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NOVELETA TOWN RECORDS 76% COVID-19 RECOVERIES, MAINTAINS ZERO DEATH STATUS

The local government here thru the Municipal Health Unit recorded a total of 62 recoveries from COVID-19 and maintained zero death status for the town. Based on the latest COVID-19 update as of August 19, 2020, the total confirmed cases recorded was 82 out of which 62 had fully recovered or 76.32% for the past 150-days.



SSS expands benefit, loan disbursement channels; urges qualified payees to enroll bank accounts at My.SSS

The Social Security System (SSS) strengthens its partnership with the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) to expand its benefit and short-term loan disbursement channels.

Through the said partnership, SSS-qualified employers, members, and pensioners may now receive benefits and short-term loan proceeds through the Philippine Electronic Fund Transfer System and Operations Network (PESONet) participating banks. Qualified members and pensioners may now also

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Novleta town is listed as the only locality in the First District of the province with Zero Death since the lockdown started while other towns in the district like Kawit has recorded 9 deaths, Rosario, 6 and Cavite City also 6 deaths. >> P2

CAVITE GOVERNOR URGES GOV'T: DELAY TAXATION FOR ONLINE SELLING



Cavite Governor Jonvic Remulla on Monday appealed to the national government to consider delaying the taxation for online sellers who are just trying to make a living instead of relying on the government's aid. In making his appeal, the governor pointed out that owners of small businesses are "barely making a profit" during the period of community quarantine that was imposed to curb the spread of the coronavirus disease. "I am asking the national government to PLEASE consider delaying the taxation of online trading or selling. This is for the benefit of small business entrepreneurs," Remulla said in a Facebook post. "Rather than impose taxes, we should create programs, encourage and inspire people to shift to the new digital economy. I think innovation and progress is what the country truly needs," he added. The official also cited a Social Weather Stations's survey in July which showed that the adult unemployment in the country rose to 45.5 percent, or a 28-point increase from the 17.1 percent in December 2019, setting a record-high from the 34.4 percent in March 2012. >> P3

Gov. Jonvic shares province's best practices, insights on COVID-19

GENERAL TRIAS CITY, Cavite Aug 21 (PIA) --Governor Jonvic Remulla gave an in-depth answers for the COVID-19 situation in the province during a brief interview by Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) Secretary Martin Andanar in the recent visit of the joint National Task Force CODE Team in the province. During the interview, Gov. Remulla shared that the local government units of the cities and municipalities in the province stayed on top of

the situation with the strict implementation of the 'Stay-at-Home' policy wherein the Home Quarantine Pass system remained in effect since the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) started. Likewise, ordinances for the safety health protocols like the mandatory wearing of face masks, and physical distancing were strictly observed in public places like commercial establishments, and malls with regulations limiting the time spent for

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Cavite Gov. Jonvic Remulla shared to PCOO Sec. Martin Andanar during a brief interview that the local government units (LGUs) stayed on top of the situation and strictly implemented the guidelines set by the NTF as well as the local ordinances crafted by LGUs to contain the spread of the coronavirus diseases in the province. (Photo: Mark Bryan I. Lito)

Gatchalian to DepEd: ensure psychosocial, mental health support to learners, teachers before school reopening



Senator Win Gatchalian urged the government to ensure that learners and teachers are given psychosocial and mental health support while educators scramble to carry out logistical challenges and many learners experience feelings of anxiety as they await classes to begin amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Gatchalian's 'Education in the Better Normal' bill seeks to formally include psychosocial and mental

health support in safe school reopenings.

According to Gatchalian, when a state of calamity was declared last March due to COVID-19, the education sector saw an unprecedented suspension of classes in all levels. The opening of classes in the basic education sector was eventually moved to August 24, and finally to October 5. The senator said the disruption to schooling

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Kung okay ang 1986 RevGov, bakit di ok ngayong 2020?

INSPIRASYON SA BUHAY: "Aking tinawag ang aking ibong mandaragit, ang aking lider mula sa silangan, at aking ibabangon ang aking sambayanan mula sa malayong lupain, upang ganapin ang aking layunin..." (Isaias 46:11, New Living Translation ng Bibliya).

KUNG OK ANG REVGOV NOONG 1986, BAKIT DI OK NGAYONG 2020? Sa mga kritiko ng Pangulong Duterte at kumukontra ngayon sa mga pagkilos upang magdeklara ang Pangulo ng revolutionary government o RevGov upang ayusin ang bulok na sistema ng pamahalaang dulot ng Saligang Batas ng 1987 ni Cory Aquino, nasaan ba kayo noong nagdeklara si Cory ng RevGov noong 1986?

