

# PSA WARNS PUBLIC VS. PHILSYS SIGN UP SCAM

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) has cautioned the public to be vigilant against scammers posing as employees who facilitate registration for the Philippine Identification System (PhilSys).

## SSS' scheduled contribution rate increase to ensure continuous delivery of social security protection

The Social Security System (SSS) on Monday said that the scheduled increase in its contribution rate and minimum and maximum monthly salary credits (MSCs) is to ensure the continuous delivery of social security protection to its members and their beneficiaries.

SSS President and CEO Aurora C. Ignacio said that the SSS has been listening to the clamor of various labor groups and members to defer the said mandated increases; however, the move is designed to protect the fund life of the SSS.

“We understand the plight of our covered employers and members, but, at the same time, it is our

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SCAM. The Philippine Statistics Authority warns the public against scammers posing as employees facilitating registration for the Philippine Identification System (PhilSys) in this undated infographic. It also reminds the public that the registration under PhilSys is free of charge. (Photo courtesy of PSA)

In an advisory on Saturday, the PSA said it has been receiving reports that some individuals have been posing as part of the PhilSys team, who are unlawfully processing the Philippine identification card (PhilID) with corresponding charges.

According to the PSA, some members of a certain community group with Facebook account 'Philippine National ID (News & Information)' and an individual branding himself as 'Calvin Processings' reportedly is collecting fees for the PhilID registration.

Some of the modus of these fake accounts are lur-

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## Cavite Reports No New Coronavirus Cases For The 1st Time



Image from: Imus.gov.ph

CAVITE – For the first time since the ECQ was imposed back in March, Cavite reported no new coronavirus cases. The province had a long battle with the coronavirus outbreak in its communities. Luckily, due to the effective implementation of health protocols, the number of cases steadily declined. On a Facebook post, Cavite Gov-

ernor Jonvic Remulla said: Sa unang pagkakataon simula ECQ (enhanced community quarantine) lockdown

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## STATEMENT OF SENATOR RISA HONTIVEROS ON INVESTIGATING COVID-19 VACCINE BLACK MARKET

I respect the decision of the Senate President, as Chair of the Senate CoW, but I feel that it is our duty to get to the bottom of this. It is government's responsibility to crack down this COVID-19 vaccine black market. Whether it's the PSG, the POGO workers or any member of the public, the use of unregulated vaccine is unlawful. Illegal at

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## Gatchalian sounds alarm on reports of students' online sex "Christmas sale"

Citing reports of students holding a "Christmas sale" of sensual photos and videos to raise funds for distance learning-related expenses, Senator Win Gatchalian urged the Department of Justice (DOJ)

Office of Cybercrime and the Philippine National Police's (PNP) Anti-Cybercrime Group to intensify their probe and crackdown on these activities. According to

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## MPTC keeps tollway workers despite shift to cashless payment system

By Lisbet Esmael, CNN Philippines

(CNN Philippines, January 5) — Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation is not laying off its expressway workers despite the government's push for a cashless payment system across Luzon's toll roads, its top official said on Tuesday. Although the Department of Transportation's mandate to embrace cashless transactions in tollways is now on full throttle, MPTC President Rodrigo

Franco said the group did not implement layoffs. "No workers so far lost their jobs," he told CNN Philippines in a message via smartphone.

Franco noted the group has more than 700 tellers in its tollway business. The executive also said MPTC was able to avoid cutting its workforce as employees initially assigned to toll collection were deployed to other assignments. "Others

remained as tellers because a few cash lanes were retained ... Some are assisting on RFID (radio-frequency



PHOTO FROM NLEX-SCTEX FACEBOOK

identification) transactions in the lanes," he said. Franco said during a Senate hearing in December the group was

planning to train its workers so they could be re-deployed to other job functions.

MPTC, the road infrastructure arm of conglomerate Metro Pacific Investments Corp., holds long-term concessions in the Philippines to operate the North Luzon Expressway (NLEX), Subic Clark Tarlac Expressway, and the Cavite Expressway. Its unit NLEX Corp. faced the ire of Valenzuela Mayor City

Rex Gatchalian earlier in December as the latter claimed the firm's faulty cashless system caused heavy traffic in the city.

