

# Cavite mananatili sa ilalim ng GCQ

Inirekomenda ni Governor Jonvic Remulla sa Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging and Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) ang pananatili ng lalawigan sa ilalim ng General Community Quarantine (GCQ).

## Alfonso, Cavite COVID-19 free for 42 days

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite July 1 (PIA) --Mayor Randy Salamat proudly revealed June 23, 2020 that the municipality of Alfonso is COVID-19 free for the past 42 days as he rallied his constituents to continue to be united and cooperate with both the national and local government's efforts in this period of pandemic.

Mayor Salamat made the remarks during the interview in the country's longest running noontime show (Eat Bulaga) aired Saturday, June 27, 2020.

Six other local chief executives (LCEs) from the National Capital Region (NCR) Menchie Abalos of City of Mandaluyong, Ike Ponce of the City of Pateros, Marcy Teodoro of Marikina City while from the north, Mayors Donya Tesoro of San Manuel, Tarlac and Bryan Celeste of Alaminos, Pangasinan, and Mayor Keith Nieto of Cainta, Rizal were also gurst at the noontime show.

He also mentioned that before

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## Cavite gov't allows more time for Sangley airport requirements



Sangley Point International Airport

CAVITE GOVERNOR Juanito Victor "Jonvic" C. Remulla has approved a request from Lucio C. Tan's MacroAsia Corp. and its Chinese partner for a further 90-day extension to complete the documentary requirements to post-qualify their bid for the \$10-billion Sangley Point International Airport.

Cavite's Public-Private Partnership Selection Committee (PPP-SC) Legal Officer Jesse R. Grepo told BusinessWorld in a phone message on Saturday that Mr. Remulla already approved the consortium's request. Mr. Grepo said on June 15 that the group was able to make

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Ito ay sa kadahilanan nang patuloy na pagtaas ng bilang ng kaso ng COVID-19 sa Cavite na ngayon ay lagpas sa 600 na. Sinabi ni Dr. Connie Ang, isa sa mga miyembro ng medical team ng De La Salle Medical-Health Science Institute (DLSM-

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## New Bacoar City Jail male dormitory now host to 1,356 PDLs

BACOR CITY, Cavite Jun 27 (PIA) --The new Bacoar City Jail Male Dormitory (BCJ-MD), a newly completed jail facility in the city is now host to 1,356 Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs) transferred from the old cramped facility.

The new facility was inaugurated March 19, 2020 with Representative Strike Revilla and Bacoar City May-

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The Kabalik Hall Duty post/Multi-purpose area was constructed to provide BJMP personnel with more conducive work space and at the same time, utilize as multi-purpose area for service providers, visitors, and clientele. (Photo from BJMP-Bacoar City Jail-Male Dorm FB Page)

## 90% ng namatay sa COVID-19 sa Cavite, mga Senior Citizens

Inihayag ni Cavite Gov. Jonvic Remulla sa kanyang FB post noong Hunyo 24 na karamihan sa mga namatay dahil sa COVID-19

sa Lalawigan ng Cavite ay mga senior citizens. "90% ng COVID cases na namatay sa Cavite ay senior

citizens. Pasensya na po sa mga matatanda pero kahit malakas pa po kayo, ang numero o data ay hindi ninyo kakampi

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# Rep. Mark Go: ABS CBN workers have different issues, franchise is different



**Kakampi  
mo ang  
BATAS**  
ni Atty. Batas Mauricio

LIFE INSPIRATION: "... Debora died, took care of Rebeca, and was buried beside the great tree in the south of Bethel. And your place is called the 'Roble of Tear'..." (Genesis 35:8, The Only Way Bible).

REP. MARK GO, THE WORKERS HAVE A DIFFERENT ISSUE FROM ABS CBN FRANCHISE'S ISSUE: We are together with Baguio City Rep. Mark Go in the view of the workers who lost their jobs should be helped because of ABS CBN closures after their franchise was burned on May 2020. But the issue of help for the workers is different, and the issue of ABS franchise is different CBN.

Truly, if the government can help find ABS CBN employees who lost their jobs, they should be helped. They are just workers. But this is not the basis, Congressman Mark Go, in what you are saying, the closed media entity should be given a new franchise.

