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Installation of Cavite traffic lights to resume

Cavite Infrastructure Corp. (CIC), the concessionaire of the Manila-Cavite Expressway, will resume next week the installation of traffic lights at the Cavite's Moonwalk-West Service Road intersection.

The project was suspended in March due to the enhanced community quarantine imposed in Metro Manila.

With construction to resume on June 30, the CIC advised motorists to expect single-lane closures in some

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Teleperformance plans Cavite office

OUTSOURCING firm Teleperformance Philippines plans to open a new office in Cavite by the third quarter as it signals optimism about the growth of the sector throughout the health crisis.

Teleperformance Philippines Chief Operating Officer Mike Lytle in an e-mail on Monday said that the opening of its 22nd location in the country will push through if construction activities can resume. It also plans to expand existing operations in Quezon City. He said the industry, after the impact

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Stop Bacoor reclamation plan, Sen. Villar asks DENR

Senator Cynthia Villar on Tuesday asked the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to stop the reclamation plan in Bacoor City, Cavite due to its threats to the protected area and the communities along the coast of Manila Bay.

SSS now accepts unemployment benefit applications online

The Social Security System (SSS) is now ready to accept online applications for the unemployment benefit from members who were involuntarily separated from work due to the huge impact of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Aurora C. Ignacio said, "Job loss in times of global health crisis is one of the worst-case scenarios



Gov. Remulla gives updates on COVID-19 status in Cavite

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite Jun 25 (PIA) -- Cavite Governor Jonvic Remulla shared on his FB page June 24 the updates on

the COVID-19 status in the province and the new ordinance on alcohol intoxication recently approved by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan.

The province has a total of 502 COVID-19 cases with 195 recoveries and 36 deaths

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Villar, chairman of the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, told the DENR to recall the environment compliance certificate (ECC)

it issued to the 320-hectare Bacoor Reclamation and Development Project. "The reclamation project

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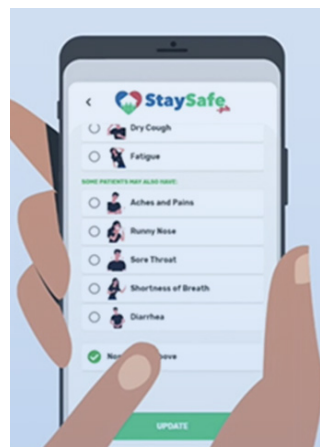
Bacoor City unveils Stay Safe app

Stay Safe Bacoor aims to help in contact tracing, social distancing, and health condition reporting

BACOR CITY, Philippines - The local government here launched Friday, June 19, a contact tracing mobile application named 'Stay Safe Bacoor' as part of its effort to curb the spread of the coronavirus.

Mayor Lani Mercado-Revilla led the launch at the Bacoor Government Center of the mobile app

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that we wish would never happen. However, as a pension fund, we have to anticipate these kinds of contingencies by allocating funds and providing our members with safer, faster, and more convenient means of filing benefit claims and receiving their cash benefits."

To qualify for the unemployment benefit, covered employees, including kasam-

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Silang transport group unveils new PUVs

The Silang Transport Service and Development Cooperative has launched its eco-friendly public utility vehicles for commuters in Cavite.

Assisted by the Department of Trade and Industry, the service provider introduced its 23 new and modernized units to provide service in Imus City and Silang, said officials of the cooperative, a beneficiary of DTI's Shared Service Facility Program. Through the finan-

cial assistance of the Department of Budget and Management and the effort of Silang Transport's Manager Sulpicio Arellano, the Cooperative successfully paved the way to offer and run the first ecological and conducive PUV in

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TRANSPORT SERVICE. The Silang Transport Service and Development Cooperative, a beneficiary of the DTI's Shared Service Facility program, has introduced its 23 new and modernized units of PUV to provide service in Imus City and Silang, Cavite

LGUs receive Php 140.1M ER 1-94 funds from AboitizPower and DOE

Brgy. San Pedro, Sto. Tomas City, one of the host communities of APRI-MakBan, utilizes their ER 1-94 funds for the decontamination of the supermarket and other public areas.

AboitizPower and the Department of Energy (DOE) recently turned over around Php 140.1 million worth of Energy Regulations 1-94 (ER 1-94) funds to some 36 host beneficiaries of AboitizPower business units AP Renewables, Inc. (APRI) and San Carlos Sun Power, Inc. (SacaSun).

