

PCW conducts successful health program for Women

'First border' control measures for food safety in place by Jan 2025

The Department of Agriculture (DA) on Tuesday said the operation of the first Cold Examination Facility for Agriculture (CEFA) in Bulacan province will start by the start of 2025 as part of intensified measures for the country's "first border" control.

A CEFA is a sanitary phytosanitary inspection facility for imported animals, fish, plants and other agricultural products

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The Provincial Council of Women, under the leadership of its President, Ms. Anne Ferrer, together with council members, and in partnership with the Office of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer, has successfully conducted a series of comprehensive health program titled "Serbisyon Pangkalusugan para sa mga Kababaihan". This initiative took place across various locations in

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SSS urges members to boost their savings with MySSS Pension Booster

Social Security System (SSS) President and Chief Executive Officer Rolando Ledesma Macasaet called on members to take advantage of the SSS savings program that will allow their invested money to grow and earn a higher return yearly.

In a press briefing, Macasaet said that SSS offers them the MySSS Pension Booster as a program to boost their retirement funds and savings, which can provide a projected

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DILG: Multi-stakeholder collaboration to boost NCR quake resilience



DILG Undersecretary Marlo Iringan (PNA photo by Lloyd Caliwang)

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) seeks to foster a stronger multi-stakeholder collaboration to strengthen earthquake resilience in the National Capital Region (NCR). During the Dagyaw Open Government town hall meeting in Mandaluyong City on Tuesday, DILG Undersecretary Marlo Iringan said

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DOH to establish BUCAS Centers in CALABARZON

The Department of Health Center for Health Development (DOH-CHD) CALABARZON has announced a new program aimed at decongesting hospitals and widening the coverage of state-provided healthcare throughout the region.

The Bagong Urgent Care and Ambulatory Services (BUCAS) Centers will be established in areas without DOH-run hospitals or with inadequate healthcare facilities, providing immediate and primary care, including outpatient

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Elderly pension, enhanced cybersecurity get highest approval ratings

The universal social pension for senior citizens and the enhanced cybersecurity and data privacy measures for all government agencies receive the highest approval ratings among all national issues, a survey conducted by PUBLiCUS Asia Inc. released on Monday said.

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DOJ: Almost 12K PDLs freed, jail congestion rate down to 239%

The release of nearly 12,000 persons deprived of liberty (PDLs) resulted in a significant decrease in the congestion rate of the country's prison facilities, the Department of Justice (DOJ) said Thursday.

This is a result of the Marcos administration's sweeping reforms in the justice system, Justice Undersecretary Jesse Andres said during the agency's town hall meeting in Dasmariñas City, Cavite.

"Congestion in prisons remains a challenge but since the change of administration in July 2022 up to March

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U.S. Hosts Philippine Customs Officials in Security Exchange Visit at Los Angeles Ports

From June 24 to 28, the United States Department of State's Export Control and Related Border Security (EXBS) program and the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) hosted an exchange visit in Los Angeles, California, for the Philippine Bureau of Customs (BOC) to discuss and share best practices on port security and operations.

Led by BOC Commissioner Bienvenido Y. Rubio, the Philippine delegation visited various CBP ports and facilities in Los Angeles, California, including the Long Beach Seaport, Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), U.S. Coast Guard Marine Base, and the Air and Marine Operations Center in Riverside. Other BOC officials who joined the visit included Deputy Commissioner for the Assessment Group Vener Baquiran, and District Collectors from the Ninoy Aquino International Airport, Manila International Container Port, and the ports of Clark, Manila, and Cebu.

"The best practices we have observed and the discussions we had with our U.S. counterparts will help us when the BOC formulates new policies and improves operational guidelines when we go back to the Philippines," BOC Commissioner Rubio said.

One of the key topics of the exchange visit was helping the Philippines improve its currency smuggling detection and contraband interdiction. BOC officials also had the opportunity to exchange information on enforcement and investigation with special agents from the LAX-based Homeland Security Investigations office.

"Our Philippine visitors benefited from the expertise of CBP officers in airport currency smuggling detection and enforcement, which was all arranged under the EXBS program. In the future, we are planning to bring CBP experts to the Philippines to assist the BOC in identifying travelers with undeclared currency entering and exiting the country," said Ransom Avilla, the Regional EXBS Advisor assigned at the U.S. Embassy in Manila.

The EXBS program, under the Export Control Cooperation Office of the U.S. State Department's Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, provides several training workshops for partner countries like the Philippines that feature CBP experts and investigators from the Homeland Security Investigations office. The security exchange program includes training in international air cargo interdiction, seaport interdiction, and counter proliferation investigation.

Through the EXBS program, the United States continues to support the Philippine government in improving its border security capabilities, strengthening its strategic trade management system, and preventing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.



Left: A United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officer shows Philippine customs officials items confiscated at the Los Angeles International Mail Facility (IMF). Right: Philippine customs officials pose with CBP officers from the Los Angeles International Airport and IMF.

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the theme of this year's town hall meeting, "Quake-Ready: Forging Metro Manila's Pathway to Earthquake Resilience," engages the public and focuses on the critical strategies to prepare for the potential impacts of anticipated earthquake scenarios.

"Bakit mahalaga para sa atin ito? Nabanggit na nga kanina nung unang dalawang nagsalita, ayon sa datos (Why is this important to us? It was mentioned earlier by the two speakers that data showed) the Philippines ranks in the highest disaster risk index scores worldwide," Iringan said.