The rules are different from giving a new franchise. First here is the loyalty of a company, like ABS CBN, in fulfilling the right thing that was granted to him. Did the media entity play the most loyal to the news? Not to use franchise in politics, or abuse of workers or other people or groups, or to authorize foreign people to enter money into the company?

In the end, the question of the company that was first given franchise, like ABS CBN: does the country still deserve to trust another franchise? Hopefully, this will be what our legislators pay attention to, as Rep. Mark Go, who will decide the issue, not just the same kulatile.

SECOND DEBORAH IN THE BIBLE: YAYA, BUT FAITHFUL TO DUTION: SSSNNJ Amen. Deborah's name is one of the names more than one woman is given in the Bible.

Here in our daily life, we have seen the history of a Deborah, the woman judge and warrior who led the Israelites in a fierce battle to overcome their opponents.

The Deborah judge and warrior was also used by God to serve as intermedate to the Israelites with conflicts. He was a preacher, and prophet, who declared the Word and the commandments of God. This historic Deborah, judge and warrior, proves that God's total plan for the world, women's role is important.

But another woman is also an important character in the Bible named Deborah, whom God also used to overcome His will in the world.

This second Deborah is contrary to the preceding Deborah, the judge and the warrior, because it is just ordinary woman to be considered, the fruit of the staff God has given her --- Rebekeah's nanny, the son of Nahor, the son of Nahor who was meant to be married Isaac (the son of Abraham and Sarah) and the mother of Esau and Jacob.

In just a few verses of the Bible (Genesis 24:59, and Gen-

esis 35:8) we will know Deborah. In Genesis 24:59, NIV, his name is not recognized, but his status as Rebekeah's nanny was recorded. It is said that when Rebekeah was leaving her family to go with Isaac's wife, she was with her nurse (yaya) left.

DEBORAH, THE YAYA, BY REBEKAH AND JACOB: Genesis,,,,,,,,,,,,, wood of restriction.

The Children Of God May Ask The Blood Of Christ: If only two verses in the Bible notice Deborah as Rebekeah's nanny, how do we know what has been his contribution to the success of God's purpose?

Let me think that even only two verses were given by the Bible so Deborah, the nanny, it shows that it has been a long service to the family of Rebekeah, and, to the family of Jacob, the true source of Christian faith.

And if we examine the name "Deborah ", meaning " bee ", we will see that Deborah's role was not a simple nanny, but a woman who has a bad head at work, and The family of Rebekeah and Isaac and Jacob was benefited from the family of Jacob.

It appears that Rebekeah and Isaac had not allowed him any more, and Jacob and his wives Leah and Rachel to separate from him. So it took Deborah, the nanny, the age of 100

years (according to the experts), whom she spent all with Jacob. ABA AND LITTLE, GOD WILL USE HIS IDIOTS: Because of his evident efficiency in performing his duties, and in evident honesty with his servants, he was considered as the family of Isaac and Jacob, and as well as the family of Isaac and Jacob, and as well as the he died at the age of 100 years, Jacob mourned it completely, reason to bury him in the land that Jacob bought.

The lesson for the Children of God's Blood of Christ in this story of Deborah, the nanny, is evident: being humble is not a hindrance, or small or vile status in a person's life to use him with full overcome in the work of the work God. In fact, in 1 Corinthians 1:26-29, the humble ones, are considered vile and ignorant, are the true ones that God has called to fulfill His will.

Because of that, let's all strive to be that no matter how small or humble we are in the sight of others, we can perform it all, with the guidance and help of God, the work He entrusted to us, the work of manifestation and saving I'm sorry Thank God for His Name Amen.

## USAPANG DIBDIBAN webinar isusulong ang Universal Health Care

Trece Martires City, Cavite Jun 30 (PIA) -- Sa pamamagitan ng ugnayan ng USAID's TB Platforms Project kasama ang Department of Health (DOH) at ng Philippine Information Agency (PIA) muling aarangkada ang USAPANG DIBDIBAN na isusulong ang Universal Health Care (UHC) ngayong ika-1 ng Hulyo, 2020 2 - 5pm.