The initial remittance is part of the total Php 351.6 million ER 1-94 funds generated by AboitizPower's geothermal and solar facilities. The remaining funds are still being processed and will likewise be turned over to the host beneficiaries as soon as available. The host beneficiaries of APRI and SacaSun include 24 barangays, three municipalities, and two cities in the provinces of Albay, Batangas, Laguna, and Negros Occidental. Regions IV-A, V, and VI, through the Regional Development Council (RDC), will also be given shares that they can allocate to their chosen non-host local government units (LGUs) of APRI and SacaSun within their respective regions.

ER 1-94 is a program that gives benefit to host communities through the one centavo per kilowatt-hour (PHP 0.01/kWh) share in the total electricity sales of a power generating facility located within their locality. The new DOE Circular No. DC2020-04-00080 mandates that the funds can now be utilized for COVID-19 response efforts, in support of the Bayanihan to Heal as One Act.

COVID-19 response initiatives that were so far implemented by the said LGUs include holding areas or distribution centers, medical and PPE supplies, facility decontamination, and relief goods to feed low-income households during this prolonged quarantine period.

The said funding can also be utilized for mass testing,



subsidy programs (non-food items), mobile market to ensure uninterrupted availability of essential goods, construction of quarantine centers, provision of cremation and burial services, electricity cost subsidies to newly constructed health facilities, and all other reasonable means or measure to mitigate, contain, and eliminate the transmission of COVID-19.

AboitizPower Geothermal and Solar Business Units Pres-

ident and Chief Operating Officer Dennis B. Jordan said, "We don't know how long this crisis will last. I see the accrued ER 1-94 fund as a blessing. This is God's provision that our host communities can tap and utilize at this very difficult moment in our nation's history. May they be able to use this resource to help contain, mitigate, and eventually eliminate the spread of COVID-19 in their respective areas."

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bahays and overseas Filipino worker (OFW) members, must have paid at least 36 monthly SSS contributions, wherein 12 months of it should have been paid within the last 18 months before the month of involuntary separation. Reasons for involuntary separation should be due to retrenchment/downsizing, closure or cessation of business operations, and other reasons brought about by the coronavirus disease (CoVID-19) pandemic.

Furthermore, the member must not be more than 60 years old at the time of involuntary separation, except for underground and surface mineworkers, and racehorse jockeys whose age should not be more than 50 and 55 years old, respectively.

Before the online application of unemployment benefit, members should have their own My.SSS account through registration at the SSS Website. Contact details, especially the mobile number, should also be registered in My.SSS account in case the member opted to receive their benefits through remittance cen-

ters. Disbursement accounts should also be enrolled in the respective My.SSS accounts through Bank Enrollment Module (BEM).

To submit their benefit application online, members should log in to My.SSS account and click "apply for unemployment benefit claim" under the E-Services tab. Provide all the pertinent information such as the active savings account enrolled through the Bank Enrollment Module (BEM), employment category, date of involuntary separation, the reason for involuntary separation, and the employer's name where the member was separated.

Members should read the certification carefully before clicking the "Submit" box to agree and proceed with the application. SSS will send a notification through email.

Members should reply by attaching the scanned images of the certification issued by the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) or by the Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO), together with the Notice of Termination from

the Employer or Affidavit of Termination from Employment, whichever is applicable. SSS will once again send a notice through email regarding their unemployment benefit application.

"We would like to remind our members to double-check the encoded details before submitting their application to avoid any inconvenience brought by any erroneous entry such as bank account number and contact details. Also, secure your email and text notifications for future reference," added Ignacio.

Unemployment benefit will be released through various SSS payment channels such as Unified Multi-purpose Identification (UMID) Card enrolled as ATM card, bank account in PESONet participating banks, electronic wallet (e.g., Paymaya), and remittance transfer companies/cash payout outlets (e.g., DBP Cash Padala thru MLhuiller).

Unemployment benefit can only be availed once every three years, starting from the date of involuntary separation from work. SSS

shall only pay the highest benefit from the recorded contingencies if two or more compensable contingencies occurred within the same period.

As of May 2020, more than 900 members already availed of the unemployment benefits during the community quarantine from March 16 to May 31, with total disbursement amounting to P11.76 million.