NLEX Corp. argued the glitches witnessed across its toll gates were only "birth pains" following the hasty decision of the DOTr to fully implement the cashless shift.

The company reopened its cash lanes last month to ease traffic flow on the NLEX.

# Lady Calls Out Cavite LGU After Abusive Drivers Charges Unfair Rate and Violating Protocols

By Sethe

A concerned lady netizen calls out the attention of the Cavite government over the unfair rate of abusive drivers even though violating protocols.

As the outbreak of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) has reached the Philippines, the government has released safety guidelines to prevent the spread of the contagious disease. The guidelines prohibit mass gathering, physical distancing must be observed, wearing of face masks, and face shields.

Given guidelines must also be observed in public transportation vehicles. If drivers and operators failed to obey the given guidelines, the company will be charged according to the law set by "Bayanihan to Heal as One Act."

On Facebook, a concerned lady netizen air sentiment online and calls out the attention of Cavite City local government over abusive public vehicle driver and conductor. Karen Andres Arandia shared an unpleasant experience in public transportation.

According to her post, she rides a bus from Tejero heading to SM Bacoor with a fare of P40, much higher than the previous P20 fare. However, safety protocols are not properly observed.

She exposed that the bus does not practice social distancing, which is 1 seat apart from the next passenger. The bus does not also follow the limited passenger counts to avoid jostling inside.

Karen air dismay that she paid a higher fare but felt unsafe because of the unobserved safety guidelines. As a result, she calls the attention of Cavite Governor Jonvic Remulla over these violations.



Image Source: Facebook

## Statement of Senator Risa << P1

delikado. We can't allow EO 464 to be used too broadly at the expense of public health.

COVID-19 is the most real threat in this pandemic. Ang illegal vaccine contraband na ito ay banta sa buhay ng Pilipino at magpapabagal lang sa pandemic response natin.

An unsafe and unauthorized vaccine could make this pandemic worse than it already is. Whoever is involved in this black market should be put behind bars.

Kailangan natin protektahan ang integridad ng mga regulating agencies natin. The BoC and the FDA should be put on high alert for vaccine smuggling. It is the responsibility of Health

Sec. Duque to mobilize the agencies under him to guard against and put an end to this vaccine black market. If as early as now the government cannot control unverified and possibly life-threatening vaccines from entering the market, people's trust in any COVID-19 vaccine, even if officially distributed, will only go down. Ayon sa OCTA report, 75% ng mga taga-Metro Manila ay ayaw na magpabakuna.

Aanhin pa natin ang bakuna kung walang may gusto magpabakuna? At kung kaunti lang ang magpabakuna, di natin makakamit ang herd immunity, at wala ding silbi ang vaccination plan natin.

## Gatchalian sounds alarm on << P1

a news report by The Philippine Online Student Tam-bayan (POST), a news portal on the student sector, some students use #AlterPH, #AlterPinay, and #AlterPhilippines on Twitter to sell their photos and videos. These students use what they earn to buy gadgets for their siblings and pay for internet bills. A Christmas bundle, which contains an array of photos and videos that sometimes reveal the face of sellers, is sold for as low P150.

Between March 1 to May 24 this year, there were 279,166 cases of online sexual exploitation of children (OSEC) recorded in Metro Manila, a spike of 264 percent from the 76,561 cases recorded from the same pe-

riod last year. "Nakakabahang dahil sa mga suliraning dinudulot ng pandemya, ang ating mga kabataan ay nahaharap sa matinding panganib na maging biktima ng pang-aabuso at karanasan. Pinagsasamantalahan ng mga masasamang-loob ang pangangailangan ng ating mga mag-aaral at dapat itong labanan ng ating pamahalaan," said the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Basic Education, Arts and Culture.

Gatchalian added that DepEd, on its part, should boost its child protection program, noting that the 'Child Protection Committees' (CPC) in schools are mandated to identify learners who may be experiencing

abuse and exploitation. CPCs are also expected to report cases to government agencies and non-government organizations.

