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SC DESIGNATES 11 RTCs IN NCR, CAVITE TO HANDLE DPWH EXPROPRIATION CASES

The Supreme Court (SC) has designated 11 regional trial courts (RTCs) in the National Capital Region and Cavite as Special Expropriation Courts for Public Roads to handle new cases that would be filed by the government involving national infrastructure projects.

by REY PANALIGAN

Zapote Market sa Bacoor, isinara dahil sa COVID-19 cases

Isinailalim sa lockdown ang Zapote Public Market sa Bacoor City, Cavite matapos mag-positibo sa COVID-19 ang mga nagtitinda at marshal.

Simula nitong umaga ng Martes, isinara ang mga daan papunta sa palengke at nakabantay na rin ang mga awtoridad doon.

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In a memorandum circular signed by Chief Justice Diosdado M. Peralta, Senior Associate Justice Estela M. Perlas Bernabe, and Associate Justice Marvic Mario Victor F. Leonen, designated as special expropriation courts are:

1. Branch 20, RTC Imus City, presided by Judge Amabel R. Robles Buenaluz

2. Branch 22, RTC Imus City, presided by Judge Mary Charlene V. Hernandez Azura

3. Branch 23, RTC Trece Martires City, presided by Judge Purification A. Baring Tuvera

4. Branch 131, RTC Trece Martires City, presided

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Cavite Mayors back localized granular lockdowns

SOME Cavite mayors have adopted localized and granular lockdowns along with targeted testing to contain coronavirus infection rates in local clusters, according to Presidential Adviser for Entrepreneurship and Go

Negosyo founder Jose Maria “Joey” Concepcion 3rd.

“Bringing innovation into testing is very important for us because this is the only weapon we have to create visibility. By creating visibility, then we know what areas

or barangay (village) to lockdown and that’s very important. I believe our mayors are the most capable people in determining where to lockdown,” he said.

Concepcion joined mayors Lani Mercado-Revilla, Antonio Ferrer and Emmanuel Maliksi, and representatives of other cities during a briefing on Wednesday.

The official stressed the importance of balancing public health and the economy.

“What is important is we have to save both. It is not a choice of either[or], but it is saving lives, jobs, and livelihoods. Saving all three to the

best we can. My focus is on a granular lockdown and avoid [broad] locking down which disrupts the economy much more. Massive targeted testing plus a granular approach is the best way forward,” he said.

Mercado-Revilla, mayor of Bacoor City, agreed on the use of rapid test kit and reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) to curb transmission.

“We will continue to use both just to monitor and help us isolate, treat, and do minimum lockdowns,” she said. Project ARK (antibody

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Cavite residents to take part in field trials of COVID-19 vaccines

Over 10,000 residents of Cavite will participate in the field trials of two pharmaceutical giants from the United States and the United Kingdom for a possible vac-

cine against the coronavirus disease, Governor Jonvic Remulla announced Thursday. “Ang Cavite ay malapit

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Presidential Adviser for Entrepreneurship and Go Negosyo founder Joey Concepcion (MANILA BULLETIN FILE PHOTO)

NCR, Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna, Rizal back to GCQ, says Duterte

President Rodrigo Duterte has returned Metro Manila and nearby provinces to a general community quarantine as proposed by the Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases.

In a televised briefing from Davao, Duterte said the following areas will be under GCQ:

Metro Manila, Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna, Rizal, Nueva Ecija, Batangas, Quezon, Iloilo City, Cebu City, Lapu-Lapu City, Mandaue City, Talisay City in Cebu, and the municipalities of Minglanilla and Consolacion.

The rest of the country will be under modified GCQ. "Just be careful. Follow the safeguards," Duterte reminded the public.

The new directive will be in effect starting Wednesday, August 19, and will last until Monday, August 31.

GCQ guidelines

Presidential spokesman Harry Roque said restrictions under GCQ were more relaxed compared to the modified enhanced community quarantine Metro Manila was under for two weeks.

"Mas marami pong industriyang bukas. Pupuwede po ang dine-in sa mga restaurant, pupuwede po na magkaroon ng religious services pero hanggang 30% lang po," Roque said.

