

1.5 million Caviteños to get COVID-19 vaccine for free — Gov. Remulla

Cavite Governor Jonvic Remulla on Wednesday announced that the provincial government has ordered three million doses of COVID-19 vaccines from US-based biotech firm Novavax to intensify the vaccination program of the national government.

Meralco keeps 'no disconnection policy' up to end April

By: Ronnel W. Domingo - @inquirerdotnet



Electric Co. (Meralco), Maynilad Water Services Inc. and Manila Water Co. Inc. are spared until the end of April from getting disconnection notices as these companies are suspending the practice during modified enhanced community

Consumers who have quarantine (MECQ). Mernpaid bills from Manila alco said it would continue its self-imposed "no disconnection" policy until April 30 while the Regulatory Office of the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System has ordered Maynilad and Manila Water to hold off ser-

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SEC allows e-signatures on statements sent through OST

THE SECURI-TIES and Exchange Commission (SEC) will allow corporations enrolled in the newly launched Online Submission Tool (OST) to submit electronically signed annual financial statements (AFS) starting March 29, when the ECQ period began in the National Capital Region, Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna, and Rizal, until further notice. In a notice

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In a recent Facebook post, Remulla said the the Novavax vaccines will be alloted for 1.5 million Caviteños aged 18 to 59 who are not included in the national government's priority groups. He added that the vaccines which are expected to be delivered by July will be given to residents for free. "We ordered 3,000,000 doses of NOVAVAX (US) para mapabakunahan ang may 1,500,000 na katao sa Cavite

Cavite extends deadline to buy bid documents for Sangley airport plan

THE CAVITE government has extended the deadline for prospective bidders of the Sangley Point International Airport project to buy bid documents due to the quarantine restrictions imposed on the province.

"In response to ten requests and in view of the recent ECQ (enhanced community quarantine) status declaration in NCR (National Capital Region) Plus including the province of Cavite, please be advised that the deadline for the registration of Candidate JV (joint



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venture) Partners and the Abutan, Cavite's Public-Pripurchase of the RFP (request for proposals) for the second bidding of the... project has been extended," Renato A.

vate Partnership-Selection Committee chairman, said

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LGU Naic Oks 40M supplemental budget

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite Apr. 12 (PIA) -- Naic Mayor Junio C. Dualan ordered for a supplemental budget to augment the national government's allocation of P115,822,000 to aid residents affected by the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ). While the fund allocation was based on the 2010 census with about 29,000 households, current statistics show the town's population of more or less 49,000 households. Thus, the local

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LTO extends validity of expired student permit, driver's license



The Land Transportation Office (LTO) is one with the country as it temporarily ceased its operations due to the implementation of modified enhanced community quarantine (MECQ) which will last until April 30. This is an initiative by the government agency to help curb the further spread of the COVID-19 virus.

In line with this, the LTO announced that it has extended the validity of stu-

dent permit, driver's license, and conductor's license that expired within the period of the enhanced community quarantine (ECQ) and MECQ (or from March 29 to April 30). The extended validity will be until July 31,

LTO said that the extended validity of student permits, driver's licenses, and conductor's licenses are for

Lagay o suhol ang dahilan kaya di ipinagagamit ang Ivermectin vs Covid 19?

INSPIRASYON SA BUHAY: "... Ang kagandahang-loob ay huwag ipagkait sa kapwa, kung ika'y may kakayahan na ito ay magawâ/ Kung mayroon ka ngayon ng kanyang kailangan, huwag nang sasabihing, 'Bumalik ka't bukas ibibigay'..." (Mga Kawikaan 3:27-28, Ang Tanging Daan Bibliya).

LAGAY O SUHOL BA ANG DAHILAN KAYA IPINAG-BABAWAL ANG PAGGAMIT NG IVERMECTIN BILANG GAMOT SA COVID 19? Ipinagbabawal ba ng mga government health officials at ng mga kaalyado nitong mga grupo ng duktor na bumubuo ng mga local medical societies ang paggamit ng Ivermectin bilang gamot kontra sa Covid 19 virus dahil sa malalaking suhol o lagay na tinatanggap nila mula sa malalaking kompanyang gumagawa ng mga gamot sa mundo?

