

LRT-1 CAVITE EXTENSION MORE THAN HALFWAY COMPLETE, TRANSPORT DEP'T SAYS

THE Transportation department said the first phase of the Cavite extension project of Light Rail Manila Corp. (LRMC), operator of Light Rail Transit Line 1 (LRT-1), is now more than half complete. "The LRT-1 Cavite Extension Project is now more than halfway to completion of the partial operability section until Sucat Station, as we report an overall progress rate of 51.61% as of Dec. 31," the department said in a statement Monday.

DENR closes illegal open dumpsite in Cavite

by Dennis Abrina



Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) undersecretary Benny Antiporda leads the team together with NBI in closing the illegal open dumpsite in Bgy. Sahod Ulan in Tanza, Cavite Thursday, January 14, 2021. Photo courtesy of the DENR Office Cavite

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It said recent activities include bored piling, pier/portal column works, and foundation works. "The accelerated pace of construction also includes the expansion of the existing depot in Baclaran, and the building of a new satellite depot at Zapote," the department added. It said that the LRT-1 Cavite Extension is expected

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Kusina ng Kalinga Project launch to enhance Imuseño kids' nutrition level

IMUS City, Cavite Jan 18 (PIA) -- The City Government here launched a 30-day feeding program for undernourished children aged 3-12 years old in the different barangays in the city to boost their nutrition.

Mayor Emmanuel L. Maliksi with Vice Mayor Ony Cantimbuhan led the

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USAID teams up with Cavite-based organization for TB info campaign

TRECE MARTIRES, Cavite Jan. 19 (PIA) -- The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) thru its TB Platforms Projects teams up with the community-based organization, Cavite Positive Action Group (CPAG) The Jch Advocacy, Inc. to roll out a public outreach for TB education in the province this month. With the ongoing health crisis brought by COVID-19, USAID's TB Platforms had continuously collaborated with local government units (LGUs) in



the National Capitol Region (NCR) and other regions particularly in areas with high incidence of Tuberculosis (TB) to provide TB services in hospitals and TB treatment centers, and increase TB case detection and treatment success rates.

The collaboration with CPAG would intensify the TB education campaign with the leadership of CPAG

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Bacoor LGU prepares for COVID-19 vaccination, allots P100M

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BACOOR CITY, Cavite Jan. 14 (PIA) -- Mayor Lani Mercado-Revilla disclosed that the city government earmarked about P50 million to P100 million for the procurement of COVID-19 vaccine.

The local chief executive announced this development during a virtual meeting with the League of Cities in the Philippines (LCP) along with other LCEs and National Task Force Against COVID-19 and Vaccine Czar Sec. Carlito Galvez, Jr.

In a letter presented to the LCP, the Mayor said the budget allocation for COVID-19 vaccine is intended to cover the

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Cavitex, PRA seek TRB's approval to collect add-on toll for R-1 Expressway

THE Toll Regulatory Board (TRB) said the Cavitex Infrastructure Corp. (CIC) and the Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA) have both filed a petition "for the approval of add-on agreed toll rate with application for provisional relief" for the Segment 1 (R-1 Expressway) Enhancement of the Manila-Cavite Toll Expressway Project.

TRB Executive Director Abraham P. Sales said in a Jan. 11 notice that "any interested expressway user" can file a "petition to review" within 30 days from the date of its first publication.

In its petition, CIC, the joint venture partner of PRA for the Manila-Cavite Toll Expressway Project, said they are entitled to recover the new investment for the enhancement of R-1 Expressway by way of an "add-on toll rate" as authorized by the Toll Operation Agreement (TOA) executed in 1996.

The enhancement project has two phases covering the construction of an additional lane, about 3.50 kilometers, from R-1 Toll Plaza to MIA Road Intersection; a 1.70-kilometer lane from R-1 Toll Plaza to Las Piñas Bridge; a southbound flyover for the Marina Left Turning Facility; widening from 2×3 to 2×4 lanes for the three mainline bridges along Segment 1; an additional lane for the remaining R-1 mainline carriageway from Las Piñas Bridge to Zapote Interchange; and upgrading of about 300 meters of the existing Pacific Avenue, from Segment 1 to Macapagal Boulevard. The construction cost for Phase 1 is P481.25 million while for Phase 2 is P424.08 million.