"Halos lahat po ng industriya ay magbubukas bukod na lang po doon sa maraming natitipon-tipon, 'yung mga entertainment, at 'yung mga amusement para po sa bata," he added.

Under GCQ, more establishments will be allowed to open at varying levels of capacity.

The Labor and Trade Departments have also released guidelines for infection prevention in workplaces in GCQ areas.

Travel guidelines for areas under GCQ also limit movement to essential purposes only.

'Refreshed' COVID-19 response

Roque said the government used the two-week modified enhanced community quarantine to "refresh" the country's pandemic response.

He said that the government would improve testing, tracing, and isolation capabilities as well as continue the active case finding initiative of the Department of Health.

Roque added that 250 beds exclusively for COVID-19 patients were inaugurated at the East Avenue Medical Center earlier on Monday, while the seamless hospital referral system has also been operational.

"Ginamit po natin 'yung dalawang linggong MECQ

para po pag-isipan kung paano tayo magre-reboot, paano magre-refresh ng approach, at ito nga po ang gagawin natin habang nagbubukas tayo ng ekonomiya, mas maigting na mga pamamaraan para mapalakas po ang testing, tracing, isolation, and treatment," Roque said.

Experts from the University of the Philippines earlier urged the government to extend the MECQ for 15 more days to prevent an "uncontrolled" spike in infections.

The Philippines has logged 164,474 COVID-19 cases as of Monday afternoon, still the highest across Southeast Asia. —Julia Mari Ornedo/NB/KG, GMA News



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rapid test kit) Medical Team Lead Minguita Padilla emphasized the importance of quality, high-specificity rapid test kits (RTKs). She said that RTKs can help companies stay open.

"Like any weapon, the key is to use it properly," she said. "At the beginning, there was nothing so we used RTKs but [they should be used] always in strategic combination with RT-PCR when necessary and always following DoH (Department of Health) guidelines. [Our] knowledge about the virus has evolved and is continuing to evolve. What we know today is different from what we know tomorrow. That's the nature of medicine. There are no absolutes. We started with RTKs, we have RT-PCR, now we're going to pooled PCR then perhaps there's also rapid antigen testing. We have to keep our minds open and make the most of what we have — technology-wise."

The mayors agreed that

RTKs supported their surveillance efforts and augmented their limited testing capacity.

Ferrer, mayor of General Trias, thanked Project ARK for donating RTKs, which were used to test medical frontliners and barangay personnel.

"By making these [rapid] test kits available, we were able to address the need and obtain information that can guide us to our way forward. Testing helps us to identify probable areas that we need to strengthen protection, especially for our people and where and how to rally our resources to respond appropriately. Rapid testing keeps the morale of your workers up," he said.

Meanwhile, Maliksi, the mayor of Imus, said 1,315 individuals were tested using the RTKs donated by Project Ark. Maliksi said that they used nearly all of the 3,500 RTKs to screen workers in two public health markets.

Maliksi admitted the importance of RTKs due to its affordability and ability to offer a good insight into infection levels.

"We are able to isolate cases and enhance our contact tracing with the use of the rapid tests," Mercado-Revilla said.

She and Jenny Barzaga of Dasmariñas City, who received RTKs from Wilcon Depot shared that the test kits they received have been a viable help for the probable patient examination.

Project Ark is advancing pooled testing, a system that would enable the testing of more people at lower cost.

Concepcion said that the result of the pooled testing in Makati City will guide other local government units.

"With favorable results for the PCR pooled testing to be released on Monday (August 17), the system could further be tried on the rest of the 16 cities [and one municipality] in the Nation-

al Capital Region," he said. Concepcion noted that this testing method could work in a high-prevalence area if the number in the pool is reduced.

Pools of five or fewer can be used in such areas and up to 20 in low-prevalence areas, he said.

"It will work. We just have to be more careful. If it will not be cost-efficient, don't go for [a pool] of 10," Concepcion said, adding that pool testing should be done "regularly."

Under pooled testing, swab samples of multiple individuals would go through a single RT-PCR test. If a positive result emerges from one batch, further individual assessments will be made.

The test is designed to be sensitive enough to come up positive when at least one sample in the batch is positive. If the swab test of multiple individuals comes back negative, then individual tests are not needed.