According to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, the West Valley Fault (WVF), which can generate a magnitude 7.2 earthquake, moved four times in the last 1,400 years

with an interval of 400 to 600 years.

The last major earthquake generated by this fault was in 1658.

The WVF traverses Quezon City, Marikina, Pasig, Taguig, and Muntinlupa, as well as the nearby provinces of Bulacan, Cavite, Rizal and Laguna.

He said representatives from the different local government units in Metro Manila, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority, Department of Budget and Management, and Philippine Information Agency in the National Capital Region, together with SM Prime Holdings, National Resilience Council, ARISE Philippines, Women's International Network on Disaster Risk Reduction - Philippine Chapter, and Earthquake and Megacities Initiative have joined forces to

establish a multi-stakeholder collaboration in advancing resilience-building efforts in the region.

The DILG official said the government has made significant strides in disaster preparedness through the "Operation Listo" (Alert), which covers protocols to address risks and hazards, particularly tsunamis, volcanic eruptions and localized weather disturbances.

He added that the activity also sought to gather insights and recommendations from key actors and stakeholders, and document emerging challenges, innovative practices, and significant milestones in earthquake preparedness and risk reduction, as well as facilitate collaboration and partnership through the launch of the Metro Manila Disaster Preparedness and

Climate Change Resilience Network.

"Dagyaw is a platform for our stakeholders. We hope this discussion initiated would inspire many proactive steps policies and developing programs and actions all aimed at growing solutions to make us prepared in the event of an earthquake," Iringan said.

"Dagyaw" is a Hiligaynon term which means togetherness, aimed at a more responsive, more transparent and more accountable government that will take deliberate steps to ensure that all voices are heard in governmental affairs.

The conduct of Dagyaw Town Hall Meetings is a commitment of the DILG in the Philippine National Action Plan under the Open Government Partnership. (PNA)

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to ensure food safety and prevent the entry of plants pests and animal diseases like Q fever, which was first detected in imported goats from the United States in June. In a news release, Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. said private contractors are currently constructing a CEFA in Angat with equipment procurement underway to meet the operational timeline.

"We expect the Angat CEFA to be operational by January or February next year," he said.

Laurel said plans are

also underway to open four additional CEFAs by September 2025 in Manila, Subic in Zambales, Davao Region and General Santos City. "The initiative underscores government's commitment to fortify border controls amid emerging health and economic challenges posed by imported agricultural products," he said.

The DA said comprehensive facilities are also planned for major ports and fish ports including the Manila International Container Terminal, Subic Bay

International Corporation, Davao International Container Terminal, Manila South Harbor, New Cebu International Container Port, Batangas International Port, Navotas Fish Port, Iloilo International Container Port and Misamis Oriental.

Funding for the CEFA project was originally pegged at PHP2.3 billion in 2023, but was reduced to PHP1.2 billion for the current year due to the offer of International Container Terminal Services Inc. (ICTSI) to host most of the facilities in local ports which the listed company operates.

Meanwhile, Laurel said the DA will implement pre-shipment inspections in ports of origin while waiting for the CEFAs to commence operations.

"Before these facilities become operational, we will issue an administrative order on pre-shipment inspection, pending approval from the Department of Finance. Pre-shipment inspections could be enforced within three months to bolster food safety measures and curb smuggling activities detrimental to local farmers and public health," he said. (PNA)

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Cavite, including Alfonso, Magallanes, General Trias, Mendez, Tanza, and Cavite City, throughout the month of June.

The program offered free eye check-ups, CHEM12 laboratory tests, and chest x-rays, ensuring that women in these areas had access to essential health

services. These services were made possible through the generous support of Health Ridge Medical Services.

Additionally, the Office of the Provincial Legal Officer provided free legal consultations to the public.

The initiative aimed to address the health needs of women, providing vital

medical screenings and promoting their overall wellness. The program's impact was significant, with a total of 1,592 beneficiaries receiving the much-needed medical services.

The success of "Serbisyong Pangkalusugan para sa mga Kababaihan" highlights the importance of

community health initiatives and the positive outcomes that can be achieved through collaborative efforts.

The Provincial Council of Women, along with their partners, remains committed to continuing their support for women's health and well-being in Cavite.--- OPIO

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annual return rate of 7.2 percent. Macasaet said that the MySSS Pension Booster is composed of mandatory and voluntary schemes. "Under the mandatory scheme, members contributing above the ceiling of P20,000 to the Regular SSS Program are automatically enrolled in the savings plan."

Meanwhile, Macasaet said that the voluntary scheme is open to all members, especially those who want to invest more in their retirement or savings. SSS also invites those applying for the issuance of a Social Security (SS) number to enroll in the program.

Macasaet explained that they only need P500 to start savings in the voluntary scheme of the MySSS Pension Booster, and they can contribute any amount anytime because there is no limit on the amount they can invest.

"If you want to build your retirement fund while you are young, invest in the MySSS Pension Booster. You have a medium-term financial goal? Why not start saving your money in the MySSS Pension Booster to reach that goal? Our savings program

offers so much flexibility than most savings programs," he remarked.

He said that SSS allows partial or full withdrawal of their savings in the program wherein they get their total contributions together with the investment earnings.

He added that members are encouraged to retain their money in the program until they retire. "When they get their retirement, total disability or death benefits from the Regular SSS Program, they will also receive their total contributions plus investment earnings from the MySSS Pension Booster tax-free.

Macasaet told maritime professionals, Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs), self-employed professionals, and corporate executives, to start building their retirement funds as early as today, adding, "Planning and saving for retirement should begin from the first day they start earning money."