Ito ang tanong ngayon ng mga tagasubaybay ng Kakampi Mo Ang Batas, matapos ilabas sa radio-online version ng kolum na ito ang akusasyon ng pagtanggap ng mga suhol o lagay na ito ng government health officials at ng mga duktor ng local medical societies sa isang online paper na ginawa ni Dr. Romy Quijano, isang retired professor ng UP College of Medicine sa Manila.

Ang online paper na sinulat ni Dr. Quijano ay pinamagatan niyang "LOSS OF COMMON SENSE IN COVID 19: THE STORY OF IVERMECTIN." Ang paper ni Dr. Quijano ay hindi inilabas ng mga diyaryo, radyo, at telebisyon sa Pilipinas, ngunit inilabas ito ng funwiththe governmentblog.spot na pinamamahalaan ng isang Bienvenido Oplas Jr.

ANG KALUSUGAN AT KALIGTASAN NG TAO ANG PINAKAMATAAS NA BATAS SA MUNDO, AYON SA ISANG DUKTOR: Dito, niliwanag ng dating UP medicine professor na ang pagbabawal ng tinaguriang niyang mga government health officials at ng mga duktor ng mga local medical societies laban sa Ivermectin bilang gamot sa Covid 19 ay kanilang ginagawa bagamat hindi naman nila ibinubunyag na tumatanggap nga sila ng mga suhol o lagay mula sa mga kompanyang gumagawa ng mga gamot.

Sa mga nagmamasid sa medical profession, sinasabing hindi lingid ang pagbibigay ng mga insentibo o biyayang pinansiyal o sa ibang kaparaanan sa mga manggagamot upang ang mga gamot ng mga kompanyang gumagawa ng nasabing mga gamot ang isusulong ng mga duktor. Magkaganunman, wala pa namang inilalabas na kongkretong ebidensiya ang si-

Ang pahayag na ito ni Dr. Quijano tungkol sa pagtanggap ng "substantial amount of largesse from Big Pharma..." ay itinuturing ng marami na isang matinding pagbubunyag ng posibleng dahilan kung bakit sa kabila ng napakarami ng mga pagpapatotoo ng pagiging mabisa ng Ivermectin kontra sa Covid 19, ayaw ng mga tinutukoy ni Dr. Quijano na "government health officials and local medical societies..." na ip-

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agamit ang gamot na ito sa mga Pilipino. DR. ROMY QUIJA-NO, RETIRED UP PROFESSOR, MAY MGA IBUBUNYAG PA SA KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS TUNGKOL SA IVER-MECTIN: Sa online paper ng retiradong up medicine professor, isa-isang pinabulaanan niya ang mga dahilan ng "government health officials and local medical societies" kontra sa Ivermectin, at ang mga punto niya ay naibalita na natin kahapon pa, dito sa kolum na ito. Magkaganunman, habang sinusulat ang kolum na ito, kung pahihintulutan ng diyos, makakasama Kakampi Mo Ang Batas radio-online version ng live ang mismong si Dr. Romy Quijano, sa palatuntunan, para sa kaniyang karagdagang mga pagpapaliwanag.

Ayon pa kay Dr. Quijano, idinadahilan ng "government health officials and local medical societies" ang diumano ay mga batas na umiiral sa kasalukuyan na nagbabawal sa paggamit ng Ivermectin, partikular dahil hindi pa diumano ito lubos na nasusuri ng mga dalubhasa. Ang sagot naman ni Dr. Quijano, mayroon ng mga clinical trials at kumpletong mga datos mula sa World Health Organization mismo na nagpapatunay na mabisa nga ang nasabing gamot kontra sa Covid 19.



Ganundin, dahil ang tunay na pinakamataaas na batas sa buong mundo sa ngayon ay ang pagtiyak ng kaligtasan at kalusugan ng tao laban sa mga sakit o mga pandemyang gaya ng Covid 19, maaari namang gamitin ng gobyerno ang nauna ng deklarasyon nito ng state of national emergency upang isantabi muna ang mga pagbabawal sa mga batas para pahintulutan ang malawakang paggamit ng Ivermectin.