Zapote Market sa Bacoor, isinara << P1

Nasa 9 na nagtitinda at isang marshal ng palengke ang nag-positibo sa COVID-19. Ayon kay Bacoor Mayor Lani Mercado-Revilla, nagsasagawa na ng contact tracing ang lokal na pamahalaan sa mga sukong mga nag-positibong nagtitinda sa palengke.

Tatagal ang lockdown hanggang Agosto 18 at hin-

di papayagang magbukas ng kanilang mga puwesto ang mga nagtitinda kung hindi nagpa-swab test at walang health certificate.

Pito pang maliliit na palengke sa Bacoor City ang isinara rin. Sa Oriental Mindoro, hiniling naman ni Mayor Arnan Panaligan sa lokal na Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infec-

tious Diseases na isailalim din sa modified enhanced community quarantine (MECQ) ang Calapan City sa loob nang 2 linggo dahil sa pagdami ng mga tinatamaan ng COVID-19. Nitong Martes, 42 police trainees ang nag-positibo sa COVID-19.

Noong weekend pa naka-lockdown ang Calapan City Police Station matapos

mag-positibo sa virus ang 5 pulis, isang civilian employee, at isang inmate.

Muli ring ipatutupad ang quarantine pass sa lungsod at lilitimahan ang mga negosyong bukas. Kung maaaprubahan, posibleng mailagay sa MECQ ang Calapan City simula Agosto 13. -- Ulat ni Dennis Datu, ABS-CBN News

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by Judge Jean Susan V. Desuado Gill

5. Branch 90, RTC Dasmariñas City, presided by Judge Victor L. Collado Jr.

6. Branch 133, Tagaytay City, presided by Judge Gian Enrico C. Navarro

7. Branch 134, RTC Tagaytay City, presided by Judge Michael C. Maranan

8. Branch 232, RTC Caloocan City, presided by Judge Rosalia I. Hipolito Bunagan

9. Branch 22, RTC Manila, presided by Judge Tammy Ann C. Reyes Mendillo

10. Branch 18, RTC Ma-

nila, presided by Judge Carolina I. Sison

11. Branchy 49, RTC Manila, presided by Judge James T. Sy.

The 11 RTC judges were directed "to hear, try, and decide expropriation cases involving national government infrastructure projects in their respective territorial jurisdiction."

The SC directive was issued in response to the letter sent to Chief Justice Peralta and Court Administrator Jose Midas P. Marquez by Public Works and Highways Secretary Mark A. Villar who

sought assistance "into the possibility of considering expropriation proceedings for the acquisition of right-of-way for priority 'Build, Build, Build' projects of the DPWH as urgent matter..."

The circular noted that several Regional Development Councils have also requested the designation of special courts to handle expropriation cases.

In the case of Villar's request, the SC was told that "two funded and on-going priority big-ticket projects – the Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX) Project and

the NLEX SLEX Connector Road Project — which involved a total of 308 expropriation cases are pending with several RTCs in the cities of Imus, Trece Martires, Tagaytay, Caloocan, and Manila."

The SC was also told that 902 more expropriation cases are expected to be filed in connection with the two projects.

The SC said that the number of designated RTCs may increase on recommendation of the DPWH for key cities with priority infrastructure projects.

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Presidential perpetual isolation? Payo kay Harry



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ni Atty. Batas Mauricio

INSPIRASYON SA BUHAY: "...Ngunit ang lahat ng tumanggap at sumampalatay sa Kaniya ay pinagkalooban Niya ng karapatang maging anak ng Diyos..." (Juan 1:12, Ang Tanging Daan Bibliya).

PRESIDENTIAL PERPETUAL ISOLATION? PAYO KAY HARRY: "NO TALK, NO MISTAKE": Sa maraming pagkakataon sa buhay, makakabuting sumunod ang mga tao, lalo na yung nasa mga sensitibong posisyon gaya ni Presidential Spokesperon Harry Roque, sa kasabihang "less talk, less mistake, no talk, no mistake" (konting salita, konting pagkakamali, walang salita, walang pagkakamali).