Tumutol ba kayo? Nagreklamo ba kayo? Ibig ba ninyong sabihin, dahil si Cory ang nagtatag ng RevGov, okay na? Pero pag si Digong, hindi puwede? Ano naman ang batayan niyo sa double standard na ito? Dahil santa si Cory at "diyablo" si Digong? Naku naman, kayo talaga oo...

ANG DIYOS ANG NAGTATAG NG AND KNK SA KATUPARAN NG KANIYANG MGA GAWAIN AT LAYUNIN SA HULING KAPANAHUNAN: SSDSNJ Amen. Sa Articles of Incorporation ng Simbahang Anak Ng Diyos Kadugo Ni Kristo (AND KNK), itinalaga ang Quezon City bilang pangunahing lugar o pinaka-punong Templo kung saan gagampanan nito ang pamamahala sa mga gawain ng Diyos sa huling kapanahunan na ipinagkatiwala Niya sa mga kasapi nito na tinatawag na mga Kadugo.

Natalakay na natin ang mga gawaing ito ng Diyos sa huling kapanahunan pero hindi tayo magsasawang ulit-ultin na ang mga gawaing ito ay ang mga gawain ng pagpapahayag at pagliligtas ng kaluluwa batay sa katotohanang si Jesus ang Diyos at Tagapagligtas, na Siyang Diyos Ama, Anak, at Espiritu Santo.

Pero, bagamat nakasulat sa Articles of Incorporation ng AND KNK na sa Quezon City ang magiging pangunahing lugar kung saan nito pamamahalaan ang mga gawain ng Diyos, binigyan naman ng karapatan ang Lider Disipulo (o kilala bilang Mahal na LD) ng AND KNK na magtalaga ng iba pang mga lugar bilang punong Templo ng Simbahan, depende na sa kaniyang pananaw sa mga pangyayari.

ITINATAG ANG AND KNK BAGO PA LALANGIN ANG SANLIBUTAN: Ngayon, may mga nagtatanong: bakit ba ang Quezon City ang piniling lugar bilang pinaka-punong Templo ng AND KNK? Kung babalikan ang kasaysayan ng pagkakatatag ng mga gawain ng pagpapahayag at pagliligtas sa Pilipinas, makikita nating dito sa lungsod na ito kasi tunay na nag-umpisa ang mga pag-aaral ng Bibliya at pagsasama-sama sa panalangin ng mga naunang Kadugo. Sa Quezon City, kumbaga, naipunla, yumabong, at namunga, ang AND KNK sa pagpapahayag at pagliligtas ng kaluluwa, ayon sa inspirasyon at kalooban ng Diyos. Kaya naman hindi naging mahi-

rap para sa mga naunang Kadugo na itatag ang Quezon City bilang pinaka-pangunahing lugar o pinaka-punong Templo ng Simbahan.

Magkaganunman, may paglilinaw ang Simbahan sa tunay na kasaysayan kung saan at kalian ito naitatag. Una, ang AND KNK ay hindi itinayo o itinatag ng tao. Ang Diyos ang nagtatag at Siyang nagtayo ng AND KNK. Kaya naman ang ini-aaral natin sa mga Kadugo na dapat nilang isagot kapag may nagtatanong kung sino ang founder ng Simbahan, ang sagot ay ang Diyos ang founder.

ANG DIYOS ANG NAGTATAG SA AND KNK, HINDI ANG SINUMANG TAO: Hindi si Atty. Batas Mauricio, hindi din ang Mahal na LD, o ang sinupamang Kadugo, ang founder ng AND KNK. Ang Diyos ang founder, wala ng iba. At ito naman ang totoo. Ang AND KNK ay ang Simbahang itinatag ng Diyos sa Pilipinas, upang ganapin ang Kaniyang mga gawain at tuparin ang Kaniyang layunin sa huling kapanahunan.

Kelan itinatag ng Diyos ang AND KNK? Batay sa Bibliya, itinatag ng Diyos ang AND KNK bago pa man lalangin ang



Kakampi mo ang BATAS
ni Atty. Batas Mauricio

sanlibutan. Saan itinatag ng Diyos ang AND KNK? Sa Kaniyang kaharian sa Paraiso, sa langit.