Ganundin, itinatanong ni Dr. Quijano sa mga "government health officials and local medical societies": bakit ba ayaw ng gobyerno na gamitin ang Ivermectin sa mga lugar kung saan wala pang remedyong nakakarating sa mga tao na nahawa at napipinto ng mamatay dahil sa covid 19? Kakatwa ito pero, hanggang ngayon, wala pang nangangahas sumagot kay Dr. Quijano mula sa mga government health authorities at mga duktor ng mga local medical societies na kumukontra

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issued on April 8, the Commission announced that electronically signed AFS for the period ended December 31, 2020 and for other fiscal years ending this year will be accepted through the OST.

All stock corporations are mandated to file their AFS and other covered reports through the OST, pursuant to SEC Memorandum Circular No. 3, Series of 2021, or the Schedule and Filing of AFS, General Information Sheet, and Other Covered Reports. Meanwhile, nonstock corporations have the option to enroll and file reports through the OST until 2022.

Enrollment in the OST counter errors in the enroll-

will ensure that the AFS submitted by corporations were duly signed and officially submitted to the Commission by their authorized fil-

Nonetheless, the SEC requires the management and external auditors of corporations to ensure that the manually signed AFS will be available upon directive by the Commission, pursuant to the exercise of its supervisory and investigative authority and visitorial power under the Securities Regulation Code and Revised Corporation Code of the Philippines.

Corporations who en-

ment and/or submission process through the OST may physically file their report by securing an appointment through the SEC Express Appointment System. In such cases, corporations would have to submit manually signed reports.

All stock corporations with fiscal year ending December 31, including branch offices, representative offices, regional headquarters and regional operating headquarters of foreign corporations, shall enroll and file their AFS through the OST based on the last numerical digit of their SEC registration or license number in accordance with the following schedule:

June 1-30: 1 July 1-31: 2 August 1-31: 3 & 4 September 1-30: 5 & 6 October 1-31: 7 & 8 November 1-30: 9 & 0 Corporations also have

the option to file ahead of the prescribed filing dates through the OST.

Those whose fiscal year ends on a date other than December 31 should file their AFS within 120 days from the end of their fiscal year, while publicly listed companies and other issuers of securities should file their AFS within 105 days after the end of their fiscal years. SEC

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vice disconnection activities "until MECQ has been lifted." Malacañang announced over the weekend that Metro Manila and adjacent provinces such as Bulacan, Rizal, Laguna and Cavite would be placed under MECQ from April 12 to 30. The concession areas of the water companies entirely within the MECQ areas, which also covers a wide swathe of Meralco's franchise areas that extend up to parts of Pampanga in the north and parts of Quezon province in the

south. "Given the ongoing pandemic situation and the latest quarantine measures, and always conscious of the challenges our customers are facing amid these trying times, we will continue to put on hold all disconnection activities until April 30, 2021," Ferdinand O. Geluz, Meralco first vice president and chief commercial officer, said. "We hope this extension will help lessen the burden of our customers and provide enough relief and time for them to settle their bills," Geluz said

in a statement. He reiterated that Meralco would continue during MECQ to be very considerate with customers who had failed to settle their bills. The Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) did not extend its "no disconnection" directive to private distribution utilities and electric cooperatives, which lapsed on Dec. 31. Instead, the ERC appealed to the utilities' sense of social responsibility and encouraged them "to be mindful and act on the basis of what is reasonable

and prudent." "Meralco business operations, including meter reading and bill delivery activities, will continue throughout the MECQ," Geluz said. "Our continued operations will ensure that actual consumption for the month will be billed accordingly." Meanwhile, the MWSS-RO said in a statement the continued suspension of disconnection activities during MECQ was meant to ensure that all customers receive clean and adequate water supply for their health, INQ

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ng libre," Remulla said. "Ito ay para sa mga edad 18-59 years [old] lang.Ang senior citizens at indigents ang nasa first priority ng national government while ang healthy and productive including 18 [years old] below ay nasa huli pa," the Cavite Governor added.