Hindi na lamang upang maiwas sa mga alingasngas kundi upang hindi nakokompriso ang trabaho. At tinukoy ko dito si Harry Roque kasi nagpahayag siya noong isang araw lamang na nasa "perpetual isolation" ang Pangulong Duterte---na tunay namang pupuwedeng bigyan ng maraming kahulugan.

Perpetual isolation? Walang hanggang pagsasarili at pagkakahiwalay sa ibang tao? Pangulo ng bansa nasa perpetual isolation? Hindi natin masisisi ang mga kritiko ni Duterte na sabihing nagbabadya na ito ng mabigat at maselang katayuan ng kalusugan ng Pangulo. Ingat, ingat, sa mga lumalabas sa bibig, Harry!

AND KNK, MAKULAY ANG KASAYSAYAN NG PAGPAPAKILALA SA PILIPINAS: SSDSNNJ Amen. Sa araw na ito at sa mga susunod pa, sa pahintulot ng Diyos, tatalakayin po natin dito sa araw-araw na Kalatas Mula sa Mahal na LD ang mga katagumpayang ipinahintulot ng Diyos sa Simbahang Anak Ng Diyos Kadugo Ni Kristo (AND KNK) at sa mga kasapi nitong tinatawag na mga Kadugo.

Pangunahin po sa mga katagumpayang ito ang pagkakatatag ng AND KNK sa Pilipinas bagamat napakarami ng ibang mga simbahan at mga relihiyon sa lahat ng sulok ng bansa. Makulay at kamangha-mangha po ang kuwento ng

pagkakatatag na ito ng AND KNK. Nag-ugat ito ng mga panahong nangahas po ako na pumasok sa pulitika noong 1998, kung saan tumakbo ako bilang congressman sa ikalawang distrito ng Quezon City. Bagito, walang pera at walang mga lider sa mga barangay na nasasakupan ng ikalawang distrito, naunawaan ko agad na ang Diyos ang tangi kong pag-asa upang magtagumpay.

Kaya naman tinipon ko ang mga tao na tinutulungan na ng aking opisina noon at hiningan ko sila ng tuloy-tuloy na mga panalangin. Nang lumaon, nagsagawa na din kami ng Bible studies, pero dahil iba-iba ang nangangaral, walang direksiyon ang pag-aaral. UGAT NG AND KNK KINILALA: Gaya ng inasahan ng marami, natalo po ako, pero hindi na tumigil at sa halip ay nagpatuloy na yung mga panalangin at pag-aaral ng Bibliya sa aking opisina, na ginawa ko ng tuwing Sabado ng madaling-araw hanggang tanghaling tapat. Marahil upang ipakita ng Diyos sa akin na kinalugdan Niya ang mga gawaing ito, napakarami ng mga dumadalo, umulan man o umaraw.

At dahil naging regular na ang pag-aaral ng Bibliya tuwing Sabado sa aking opisina, kasabay ng mga panalangin, sinunod ko ang panukala ng mga pastor mula sa ibang mga simbahan na gawin ng magpakilala na bilang simbahan din ang grupo ng mga nag-aaral at nanalangin ng regular. Doon ibinigay sa akin ng Diyos ang pangalang "Anak ng Diyos" hango sa Juan 1:12 ng Bibliya. Hindi nagtagal, dahil sa mga sariling pag-aaral na namin noon dahil wala ng ibang mga mangangaral mula sa ibang mga simbahan ang aking pinahintulatang mangaral, dumating sa amin ang inspirasyon na dahil mahalaga ang dugo ni Kristo sa kaligtasan ng mga tao, ipinagdag sa akin ng Diyos yung mga katagang "Kadugo Ni Kristo". Doon na nakilala ang buong pangalan ng simbahan na ginusto ng Diyos, ang pangalang Anak Ng Diyos Kadugo Ni Kristo, o AND KNK, at yun na nga ang naitala sa Securities

and Exchange Commission. Noong una, naging mabagal ang pagsulong ng AND KNK.

MGA DAGOK NG BUHAY NA PAGPAPALA PALA: At tila nainip ang Diyos, kaya naman Siya na ang kumilos. Naging masakit sa akin ang mga sumunod na yugto ng aking buhay sa mga pagkilos na iyon ng Diyos, dahil kinastigo ako ng Korte Suprema at sinuspendi bilang abogado ng tatlong taon, sa aking pasya na tumulong ng libre sa isang pamilya na nakakain ng mga buhay na uod sa isang produktong de lata.