"When people are in their 20s, they have their whole life ahead of them. Saving for their retirement becomes their least priority. However, the best time for them to start saving for retirement is

today while they are young. When they retire, they will realize the immense value of building a retirement fund early in their lives," Macasaet. Macasaet explained that one of the benefits of planning their retirement early is they will have sufficient time to grow their retirement fund to a level they want. "When they start young, they save smaller amounts regularly and avoid feeling the pressure of saving larger amounts a shorter period because their retirement is nearing," he said.

He added that another advantage of saving for retirement early is compound interest, as in the case of the MySSS Pension Booster, where members' pooled contributions earn investment income annually.

"The younger they start contributing to the MySSS Pension Booster, the longer they have time to grow their retirement savings. If they start contributing now while they are in their 20s, they will have ample time to build the retirement fund they want rather than start saving when they are already in their 40s," he said.

Macasaet emphasized

that they could maximize their earnings from the MySSS Pension Booster if they stay in the program for at least five years or more because the longer they leave their money with SSS, the bigger earnings they will get.

Earlier this month, SSS rebranded its Worker's Investment and Savings Program (WISP) and WISP Plus into the MySSS Pension Booster as SSS repositioned its savings program to cater to corporate managers and executives, doctors, lawyers, OFWs, Filipino expats, seafarers, and young professionals who want to boost their savings or retirement funds.

The MySSS Pension Booster is among the reforms introduced by Republic Act No. 11199 or the Social Security Act of 2018, sponsored by Finance Secretary Ralph G. Recto during his tenure as a senator, who also serves as the Chairperson of the Social Security Commission, the highest governing body of the SSS. To learn more about the program, please accessed this link <https://rb.gy/gxfr35> to make that move and get that boost.

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
Branch 90
DASMARIÑAS CITY, CAVITE

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
(Otherwise known as PAG-IBIG Fund),
Petitioner/Mortgagee,

-versus-

MARY ROSE ORTALIZ,
Respondent/Mortgagor.

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File No. FC-DC-1373-24
EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE
UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118 filed by the petitioner/mortgagee, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (Otherwise known as PAG-IBIG Fund), a government financial institution duly organized and existing under and by virtue of Republic Act No. 9679, with postal address at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City against respondents/mortgagor, MARY ROSE ORTALIZ with postal address at (1) #38 Limestone St., Pilar Village, Las Pinas, Metro Manila; and 2) Lot 7 Block 22 Phase 1, San Marino North, Salawag, Dasmariñas, Cavite and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of JUNE 03, 2024 amounts to TWO HUNDRED SIXTY TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY THREE PESOS AND 05/100 (Php262,823.05), exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **August 13, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning** or soon thereafter in the Court Room of Branch 90, Regional Trial Court, Ground Floor, Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Building, Congressional Road, Buro I, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite to the highest bidder and for CASH or CERTIFIED CHECK, in Philippine Currency, the following described real property together with all the buildings and other improvements existing thereon, to wit:

Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-562741-

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in the Municipality of Dasmariñas Province of Cavite bounded and described as follows:

A parcel of land (Lot 7, Blk. 22 of the subd. plan Psd-042106-069283 being a portion of Lot 5718, Imus Estate, L.R.C. Rec. No.), situated in the Bo. Salawag, Mun. of Dasmariñas, Prov. Of Cavite. Bounded on the SE., along line 1-2 by Lot 5, Blk. 22; on the SW., along line 2-3 by Alley 5; on the NW., along line 3-4 by Lot 9, Blk. 22; on the NE., along line 4-1 by Lot 8, Blk. 22 all of the subd. plan. Beginning at a pt. marked "1" on plan being N. 67 deg. 47' W., 3494.68 m. from Mon. 167, Imus Estate; thence S. 79 deg. 54' W., 9.33 m. to pt. 2; thence N. 10 deg. 06' W., 5.75 m. to pt. 3; thence N. 79 deg. 54' E., 9.33 m. to pt. 4; thence S. 10 deg. 06' E., 5.75 m. to the pt. of beginning, containing an area of FIFTY THREE SQ. M. & FIFTY SQ. DECIMETERS (53.50). All pts. referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground by P.S.cyl. conc. Mons. 15x60cm.; bearings true, date of original survey, July 27, 1905-June 11, 1908 and that of the subd. survey, Jan. 11-Feb. 7, 1994 and was approved on March 10, 1994.---

Prospective buyers and/or bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of the said real property and the encumbrance thereon, if there be any.

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

In the event that the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on August 27, 2024, at the same time and place without further notice.

Dasmariñas City, Cavite, June 25, 2024

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RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION,
(in its capacity as successor-in-interest of RCBC
Savings Bank, Inc.) rep. by Atty. Leonardo A.
Yepes Jr.,
Petitioner/Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPS. NESTOR DE GUZMAN ARANETA AND
MARIA CECILIA RAMOS ARANETA as
represented by Attorney-in-Fact Maria
Cecilia Ramos Araneta,
Respondents/Mortgagors.