Ang talakayan na ito ay magbibigay linaw kung makakatulong ang implementasyon ng UHC sa pagpapaiting ng TB at COVID-19 response.

Makakasama sa gaganaping talakayan sina DOH Special Assistant and OIC-Director for Health Promotion and Communication Service, Dr. Beverly Ho, former DOH Secretary Paulyn Ubial, former Senator at ang principal na may akda ng Universal Health Care Act Mr. JV Ejercito, Batangas Governor Hermilando Mandanas, at Quirino Governor Dakila Cua, Municipality of Magallanes, Cavite Mayor Jasmin Maligaya-Bautista, at iba pang gobernador at punong bayan na nagsusulong ng implementasyon ng Universal Health Care.

Ang Philippine Health Insurance Corp. (PhilHealth) sa pangunguna ni Senior Vice President Israel Francis Cua ay malugod ding kalahok sa usapan.

Maaring makisali sa diskusyon sa Facebook Live Streaming ng NTP Philippines para magtanong sa mga panauhin at makipagtalakayan para sa anumang karagdagang input na maaaring makatulong sa layunin ng USAID TB Platforms Project. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite/with reports from USAID)

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COVID-19 pandemic, the first disaster his town endured was the eruption of Taal Volcano in January.

The town hosted and provided assistance to 9,000 evacuees from the province of Batangas that were severely affected by the eruption.

As for the town's COVID-19 response, the mayor cited the Botika on Wheels program which helped the senior citizens of

the municipality to get access to their much needed medicines without having to go out of their houses.

He also mentioned his otherwise entertaining but effective way of leading the people by giving them incentives for following the quarantine protocols such as rewarding the most behaved barangay with free lechon baboy and lechon manok.

The Mayor shared on his

FB post they were give Talent Fees (TF) and bobble head doll characters of Eat Buluga stars like Maine Mendoza, Alden Richards and Lola Nidora.

According to Salamat, the TF he received for guesting will be donated to the affected vendors of the Luk-suhin Public Market fire while the bobble head dolls will be given as prizes to the winners for the three best

stories that will be shared by Alfonseños about the life changing experience they had during the pandemic.

Veteran host Vic Sotto thanked the mayors as the show recognized their extra ordinary performance of their duties to serve the people and wished them well with their governance and leadership. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite)

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HSI) na ang strain na lumalabas ngayon sa mga testing machines ay yung "high viral load" na kung makukuhan ng mahina ang naturalesa ay napakataas ng tsansa ng mortalidad.

Ngunit nagbigay ng katiyakan ang gobernador na hindi ibabalik sa Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) ang lalawigan sapagkat may kakayanan ang mga pasilidad at ospital dito para sa COVID-19.

Muling nagpaalala si Gov. Jonvic para sa mas higit na pag-iingat lalo pa at malakas ang katawan dahil pwedeng asymptomatic o walang sintomas ng sakit. Ito ay lalong mas malakas na makahawa o 'super spreader' kung kaya't mas delikado para sa mga kasambahay na senior citizens.

"Wala pa ring bakuna para sa COVID-19 at ang tanging panangga lamang ay ang ating pagsunod sa mga

patakaran," ani Gov. Jonvic.

Dagdag pa nang gobernador, "By now you know what to do and avoid. The guidelines are clear. We are all competent enough to understand. Disiplina at dobleng ingat na lang ang kailangan natin."

(Sa ngayon ay alam na natin ang dapat nating gawin at ang dapat iwasan. Tayong lahat ay may kakayanan na umunawa.)

Samantala, ibinahagi

nang gobernador na patuloy pa rin ang targeted testing para sa frontliners at wala pa ring pagpapasya ang IATF para sa "Tandem Pass" o angkas.

Ang mga hotels, motels, bars, at ano mang lugar na gimikan ay mananatiling sarado sapagkat dito sa mga lugar na ito kumalat ang virus sa ibang bansa. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite at ulat mula sa official FB page of Gov. Jonvic Remulla)

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## OSH-IT to inspect business establishments in Dasmariñas City

Dasmariñas City, Cavite Jun 29 (PIA) -- About 596 business establishments in this city is set to be inspected by the Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Inspection Team to ensure the IATF-DOH protocols on minimum safety standards are being followed.