Pero, tunay nga, sa pagkabalugmok ko bilang suspendidong abogado dahil sa libreng pagtulog ko sa pamilyang ito, mayroong dapat pa din pala akong magpasalamat sa Diyos, dahil ang kapaitang yun sa aking buhay bilang si Atty. Batas Mauricio ay isang pagpapala. Batay dito, kinilala ko at ipinagpapasalamat sa aking isip na ang pagkilos laban sa akin, sa katayuan kong abogado, ng tagagawa ng produktong de lata ay pagkilos mula sa Diyos mismo.

Pagpapala pala kasi, sa panahong hindi ako nakakapagtrabaho bilang abogado, naasikaso ko ng husto ang AND KNK. Tatlong taon din yun, at doon nag-umpisang magkaroon ng direksiyon ang mga aral at turo ng AND KNK. Sa mga pag-aaral namin ng mga Kadugong tila naging core group ng Simbahan, nabuo ang doktrinang si Jesus ang Diyos at Tagapagligtas, Ama, Anak, at Espiritu Santo. Sa mga panahon ding ito kumalat ang AND KNK sa iba't ibang mga lugar.

At kung babasahin natin ang mga nailimbag noong mga panahong iyon bilang Mga Batayang Aral ng AND KNK, talagang magpupuri at sasamba ang lahat ng mga Kadugo sa Diyos dahil hindi ordinaryong mga turo ang naisama doon. Pero, hiwalay na kuwento itong Mga Batayang Aral. Sa susunod, iba pang mga makukulay na kasaysayan noong nag-uumpisa ang AND KNK ang ating ihahayag dito sa Kalatas ng Mahal na LD. Salamat Sa Diyos Sa Ngalan Niyang Jesus, Amen.

GenTri head welcomes joint national task force teams against COVID-19

GENERAL TRIAS CITY, Cavite Aug 17 (PIA) -- Mayor Antonio 'Ony' Ferrer on Aug 13 led the city government in welcoming the joint national task force teams composed of the National Task Force (NTF) Against COVID-19 Coordinated Operations to Defeat Epidemic (CODE) Team, and the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID), in their move to support the local government units with high number of COVID-19 positive cases.

During his interview with the Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) Secretary Martin Andanar, Mayor Ferrer shared the local government's support to the different sectors severely affected by the pandemic.

The mayor said the local government had always been in coordination with the City Schools Division Superintendent and the Department of Education to stay on top of the situation especially for the gadgets acquisition for the online/blended learning modalities of education in the New Normal setting.

Meanwhile, Mayor Ony revealed that there were 22 Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the city that had closed due to the adverse effect of the

pandemic. In support of the struggling businesses in the city, "The local government had issued an ordinance to waive penalties and surcharges for the payment of business taxes, and the like, and the provision of free training programs for would-be entrepreneurs," said Mayor Ferrer.

He also mentioned that although the city have a limited agriculture sector because the city is primarily an industrial city, the city government in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture (DA) had distributed free vegetable seeds to barangays to promote backyard gardening for food security during the health crisis.

The economic recovery plan of the city government mainly relies with the continuation of the two (2) industrial estates in the city, the Cavite Economic Zone and the Gateway Business Park. Mayor Ony said, "We continue to have a dialogue with the employers of the locators in the industrial estates to inform us what support they need from the city government, like the establishment of halfway houses for their workers who need go home to their families and expose them to health risks from the COVID-19 disease." (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite)



General Trias Mayor Antonio 'Ony' Ferrer shared the local government's support to the different sectors severely affected by the pandemic during an interview with Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) Secretary Martin Andanar. (Photo: Mark Bryan I. Lito, PIA-4A)

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na sumailalim sa Phase 3 field trial ng dalawang kilalang pharmaceutical giant. Kasama sa pag-aaral ay ang mahigit sa 10,000 volunteer recipients ng experimental vaccine," Remulla said in a statement.