At noong itatag ng Diyos ang AND KNK, itinatag na din Niya ang mga tao na gaganap sa Kaniyang mga gawain at tutupad sa Kaniyang layunin, bagamat pinatutungo Niya ang mga taong ito sa daigdig, sa panahong Kaniyang pinili, ayon sa Kaniyang kalooban. Ayon sa aral ng AND KNK, ang mga Kadugo ay itinakda talaga ng Diyos na dumating sa daigdig na ito sa huling kapanahunan.

Layon ng Diyos na ang mga AND KNK ang kikilos upang silang gagabay at aakay sa mga tao sa paglaban sa kasamaan na mananalasa sa huling kapanahunan, sa pamamagitan ng pagpapahayag na si Jesus ang Diyos at Tagapagligtas, na Siyang Diyos Ama, Anak, at Espiritu Santo. Marami pa pong pagpapaliwanag ito, God willing. Salamat sa Diyos sa Ngalan Niyang Jesus, Amen.

Bacoor SK provides service to fellow residents during pandemic

BACOOR CITY, Cavite Aug 24 (PIA) -- The Sangguniang Kabataan of Barangay Molino 1 rolled out its priority projects to help their fellow residents in the barangay during this health emergency crisis.

The SK Molino 1 turned-over one unit of Xerox machine and 10

cartons of bond papers each to Bayanan Elementary School and the Bacoor National High School-Main to help the students and teachers in the production of learning modules for the use in the distance learning modality that is adoptive of the New Normal setting of education for the SY 2020-2021.

In support of the campaign for proper hygiene, the group distributed alcohol dispensers and one gallon of alcohol solution each to the subdivision homeowners' associations in the barangay, Barangay Health Center, Bacoor National High School-Main, and to other facilities in Barangay Molino 1. Like-

wise, SK Molino 1 gave face shields to all resident employees and workers aged 21-30 years old and is targeting to give 300 face shields in the barangay.

The use of face shields in public places and in the workplace is now a mandatory ruling for health and safety thus the SK is calling on all those in need of face shields to list their names on the SK Molino 1 FB page to be able to get a free face shield.

The successful undertaking of these projects were accomplished thru the leadership of SK Chairperson Ericka Joy Gayamo together with SK Council members and guidance and support of Molino 1 Barangay Captain Leo Boying Dominguez and he youth volunteers as well. (Ruel Francisco/Bacoor PIO)



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"The programs of the local government has been effective causing COVID-19 patients to recover quickly. One of these, is the immediate opening of the Noveleta MedCare Hospital (NMH) as COVID-19 facility for the people of Noveleta," stated Mayor Dino Chua-Reyes.

In addition, the Local Risk Reduction and Management Office (LDRRMO) continuously conducts misting and disinfection activities in the 16 barangays in the municipality that resulted in the containment and further spread of the virus.

The LDRRMO distrib-

uted free face masks to the vendors in the public market and to tricycle and jeepney drivers for their safety as well as to the public they serve.

Face shields were also distributed to barangay chairpersons, kagawads and barangay police for their protection while guarding their respective villages.

Since the lockdown began, the LGU distributed 10,000 relief packs and is still providing relief assistance to all affected families in the town.

"The LGU is determined to surpass this pandemic with the help of every single

citizen of Noveleta," Mayor Dino Chua-Reyes said in an interview. Meanwhile, the COVID-19 patients in the town were under the care and supervision of Municipal Health Officer Dr. Hilda Bucu.

These patients were 37 asymptomatic, 25 were admitted at the NMH were already recovered while the remaining 20 active cases were either admitted in the hospital or under strict quarantine in the isolation facility.

The LGU provided free food and medicines to the patients until they fully recovered. The barangays

with recorded outbreak of COVID-19 cases were Magdiwang with 14 cases, San Antonio 1 with 17 cases, San Rafael III with 15 and San Juan 1 with 9 cases while two barangays remain Zero Covid case namely Santa Rosa II and San Rafael 1.

"For our safety, please follow government guidelines of proper wearing of face masks and face shields, observe physical distancing, practice proper handwashing, and avoid crowded places," the mayor continuously reminded the people. (Ruel Francisco with report from Dennis Abrina)

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DepEd ensures safety, welfare of personnel amid pandemic

The Department of Education (DepEd) on Monday assured it continues to ensure the safety and welfare of teachers and other personnel amid the growing number of COVID-19 cases within the agency.