The investment is sought to be recovered through a total add-on agreed toll rate of P0.45 per kilometer or P0.20 per kilometer for the completion of Phase 1 and P0.25 per kilometer for the completion of Phase 2, the CIC said. The TRB approved on July 15, 2019, the implementation of an add-on toll rate for Phase 1. Hence, the company currently collects adjusted fees of P25,

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Executive Director Joseph Honra, various outreach activities for the end TB campaign including the promotion of "Tibay Dibdib" were scheduled in Cavite City.

CPAG staff and volunteers are conducting house-to-house visits to raise public awareness of TB as a disease that can be cured and promote positive health-seeking behaviour in these most challenging times. CPAG The Jch Advocacy, Inc. was estab-

lished four years ago primarily to help People Living with HIV's (PLHIV's) affected and un-affected families and promote HIV/AIDS awareness, treatment and prevention in accordance with the Department of Health and other private health facilities initiative to educate and care for patients' social and emotional development. (Ruel Francisco/Dhee Paredes of USAID TB Platforms Projects)



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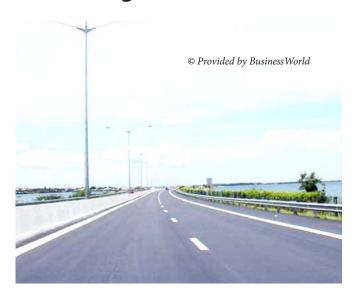
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P50, and P75 for Class 1, Class 2, and Class 3 vehicles, respectively, for the use of R-1 Expressway.

The company said the second phase of the enhancement project was issued a certificate of substantial completion on Nov. 5 last year. The CIC also noted that the regulator is mandated to issue a notice to start toll collection, which is a requirement before it can operate the completed Phase 2 of the enhancement project. "CIC most respectfully seeks the honorable board's immediate approval to implement the add-on toll rate..., which will result in a total investment recovery of P0.45 per kilometer," the company said. CIC is under Metro Pacific Tollways Corp., the tollway unit of Metro Pacific Investments Corp. (MPIC). MPIC is one of three Philippine units of Hong Kong-based First Pacific Co. Ltd., others being PLDT, Inc. and Philex Mining Corp.

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70 percent of the total projected population of 707,604 for 2021 that were targetted for vaccination.

According to Mayor Revilla, the city government will prioritize essential workers and vulnerable groups in its COVID-19 vaccination.

Revilla said the vaccination will initially cover the identified 2,200 city front-

line health care workers; 312 uniformed personnel, 469 Social Workers, 44,471 Senior Citizens, 12,953 Persons with Disability (PWD), 1,388 Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDL) in the city's jail facilities, 1,813 other frontline government workers, 2,618 teachers, 92,525 students, and 85,000 of the indigent population. During

the meeting, different LGUs disclosed that thet preferred vaccines developed by companies such as AztraZeneca with its vaccine approved for emergency use and now being administered to health-care workers in the United Kingdom. Others meanwhile said that they will procure vaccines manufactured by drug maker such as John-

son&Johnson, Novavax, Pfizer-BioNTech, and Moderna.

With regards to the private companies in the city, no commitment for the procurement of the vaccines for their employees has been given yet according to the official

(Ruel Francisco with reports from the Bacoor Public Information Office)

DENR closes illegal open << P1

tional Bureau of Investigation (NBI) – Environmental Crime Division (ECD) closed an illegal open dumpsite in Barangay Sahud Ulan here, Thursday, January 14, 2021

DENR personnel said the six hectare-open dump-site (OD) situated in a private land owned by Harmony Homes has been issued a Cease and Desist order from the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) in violation of Republic Act No. 9003, Presidential Decree 1586 and their implementing rules and regulations.