Gatchalian seeks a stronger government crackdown of trafficking. Senate Bill No.1794, which he filed, proposes that in cases involving child trafficking, regional trial courts can authorize law enforcers to conduct surveillance and record communications and information involving persons charged with or suspected of trafficking. The proposed measure also mandates internet service providers (ISPs) to install available technology, program, or software to block and filter any access to any form of child pornography.

Gatchalian also filed Senate Bill 735 or the Human Trafficking Preventive Education Program Act, which seeks to orient Filipino children and youth about their rights, government protection measures, and the dangers posed by different forms of trafficking.

The senator is eyeing a law that would provide every learner in the country with a laptop and access to the internet.

A provision under the bill, which has yet to be filed, will eliminate the need for learners to resort to desperate measures that may meet their current needs and will only cause psychosocial concerns and personal issues in the long run.

## PSA warns public vs PhilSys << P1

ing their target victims by posting deceptive information such as giving prioritization to their supposed clients for the PhilSys' registration. They also ask clients to pay for continuous transactions.

The PSA, meanwhile, reminded the public that the registration under PhilSys is free of charge.

It also emphasized that acquiring the national ID would be free for all Filipinos and shall comply with the Data Privacy Act of 2012 wherein the collection of data and information would be automatically be encrypted into the PSA server.

Those captured personal data and information should be directly posted in the PhilSys registry for protection and should not be disclosed on social media.

PSA warned the public that the genuine PhilSys personnel should properly introduce themselves, representing the PSA office and the PhilSys project. People

were told to immediately report fake posts, pages, or individuals with illegal activities and transactions related to the PhilSys project.

The public is also urged to transact with legitimate PSA field personnel.

Netizens can report illegal activities related to PhilSys to the PSA PhilSys' official account via link <https://www.facebook.com/PSA-PhilSysOfficial> or may call at PhilSys hotline at 1388 (call is not free).

PSA said the PhilSys registration has three steps involves pre-registration, registration, and issuance of the PhilID.

Under the Step 1 pre-registration process, the PSA field officers are initially operating house-to-house collection of demographic information of the targeted low-income household heads from 664 cities and municipalities of the 32 identified province including Ilocos Sur, La Union, Pangasinan, Cagayan, Isabela, Bataan,

Bulacan, Nueva Ecija, Pangasinan, Tarlac, Zambales, Batangas, Cavite, Laguna, Quezon, Rizal, Albay, Camarines Sur, Masbate, Antique, Capiz, Iloilo, Negros Occidental, Bohol, Cebu, Negros Oriental, Leyte, Compostela Valley, Davao Del Norte, Davao Del Sur, Davao Occidental, and Tawi-Tawi. Step 2 is the registration process which involves the validation of supporting documents and capturing the registrants' biometric information, such as fingerprints, iris scans, and front-facing photographs at the registration centers.

While Step 3 of the PhilSys registration is the issuance of a physical ID card stored with a 12-digit PhilSys number or personal serial number (PSN) and a 16-digit PhilSys card number (PCN).

PSA said those who are planning to use the PhilSys project for scam and fraud purposes or those who will be caught providing unauthorized issuance of PhilID

will face criminal charges.

Scammers will be penalized with a fine of PHP1,000,000 to PHP3,000,000 and/or imprisonment of three years, in accordance with the Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR) of the R.A. No. 11055 or the Philippine Identification System Act.

Signed into law by President Rodrigo R. Duterte in August 2018, Republic Act 11055, or the Philippine Identification System Act, aims to establish a single national ID for all Filipinos and resident aliens.

The national ID shall be a valid proof of identity that shall be a means of simplifying public and private transactions, enrollment in schools, and the opening of bank accounts.

It will also boost efficiency, especially in dealing with government services where people will only need to present one ID during transactions. (PNA)

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## MAHIGIT SA 2500 ESTUDYANTE SA BACoor, BINIGYAN NG TABLET NG KANILANG LOKAL NA PAMAHALAAN

Mahigit sa 2,500 mag-aaral sa Bacoor ang pinagkalooban ng kanilang pamahalaang lungsod ng mga tablet upang makatulong sa kanilang pag-aaral ngayong nasa ilalim ng distance learning ang bawat isa dahil sa pandemya.