During the “Handang Isip, Handa Bukas” virtual press briefing, Education Secretary Leonor Briones said that aside from the BE-LCP – which provides the framework and details of learning opportunities and deliveries in the time of COVID-19 – minimum health standards are also in place to protect the health, safety and well-being of learners, teachers and personnel, and prevent the further transmission of COVID-19.

“If there are cases when the teachers get infected, we cannot say exactly where they get it but what we can assure is that we are doing everything we can to ensure their safety,” Briones said in a mix of English and Filipino.

Briones assured “all safety precautions are in place” for both teaching and non-teaching personnel under DepEd’s BE-LCP.

The LCP, she added, also aims to facilitate the safe return of teaching and non-teaching personnel and learners to work and schools, based on scenarios projected by the Department of Health (DOH) and the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) – complemented by other credible sources, and balanced by DepEd’s own risk assessments.

Aside from minimum health standards in schools and workplaces, DepEd has also reconfigured its annual school preparation programs to focus on addressing the needs of schools, teachers, and students.

DepEd Undersecretary Annalyn Sevilla said that among the first initiatives of the agency – as a response to COVID-19 in education – is to “review the budget for realignment.”

When it comes to funding requirements to implement the provisions cited in the DepEd’s guidelines on required health standards in basic education offices and schools, Sevilla said that these “shall be charged to available funds” in the central office, regional offices, schools division offices, schools or community learning centers under the General Appropriations Act (GAA). These may also be funded using other sources of funds as a result of partnerships with the local government units (LGUs), the private sector, and other non-government organizations.

Sevilla added that all cost implications should be ranked according to the priority needs of the offices and schools. “Utilization of funds for this purpose shall be subject to applicable procurement, accounting, and auditing rules and regulations,” she added. Other ongoing efforts to ensure the safety of teachers and other personnel is coordinating with external partners. Through the “Brigada Eskwela” program, DepEd said that there are donated items such as tents, thermal scanners, sanitizing materials such as rubbing alcohol, hand sanitizer, and soap; cleaning tools and materials, disinfectants, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), face masks (surgical or disposable), hygiene kits, blood donation, and food packs. These are distributed to learners, DepEd teaching and non-teaching personnel, frontliners, underprivileged families, local communities, senior citizens, and volunteers.

As of August 23, DepEd said that there are 823 confirmed cases within the agency including personnel and learners. 310 are active cases, with 490 recoveries and 23 fatalities.

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He pointed out that online selling is one of the effective ways to cope with the pandemic, adding that even teachers and other professionals who lost their jobs during the crisis have engaged in this business.

In Silang, Cavite, where Remulla lives, owners of shops of ornamental plants have also taken their businesses online, according to the governor.

“There is no reason not to support those who are crafty, resourceful, street smart and adaptive to the modern world. Please, let us not burden them. Rather, let us work together to make their numbers grow. Let us boost their spirits so that someday, they may be big enough to pay bigger taxes,” he said.

“Let us give comfort to those who are striving to survive. They are not even asking for a dole out. These entrepreneurs are not depending on the SAP. They are just trying to make a living in order to provide for their families. Is it that difficult to make the lives of the people

we serve easier?” he added.

Remulla also took a swipe at corruption issues especially those hounding the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation, saying that “now is the time to prove our campaign promises.”

“If we are successful in this endeavor, then maybe paying taxes will be worth it for everyone,” he said.

“Let us give our small scale business owners a break from the burden of taxes at this very difficult time and fix the issues of corruption first,” he added.

In an interview in June, Bureau of Internal Revenue Deputy Commissioner for Operations Arnel Guballa said that online sellers earning less than P250,000 a year are exempted from paying income tax.

Trade Secretary Ramon Lopez also earlier clarified that online sellers operating “intermittently or irregularly” as well as those selling homemade items as a hobby are not required to register their businesses. (Cathrine Gonzales - Reporter / @gconzalesINQ)

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does not only result in learning losses. He added that the shift to blended learning already caused stress to learners and their families, citing recent proposals to extend 6 hours to 7-8 hours of online classes, which he said will strain both the eyes and the minds of learners.

“In Valenzuela, for instance, learners will be using smartphones for their blended learning. Staring at a smartphone for 8 hours will not be a good idea especially since it will create a lot of strain to their eyes and to their minds. We cannot just mandate an 8-hour class

on a cellphone. We have to make sure that their welfare will not be affected,” said Gatchalian, chairman of the Senate Committee on Basic Education, Arts, and Culture.