Remulla said that a total of P1.8 billion raised by the provincial and local government units will be used for the procurement of the vaccines. The budget, according to Remulla, would also cover the expenses for the logistics, storage, delivery and registration process.

Citing the importance and benefits of the vaccines, Remulla encouraged his constituents to trust the government's vaccination program. Countering theories and false information about the been proven to be effective in vaccines, Remulla stressed that people should believe the medical and scientific evidences instead of relying to false claims and myths about the vaccines.

"We need the vaccine to bring a stop to COVID-19. Wala ring magagawa ang mga 'quack' na paniniwala. Throughout the modern history, the vaccine has long

stopping the spread of pandemics," Remulla stated.

"Getting yourself vaccinated will not bring about the end of the world. Rather, it may finally bring about the end of CoViD-19.

So let us all choose to be free from this dreaded virus so that all of us can hold hands once again," he added. (RBF)

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SSS to members in MECQ areas: Go online, use drop boxes

In line with the declaration of the modified enhanced community quarantine (MECQ) in Metro Manila and other provinces, all offices and branches

of the Social Security System (SSS) located in these areas will operate with skeleton workforce to ensure the continuous delivery of



© SSS FB Page SSS to members in MECQ areas: Go online, use drop boxes

The National Capital Region, Laguna, Cavite, Rizal, Bulacan, the city of Santiago in Isabela, Quirino and Abra have been placed under MECQ until April

SSS is thus advising members, pensioners, covered employers and the public to continue using its online services and drop box system when transacting with its offices and branches as the national government extends quarantine limits to curb the

spread of COVID-19.

days only from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Branch transactions are limited to the following: appointments set with the branch, submission of documents through the drop box (for transactions that are not available online), pick-up of Unified Multi-purpose Identification (UMID) Cards and subsequent educational loan checks, compliance with the Annual Confirmation of Pensioners' Program (for those with suspended

Only 50 percent of

branch employees during

this period are assigned to

physically report for work,

while the rest will use alter-

native work arrangements.

5 a.m. curfew enforced

during MECQ, SSS branch-

es will be open on week-

With the 8 p.m. to

The measures will also apply in other areas placed under MECQ through an executive order issued by

pensions), and use of teller

services.

their respective local government units.

Selected SSS branches will continuously implement the number coding system. The prescribed transaction days of members, claimants, and employers are based on the 10th digit of their social security (SS) or employer (ER) ID-1 and 2 every Monday, 3 and 4 every Tuesday, 5 and 6 every Wednesday, 7 and 8 every Thursday, and 9 and 0 every Friday.

For funeral or death benefit claims, the basis for the prescribed transaction day will be the 10th digit of the deceased SSS member's ID. However, if the prescribed transaction day falls on a holiday, the member, claimant, or employer may transact with the SSS on the next working day.

In case of system downtime, the SSS will set an appointment with those in line or opt to wait until the system is operational.

The SSS also encourages the transacting public to use the pension fund's online service channels such as the My.SSS Portal of the SSS website at www. sss.gov.ph, SSS Mobile App, and Text-SSS at 2600. Information about the mandatory online transactions and other online services are posted on the SSS' Facebook page at https://bit. ly/31wTXch and https://bit. ly/3tnW12c.

Members can access the list of various payment channels at https://bit. ly/3lpPYaR.

Branches not affected by the MECQ declaration will follow the regular working hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, follow the SSS on Facebook and YouTube at "Philippine Social Security System," Instagram at "mysssph," and Twitter at "PHLSSS," or join the SSS Viber Community at "MYSSSPH Updates."

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chief executive together with P1,000 per affected individuthe members of the municipal council agreed to approve a supplemental budget of P40M from the savings of the municipal government to augment the SAP budget that will benefit a lot more people in need.

The distribution of the SAP is pursuant to the guidelines set forth in the Joint Memorandum Circular No. 1 S. 2021 of the DSWD, DILG, and DND with the amount of ified beneficiaries from Ba-

al to a maximum of P4,000 per household of four or more members.