"This is part of the SSS' assistance package that intends to provide financial assistance to members and pensioners affected by the health crisis brought by COVID-19. We hope that our displaced members will immediately get a new job so that they can financially support themselves and their families," Ignacio concluded.

For more information, members may call the SSS hotline at 1455 or the Interactive Voice Response System facility at 7917-7777. They may also follow the official Facebook page "Philippine Social Security System" and Instagram Account "Mysssp" for further updates.

Stop Bacoor Reclamation Plan << P1

will potentially cause irreparable damage to the Las Piñas-Parañaque Wetland Park. The project will be building on the buffer zone of this protected area and will destroy the landscape in which the wetland now thrives," Villar said.

The senator said that under Republic Act 11038, the Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System (E-NIPAS) Act, which she sponsored, the 175-hectare wetland park was a declared protected area.

It was also recognized as one of the seven areas in the country listed as a Wetland of International Importance by the Ramsar Convention "because of its critical role in the survival of threatened, restricted-range, and congregatory bird species," she said.

Villar also warned about "massive flooding" as she recalled the Department of Public Works and Highways saying that reclamation in this part of Manila Bay will cause flooding as high as

eight meters in Las Piñas City. She added that if the reclamation project pushes through, the flood-control projects in Bacoor and Imus worth P1.47 billion will be wasted.

Villar said flooding was one of the grounds that she, along with 315,000 residents of Las Piñas City, Parañaque City, and Cavite, cited when they petitioned for Writ of Kalikasan against the planned reclamation of Manila Bay in 2012.

In 2017, the DENR cancelled the ECC issued to a similar reclamation plan in Parañaque and Las Piñas coastal bay for its potential harm to the environment.

Villar said the DENR's approval of the Bacoor reclamation project also contradicts the government's P1.3-billion Manila Bay rehabilitation project.

In January, 2019, the "Battle for Manila Bay" was launched to reinforce the Supreme Court's December, 2008, mandamus directing

13 agencies and private entities to clean up, rehabilitate, preserve, restore, and maintain the waters of Manila Bay to a level that is fit for swimming, skin-diving, and other forms of contact-recreation.

This was the basis of the creation of the Manila Bay Task Force the following month.

"If we allow reclamation to proceed in Manila Bay, what happens now to our rehabilitation efforts? Our government has already poured precious resources into this campaign and many have already sacrificed to comply. Are we now losing the battle for Manila Bay?" Villar asked.

The DENR recently granted the ECC to the Bacoor Reclamation and Development Project, after Bacoor City Mayor Lani Mercado-Revilla, the project's main proponent, satisfied the requirements of the DENR's Environmental Impact Assessment (EIS) Review Committee. With

the ECC, the proponents are given the go-signal to start dredging activity, filling the project area with reclamation materials and construction of road networks and drainage system.

"With the issuance of the ECC, you are expected to fully implement the measures presented in the EIS intended to protect and mitigate the project's predicted adverse impact on community health, welfare, and the environment. Environmental considerations shall be incorporated in all phases and aspects of the project," the ECC stated.

Militant fishers' group Pambansang Lakas ng Kilusang Mamamalakaya ng Pilipinas (PAMALAKAYA) also opposed the project, fearing that more than 700 fishing and coastal families will be ejected from their houses to give way to the project.

President Duterte has been consistent in his stance against any reclamation projects at the Manila Bay.

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'Tying the knot' amid Covid-19 pandemic

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite Jun 19 (PIA) -- Several couples in the different cities and municipalities in the province decided to tie the knot on the wedding month of June amid coronavirus disease (COVID)-19 pandemic.

Noveleta installs free WiFi for all

NOVELETA, Cavite: Mayor Dino Reyes Chua has embarked on installing free Wi-Fi connection for the 16 villages of the town in preparation for the electronic learning of students of the municipality. Chua told The Manila Times that a dry run for the town's free Wi-Fi started at the Noveleta Town Plaza on Tuesday. He noted that the municipal government targets to install free internet connection at seven public elementary schools, as well as junior and senior high schools in Barangay San Rafael so that public and private schools could comply with the new digital learning method, ensuring safety from the coronavirus disease.