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## Cavite reports no new coronavirus << P1

na nagsimula noong Marso 2020, ang latest report sa akin ng Provincial Health Surveillance Officer ay nagtala ng ZERO reported cases ang COVID-19 sa buong Cavite, kahapon January 3, 2020

However, even with this victory, Remulla emphasized that the public shouldn't celebrate as of yet. He warned

that the number of cases could quickly increase yet again starting January 10 to 14, around two weeks after the holiday celebrations.

"Huwag kalimutan ang todo pag-iingat at patuloy na pagmamasid sa mga kaganapan at sa buong kapaligiran," he added. On March 2020, President Rodrigo Duterte

declared an Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) on several areas in the Philippines. This led to one of the longest and strictest quarantines amongst the ASEAN countries. According to data from the Department of Health, Cavite reported at least 24,141 cases of COVID-19. Of this number,

696 were active cases while 23,197 have already recovered from the disease. Sadly, 238 people succumbed to the deadly virus in the province.

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## SSS' scheduled contribution rate << P1

duty to secure the long-term viability of the SSS fund entrusted to us for the continuous delivery of SSS benefits to our current and future members, as well as their beneficiaries," Ignacio said.

"Moreover, these scheduled reforms are pursuant to Republic Act No. 11199 or the Social Security Act of 2018. Thus, we are bound by law to implement it," she added.

This January 2021, the SSS contribution rate was increased to 13 percent from the previous 12 percent. On the other hand, the minimum monthly salary credit (MSC) has been raised to P3,000 from P2,000 (except for Kasambahay and OFW members whose minimum MSC will remain at P1,000 and P8,000, respectively), while the maximum MSC is set at P25,000 from P20,000.

For employed members, land-based OFW members in countries with Bilateral Labor Agreements (BLAs)

with the Philippines, and sea-based OFW members, the additional one percent will be divided between them and their employers, bringing the contribution rate breakdown to 8.5 percent for employers and 4.5 percent for them.

To illustrate, a member paying under the P10,000 MSC will now pay a monthly contribution of P1,300, which is P100 higher than the P1,200 in 2020.

Suppose the member is employed, a land-based OFW in a country with a BLA with the Philippines or a sea-based OFW. In that case, the P100 additional contribution will be divided as P50 from their employers for a total employer share of P850 and P50 from them for a total member share of P450.

While the MSC to be considered for the computation of benefits under the regular social security program is capped at P20,000, contributions pertaining to the MSC in excess of P20,000

will go to the Workers' Investment and Savings Program (WISP), a provident fund that will yield additional pension income for members contributing under it.

For example, a member will be paying under the P25,000 MSC. Based on the 13 percent contribution rate, his/her monthly contribution will be P3,250, of which P2,600 will go to the regular social security fund, while the remaining P650 will go to the WISP.

The SSS emphasized that the said reforms will allow members to save more for their retirement.

The SSS remains the cheapest pension and most accessible pension scheme in the country that offers seven kinds of benefit programs and various loan privileges.

Ignacio said that any delay in implementing the said reforms could endanger the fund life of the SSS and its ability to provide its members and their beneficiaries

with benefits and loan privileges, especially in this time of the pandemic. From January to October 2020, the SSS disbursed a total of P159.47 billion in social security and employees' compensation benefits to 3.56 million members and beneficiaries.

SSS member loan releases from January to November 2020 totaled P58.03 billion for 3.20 million members, while pension loan releases for the said period reached P3.17 billion combined for 69,813 retiree-pensioners.

On the other hand, SSS contribution collections from January to October 2020 totaled only P169.73 billion, or a decrease of 5.4 percent from the P179.34 billion collected in the same period last year.

However, SSS' investments were well-managed and have allowed the pension fund to respond to members' needs despite the drop in collections during the pandemic.

Mahigit sa 2,500 mag-aaral sa Bacoor ang pinagkalooban ng kanilang pamahalaang lungsod ng mga tablet upang makatulong sa kanilang pag-aaral ngayong nasa ilalim ng distance learning ang bawat isa dahil sa pandemya.