(Some Cavite residents will soon undergo phase 3 field trial from three known pharmaceutical giants. Over 10,000 volunteer recipients of the experimental vaccine will participate.)

In a text message to reporters, Remulla said the two pharmaceutical giants are from the US and UK, but claimed the agreements are

yet to be finalized and signed next week.

In the trial to be conducted, 5,000 volunteers will receive the vaccine shots while the other 5,000 will get placebo treatment.

"Ang ibig sabihin po ng placebo, ang matatanggap ng kalahati ay walang therapeutic effect. Ito ay standard protocol sa lahat ng clinical trials na ginagawa sa buong mundo," said the governor.

(It means half of them will receive vaccines that do not have therapeutic effects. This is a standard protocol in all clinical trials conducted around the world.)

"Ito din ay bahagi sa 100,000 sample size na parte ng pangatlong level ng pagsusuri sa epekto ng bakuna," he added.

(This is also part of the 100,000 sample size in the third phase of test for the effectiveness of the vaccine.)

Remulla assured that the vaccines will undergo intense scrutiny by the scientific community to determine its effectiveness.

Meanwhile, Remulla also aired concern over the Russian vaccine which President Vladimir Putin announced was the first approved vaccine for

COVID-19 even as it has yet to finish the last stage of test.

"As far as I know, the Russian data is UNAVAILABLE; their methodology is NOT open; and its efficacy has not been subject to a review and analysis," said Remulla.

He then advised the Department of Health to safeguard the process of review, approval, and appropriation of COVID-19 vaccines.

"There is no bigger decision than choosing a clinically tested and effective vaccine, at the correct time, at the fair price," he pointed out.



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NTF CODE Team, IATF-EID visit Cavite Province

The Coordinated Operations to Defeat Epidemic (CODE) Team of the National Task Force (NTF) Against COVID-19, and the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) visited the province of Cavite August 13 to provide stronger support to local government units with high transmission of the coronavirus disease.

The activity held at the Eagle Ridge Golf and Country Club began with a brief dialogue between the task force teams led by Health Secretary Francisco Duque III and the provincial government headed by Gov. Jonvic Remulla together with General Trias City Mayor Antonio 'Ony' Ferrer.

Gov. Remulla shared the province's mitigating measures implemented against the pandemic, the best practices for the containment of the spread of the coronavirus, and the plans and programs for the province's economic recovery as

well as his insights on the current situation of the country in the ongoing emergency health crisis. Likewise, Mayor Ony Ferrer talked on the city government's plans and programs undertaken in support of the different sectors affected by the pandemic as well as the economic recovery plans for the last quarter of the year. Sec. Duque was joined by Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) Secretary Martin Andanan, Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Secretary Ramon Lopez, Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) Secretary and Testing Czar Vince Dizon, Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Secretary Silvestre Bello III. Also present were Baguio City Mayor and Contact Tracing Czar Benjie Magalong, USEC Jonathan Malaya and USEC Bernard Florece, Jr. of DILG, ASEC Ma. Francia Laxamana of DOH and ASEC Dominic Tolentino of DTI. The CODE Team, composed of experts from line agencies is tasked to provide technical guidance to LGUs in developing action plans and strategies putting emphasis in prevention. After the dialogue, a ceremonial distribution of face masks was held at Barangay Javalera pursuant to President Rodrigo Roa Duterte's directive to strictly enforce minimum health standards in communities and to provide 20 million face masks to vulnerable sectors that include households with senior citizens, pregnant women, special health conditions and Social Amelioration Program (SAP) beneficiaries. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite)



Health Sec. Francisco Duque III conveys to residents of Barangay Javalera in Gen. Trias President Rodrigo Roa Duterte's directive to strictly enforce minimum health standards in communities and to provide 20 million face masks to vulnerable sectors. (Photo: Bryan Mark I. Lito, PIA-4A)



PCOO Sec. Martin Andanan and Baguio City Mayor and Contact Tracing Czar Benjie Magalong during the dialogue with Cavite local government officials as part of the NTF CODE Team visit in the province to provide stronger support in the fight against COVID-19. (Photo: Mark Bryan I. Lito, PIA-4A)

It is not enough just to wish well; we must also do well - St. Ambrose

Cavite to roll out free Wi-Fi system for students

The province of Cavite is set to roll out a free Wi-Fi system which will be used for the educational needs of students amid the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Jonvic Remulla said on Tuesday.