The operation was led by the NBI-ECD with assistance provided from the line bureaus, field offices and partners of DENR namely

from DENR Central Office represented by Antiporda, Environmental Protection and Enforcement Task Force Director Nilo Tamoria, National Bureau of Investigation Environmental Crime Division Chief Eric Nuqui, EcoWaste Coalition Zero Waste Campaigner Eloisa Tolentino, Environmental Management Bureau Solid Waste Management Division Chief Maria Delia Valdez, Cavite PENRO Ronita Unlayao, and Cavite Provincial Environmental Management Officer (PEMO) Adan Umi-

The dumpsite violated the provisions under the RA 9003 which include open dumping, not ensuring segregation of different types of solid wastes for re-use, recycling and composting; and violating the clean air act as the burning is observed during the operation.

Antiporda wants to close

Antiporda wants to close all OD within a year and start adapting to a sanitary landfill (SLF). "An open dumpsite causes adverse impacts to the environment and to its nearby communities. One of its effect is water pollution, this is when the time that the leachate of the solid waste reaches the ground water. This is where we extract our water use for domestic consumption such as drinking, bathing, cleaning, and washing," said Antiporda.

"The dumpsite has been subject of numerous complaints mostly from the local residents of Suntrust Ecotown Subdivision and nearby areas. We hope that this operation may give serenity to the local residents who suffered from ill effects of illegal act on open dumpsite," he added.

In a report provided by DENR Calabarzon, the open dumpsite was spotted by the PEMO of Cavite on September 23, 2020 via aerial drone shot.

"Full force po tayo dito, tuloy-tuloy ang ating trabaho. We're looking at closing all the open dumpsites within the year. And within the year, makapagpatayo tayo ng mas maraming sanitary landfills, which is the most doable in the meantime," said Antiporda.

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to start partial operations by "the end of 2021." Jacqueline S. Gorospe, LRMC's spokesperson, said by phone message that the company and the Transportation department will have "to agree and align on the timelines."

"They are well aware of the possible adjustments given the pandemic works," she added. Ms. Gorospe did not immediately answer when asked if the target date for partial operations could be moved to 2022. The P64.9-billion LRT-1 Cavite

extension project, a public-private partnership (PPP) venture that the National Economic and Development Authority board approved in November 2013, aims to add an 11.7-kilometer Baclaran-Bacoor, Cavite segment to the current 18.1-kilometer train line. The new stretch will have eight stations. The first phase of the extension consists of a seven-kilometer stretch with five stations between the Redemptorist Church area in Baclaran and Dr. Santos Ave. in Parañaque.

The remaining three stations are scheduled for completion in 2022. Once LRT-1's Cavite extension opens to the public, the DoTr expects daily ridership along the entire line to increase to 800,000 passengers from 500,000, and Baclaran-Bacoor travel time to be cut to 25 minutes from up to two hours.

LRMC is the joint venture of Ayala Corp., Metro Pacific Light Rail Corp. and Macquarie Infrastructure Holdings (Philippines) Pte. Ltd. It holds the P65 billion,

32-year PPP contract to operate LRT-1 and build its extension to Cavite. Metro Pacific Investments Corp. is one of three Philippine subsidiaries of Hong Kong's First Pacific Co. Ltd., the others being PLDT, Inc. and Philex Mining Corp. Hastings Holdings, Inc., a unit of PLDT Beneficial Trust Fund subsidiary MediaQuest Holdings, Inc., maintains an interest in BusinessWorld through the Philippine Star Group, which it controls. — Arjay L. Balinbin

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launching of the project the project is his adminisdubbed as 'Kusina ng Kalinga' under Gawad Kalinga (GK) on January 10, 2021 at GK Alapan site. The Barangay Nutrition Services (BNS) in partnership with the LGU and Genesis Corporation is targetting 1,000 children from the 38 barangays for the feeding program. Children will be provided with food during lunchtime from Mondays thru Fridays. Mayor Maliksi pointed out that

tration's goal to control the incidence of malnutrition in the city. "Nakita natin pag stunted ang growth ng mga bata, ang laki ng epekto sa development nila, pag malnourished ang bata nahihirapan din sa pag-aaral," explained Maliksi. (When the children's growth are stunted, it has a tremendous effect on their development, when a kid is malnourished he has difficulty coping up with his

studies.) An intervention at an early age for the proper nutrition is really important said the Mayor.