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File No. FC-DC-1366-24
EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE
UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED
BY ACT 4118

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118 filed by the petitioner/mortgagee, RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION, with postal address at 28th Floor AT Yuchengco Centre, 25th & 26th Sts., Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City against the respondents/mortgagors SPS. NESTOR DE GUZMAN ARANETA AND MARIA CECILIA RAMOS ARANETA as represented by Attorney-in-Fact Maria Cecilia Ramos Araneta with postal addresses at Blk 21 Lot 8, Villa Luisa Phase 3, San Agustin III, Dasmariñas City, Cavite and Blk 3 Lot 4 Kazari Residences, Brgy. Langkaan 1, Dasmariñas City 4114, Cavite and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of 24 may 2024 amounts to TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHT THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY SIX PESOS & 99/100 (Php2,578,776.99), exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental o this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned sheriff will sell at public auction on **August 08, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning** or soon thereafter in the Court Room of Branch 90, Regional Trial Court, Ground Floor, Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Building, Congressional Road, Buro I, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite to the highest bidder and for CASH or CERTIFIED CHECK, in Philippine Currency, the following described real property together with all the buildings and other improvements existing thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
No. 057-2021003657

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BARANGAY OF LANGKAAN 1, CITY OF DASMARIÑAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON, bounded and described as follows:

LOT NO: 4 BLOCK NO: 3 PLAN NO: PSD-04-229390
PORTION OF: LOT 3867-E-3, PSD-04-218665; LRC REC. 8843
LOCATION: BARANGAY OF LANGKAAN 1, CITY OF
DASMARIÑAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON

is registered in accordance with the provision of the Property
Registration Decree in the name of

Owner: NESTOR DG. ARANETA, FILIPINO CITIZEN, OF LEGAL
AGE, MARRIED TO MARIA CECILIA R. ARANETA, FILIPINO

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION
BOUNDARIES:

| LINE | DIRECTION | ADJOINING LOT(S) |
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| 1-2 | SE | LOT 25, BLOCK 3, PSD-04-229390 |
| 2-3 | SW | LOT 5, BLOCK 3, PSD-04-229390 |
| 3-4 | NW | ROAD LOT 2 (10.00 M. WIDE), PSD-04-229390 |
| 4-1 | NE | LOT 3, BLOCK 3, PSD-04-229390 |

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| LINE | BEARING | DISTANCE |
|-------------|---------------|------------|
| TO CORNER 1 | S. 16 ° 58' E | 1571.23 M. |
| 1-2 | S. 64 ° 12' W | 8.00 M |
| 2-3 | N. 25 ° 48' W | 13.00 M |
| 3-4 | N. 64 ° 12' E | 8.00 M |
| 4-1 | S. 25 ° 48' E | 13.00 M. |

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encumbrances thereon, if there be any.

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 August 22, 2024, at the same
time and place without further notice.

26 June 2024, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite.

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and diagnostic services, regardless of geographical barriers.

During the Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas on July 2, DOH Assistant Secretary and concurrent Calabarzon Regional Director Dr. Ariel Valencia said that the main goal of BUCAS centers is to lessen hospital visits for patients, especially if not for urgent care needs.

"The idea of BUCAS is to fill in the gaps between primary care and apex hospitals. If there are already existing hospitals, we encourage them to upgrade their capacities to serve more. The idea for BUCAS is to handle all diagnostic requirements, but there will be no admitting of patients," Valencia added.

"Emergency rooms of hospitals will be decongested. Before visiting a hospital, patients may visit BUCAS to meet their healthcare needs."

Assistant Secretary for Health and concurrent regional director for Calabarzon Dr. Ariel Valencia affirmed during the Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas on July 2 that the DOH through the direction of its secretary Dr. Teodoro Herbosa, and under the 'Bagong Pilipinas' is modernized, with health services felt by every Filipino

wherever they may be. (JD/PIA-4A)

BUCAS Centers can cater to patients with minor injuries, those undergoing preventive and chronic care, follow-up, and ongoing management, and those needing diagnostic procedures such as X-ray, mammogram, ultrasound, ECG, and blood chemistry.

The first center in the Calabarzon region is set to be inaugurated at Batangas State University in July this year, with the goal of expanding it into a hospital.

Establishing BUCAS Centers aligns with the Eight-Point Action Agenda of the DOH and the National Objectives for Health for 2023-2028, ensuring every Filipino is entitled to responsive, safe, and high-quality health services.

Meanwhile, major accomplishments by the DOH in the Calabarzon region were also reported by DOH IV-A Assistant Regional Director Dr. Leda Hernandez, including the region's status as malaria-free since 2022; having the highest number of vaccinated children during the Chikiting Ligtas Campaign for measles, rubella, and oral polio vaccination with 1,124,563 total inoculations; adoption

of the Philippine Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Project (PMNP) with the World Bank; and the establishment of four Universal Health Care implementation sites.

Asec. Valencia affirmed that the DOH through the direction of its secretary Dr. Teodoro Herbosa, and under the 'Bagong Pilipinas' is modernized, with health services felt by every Filipino

wherever they may be. "The objective of our department is to continue and further improve our programs and projects to better address the needs of our fellow citizens.