"I am very happy to announce that the Province of Cavite is about to embark in a massive rollout of FREE WiFi system that shall cover (up to 90%) of the residential areas," Remulla said in a Facebook post.

"During the ongoing quarantine period, the #CaviteFreeWiFi system shall be purely utilized for the educational requirements of public school or DepEd students which they

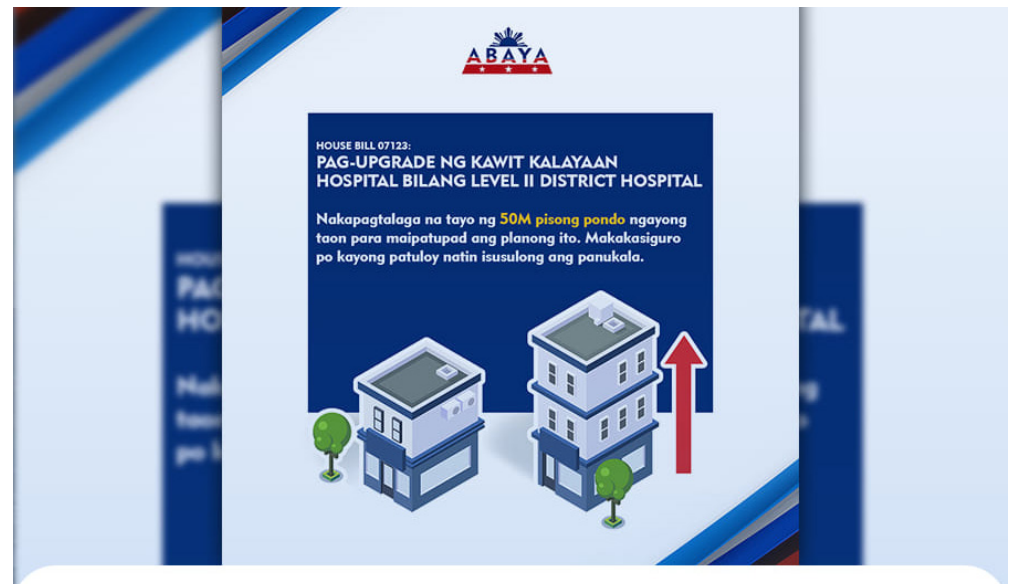
can access using their ID number," he added.

Remulla said the province is set to sign a contract with a telecommunications firm in two weeks.

When the pandemic is over, Remulla said the free Wi-Fi could also be used "as a tool for research, con-

nectivity, online retail, and knowledge generation."

"Our hope is that one day, the network becomes a beacon for empowerment so that innovation and collaboration can light up our beloved province," Remulla said. —Anna Felicia Bajo/KG, GMA News



P50-M PONDO PARA SA PAGPAPAGANDA NG KALAYAAN HOSPITAL, IPINANUKALA SA KONGRESO

Inanunsyo ni Cavite First District Rep. Boy Blue Aguinaldo Abaya kamakailan lamang sa social media na isinusulong nito ang pagpapaganda ng Kawit Kalayaan Hospital na maging isang Level 2 District Hospital.

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Cavite Provincial Hospital starts gradual opening

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite -- The Cavite Provincial Hospital (General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital) in Bgy. Luciano will gradually open today after it was temporarily closed last August 8 due to Covid-19 related cases.

"We will open little by little because we don't have enough staff members. Many of them are infected and

Persons Under Investigation (PUIs)," Dr. Noni John Dalisay, acting Provincial Health officer said. Cavite Gov. Juanito Victor "Jonvic" Remulla Jr. on August 8 ordered the temporary closure of the provincial hospital after many of the medical frontliners became PUIs.

"So far, wala namang malubha sa kanila, ngunit sa panahon ngayon, sugal-buhay ang hinaharap nila araw," Remulla said. Dalisay said they will only allow emergency cases at the hospital. "No admission yet," the hospital official said. According to Dalisay, around 161 hospital staff members were under investigation for Covid-19. The Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO) are conducting disinfection of the provincial hospital.