Meanwhile, some parents of public school students lamented their lack of electronic gadgets, personal computers and even smartphones to conform to this new educational shift to digital. Chua has not commented on what can be done regarding the lack of such electronic devices required in the conduct of digital learning. The Noveleta Central Elementary School in San Rafael 2, Ambrocio S. Robles Memorial Elementary School in San Juan 2, San Antonio Elementary School, General Luciano Sa Miguel Elementary School in Poblacion, Salcedo Elementary School, Pacifioc Q. Aquino Elementary School in San Rafael 3, San Juan Elementary School, Noveleta National High School and Noveleta Senior High School are still accepting students through online enrollment. In addition to online learning, government radio and television will also be used to conduct classes in spite of the coronavirus pandemic.

The local chief executives officiated the civil wedding ceremony in their offices with the brides all dressed in white while everyone wearing face masks and observing physical distancing in compliance with health protocols.

In the municipality of Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo-Bailen, Mayor Nelia Bencito-Angeles wed 17 couples on June 16 & 17, 2020. The event is part of the local government's program 'Kasalang Bayan.'

The 17 pairs were grouped into five batches with only one pair of sponsors for every couple to avoid overcrowding and allow physical distancing during the wedding ceremony inside the office of the mayor.

Meanwhile, Trece Martires Mayor Gemma Buendia-Lubigan, and Bacoor City Mayor Lani Mercado-Revilla were both honored to wed couples who came to their offices to make their relationship official.

Also, Dasmariñas City Mayor Jenny Austria-Barzaga officiated the special wedding for two couples at The Penthouse with strict implementation of physical distancing and a gathering of less than 10 persons pursuant to IATF rules on mass gatherings.

The mayors wished the newly wed couples all the best in their married life.

"To the newlyweds, I extend my greetings to all of you. Be responsible as you build your own family and a good example to your children. Also be good citizens for the betterment of our country," Mayor Nelia Angeles advised the couples. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite with reports from the official FB pages of Mayor Lani Revilla, Mayor Gemma Lubigan, Mayor Jenny Barzaga, and Mayor Nelia Angeles)



Bacoor City Mayor Lani Mercado Revilla officiates the civil wedding of two couples amid Covid-19 pandemic. Truly, love conquers all. (Photo: Mayor Lani Revilla FB Page)

Installation of Cavitex << P1

portions of the intersection from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The firm expects to complete the project by August. The traffic signals will be turned over to the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority for operations and maintenance.

In addition to traffic signals, CIC said it would also

conduct drainage works at the West Service Road entry ramp area from 10 p.m. to 10 a.m. A portion of the West Service Road entry ramp will be closed to traffic and Meriville-bound motorists will be diverted to the West Service Road exit ramp, which will be converted into a two-way traffic lane.

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the province. They demonstrated their readiness to serve the public by observing social distancing and other health protocols with their passengers.

According to Arellano, the eco-friendly PUVs were their answer to the government's call for a nature-friendly transportation system and the LGUs' call to service commuters plying from Silang to Imus and Silang to Tagaytay and vice-versa.

Routes will be stretched once the new normal is in place in the province, the officials said.

Established in 1991, 15 individuals from different transport associations in Sil-

ang joined and worked for the registration of the Silang Transport.

They started their business and services to members by applying passenger utilities jeepney franchise from the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board.

In 2013, the DTI 4-A through its SSF program awarded the Silang Transport Service and Development Cooperative with equipment like a hydraulic pipe bender, universal sheet bender, sheet metal cutter, acetylene torch, and welding machine for body fabrication and repair.

The Cooperative was able to increase its services to the members on repairs

up to 15 percent, assemble additional cooperative owned unit, and increase motor shop income to 10 percent, greatly improving their production and capacity to address the needs of its members. Through the SSF, members and member-drivers continue to use the equipment to their modernized PUVs in terms of maintenance and repair.

At present, the Cooperative has 174 member operators. "We would like to congratulate the Silang Transport Service and Development Cooperative for this achievement. You have proven that there are, indeed, many ways to thrive amid this pandemic through a sheer amount of

perseverance, optimism, and determination. We really believe that through the relentless effort and convergence of the government and the private sector, we will be able to survive in this crisis," said DTI Calabarzon Director Marilou Toledo.