"Hindi lang basta pagkain, dapat nutritious na pagkain na magsusustena sa kanilang pangangailangang pisikal," Mayor Manny further added. (Not just food, it should be nutritious food that would sustain the body's physical needs.) The project is not just about feeding the children but also enriching the parents with the knowledge on the preparation of simple yet nutritious foods they could feed their children and the whole family as well. As the program's slogan reads, 'Bayanihan para sa masustansyang kinabukasan!' Mayor Maliksi feels strongly for the project's success because of the cooperation of all the stakeholders in its implementation. (Ruel Francisco/Imus City Information Office)

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION BRANCH 4-FC CITY OF IMUS, CAVITE

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (PAG-IBIG FUND), represented by Maria Victoria D.

Capiral c/o Nicolina C. Madrid Mortgagee,

EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135 AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118 F.C. No. 17004-20

GENE R. DELA CRUZ married to MARIVIC T. DELA CRUZ Mortgagors.

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTU-AL 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, mortgagors, 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 PE-SOS 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:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2013041257

"A parcel of land (Lot 41, Blk. 26 of the cons. and subd. Plan Pcs-04-023999, being a portion of the cons. of Lots 1846-B, Psd-28429; 1848-B-2, (LRC) Psd-358499; Lots 1847 & 1849, Imus Estate, L.R.C. Record No. 8843) situated in Bo. Of Malagasang 2. Mun. of Imus. Prov. of Cavite. Island of Luzon. Bounded on the SW., along line 1-2 by Lot 42, Blk. 26 of the cons. and subd. plan; on the NW., along line 2-3 by Lot 1850, Imus Estate; on the NE., along line 3-4 by Lot 40, Blk. 26 and on the SE., along line 4-1 by Road Lot 1 both of the cons. and subd. plan x x x containing an area of FIFTY SIX (56) SQUARE METERS xxx"

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above stated time and date.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on February 9, 2021 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning without further notice.

Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrance therein if any there be.

City of Imus, Cavite, Philippines, October 28, 2020

EMMANUELLE H. FRANCISCO Sheriff IV

> APPROVED ARMIE A. FRANCISCO Clerk of Court V Officer-in-Charge

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GENE R. DELA CRUZ married to MARIVIC T. DELA CRUZ Lot 38, Blk. 6, ACM Homes, Anabu II-B, Imus, Cavite and/or Lot 41, Blk. 26, Ph 2, Greengate Homes II, Malagasang, Imus, Cavite

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES **FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION REGIONAL TRIAL COURT** OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT TRECE MARTIRES CITY

BDO UNIBANK, INC., Mortgagee,

-versus-

Foreclosure Case No. F-125-20

SUNSHINE CRUZ LEGASPI Mortgagor.

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, BDO UNIBANK, INC., with business address at BDO Corporate Center, 7899 Makati Avenue, Makati City against the Mortgagor, SUNSHINE CRUZ LEGASPI with residence and postal address at (1) #59 Int R. Valenzuela St., Marulas, Valenzuela City; and (2) Blk. 15 Lot 16 Kensington 11, Navarro, Gen. Trias, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness as of 02 December, 2020, amounts to ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUN-DRED SIXTY SIX PESOS AND 22/100 (Php1,107,566.22), Philippine Currency, including interest, penalties, and other charges as of said date but exclusive of all the other expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on 08 APRIL 2021 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the main entrance of the Government Center Bldg. located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder of CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. 057-2016061272

LOT NO.: 16 **BLOCK NO.:** 15 **PLAN NO.**: PSD-04-226212 PORTION OF: BLOCK 14, PCS-04-027752, DECREE NO. 4270; LRC REC. NO. 5964

LOCATION: BARANGAY OF NAVARRO, MUNICIPALITY OF GEN. TRIAS, PROV-INCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON. **BOUNDARIES:**

LINE DIRECTION ADJOINING LOT(S)

1-2 SE LOT 14, BLOCK 15, PSD-04-226212 SW ROAD LOT 18, PSD-04-226212

NW LOT 18, BLOCK 15, PSD-04-226212

4-1 NE LOT 15, BLOCK 15, PSD-04-226212

AREA: FORTY SQUARE METERS (40),

MORE OR LESS

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on 15 APRIL 2021 without further notice.

Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrances, if any there be.

Trece Martires City, 19 JANUARY 2021

REYNALDO L. SALOMA Sheriff IV

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11th Floor, BDO South Tower, BDO Corporate Tower 7899 Makati, Avenue, Makati City 0726

SUNSHINE CRUZ LEGASPI (1)#59 Int R. Valenzuela St., Marulas, Valenzuela City (2)Blk. 15 Lot 16 Kensington 11, Navarro, Gen. Trias,

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Republic of the Philippines Fourth Judicial Region **REGIONAL TRIAL COURT** OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT City of Bacoor

NATIONAL HOMES MORTGAGE FINANCE CORP. Mortgagee,

-versus-

Foreclosure No. 2020-73 For: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of

Real Estate Mortgage

Mortgagor.

EMILY DELA CRUZ,

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE

Upon Extrajudicial for Sale under Act 3135 as Amended by Act 4118 filed by the mortgagee-assignee, NATIONAL HOMES MORTGAGE FINANCE CORP., of 104 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City, and against the mortgagor, EMI-LY DELA CRUZ, of Camella Townhomes Seville, Lot 20, Block 8, Bo. Habay, Bacoor, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of March 31, 202, amounts to TWO MILLION THREE HUNDRED ELEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUN-DRED TWELVE PESOS & 04/100 (P2,311,312.04) Philippine Currency, exclusive of penalty charges, the undersigned or her duly authorized representative will sell at the public auction on March 3, 2021 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the main entrance of the Hall of Justice of Bacoor City, Cavite, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-386681

"A parcel of land (Lot 20, Blk. 8 of the cons.-subd. Plan, Pcs-042103-006563, being a portion of the cons. of Lot 1 & 2, Psd-04-001689, L.R.C. Rec. No.), situated in the Brgy. of Habay, Mun. of Bacoor, Province of Cavite, x x x, containing an area of SEVENTY ONE (71) SQUARE METERS."

"All sealed bid must be submitted to the undersigned on the above stated time and date."

"In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on March 10, 2021, without fur-

Prospective buyers or bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrances, if any there be.

City of Bacoor, January 11, 2021

LIZA D. VICTA

Clerk of Court VI

By:

ARTHUR T. SAN MIGUEL

Sheriff IV

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Ms. EMILY DELA CRUZ -Camella Townhomes Seville, Lot 20, Block 8, Bo. Habay, Bacoor, Cavite

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32M HALAGA NG MAKINARYA SA PAGGAWA NG SIGARILYO, MGA PARAPHERNALIA, WINASAK NG BOC

Winasak ng Bureau of Customs (BOC) ang mga smuggled na sigarilyo at cigarette label-making machines na nagkakahalaga ng P32 milyon, ayon sa ulat ng Philippine News Agency.

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Winasak ng Bureau of Customs (BOC) ang mga smuggled na sigarilyo at cigarette label-making machines na nagkakahalaga ng P32 milyon, ayon sa ulat ng Philippine News Agency. Batay kay Port of Manila district collector Michael Angelo Vargas nitong Martes, nasamsam ang mga naturang item sa isang pasilidad sa Carmona, Cavite noong nakaraang Huwebes. Maging ang mga materyales na ginagamit sa paggawa ng pekeng seal at label ay sinira ng kanilang ahensya. Samantalang ang mga makina naman ay winasak sa pamamagitan ng pagdurog na nagresulta sa mga ito upang maging scrap metal. Ayon kay Vargas, ang pagkondenang ito ng kanilang ahensya ay pagpapatuloy sa pagsisikap na pigilan ang pagpasok at pagbebenta ng mga smuggled at pekeng sigarilyo sa bansa. Source: PNA