This is pursuant to Civil Service Commission (CSC) and the Department of Health (DOH) Joint Circular No. 1 s. 2020 enjoining the city government of Dasmariñas to create its Occupational Safety and Health Committee under which the OSH Inspection Team was formed.

The team's objective is not limited to the inspection of

health safety protocols and guidelines on COVID-19 control but also the compliance with the laws, issuances and ordinances pertaining to the securing of business permits and licenses.

They are also tasked to provide recommendations based on the ocular inspection for the compliance of the said establishments that include but are not limited to the revocation of business permit and/or closure of the establishment.

As of June 24, 2020 the inspection team had visited 291 establishments out of which 112 establishments were ordered closed/temporarily closed due to non-compliance.

Likewise, seven colleges and universities in the city were issued a notice/letter for proper guidelines and minimum health protocols for essential services and face-to-face transactions in accordance with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and DOH guidelines.

An ongoing spot inspection of all the lying-in clinics, medical laboratories, private hospitals and dental clinics are underway to ensure the compliance with DOH guidelines and minimum health protocols on COVID-19 and on toxic and hazardous waste management. As of June 26, 2020, about 26 establishments were already inspected.

There are still 305 remaining establishments in the city that the OSH Inspection Team will inspect. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite with report from the FB page of Mayor Jenny Barzaga)



by Paolo Manuel Fule

## Far Eastern University Tamaraws cager Xyrus Dane Torres



**T**oughness, perseverance the will to win and determination are traits that drive athletes to overcome obstacles in life. On the court and in life, this young athlete epitomizes the kind of resiliency that dreams are made of. Meet the future basketball star in FEU's Xyrus Dane Torres. Born Xyrus Dane Calma Torres on September 23, 2000 in Sto. Tomas, Pampanga, to Mr. Diosdado Torres and Edna Torres, the 6-foot shooting guard is currently studying as a student in FEU and is playing for the FEU Tamaraws for UAAP season 82.

In the NBA, he likes Manu Ginobili of the San Antonio Spurs while in the PBA, he likes Dondon Hontiveros of the Alaska Aces. His career high in points is 28 during his UAAP stint. His favorite shot is the 3-point shot. Xyrus' most unforgettable game is the FEU Baby Tamaraws champion season in UAAP 79. His ambition in life is to be a PBA player and to help his family and other people.

Xyrus Dane is also a member of the Batang Gilas Pilipinas FIBA U18 Asian Championship. In 2019, he is also one of the participants to the Slam Rising Stars Classic which features the top high school basketball players in the country. Inside the bright lights of stardom and fame, character and attitude stands tall amidst its glitter and hustling world. An armada of patience, faith and resiliency will really bring one to the real meaning of stardom and success. This is what holds true to the young, humble and talented Xyrus Dane Torres who is treading his studies and basketball sports at the same time.

Blessed with good looks, humility, perseverance and talent combined with unceasing faith in God, this handsome lad will definitely reach his dreams in the very near future.

quately provide the needed food requirements of the PDLs upon transfer to the new facility, pending the construction of the permanent kitchen. To secure the perimeter, the fabrication and installation of steel security fence geared towards providing additional layer of security within the internal jurisdiction was completed on May 29, 2020

"This added security sends a strong signal that we mean business in so far as safekeeping of PDL is concerned," JSupt. De Castillo said,

The installation of an overhead 2,000-gallon capacity water tank donated by the Rotary Club of Bacoor pro-

vided an additional source of water to the facility. Additional source for adequate supply of water for the sanitation and hygienic requirements of the PDLs especially during this COVID-19 pandemic. The BCJ-MD is also very much online with the installation of internet connection provided by Globe Telecommunications Company. With internet connection, BJMP personnel can now contribute more efficiently and fast service and get up-to-date information and learnings thru the use of various social media platforms. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite with report from BJMP Bacoor City Jail-Male Dorm FB page)



## 90% ng namatay sa Covid 19 << P1

at lalong hindi sang-ayon sa paglabas ninyo. Kailangan pa rin ng mas lalong pag-iingat at patuloy na stay home protocol sa mga edad 60 pataas," pahayag ni Gov. Remulla.