“The COVID-19 pandemic created a lot of mental stress for the students and their parents. We need to balance mental stress and the mental well-being of families. Many of them have already been experiencing a lot of stress--from livelihood, employment, and bringing food on their tables,” he added.

Under Senate Bill No. 1565, teachers will step in

where guidance counselors are not available. They will be trained to identify age-related behavioral and cognitive changes so they can provide immediate and appropriate measures, including psychosocial first aid. Schools will also be mandated to develop and integrate age-specific counseling sessions during the required class hours.

Gatchalian’s proposed measure includes a ‘Safe School Reopening Plan’ not only during school openings but also during and after emergencies, including calamities, public health crises, and other situations that

cause a massive disruption of classes.

Gatchalian recalled that when Taal Volcano erupted early this year, up to eight million learners from nearly 7,900 schools were affected.

While the Department of Education (DepEd) said that the opening of classes will begin with the provision of psychosocial support to more than 21.7 million public school learners, Gatchalian said that ensuring the availability of these interventions in the long term will make the education sector more resilient and responsive to learners’ needs.

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basic essentials only. “The main problem in the province is that about 100,000 Caviteños are employed in the NCR where there is very high risk of transmission which resulted to 80% of our COVID-19 positive cases,” stated the governor.

Talking about the economic plans and programs for the province, Gov. Remulla said the infrastructure projects that soon to start will give the economy a boost. “We are now in the

final stages of negotiations for the Sanglely International Airport with a Php500B worth of investment. This would create about 10,000 jobs in construction and more than 50,000 jobs when it is operational and up to a million more jobs from tourism, transportation, and services,” revealed Remulla.

Moreover, the road infrastructure projects like the CALAX and the Coastal Road which will decongest traffic along Aguinaldo high-

way and other major thoroughfares in the province would contribute to faster economic progress of the province and neighbouring cities and provinces since construction gives a huge multiplier effect in economy.

When asked if ever the government declares the four high risk areas including the province under ECQ, Gov. Remulla answered, “It would be disastrous for the economy of the country when that happens. Many will go hun-

gry and the economy will go spiralling down. The government must reinforce the information campaign for the safety protocols against the COVID-19.”

In conclusion, the Governor said, “Let us not lose hope, there is always a light at the end of the tunnel... especially now that the national and local governments are in-tune with the steps and measure in the fight against the pandemic.” (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite)

SSS expands benefits, loan << P1

receive SSS benefits through e-wallets such as PayMaya or cash pick-up arrangement via DBP Cash Padala Thru M Lhuillier, a Remittance Transfer Company/Cash Payout Outlet.

SSS President and CEO Aurora C. Ignacio said the enhanced disbursement process is already implemented for Unemployment, Funeral, Sickness, and Maternity Benefits, and Salary, Calamity, and Emergency loans, however, the said short-term loans might only be disbursed thru PESONet participating banks.

Starting in October 2020, monthly pensions will also be released through the said method.

“With our strengthened partnership with DBP on

PESONet disbursements, we are hoping to expedite the releases of benefits and short-term loans. Upon its full implementation, eliminate disbursements via checks,” Ignacio said.

The SSS urges qualified payees and member-borrowers to enroll their disbursement accounts through the Bank Enrollment Module (BEM) found under the E-services tab of their respective My.SSS accounts on the SSS website (www.sss.gov.ph).

Qualified payees and member-borrowers must select their preferred PESONet participating bank, e-wallet, or RTC/CPO and supply a valid and active bank account number, or mobile number for an e-wallet or RTC/CPO.

Bank account numbers must be entered as a continuous string of numbers, while mobile numbers must be in its 11-digit format that starts with 09. Qualified payees and member-borrowers are reminded to ensure the correctness of their disbursement account information in the BEM before enrolling them.

“We are continuously transforming our services into digital processes for our members and the public to transact with us without having to go to our branches. Aside from its convenience, this also serves as a safety measure given the current pandemic situation,” Ignacio said. The SSS has also implemented the mandatory online submission via the

My.SSS portal of Maternity Notification and Sickness Notification (for employers); and filing of applications for Unemployment Benefit, Funeral Benefit of SSS-member claimants, Sickness Benefit Reimbursement Claims of employers, Salary Loans, and Calamity Loans.

The online filing of Retirement Benefit applications through the said portal is also required for all members who are at least 65 years old, and for land-based OFWs and voluntary members who are 60 to 64 years old, upon the filing of retirement claim.

For further information, members and employers may call the SSS’ hotline at 1455 and follow the SSS Facebook page at Philippine Social Security System.