The Department's SSF is a national program that aims to improve the competitiveness of the micro, small, and medium by providing them with machinery, equipment, tools, systems, skills and knowledge under a shared system. The SSF program is being implemented nationwide by the DTI-Regional Operations Group headed by Undersecretary Blesila Lantayona.

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which aims to help in contact tracing, social distancing system and health condition reporting.

According to Revilla, users can download the

application and just fill out the personal information required.

"Makikita na po dito kung ikaw ay mild, severe or suspected cases" Users

can also register their family members on this application.

"Mas maganda po kapag alam mo ang health condition ng mga kasama mo sa inyong tahanan" Revilla said.

(It would be better if you are aware of your health condition and those in your home.

This launch coincided with the 8th cityhood anniversary here. - Rappler.com

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from the disease, according to the latest data recorded by the Provincial Health Office (PHO) Cavite.

In his post, the governor cited the prediction of Dr. Charles Yu, a member of the medical team at the De La Salle Medical-Health Science Institute (DLSM-HSI) that the number of COVID-19 cases in the province will blow after two weeks from June 1, 2020 when NCR was placed to GCQ status. The data indeed proved correct with 80% of the new cases were either employees in

NCR or had traveled to NCR.

He also reported that 90% of the total deaths from the COVID-19 were senior citizens thus, the strict implementation of the prohibition for residents 60 years old and above for leaving their residences is very much in as they are of high risk for infection.

Meanwhile, the Targeted Testing of more than 1,000 medical frontliners in the province were completed with only 12 persons tested positive for the COVID-19. Police personnel follow next

in the list of Targeted Testing to commence next week.

On the other hand, Governor Remulla shared some details on the recently approved ordinance known as the "Public Intoxication Ordinance" approved by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan during their recently concluded council meeting.

The ordinance states that police personnel in the province will be provided with alcohol breath analyzer to test motorists and pedestrians suspected of alcohol intoxication.

Once a suspected driver or pedestrian fails on the alcohol breath analyzer test thru excess in the blood alcohol limit, they shall automatically be fined and the driver will be charged and jailed for driving under the influence of liquor. Governor Remulla reminded it is okay to drink within the confines of their homes but once outside, the law is in effect. "You can have fun but don't be a danger to others," Gov. Jonvic said. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite with report from the official FB page of Gov. Remulla)

Teleperformance plans << P1

of the lockdown, would see minimal growth this year. The Philippine outsourcing sector, he said, is operating at 66% of its normal levels.

"We will expect to see flat to minimal growth year-over-year because of the lost time over the last couple of months," he said.

Teleperformance clients in the tourism and hospitality sectors saw the most adverse impact throughout the lockdown.

He added that the company also had to train or "reskill" employees to move them to different locations and support types. Their previous work was no longer required after their clients' businesses shifted.

But Mr. Lytle's long-term projections are more optimistic, pointing to outsourcing as a cost-saving option for companies that have lost revenues throughout the lockdown.

"While there was a little bit of slowdown as clients assessed their requirements and approach during this uncertain time, we are now seeing positive indicators for strong growth in the balance of the year," he said.

Demand from the e-commerce and online streaming industries has also been growing.

He said that the company is seeing growth in the shared services sector, which includes human resources, scheduling and planning, and accounts receivable and payable in finance and accounting. Analytics, he said, will also translate to opportunities in Philippine outsourcing in the next few years.

Industry stakeholders had said that Philippine outsourcing may lose contracts as larger global companies try to diversify their location strategies to reduce disrupted operations, especially as other outsourcing destinations may have stronger Internet connectivity for work-from-home measures. But Mr. Lytle said that this option is limited to companies that can afford it. "There will certainly be some clients who look to diversify their approach to improve resiliency and business continuity by balancing their requirements across multiple countries. However the increased complexity and cost of operation will limit others," he said. "We expect this will not be a major impact to the Philippines overall IT-BPM (Information Technology and Business Process Management) outlook." Teleperformance Philippines employs around 47,000 people.



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Cavitex, PRA extend services to people thru corporate initiatives

BACOR CITY, Cavite Jun 23 (PIA) -- The Cavitex Infrastructure Corporation (CIC) and joint partner Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA) coordinated its efforts to extend assistance to their countrymen especially during COVID-19 pandemic.

With the aim to provide continuous, smooth passage to fast-track emergency response, a complimentary passage on the toll roads was extended to medical practitioners and to the Department of Transportation (DoTr) buses used to transport healthcare workers.