Ang pahayag ni Cavite Governor Jonvic Remulla ay bahagi ng kanyang pag-uulat tungkol sa sitwasyon sa COVID-19 sa lalawigan ng Cavite.

Sa huling tala mula sa Provincial Health Office ng Cavite, mayroon nang kabuuang 502 kaso ng COVID-19 sa lalawigan, 195 ang gumaling na at 36 ang

mga nasawi. Ayon pa kay Gov. Remulla, tama ang pre-diksiyon ni Dr. Charles Yu sa progreso ng positive cases ng COVID-19 sa Cavite.

"June 1 pa lamang ay sinabi na niya na aakyat ang kaso ng COVID after 2 weeks ng general community quarantine (GCQ) sa National Capital Region (NCR). Halos 80% ng mga kaso ay galing sa mga may lakad o trabaho sa NCR," patuloy ni Gov. Remulla.

Ibinahagi rin ng Gobernador na lagpas 1,000 na ng mga medical frontliners sa

Cavite ang sumailalim na sa targetted testing. Sa bilang na nabanggit, may 12 lamang ang kumpirmadong nag-positibo sa COVID-19.

"So, good job sa mga frontliners for following protocols. Next week ay mga pulis naman ang dadaan sa testing," pagtatapos ni Remulla.

Samantala, sa huling tala na inilabas ng Department of Health Center for Health & Development (DOH-CHD) Region 4A alas-3 ng hapon ng Hunyo 24, 2020 may kabuuang 513 ang bilang ng COVID-19 confirmed cases

sa Lalawigan ng Cavite.

Mula sa 502 na kasong nabanggit ni Gov. Remulla, ito ay nadagdagan ng 11. May kabuuang bilang na 194 ang recovered, 36 na namatay habang nasa 283 naman ang bilang ng active cases.

Pangatlo pa rin ang Cavite sa mga probinsiyang may matataas na kaso ng COVID-19 sa buong CALABARZON habang ito ang nangunguna sa may pinakamaraming active cases. (CP-Gonzaga, PIA-4A at ulat mula sa FB Page ni Cavite Gov. Jonvic Remulla)

## Cavite Gov't allows more time << P1

a partial submission, but it asked for a 90-day extension to complete the remaining requirements.

The province's PPP selection panel evaluated the request on June 16.

"Per deliberation of the PPP-SC, the PPP-SC is constrained to recommend to the Provincial Governor to grant the request for extension of 90 days or until September 9 within which to submit the lacking documents in view of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic we are all facing, with firm reminder that the consortium must submit said documents on or before the said period granted,"

Mr. Grepo said in a phone message. The Cavite government had approved the first request of MacroAsia and its partner China Communications Construction Co. Ltd. to extend the due date for post-qualification documents, originally due 60 days after they received the notice of award on Feb. 14.

The province initially gave the consortium until the second week of June to process and submit the documents before a joint venture development agreement can be signed.

Mr. Remulla has said the province was hoping to break ground with its joint venture

partner for the first phase of the airport project by the second quarter of the year.

The first phase of the project, which will cost \$4 billion, includes the construction of the Sangley connector road and bridge to connect the Kawit segment of the Manila-Cavite Expressway to the international airport. Phase 1 also involves the construction of the airport's first runway. The airport is rated at 25 million passengers yearly, and is intended to help decongest the Ninoy Aquino International Airport.

Cavite expects the airport to start fully operating

by 2023, with partial operations to start a year earlier. The fourth runway will be opened after five years.

The same consortium will work on the other two phases of the project, but there may be contract renegotiations, according to the Cavite government.

The second phase, which will cost about \$6 billion, involves the construction of two more runways, giving the airport an annual capacity of 75 million passengers.

The last phase is the expansion to four runways, bringing capacity to 130 million passengers. (By Arjay L. Balinbin, Reporter)

## New Bacoor City Jail male << P1

or Lani Revilla in attendance.

In April this year, BCJ-MD Warden JSupt. Deogracias F. De Castillo, MPS in close coordination with all the stakeholders spearheaded the strategic and systematic movement of PDLs to the new facility.