Providing accurate and quality healthcare services is crucial to our goal of achieving a strong, stable, and healthy nation," the assistant secretary proclaimed. (CH/PIA-Laguna)

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**Home Development Mutual Fund
(otherwise known as PAG-IBIG Fund),
Mortgagee,**

**Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of
Real Estate Mortgage under Act
3135 as amended by Act 4118**

-versus-

**Spouses Norelinda A. Ollesca
and Christopher V. Ollesca,
Mortgagors.**

FC Case No. 19073-24

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by **HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as PAG-IBIG Fund)**, mortgagee, with principal office at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against **SPOUSES NORELINDA A. OLLESCA married to CHRISTOPHER V. OLLESCA**, mortgagors, with residence and postal address at Blk. 7, Lot 18, Yakal St., Camella Seville, Bacoor, Cavite and/or Lot 21 Blk. 47 Ph. 2, Greengate Homes, Malagasang 2, Imus City, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of April 17, 2024 amounts to FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED ELEVEN PESOS and 02/100 (Php 432,111.02), Philippine Currency, including interest and penalty charges but excluding attorney's fees, sheriff's fees, and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff IV will sell at public auction on **August 20, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.** or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC-Imus, Bulwagan Ng Katarungan, Aguinaldo Highway, Imus City, Cavite, to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following properties with all the improvements therein, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2011002440

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 21 BLK. 47 OF THE CONSOL. AND SUBD. PLAN PCS-04-0-23999, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONSOL. OF LOTS 1846-B, PSD-28429; 1848-B-2, (LRC) PSD-358499 & LOTS 1847 & 1849, IMUS ESTATE, L.R.C. REC. NO. 8843), SITUATED IN BO. OF MALAGASANG 2, MUN. OF IMUS, PROV. OF CAVITE, IS. OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 22, BLK. 47; ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 19, BLK. 47; ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY RD. LOT 32 AND ON THE NE, ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 23, BLK. 47, ALL OF THE CONSOL. AND SUBD. PLAN. xxx, CONTAINING AN AREA OF THIRTY-SIX (36) SQ. METERS, MORE OR LESS. xxx"

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 August 27, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. without prior notice.

Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the titles to the said properties and encumbrances thereon if any there be.

Imus City, Cavite, Philippines, June 25, 2024.

BRYAN C. CERVANTES
Sheriff IV

Approved:
ARMIE A. FRANCISCO
Clerk of Court VI

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**IN THE MATTER OF THE
ISSUANCE OF A THIRD
OWNER'S DUPLICATE COPY OF
TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF
TITLE NO. (057-201649010) 167-
2020004590 IN THE NAME OF
JOHN CAPINPIN,**

**JOHN L. CAPINPIN, represented
By RIO VEN D. HANABAN,**
Petitioner.

LRC Case No. 8843-2024-51

versus –

**REGISTRY OF DEEDS FOR THE
PROVINCE OF CAVITE, BACOOR
BRANCH**
Respondent.

X-----X

ORDER

Transferred before this Court after consolidation is a Petition, dated May 3, 2024, by the petitioner John L. Capinpin, represented by Rio Ven D. Hanaban, through his counsel Atty Eddie C. Balaoy, praying for the issuance of a third owner's duplicate copy of **Transfer Certificate of Title No (TCT) No (057-201649010) 167-2020004590** of the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Cavite, Bacoor Branch registered in the name of John L. Capinpin.

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, and compliant with A.M. No. 19-10-20-SC, let the same be set for initial hearing on **August 15, 2024 at 1:30 in the afternoon.**

NOTICE IS GIVEN to any person claiming an interest to file an opposition stating the grounds thereto why this petition should not be granted, on or before the above-scheduled hearing and to appear on the said hearing.

Let a copy of this Order be posted by the Process Server of this Court in the Bulletin Boards of the Regional Trial Courts, City of Bacoor, the City Hall Building of the City of Bacoor, the Barangay Hall where the property is situated, and at the place of the property itself for three (3) consecutive weeks prior to the scheduled hearing.

Let this Order be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Cavite.

Let a copy of this Order be sent to the petitioner and counsel, the Office of the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Cavite, Office of the Registry of Deeds for the City of Bacoor, the Office of the Bureau of Lands, DENR, Trece Martires City, Cavite; the Land Management Bureau; the Office of the Solicitor General; the Office of the City Prosecutor of the City of Bacoor, Cavite; the adjacent owner/s and all the person/s named in the petition who appear to have an interest in the petition.

The petitioner and counsel are directed to furnish a copies of this petition to the Office of the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Cavite, Office of the Registry of Deeds of the City of Bacoor, the Office of the Bureau of Lands, DENR, Trece Martires City, Cavite; the Land Management Bureau; the Office of the Solicitor General; the Office of the City Prosecutor of the City of Bacoor, Cavite and the adjacent owner/s and all the person/s named in the petition who appear to have an interest in the petition.

SO ORDERED.

GIVEN IN CHAMBERS this 20th day of May 2024 in the City of Bacoor.

PERSEPHONE MEIR B. BELENA
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PH, US vow to harness ties for regional peace, dev't – DFA



The Philippines and the United States are committed to strengthening ties for regional peace and development, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) said.

At the US Independence Day reception in Taguig City on July 2, DFA Undersecretary Ma. Theresa Lazaro cited the "significant progress" the Philippines and the US cooperation have achieved in the past two years.

"The increasing frequency and scope of our engagement signal our unwavering commitment to harnessing our partnership for peace and development, not only within our respective countries but also in the broader region," she said.

Lazaro made the statement as the two nations witness renewed vigor in their defense and economic ties under the Marcos and Biden administrations.

In her speech, US Ambassador to the Philippines MaryKay Carlson reiterated that Washington DC has an "ironclad commitment" to its alliance with Manila.

"Together with our partners, we remain unwavering in our commitment to freedom of navigation and overflight, and to the importance of respecting the sovereign rights of states within their exclusive economic zones consistent with international law," she said.

"US-Philippines commercial and economic ties are booming," she added.

Over the past year alone, US President Joe Biden's Trade and Investment Mission visited the Philippines and resulted in more than USD1 billion in investments and partnerships.