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Indang, Cavite rural health unit closes due to COVID-19



INDANG, Cavite – The municipality's Rural Health Unit (RHU) office was temporarily closed on Tuesday after one of its employees tested positive for the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

Despite the temporary office closure, the RHU proceeded with its scheduled swab testing in the Poblacion IV covered court. All other transactions were canceled.

The RHU office will remain closed until Wednesday, Aug. 26, to give way to the disinfection of the facility.

As of Aug. 24, the municipality has recorded 121 COVID-19 cases, with 88 recoveries, and one death. (Carla Bauto Dena)



LIVELIHOOD DEPARTMENT NG BACOOOR, NAKATANGGAP NG MGA PARANGAL MULA SA TESDA

Isang magandang balita ang pagbibigay ng mga parangal sa Livelihod Department ng Lungsod ng Bacoor na nabuo sa tulong nina Mayor Lani Mercado Revilla katuwang si Congressman Strike B. Revilla.

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Students stranded in Cavite for 6 months return home in Pangasinan



Twenty-seven senior high school graduates, who have been stranded in Silang, Cavite since March, have been reunited with their families after the provincial government of Pangasinan facilitated their return to the province. In a statement Tuesday, the Provincial Information Office (PIO) said the students were composed of 14 males and 13 females, who graduated from the St. Mary of Banneux (The Sisters of Mary) school. "They were not allowed to go home to Pangasinan since the start

of the lockdown in March. Several of them stated that they have been away from their home months before the declared quarantine periods," the PIO said.

The students were fetched on August 23 by the provincial government's shuttle buses from Cavite to their respective homes, it added.

"Inclusive of the free transportation, the locally stranded individuals (LSIs) were treated with meals and family packs," the PIO said. It said the students were

not allowed to be visited by their family members, but the institution did not totally block their communication. "The parents or guardians of the students were allowed to connect with their sons and daughters via scheduled phone calls using the institution's communication lines (for students who do not have cellular phones). With stricter administrative policy, the students were not allowed to go out of the school premises at all to safeguard their health and ensure their safety," the PIO said.

HONTIVEROS ASKS MALACAÑANG FOR 'STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK' VS CHINA'S AGGRESSION IN WEST PH SEA

"We must come up with a strategic framework to address China's continued aggression in the West Philippine Sea". This was the statement of Senator Risa Hontiveros on Tuesday as she urged Malacañang to heed top government and military officials' call for 'political will' against China's continued disregard of the Philippines' claims over the region. "The 'political will' against China's adventurism should come from the very top," Hontiveros remarked after top government and military officials lashed back against China's 'provocations' and after the Department of Foreign Affairs' diplomatic protest over the Chinese Coast Guard's illegal confiscation of Filipino fisherfolks' devices in Bajo de Masinloc in May. "I sympathize with our government and military officials who are looking to the top for leadership, policy, and conduct to address China's continued violations of our sovereignty", Hontiveros said. "The President himself must speak out and lay down the government's plan in protecting our territories and exclusive economic zones from China's adventurism," she added. "We can no longer be reactive. We need to be proactive in defending our territory. Hindi tayo inutil," she also said. Diplomatic, Military and Interagency Response Hontiveros suggested that there should be a diplomatic, military, and interagency collaboration among the Department of National Defense, the Department of Foreign Affairs, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and the Department of Agriculture in order to immediately create a framework and an official policy that must safeguard our marine resources, territories, and people. "Since the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague's ruling in our favor back in 2016, the Executive has failed to craft and implement a clear diplomatic and military strategic framework to assert our exclusive sovereign rights over the West Philippine Sea in the face of continued disrespect by China," she added. "The protection of our natural resources and our fisherfolks must be a priority for the government. Our fisherfolks' livelihood and safety are being threatened. We are also losing at least 33 billion pesos yearly due to China's damage to our reef ecosystems," Hontiveros explained. Hontiveros previously urged the government to demand from China at least P200 billion in reparation for the damage incurred to reef ecosystems in the Philippines' exclusive economic zone. The senator said that the money can be used to fund the country's response to the coronavirus pandemic. "Magsimula ang Pangulo sa pagsingil sa Tsina at sa pagbibigay direksyon sa ating mga ahensiya, mga diplomat, at militar kung paano solusyonan ang patuloy na pagbastos ng Tsina sa ating batas, teritoryo, at higit sa lahat, sa mga Pilipino," Hontiveros concluded.