The newly-completed jail facility was built with the allocation of multi-million budget thru the Peace

and Order and Public Safety (POPS) Plan for FY 2020-2022.

The Sangguniang Panlungsod approved the plan October 14, 2019 and signed by Mayor Lani Mercado-Revilla with the budget mostly for infrastructure projects, the construction of functional areas in the new jail facility.

De Castillo together with representatives from the

City Engineering Office inspected the new facility February 2020, in relation to the construction of additional functional areas such as the offices for the administration, operations, and records, kitchen and the multi-purpose area.

In the following months of March and April, installation of utilities like electricity and water went underway in

preparation for the planned transfer of PDLs.

The "Kabalikat Hall" Duty post/Multi-purpose area was constructed May 2020, to provide BJMP personnel with more conducive work space and at the same time, utilize as multi-purpose area for service providers, visitors, and clientele.

Likewise, the temporary kitchen was put-up to ade-



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## Digital Disbursement ng Second Tranche ng SAP, Sisimulan na

Sisimulan na ng DSWD sa susunod na linggo ang Digital Disbursement ng second tranche ng SAP.

Ayon sa Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) ay sisimulan na nila ang digital disbursement ng second tranche ng Social Amelioration Program (SAP) cash aid sa susu-

nod na linggo. Batay ito sa Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) na pinirmahan ng DSWD at ng Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP).

Ayon kay DSWD Sec. Rolando Bautista, isasagawa ang digital electronic disbursement sa pamamagitan ng transaksyon sa banko o e-money accounts.

Kabilang sa e-bank partners ng DSWD ay ang GCash, PayMaya, Union Bank, RCBC, Starpay, at Robinsons Bank.

Sinabi naman ni Bautista na umabot na sa P52 milyon ang naipamahagi nila sa 9,391 waitlisted beneficiaries mula sa Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR), Regions 1 at 3.

Nabatid na 11 lugar ang sakop ng ikalawang bugso ng SAP na kinabibilangan ng Region 3, maliban sa Aurora; National Capital Region (NCR); Calabarzon; Benguet; Pangasinan; Iloilo; Cebu Province; Bacolod City; Davao City, Albay Province at Zamboanga City.



## GenTri opens isolation facility; houses COVID-19 positive cops, new cases



GENERAL TRIAS CITY, Cavite Jun 28 (PIA) -- GenTri City Mayor Antonio Ferrer together with City Health Office head Dr. Jonathan Luseco led the launching of the newly-constructed isolation facility located in Barangay Santiago.

The opening of the facility is very timely as the COVID-19 cases in the city is increasing, patients can now be isolated immediately, assessed and provided with proper medical attention and treatment until full recovery.

The air-conditioned facility is equipped with 50 hospital beds, disinfection chamber, comfort rooms, laundry site, pantry, and dining area. Stocks of personal protective gears are ready for the use of the medical staff and health workers attending to COVID-19 patients.

Meanwhile, the Targeted Testing of police frontliners in the city resulted to 14 positive cases of the coronavirus in the police force. They are

now admitted in the newly opened isolation facility with their condition closely being monitored by health workers.

City Police Chief PLT-Col. Marlo Solero had requested augmentation force from the Cavite Provincial Police Office (CPPO) for maintaining peace and order in the city.