On top of this, Manila has expanded its cooperation with the US to include like-minded states, such as Japan.

In April, the three states held the historic trilateral leaders' summit and launched the Luzon Economic Corridor, the latest economic initiative under the G7 Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment covering Subic, Manila, and Batangas ports.

In the coming months, the US and the Philippines are also set to convene the 2+2 defense and foreign affairs ministerial meeting. (PNA)

PBBM to distribute assistance to El Niño-hit farmers in Calabarzon

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. is expected to lead the distribution of the Presidential Assistance for Farmers, Fisherfolk, and their Families to an initial 4,740 farmers and fisherfolk in the provinces of Laguna, Cavite, and Batangas, who were affected by the El Niño phenomenon, on Thursday, July 11.

In a press briefing, Jose Maria Villarama II, Task Force El Niño spokesperson and Presidential Communications Office Assistant Secretary for Radio, announced that the Presidential Assistance for Farmers, Fisherfolk, and their Families will be distributed to 82 provinces.

"The President aims to provide assistance from his office to all 82 provinces in the Philippines," Villarama said.

Launched last May 9 in Zamboanga Peninsula, the Presidential Assistance for Farmers, Fisherfolk and their Families has provided aid amounting to Php 10 billion, which includes farming inputs and equipment.

"To date, we have distributed assistance amounting to Php10 million in cash and in-kind worth of assistance. This includes farm equipment and farm inputs, fertilizers, seeds for High-Value crops for farmers and fisherfolk, among oth-

er equipment for aquafisheries," Depending on the number of beneficiaries identified by the Department of Agriculture (DA) and cross-checked with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), each province may receive between Php10 million up to Php50 million to fund the distribution of assistance.

Villarama added: "Each identified beneficiary receives Php10,000. The President acknowledges that this amount is small for a farmer whose livelihood has been damaged. However, the President emphasizes that this is seed money to help the farmers start anew," he stressed.

Villarama clarified that while the financial assistance will be used by affected farmers and fisherfolk for their livelihoods, the beneficiaries also have the freedom to spend the cash on their basic needs.

"The President hopes that the financial assistance will be used by the affected farmers and fisherfolk to revive their livelihood."

The official added: "However, during the peak of El Niño, many indeed lost their livelihoods, sources of income, and even food for their families. But if they use it for their food



and their other needs, they have the discretion to do so."

Distribution of aid to additional beneficiaries, entrusted to local government units, will be publicized through Facebook Live to ensure transparency.

"To ensure that the Provincial Government will be transparent in identifying [the beneficiaries], the distribution of cash aid to additional beneficiaries will be aired through Facebook Live within 30 days of receiving the fund." (PB/PIA 4A)

Villanueva on DOF, NEDA call to permanently ban POGOs: It's about time!

Senator Joel Villanueva lauds the Department of Finance (DOF) and National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) for recommending the permanent ban of Philippine Offshore Gaming Operators (POGOs) in the country.

"It's about time! We thank our former colleague in the Senate and now Finance Chief Secretary Ralph Recto and NEDA Chief Arsenio Balisacan for joining our cause in calling for the permanent ban of POGOs," Villanueva said.

According to the Bureau of Internal Revenue, only P10.321 billion was collected from POGOs in 2023, which is only less than half of the P24 billion revenue projection of PAGCOR.

Villanueva added that the stance of economic managers should be discussed in the next Cabinet meeting with President Ferdinand Marcos, Jr.

The senator also praised the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) for their plan to assist the 22,000 POGO workers who will be displaced due to the ban in finding new employment opportunities.

"For our part, we have been pushing for the laws and policies which will not only ban POGOs but all forms of online gambling," he said.

Villanueva is calling on his colleagues in the Senate to prioritize Senate Bill No. 1281 which seeks to ban all forms of online gambling in the country. Villanueva has been opposed to POGOs since his election to the Senate in 2016.

"Pagkaupo palang po natin sa Senado, isa na po sa tinutukan natin ang pagpapaalis ng mga POGO sa bansa. Mula noon, hanggang ngayon, naninindigan po tayong walang maging ganap na benepisyo ang mga ito," Villanueva said.

As the Chair of the Senate Committee on Labor in the 17th and 18th Congresses, Villanueva led an inquiry into the presence of 1,500 illegal POGO workers in Clark, Pampanga.

His investigation also exposed the illegal activities of Bureau of Immigration (BI) Commissioners Al Argosino and Michael Robles, who accepted bribes for the release of arrested Chinese workers, leading to their dismissal.

"Wala pong katumbas na salapi ang talamak na krimen na kaakibat sa operasyon ng POGO. Utang po natin sa tumbayan bilang kanilang mga lingkod bayan na unahin ang kanilang kapakanan at kaligtasan sa kahit anong kapahamakan," Villanueva said. (30)

EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE PETER SUN WITH DEED OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate left by the late **PETER SUN** who died intestate on March 17, 2021 at Sta. Cruz, Manila, consisting of one parcel of land owned by said deceased and his wife, covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2012004678 containing an area of 2,064 square meters situated in Bacoor, Cavite, had been the subject of an EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF SALE by and among the SOLE HEIRS, the sale is in favor of VORSC WIRES AND CABLE CORPORATION represented by Allan Sy Ong, as per Document No. 271, Page No. 55, Book No. II Series of 2024 of Notary Public Atty. Henry D. Adasa dated June 24, 2024.