Statement of Sen Risa Hontiveros supporting the passage of the amended Solo Parents Welfare Act of 2000 in the House of Representatives

ta ng pagkakapasa ng mga bagong probisyon ng Solo Parents Welfare Act 2000 sa House of Representatives.

bayan sa gitna ng krisis, tri-

empathize with the multiple burdens these solo parents carry in the face of a health

Especially now that mil-

lions of Filipinos are unemployed, single-parent households, compared to those with two adult jobseekers, are at a great disadvantage in the "lottery" for jobs and income sources.

So, I call on my colleagues in the Senate to support the immediate passage of the proposed "Expanded Solo Parents Welfare Act of 2020," co-authored by our Senate President Tito Sotto.

We have already identified this as a priority legislation of the 18th Congress, kaya sa kabila ng napakarami nating agam-agam dahil pandemya, sana ay magbigay ng kapanatagan ang panukalang batas na ito.

Let us be champions for our solo parents and our children. They need the full power and protection of the law now more than ever.

Gatchalian seeks immediate distribution of aid to basic education learners



Senator Win Gatchalian is urging the Department of Education (DepEd) to accelerate the release and distribution of financial aid allotted by the extended Bayanihan to Recover as One Act or Bayanihan 2 (Republic Act 11494) to qualified basic education learners who are facing financial difficulties because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Gatchalian made this call following the recent release of a P5,000 grant to 54,761 private school students in higher education who have unpaid tuition and miscellaneous fees. The grant was distributed under the Bayanihan 2 for Higher Education Tulong Program (B2HELP) by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), which had a P300 million allo-

Bayanihan 2 provides for subsidies and allowances to qualified students in private and public elementary, secondary, and tertiary education whose families are facing financial difficulties following the imposition of quarantine measures and the resulting economic downturn.

These qualified students include those who are not covered by the Department of Social Welfare and Development's Listahanan, the Education Service Contracting (ESC) Program, the Senior High School Voucher Program (SHS VP), and the Tertiary Education Subsidy (TES). Under Bayanihan 2, these subsidies shall be used for unpaid tuition for the school year (SY) 2019-2020 or for payment of tuition fee for SY 2020-2021.

According to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) website, the Special Allotment Release Order (SARO) authorizing the release of P300 million to DepEd for these subsidies was already approved on December 18, 2020.

"Maraming mga mag-aaral ang matagal nang naghihintay ng tulong pinansyal upang maibsan ang kanilang pangamba pagdating sa mga pangangailangan sa edukasyon. Dapat nating bigyan ng prayoridad ang mabilis na pagpapamahagi ng ayudang ito upang maiparating na natin ang tulong na matagal na nilang hinihintay," said the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Basic Education, Arts and Culture.

On December 29, 2020, President Rodrigo Duterte signed Republic Act No. 11519, which extends the validity of funds under Bayanihan 2.

Napakagandang ple triple ang dinadanas na pasakit ng ating solo parents. As a solo mom myself, I can

Ngayong naghihikahos pa rin ang ating mga kabaand economic crisis.



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BOTIKA ON WHEELS GOES TO SILANG: The Provincial Government of Cavite continues its advocacy of providing the basic health needs of the people through the Botika on Wheels program as they visited the municipality of Silang to distribute prescribed medicines and vitamins to the elderlies and children of Barangays Iba and Poblacion 1 to V. On January 15, 2021, the team distributed medicines and vitamins to 493 seniors and off-lotions and vitamins to 768 children in the areas. The Municipal Mayor, Hon. Corie Poblete who was represented by former Mayor Omil Poblete joined the team together with Board Member Ivee Reyes, Barangay Health Workers (BHW), Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS) and Barangay officials who assisted in dispensing the medicines and vitamins to the beneficiaries.--PICAD