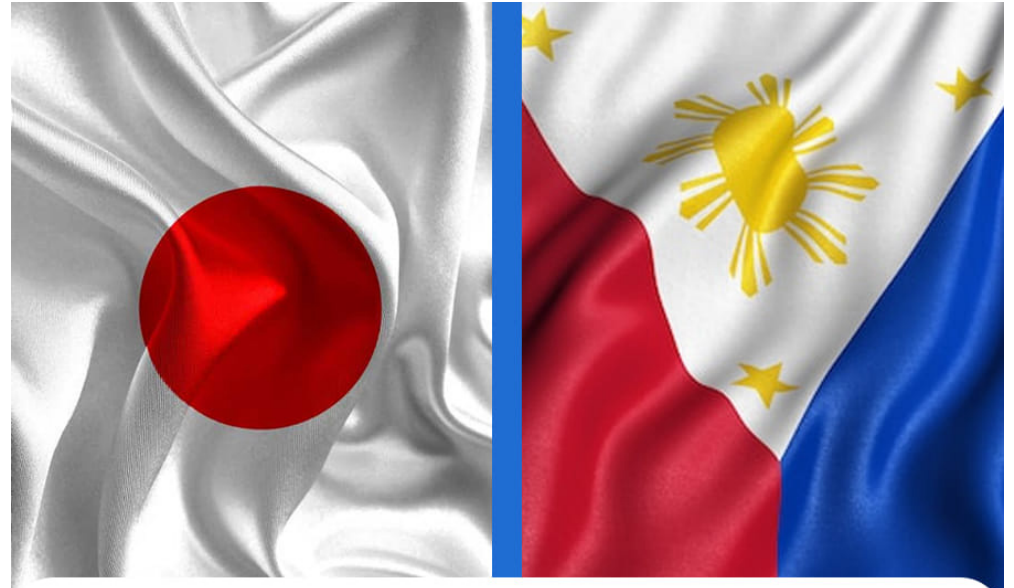
The Gen. Trias Police Station also announced the temporary suspension of issuance of PNP travel authority and clearance.

"Issuance of travel pass and police clearance from the local police is (temporary) suspended while we are preparing for the online application system in the coming week," PLTCol. Solero announced. Cavite 6th District Representative Luis 'Jonjon' Ferrer IV said police frontliners are our heroes. "Despite the threat of the COVID-19 they courageously and faithfully perform their sworn duties to serve

and protect the people."

As of June 25, 2020 the COVID-19 confirmed cases in the city rose to 54 cases with additional 10 new cases recorded, 24 recoveries, 25 active cases, and 5 deaths. The 14 GenTri cops found positive are not included in the new cases pending the result of the contact tracing being conducted.

"The public is strongly urged to strictly follow health protocols such as social distancing, wearing of face masks, regular hand washing, and staying at home unless going out for essential goods and services, or working in allowed industries. Vulnerable groups such as senior citizens, individuals 20 years and below, pregnant women and those with pre-existing medical conditions are advised not to go out of their houses unless extremely necessary," Dr. Jonathan Luseco said. The GenTri Covid Busters continues to conduct disinfection activities of public



## PHILIPPINES, JAPAN SIGN ¥50-B LOAN FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE SUPPORT

The Philippines and Japan signed an agreement over ¥50-billion loan for COVID-19 efforts to support the government's response during the health crisis.

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Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Chief Representative Eigo Azukizawa signed a loan agreement of more than JPY50-billion (roughly P23 billion) in behalf of the Philippines and Japan to support the government's response and economic relief efforts amid the COVID-19 health crisis.

TJP¥50-billion COVID-19 Crisis Response Emergency Support Loan (CCRESL) was the quickest that was ever secured under Japan's Official Development Assistance (ODA) financing package and in keeping with the "fast and sure" approach adopted by the two countries since 2017.

Dominguez said the Philippines' urgent need for budgetary support to address the COVID-19 emergency made the quick processing of the loan deal.

"The CCRESL was already approved by the Development Budget Coordination Committee (DBCC) last June 10 and was processed by the approving authorities of both countries in only 14 working days until today's signing of the loan accord at the DOE," Dominguez said.

It is the first budgetary support extended by the JICA to help address the COVID-19 situation in the country.

"Again, we express our heartfelt gratitude to the people and to the Government of Japan, represented here today by JICA Chief Representative Eigo Azukizawa and of course, His Excellency (Japanese) Ambassador (to the Philippines) Koji Haneda, for your support to the Filipino people during this very difficult situation," he shared.

The Finance chief also added that the country shall conquer the emergency and recover the economic momentum. He also mentioned that the deep friendship and cooperation between the two countries will remain unchanged.

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places such as public markets in Barangay Sampalukan and Manggahan, city hall, city health clinic, GenTri Police Station, BFP Office, and the

public plaza to prevent further spread of the virus in the locality. In support to disinfection activities, Representative Jonjon Ferrer distrib-

uted sanitizers and alcohols to 33 barangays in the city. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite/with reports from Dennis Abrina)