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DOJ: Almost 12k PDLs freed << P1

2024, DOJ has caused the release of 11,940 persons deprived of liberty (PDLs) after a diligent review of their prison records. As of May 2024, overcrowding in prisons have been substantially reduced to 239 percent," Andres added.

Andres said these PDLs were freed through the efforts of the Public Attorney's Office.

Andres, meanwhile, said this jail congestion rate is a significant drop from the previous 300 percent.

"Hindi pa po nasolve ngunit nasa tamang direksyon na po tayo. Hindi na po tayo pumapayag na may mahinang kaso na isampa sa korte para wala na po harassment, wala pong deprivation of liberty ng

walang sapat na ebidensya (We have not yet solved the problem but we are in the right direction because of the reforms. We no longer allow weak cases be filed before the courts so as to eliminate harassment, there will be no more deprivation of liberty without sufficient evidence)," Andres said. "He added that reforms in terms of streamlining the prosecution process and case build-up to weed out weak harassment and nuisance cases has also resulted in a marked improvement in conviction rates. He said DOJ prosecutors now secure a very high conviction rate of 93.59 percent of cases actually filed before the courts. He said the new system institutionalizes cooperation between law

enforcement agencies (LEAs) and prosecutors who now take a closer participation in investigating cases. "We have institutionalized the close cooperation and coordination between prosecutors and LEAs envisioned to weed out weak cases that would not stand the rigors of a court trial. What is more important the threshold of evidence, kung ano po ang ebidensyang hawak bago kayo makasuhan ay kailangan ho kumpleto. Hindi po kagaya ng dati naghahanap ng ebidensya habang trial na. Ngayon po hindi na dapat nasa kamay ng prosecutor ang kumpletong ebidensya beago simulan ang paglilitis (we ensure that the pieces of evidence available

before somebody can be charged must be complete. Gone are the days when evidence is sought when the case is already pending before the courts)," Andres said.

"Hindi po nasayang ang pagod ng kapulisan at pagod ng korte at ng prosecutor dahil po sa masinop ng pagkuha ng ebidensya, paghahanda sa trial (The efforts of police and the courts along with the prosecutors in securing evidence is not wasted," he said. After a full year of proactive involvement in case build-ups up to March 2024, Andres also said 7,114 weak cases were not filed in courts which contributed to decongestion of its dockets. (PNA)

there has been no change. The fourth group, supported by around 60 percent of Filipinos, encompasses a mix of topics such as restricting electronic gadgets during classes (which is less favored by the 18-24 age group); an inquiry into the PHP47.6 billion budget transfer from the Department of Health to the Procurement Service-Department of Budget and Management during the COVID-19 pandemic; economic provisions for constitutional change; a court order for the arrest of Quiboloy; and a bill allowing the National Food Authority to import rice.

With a roughly 50 percent approval rating, the fifth group includes an inquiry into the "gentlemen's agreement" between former President Rodrigo Duterte and China, and the passage of the Divorce Bill.

The sixth group, with around 40 percent approval, covers issues such as the imposition of a 12 percent VAT on foreign digital services, adoption of AI, banning potentially threatening apps, replacing Philippine National Police officials in Davao City with

Special Action Force (SAF) personnel, and the preventive suspension of local chief executives supporting the MAISUG rallies.

The last set of issues with the least approval features persistent issues lacking resolution or appearing outdated.

These include Charter Change via People's Initiative (34 percent), disputes in the West Philippine Sea (32 percent), rising commodity prices (15 percent), the resignation of VP Sara as Department of Education Secretary (32 percent), International Criminal Court actions against former President Duterte and others (31 percent), and blocking of the MAISUG Peace Rally (27 percent).

The survey was conducted from June 15 to 19, using purposive sampling composed of 1,507 respondents randomly drawn from the market research panel of over 200,000 registered Filipino voters maintained by the Singapore office of PureSpectrum, a US-based panel marketplace with a multinational presence. (PR)

Elderly pension, enhanced << P1

In its non-commissioned PAHAYAG Second Quarter 2024 survey, PUBLICUS Asia said the elderly pension and enhanced cybersecurity received 90 percent approval ratings from the respondents.

"The survey further highlights the public's strong support for policies aimed at improving social welfare and securing sensitive government information," PUBLICUS Asia said in a news release.

Following closely behind, a second group of issues garnering significant approval revolves around peace and order. These include the passage of the Anti-Financial Account Scamming Act and a Senate investigation into an illegal drug seizure in Alitagtag, Batangas, both receiving 81 percent approval. Additionally, the abolition of Philippine Offshore Gaming Operations (POGOs) and the arrest of Pastor Apollo Quiboloy are approved by 75 percent of respondents.

As inflation remains a critical concern, 81 percent of Filipinos support the revival of the National Food Authority-Food Terminal Inc.-Kadiwa (NFA-FTI-

Kadiwa) system to better connect farmers with marketplaces, providing consumers with affordable agricultural products.

A third tier of issues, each approved by about 70 percent of respondents, includes proposals to revert the school calendar to June-March, adjust working hours for local government units in Metro Manila to ease traffic congestion, and consolidate various government aid programs into a single National Family Stipend Program.

Respondents expressed a mixed sentiment towards the ayuda (assistance) program with about half of Filipinos viewing it positively as a means to assist fellow citizens (47 percent), while a significant portion (43 percent) perceive it as susceptible to abuse.