It was also agreed upon that the distribution will be on a first come first serve basis with the first barangay to complete validation and submit master list for their locality will be scheduled first for the distribution of the cash

Accordingly, the qual-

rangay Balsahan received their Cash Ayuda on April 8, being the first barangay to submit their validated master list to the MWSD office on April 7, 2021.

Based on the DILG directive, LGUs are expected to complete the distribution of the financial assistance 15 days after the actual receipt of the funds. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite with reports from the Municipality of Naic FB

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those individuals residing in ECQ and MECQ areas. This includes NCR, Cavite, Laguna, Bulacan, and Rizal. Due to the ongoing implementation of the MECQ, all of the government agency's offices in the said areas are temporarily closed until further notice. Motorists raised questions regarding the validity extension asking

whether their medical certificate and temporary operator's permit (TOP) will be extended as well. LTO clarified the concerns by saying that the validity of both documents is extended as these expired within the period of the ECQ and MECQ.

To further clarify the issue, LTO released its guidelines regarding the extended validity of TOPs in NCR, Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna, City of Santiago, Isabela, Quirino Province, ABRA in CAR, Rizal, and Municipality of Pateros. TOPs are given to traffic violators to allow them to drive after their driver's license is confiscated by an LTO traffic enforcer. See the extended dates the government agency provided below.

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in a notice published April necessary equity investment of land will remain restrict-6. He said the new deadline is May 14. Interested parties can register as candidate JV partners and purchase the RFP package, which includes details of the project feasibility study including the schedules and updates, the instructions to candidate JV partners, and the draft joint venture and development agreement, up to that date.

The documents were initially available between March 1 and March 30.

Interested parties should submit an intent letter, sign the non-disclosure agreement, and pay the non-refundable participation fee of P1 million or \$20,000 before being given copies of the bid documents from the province, which is the implementing agency for the

Among the responsibilities of Cavite's joint venture partner are to provide the

and debt financing.

The selected partner should also secure or perform engineering, procurement, and construction services for the land and airport development components of the 1,500-hectare project.

Cavite's Public-Private Partnership Selection Committee Legal Officer Jesse R. Grepo recently said "two companies" have expressed interest in the project "as of March 18."

The province is hoping to sign the joint venture and development agreement by July 1 at the earliest.

At a conference on March 18, Sol Castro, the Cavite government's consultant for the project, said that the province will allow its future JV partner to co-own portions of commercial land that will be created by land reclamation.

But foreign ownership

ed because the province will now require its JV partner to be 51% Filipino-owned or

"As a result of a policy decision by the province in response to the national security issues that have been raised, it is now required that the JV partner, whether it is a single entity or a consortium, is Filipino-majority owned and controlled," Mr. Castro

Lucio C. Tan's MacroAsia Corp. only had a 40% stake in the previous consortium that negotiated with the province for the airport project, while its foreign partner China Communications Construction Co. Ltd. had a 60% stake.

Mr. Castro said that the option to co-own portions of the reclaimed land is "essential" to the project when raising debt financing. — Arjay L. Balinbin

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SMC opens northbound Skyway **Extension from Susana Heights**

Several weeks ago, San Miguel Corporation (SMC) announced that motorists could soon enter Skyway from Susana Heights in SLEX, and now that statement is a reality: the northbound lanes of the 4-kilometer Skyway Extension are now open to the public.

Present during the inspection and opening ceremony was SMC president Ramon S. Ang and DPWH (Department of Public Works and Highways) Secretary Mark Villar who says that this will further help decongest EDSA by 2022.

"The completion of the northbound section of Skyway Extension is testament to what the government and the private sector can achieve together. We are confident that by 2022, President Duterte's promise of decongesting EDSA will come into fruition," said Villar.

Ang said that this project would not be possible without the help of the DPWH and the government.

"I am proud to announce to motorists from the south that finally, our long-awaited Skyway Extension northbound section is finally open. Our long-term solution to addressing traffic particularly on SLEX heading to the Alabang area has finally been realized. This would not have been possible without the support of our government, led by President Duterte and the Build Build Build team, who have helped us in so many ways to complete this project," said Ang.