Ang mga mag-aaral ng Bacoor National High School sa Taging Dagat, Salinas II, at Molino I ang naging beneficiaryo ng naturang mga gamit.

Pinangunahan ni Mayor Lani Mercado Revilla at mga kawani ng lungsod ang isinagawang pamamahagi.

Source: City Government of Bacoor

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Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (PAG-IBIG FUND), represented by Maria Victoria D. Capiral c/o Nicolina C. Madrid, mortgagee, with principal place of business at S.P. Madrid & Associates, Unit 1911, 19/F Herrera Tower, V.A. Rufino cor. Valero Streets, Makati City against GENE R. DELA CRUZ married to MARIVIC T. DELA CRUZ, mortgagees, with residence and postal address at Lot 38, Blk. 6, ACM Homes, Anabu II-B, Imus, Cavite and/or Lot 41, Blk. 26, Ph 2, Greengate Homes II, Malagasang-2, Imus, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of December 27, 2019 amounts to FIVE HUNDRED NINETY THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY NINE PESOS AND 28/100 (Php 593,889.28), Philippine Currency including interest and penalties, but excluding attorney's fees, sheriff's fees and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned will sell at public auction on **February 2, 2021** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC Imus City Hall of Justice, Aguinaldo Highway, Imus City, Cavite to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all improvements therein, to wit:

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## BOTIKA ON WHEELS CONTINUES IN TRECE MARTIRES CITY AND AMADEO




In the season of giving, the Botika on Wheels program of the provincial government continue to serve the people of Cavite through delivering free medicines and other medical needs for the elderlies and children of Trece Martires City and the municipality of Amadeo on December 18 – 29, 2020. In Trece Martires City, 1,948 senior citizens and 7,680 children benefitted from the program. On the other hand, a total of 1,024 senior citizens and 4,160 children were the recipients of medicine from the municipality of Amadeo. To date, a total of 71, 670 target beneficiaries from 395 barangays were supported through the Botika on Wheels program.—PICAD

## INCENTIVES FOR BHW AND BNS

In appreciation of the valuable contribution of Barangay Health Workers (BHW) and Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS) in strengthening the health care program in Cavite, the Provincial Government distributed their incentives for the 3rd and 4th quarters of 2020 amounting to a total of P17,700,000.00. The series of distribution was held in the different municipalities and cities of the province from December 7-17, 2020. The 2,400 BHWs and 858 BNS from Districts 1-8 received P6,000 and P3,000 respectively.--PICAD





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## DOST rallies behind ORAS PINAS, the new Filipino Time

To synchronize all timepieces across the country's more than 7,100 islands, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) unveiled the new "ORAS PINAS" in compliance to the Philippine Standard Time (PST).

Previously dubbed as "Juan Time", the ORAS PINAS campaign aims to promote the PST nationwide and 'sync' timepieces with the PST, the new Filipino Time.

Every year, the DOST leads in the observance of the National Time Consciousness Week (NTCW) pursuant to Republic Act No. 10535 or The Philippine Standard Time (PST) Act of 2013. The NTCW is being observed during the first

week of January of every year to promote the value of time and the need to respect the time of others, so that the people may realize the imperative of synchronizing the official time.

With the theme "Synchronizing Filipino Time with ORAS PINAS", the NTCW 2021 further aims to introduce ORAS PINAS as the new brand of the PST with the tagline, "One Nation, One Time: Pilipinas ON TIME".

Through the new brand, the campaign hopes to institutionalize the new Filipino culture of being always on time and having only one time as a nation. The PST is set by the DOST's Philippine Atmospheric, Geophys-

ical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA), the country's official timekeeper since 1978 as mandated by Section 6 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 8.

DOST-PAGASA sets the timing system that consists of a rubidium atomic clock, a Global Positioning System receiver, a time interval counter, a distribution amplifier, and a computer.

So, to sync your timepieces, just visit the DOST-PAGASA website (<http://bagong.pagasa.dost.gov.ph/>) and get the new Filipino Time!