Likewise, RFID stickers were given to ambulances and other emergency vehicles of the local government units and host barangays along the expressways. PRA General Manager Atty. Janilo Rubiato said, "We salute our frontlin-

ers for their unwavering service to the Filipino people. We are one with the government in ensuring that essential goods and services are safe when they access CAVITEX." Meanwhile, a 3,200 sqm area acquired right-of-way for C-5 Link Segment 2 that is located across the PEA Tollway Corporation compound was allowed for use as checkpoint to assist the Joint Task-Force COVID Shield operations. Further, other initiatives include the construction, mobilization and set-up of a multi-purpose

shed with utilities amounting to Php150,000.00 for the use of the Philippine Navy frontliners. Donation of reflectorized vests for Philippine Navy Fleet Marine Ready Force to keep them safe as they man checkpoints to monitor motorists going in and coming out of Cavite, Laguna and Metro Manila. "CAVITEX with our joint venture partner PRA shall continue to extend help to support and boost the morale of our partners in government during this difficult time," said CIC President

and General Manager Roberto V. Bontia. CIC and PRA in close coordination with the Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging and Infectious Disease, assure concerned government agencies and especially the public of their continued support for the continuous and unhampered flow of goods and services along the expressways in the fight against this pandemic. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite/with reports from the Communication and Stakeholder Management, MPT South Management Corporation)



LAMPAS 14,000 BUS EMPLOYEES ANG APEKTADO BUNSOD NG PANDEMIYA

'Di bababa sa 14,000 empleyado na miyembro ng Provincial Bus Operations Association of the Philippines (PBOAP) ang nawalan ng kabuhayan sa gitna ng pandemiya.



Kurt Joey "The Flash" Panganiban: The dynamic cager from Rizal



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 Kurt Joey Panganiban of Rich Golden Shower Montessori Center (RGSMC) who is trading his studies and basketball at the same time.

Born Kurt Joey A. Panganiban on October 3, 2002 in Pasig City to Mr. Joselito Panganiban and Ms. Arlene Almeda, the 5-foot-11 cager is an incoming grade 10 student and plays shooting guard/small forward for his school.

Yeoj, as he is fondly called, says "discipline, perseverance and hard work are the keys. Kahit pagod ka kailangan mo pumasok sa eskwela at mag pasa ng mga requirements kaya kailangan mag sipag talaga at maging balance ang paglalaro at pag-aaral". Aside from basketball, Kurt also likes movie marathon, playing mobile legends, ROS, LOL and going to the gym as his past time.

His basketball idols are Giannis Antetokounmpo of Milwaukee Bucks, Stephen Curry of the Golden State Warriors, Kobe Bryant of Los Angeles Lakers, Zion Williamson and Marc Pingris. His favorite NBA teams are Los Angeles Lakers and the Golden State Warriors. His career high in points is 30 in a tournament in their village. He was also named as best player in Breakdown tournament. To keep his body fit, he eats vegetables and fruits. His ambition in life is to finish his studies and help his family. He also wants to be a professional basketball player and a pilot and to serve God as well.

It takes a lot of guts, courage, and hard work to attain such discipline in the world of sports like basketball and Kurt Joey is definitely on a mission this year. With the help of God and his determination to succeed in his chosen path, the road to glory should indeed be on sight.

Mendez-Nuñez in Cavite tighten security after 3 new COVID-19 cases

MENDEZ-NUÑEZ, Cavite – The municipal government is implementing stricter community quarantine measures after recording three new confirmed cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) over the weekend.

Starting today, June 23, checkpoints will be set up in every barangay and only quarantine pass holders and those reporting to work will be allowed to leave their homes.

Non-residents are likewise prohibited from entering the municipality except for work purposes or emergencies. Curfew hours starts at 8 p.m. to 5 a.m.

Over the weekend, the municipal government announced three new cases of COVID-19. All are asymptomatic and are currently in an isolation facility.

Patients 3 and 4 were tested by their respective companies. Patient 5, on the other hand, underwent a COVID-19 test as a requirement to return to his work as a seaman.

Contract tracing efforts are underway and their respective households have been placed on lockdown.

Prior to the three new cases, the municipality only had two previous cases of COVID-19, both of whom already recovered from the disease.