO said.

"Climate change will also affect infectious disease occurrence," it added.

The webinar oriented LGUs on the process of identifying and tagging respective climate change-related initiatives in annual investment programs.

The process aims to help mainstream climate change adaptation and mitigation in LGUs' target annual budgets.

Difficulties arising from the onslaught of various infectious diseases are among the reasons for making mainstreaming essential, de Guzman said.

"We're now all grappling with the effects of one such disease," he said, referring to the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19), which continues to plague countries worldwide.

De Guzman said countries could no longer afford to further increase GHG emissions.

"Returning to business as usual, therefore, is not an option," he said.

The way forward, he said, is to instead "heed science and make decisive action towards a greener and more sustainable economic system."

The CCC's programs aim to help build climate resilience nationwide and a sustainable economy for the country.

First reported in China, Covid-19 evolved into a pandemic, prompting countries to impose quarantines and lockdowns.

The Department of Health has reported nearly 1.1 million Covid-19 infections in the Philippines as of May 7, with 66,626 active cases. (PNA)

ALAM MO BANG MAKUKUHA MO ANG DIGITAL NATIONAL ID MO IN THREE EASY STEPS?

ALAMIN kung paano makapagrehistro sa Philippine Identification System (PhilSys) ????

Step 1: Pagkolekta ng demographic information at appointment-setting for Step 2 gamit ang online registration portal na magbubukas ngayong April 2021 Dito kukunin ang sumusunod na impormasyon:

- Name
- Sex
- Date of birth
- Place of birth
- Blood type
- Address

At iba pang optional information tulad ng marital status, cell phone number, at email address.

Pagkatapos mag-input ng kailangang impormasyon, maaari na rin kayong mag-set ng appointment para sa Step 2 sa registration center na malapit sa inyong lugar!

Step 2: Pagkuha ng biometric information, tulad ng fingerprint, iris scan, at front-facing photograph at validation ng supporting documents ??????????

Ang hakbang na ito ay gaganapin sa registration

center na inyong pinili mula sa Step 1 registration. Huwag kalimutang dalhin ang inyong transaction number para sa hakbang na ito!

Para sa listahan ng supporting documents na maaaring dalhin [no. 7]: <https://psa.gov.ph/philsys/faqs>

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Kung merong concern o tanong, maaaring sumangguni sa mga sumusunod na feedback channels: Email: info@philsys.gov.ph

Facebook: [m.me/PSAPhilSysOfficial](https://www.facebook.com/PSAPhilSysOfficial)

Hotline: 1388 (fees may apply)

Sama-sama tayo sa pagsulong para sa isang makabagong Pilipinas! Heto na ang PhilSys - #IDNatin 'to!

PANUKALANG BATAS PARA MAGPATAYO NG MGA PAMPUBLIKONG OSPITAL SA IBA'T IBANG BAHAGI NG BANSA, INISPONSORAN NI SEN. BONG GO

Sa pagpapatuloy ng Senate regular session, ibinahagi ni Senador Bong Go sa kaniyang naging sponsorship speech na sa pagdating ng COVID-19 pandemic ay mas nakita natin ang mga kakulangan sa mga pambalikong ospital na agad nating dapat bigyang pansin at isaayos.

Sinabi ng Senador na sa kanyang pag-iikot sa iba't ibang parte ng bansa ay nakita niya mismo ang kakulangan sa hospital beds at equipment kung saan ang ibang mga pasyente ay sa hospital corridor na nakaratay.

Kaya bilang Chair ng Senate Committee on Health, inisponsoran ng Senador ang iba't ibang mga panukala upang mas mapabuti at maisaayos ang mga pampublikong ospital sa iba't ibang bahagi ng bansa.

"Improving health capacity and upgrading capability of hospitals in the provinces would help enhance the health and overall

well-being for the entire Philippine population," aniya. #BisyoAngMagSerbisyo ??????



Dalawang doses dapat!

Kailangan mong makuha ang parehong dose ng bakuna kontra COVID-19 para makuha ang pinakamataas na lebel ng proteksyon mula sa COVID-19! RUMESBAKUNA na!

Ang mga bakunang Sinovac CoronaVac at Oxford-AstraZeneca ay ibinibigay ng dalawang (2) doses. Kailangan mong makuha ang parehong dose para makuha ang pinakamataas na lebel ng proteksyon mula sa COVID-19!

Bilang ng dose na kailangan at pagitan:

?? Oxford AstraZeneca: 2 doses, 4-12 na linggo ang pagitan

?? Sinovac CoronaVac: 2 doses, 28 days (4 na linggo) ang pagitan

#RESBAKUNA, kasangga ng mga BIDA! Sama sama tayo sa #BIDABakunation



Cong. Jon-Jon Ferrer, Nagpaabot ng tulong sa mga community pantry sa Gentry



May 17th 5:00pm 2021 ·

Ibinahagi ni Congressman Jon-jon Ferrer ang kaniyang naging pagtulong sa mga community pantries na itinayo sa iba't ibang bahagi ng General Trias City.

Aniya, "Bilang pagpapakita ng suporta sa mga Community Pantries sa Lungsod ng General Trias, tayo po ay namahagi ng mga tulong at donasyon upang maisakatuparan ang kanilang hangarin na makatulong sa mga taong lubos na nangangailangan."

"Asahan po ninyo na kasabay ng aming pagsisikap ng aming opisina na tugunan ang pangangailangan ng ating mga kababayan ay patuloy din po nating susuportahan ang mga community pantries sa ating lungsod," pagpapatuloy pa niya.

Sa huli ay nagpaalalang muli ang opisyal na sumunod ang bawat isa sa alituntuning pangkalusugan na ipinapatupad sa ngayon upang maiwasan ang pagkahawa sa sakit na COVID-19.

LGU GenTri approves financial assistance to repatriated documented OFWs

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite (PIA) -- The City Government of General Trias recently approved City Ordinance No. 20-46, an ordinance granting financial assistance to repatriated documented Gentriseño Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) who lost their jobs due to the CoViD-19 pandemic.

Documented OFWs who are bonafide residents of the City of General Trias with valid passport, work visa, and contract of employment duly processed with the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) or the Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO) can avail of the program. Interested applicants are required to present the following: copy of passport or travel document; copy of valid ID/Documents showing proof of residency in the City of General Trias; copy of flight ticket or boarding pass as proof of return to the Philippines or arrival stamps/sticker attached to the passport; proof of overseas employment contract, Overseas Employment Compensation registration, OWWA or POEA registration, residence IDs, working visa/re-entry

visa, or work permit to stay in the receiving country; and proof of loss of employment due to CoViD-19 or proof that the host country are included in the list of those heavily affected by the CoViD-19 pandemic.

Applications including requirements must be submitted using the links provided in the City Government of General Trias Facebook page until May 14, 2021. It is also advised that applications will undergo evaluation and approval.

Meanwhile, applicants who had submitted their application including requirements to the Public Employment Services Office (PESO) need not apply online.

Approved applications will be advised regarding the schedule and manner of payout.

The financial assistance to documented OFWs is the city government's initiative under the leadership of Mayor Antonio 'Ony' Ferrer to somehow help alleviate the effect of the loss of their livelihood caused by the ongoing pandemic. (Ruel Francisco with reports from the City Government of General Trias FB page)