In terms of coverage, only 23 percent of Filipinos report receiving ayuda from Marcos's administration in the past two years, with a concentration in the National Capital Region (NCR). Among recipients, 43 percent indicate that it has improved their quality of life, while the remaining 51 percent feel



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2024 Nutrition Month Launching held

Cavite province, represented by the Nutrition Cluster of the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, and members of the Provincial Nutrition Committee joined the regional launching of the 2024 Nutrition Month celebration hosted by the local government of Rodriguez, Rizal on July 1, 2024. Bannering the theme, "Sa PPAN: Sama-sama sa Nutrisyong sapat Para sa Lahat", the event draw participation and support from the local officials of Rizal LGUs and stakeholders across the region.

The 50th-year commemoration of nutrition month kicked off with a parade of nutrition floats participated

by different barangays of Rodriguez promoting healthy diet with locally-sourced nutritious food as float decoration.

Rodriguez Mayor, Gen. Ronnie S. Evangelista (Ret) welcomed all the participants and guests who joined the opening salvo of the celebration. In his message, he underscored that nutrition interventions require collaborative efforts from all stakeholders.

On behalf of Rizal Governor Nina Ricci Ynares, Vice Governor Reynaldo San Juan, Jr., delivered the message urging stakeholders to work closely together citing that achieving good nutrition is a challenging endeavor,

and promoted the Philippine Plan of Action (PPAN) as the guiding framework for nutrition programs.

DILG-Rizal Provincial Director Lionel Dalope led the Pledge of Commitment to the PPAN 2023-2028 and the subsequent signing at the commitment wall together with the other guests.

Ms. Lourdes Bulante-Orongan, OIC-Regional Nutrition Program Coordinator of the National Nutrition Council-Calabarzon discussed the salient provisions of the PPAN 2023-2028 anchored on the goal of reducing all forms of malnutrition across all life stages by the year 2028.

Representatives from



different LGUs of Rizal also participated in the event together with other national government agencies stationed in the province. Likewise, the Communicators' Network for Nutrition in Region IV-A (CNN 4A) headed by its president, Mr. Daniel Castro, also extended its full support to the activity.---OPIO

DOH-Calabarzon youth centers promote reproductive, mental health



TEEN SPIRIT. Health Assistant Secretary Ariel Valencia reports the successful establishment of youth centers across Calabarzon region's 31 congressional districts under the "TEENDig KABATAAN! Kalusugan ay Pahalagahan" Project during the "Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas" briefing at Hotel Marciano in Calamba City, Laguna on Tuesday (July 2, 2024). He said the project aims to tackle prevalent health issues among young people, including teenage pregnancy and mental health. (PNA photo by Zen Trinidad)

The Department of Health (DOH) Calabarzon reported the successful establishment of youth centers across the region's 31 congressional districts under its "TEENDig KABATAAN! Kalusugan ay Pahalagahan" project.

Dr. Ariel Valencia, DOH Assistant Secretary and concurrent Calabarzon Director, said during Tuesday's "Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas" briefing here that the project aims to tackle prevalent health issues among young people, including teenage pregnancy, mental health and human immunodeficiency virus.

The construction of the centers began in March 2023.

TEENDig stands for Trustworthy, Engaging, Encouraging, Nurturing, and Dignity, values designed to empower the youth and steer them away from risky behaviors leading to teenage pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, mental health disorders and substance abuse, Valencia explained.

Each youth center provides adolescent-friendly services promoting reproductive health, healthy lifestyles, cancer prevention and psycho-social support.

"In this project, we adopt a peer-to-peer approach, empowering students to advocate for health issues affecting their peers. This bridges the gap in addressing critical health challenges among today's youth," the health official said.

Valencia highlighted that the initiative aligns with the Department of Education's (DepEd) Teen Health Kiosk Project, offering students a safe environment to address health concerns and fostering self-awareness as health advocates in their communities.

The TEENDig Centers integrate health services and a robust referral system, leveraging schools as on-site health providers. (PNA)

Gentriseños receive essential healthcare services



On July 2, 2024, the Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC), in collaboration with local officials from the City of Gen. Trias, successfully conducted a comprehensive medical and dental mission in Brgy. Pasong Camachile II. A total of 345 Gentriseños benefitted from the outreach program, which provided essential healthcare services free of charge.

The initiative, requested by 6th District Board Member Maurito C. Sison, included services such as medical consultations, dental extractions, eye check-ups, cervical vaccinations for girls aged 9-14, ECGs, and X-rays.

In addition, OPG staff distributed prescription medicines, antibiotics, and multivitamins to ensure the improved health and wellness of the community.

The event was graced and supported by 6th District Board Member Kerby Salazar and other local officials who expressed their sincere gratitude to the PGC team for the untiring support given to their community.

This mission is part of the provincial government's ongoing commitment to improving healthcare access for all Caviteños, ensuring that even the most underserved communities receive the medical attention they need.--- OPIO

PGC's Operation Tuli Program in Tanza Municipality



The provincial government's Operation Tuli outreach activity was successfully held in Brgy. Sanjamayor, Tanza on July 9, 2024 offering free circumcision for 81 young patients. This was made possible by a team of dedicated medical professionals and barangay health workers who ensured the safe execution of the procedures.

The local leaders and barangay actively participated and supported the program by visiting the event to show their concern for wellness of their children.

Operation Tuli is among the leading health programs that deal with hygiene and health standards for boys; this initiative was highly appreciated by residents of Brgy. Sanjamayor. The occasion highlights how local health authorities are committed to providing basic healthcare services to underprivileged areas.--- OPIO