With the northbound extension now open, Ang says that it will link the Skyway System for motorists from Laguna, Batangas, and Cavite. More importantly, it will allow motorists to bypass the Alabang viaduct, further reducing congestion in the

But how much will the toll fee be? Like Skyway Stage 3, Ang said the use of the 4-kilometer segment is free of charge until further notice.

"We are confident that this will further reduce congestion along EDSA and usher growth to provinces in Southern Luzon and beyond," added Ang.

With the new expressway, travel time between SLEX and NLEX is down to just 25 to 30 minutes, per the



government's estimates. Ang said motorists could get to their destinations faster and easier. Only two of the three lanes of the northbound ex- bound section will allow the tension are open to the public for now. Once all three lanes are operational, the north-

additional capacity of 4,500 vehicles per hour. (Marcus De Guzman)

Cavite adjusts curfew to 8 p.m. to 5 a.m., restaurant al fresco dining now allowed

CAVITE - Governor Jonvic Remulla on Wednesday (April 14) adjusted the curfew hours in the province to 8 p.m. to 5 a.m., in congruence with other local government units (LGU) under the National Capital Region-plus (NCR-plus) bubble.

The new curfew supersedes Remulla's April 12 announcement that Cavite's curfew hours will be from 10 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. under the Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ).

Aside from the new curfew hours, retail stores in the province are now



Governor Juanito Victor "Jonvic" Remulla Jr. (Facebook / MANILA BUL-

allowed to operate within mall hours.

Restaurants are allowed to offer al fresco dining but customers are encouraged to stick to take out and delivery as much as possible. Religious activities are al-

lowed at 10 percent capacity. According to Remulla, the effects of the two-week Community Enhanced Quarantine can now be seen across the province.

"Kahapon ay 180+ ang kaso. Mataas pa rin ito pero mababa na sa peak na 1,884 cases 10 days ago (Yesterday, we recorded 180+ cases. This is still high but lower than the peak 1,884 cases 10 days ago," Remulla said in a Facebook post.

According to data from the Department of Health Center for Health Development Region IVA, Cavite has 7,282 active cases as of April 13, the highest count within Calabarzon (Cavite-Laguna-Batangas-Rizal-Que-

DOLE approves P5K one-time cash aid for 400K tourism workers

In Central Luzon, the beneficiaries are workers of Baliuag Buntal Handicrafts Manufacturing, Hilot Kamay One Guiguinteño, San Francisco TODA, Sta. Ana Bulakan TODA, Sto. Rosario Tibig TODA, Zesto Tricycle Operations and Drivers Association Inc., Triple Junction Subdivision TODA, Marilao Poblacion 2 Tricycle Operators and Drivers Association, and Gitda-08 Daungan TODA.

Among the CAMP beneficiaries in CALABARZON are Bag of Beans Café and Restaurant, Inc .; Lantic Carmona Estates, Cedar, Manila Jockey TODA; Public Utility Jeepney Association of Carmona, Inc .; Maduya-PNCC-Golden Mile Tricycle Operators and Drivers Association Inc .; Carmona Public Market Calabuso TODA, Tour Guide and Recreation Association, Inc .; United Organization for the Development of Myseoul Tiangge; Bagpi Taytay Vendors, Tailors and Staff Association; Taytay's Fashion Group; Antipolo Group Inc .; United Boatmen Association; Maria Makiling Frontliners Association Inc .; Costales Nature

Farms, Inc .; Bukal Local Guide Association and Lumban Embroidery Association Multipurpose Cooperative.

"We will never falter despite the increasing odds brought about by this pandemic. In the coming months, as we start to put the economy on its track, we hope that our tourism stakeholders will get back on their feet stronger than before," said DOLE chief Bello.

Those wishing to apply to the establish-



ments/associations/organizations/individuals program must submit documentary requirements to the DOT Regional Office for initial evaluation.

After verification of completeness, the DOT Regional Office will submit the application and complete requirements online on this