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LTFRB to open two city bus routes for Cavite, Bulacan commuters

Two more city bus routes were opened last Tuesday (June 2) after many commuters were stranded in parts of Metro Manila due to the lack of public transportation on the first day of the region's shift to general community quarantine (GCQ), the Department of Transportation (DOTr) announced on June 1.

Gatchalian: school opening should be risk-based



With the start of the enrollment period and the transition to General Community Quarantine (GCQ) and Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ), Senator Win Gatchalian emphasized that class opening should be guided by a risk-based approach to address safety and health concerns for students, teachers, parents, and other school personnel to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the community.

The Chairman of the Senate Committee on Basic Education, Arts and Culture underscored that even in provinces where there are zero cases of COVID-19 and physical classes might

be allowed, minimum health standards such as bans on mass gatherings should be observed.

The Department of Education (DepEd) has clarified that learners will not

necessarily attend physical or face-to-face classes when school year 2020-2021 starts. DepEd's Learning Continuity Plan (LCP) in fact identifies

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According to the DOTr, the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) will launch Route 5 from Angat, Bulacan to Quezon Avenue in Quezon City, and Route 28 from Dasmariñas, Cavite to Metro

Manila. Transportation Assistant Secretary Goddes Libiran said these routes are part of the 31 rationalized bus routes for Metro Manila.

The LTFRB has so far authorized 510 units for the Angat-Quezon Avenue route, and 151 units for the

Dasmariñas-NCR route, Libiran added.

"Due to time constraints, the LTFRB will have to confirm how many units the operators can deploy by tomorrow, June 2. They will

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Cash aid to MDs, RNs who got COVID 19 to be tax-free, released within 90 days

After it was revealed that not one of the hundreds of health workers who had fallen ill or died from COVID-19 had received a centavo of the compensation mandated by the Bayanihan Act, senators have amended the law to expedite the release of the cash aid and make it tax-exempt.

Senate President Pro Tempore Ralph Recto said a new provision of the Senate version of the bill extending the validity of the Bayanihan Act requires payment of compensation not later than 90 days after date of confinement or death.

"We are imposing a deadline. Its release should

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Governor Remulla tells residents to expect the worse with NCR under GCQ



TRECE MARTRES CITY, Cavite June 1 (PIA) -- Cavite Governor Jonvic Remulla advised all Caviteños returning to work

today to take all precautionary measures for their protection against the coronavirus.

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MPTC resumes construction of Cavite-Laguna Expressway



Metro Pacific Tollways South Management Corp. said it resumed the construction-related activities for its

big-ticket projects south of Metro Manila.

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Revised operational policies for all Cavite malls laid out

TRECE MARTIES CITY, Cavite May 30 (PIA) -- Cavite Governor Jonvic Remulla announced the revisions for the operational guidelines for all mall establishments in the province.

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Bacoor LGU partners with Foodpanda, other delivery service companies



Adopt service contracting for public transpo to avert 'commuter crisis' in GCQ areas

Senator Risa Hontiveros today urged government to adopt a service contracting program with the transportation sector to prevent a looming commuter crisis, and ensure that there will be enough buses, jeeps, and other public transportation in areas under general community quarantine (GCQ).

"Hindi dapat maging 'new normal' ang mahirap, matagal at delikadong commute para sa ating mga mananakay. Government should immediately tap the private transportation sector and adopt a service contracting scheme, so that more public transport becomes available for Filipinos going back to their jobs and businesses," she said.

The senator made her

call after the first day of general community quarantine (GCQ) in Metro Manila saw large numbers of commuters stranded and unable to travel due to limited availability of public transportation. This shortage, Hontiveros noted, has forced commuters to line up in long, crowded lines, or ignore social distancing and other health guidelines just to find ways to get moving.

"The lack of transport options is not just an emerging crisis for commuters, it is also a serious health hazard. Wala ring magagawa ang pag-limit sa pasahero sa mga tren at bus, kung sa kalsada pa lang ay exposed na sila sa health risks habang sila ay nasa mahaba, dikit-dikit at matao na pila," she said.

Hontiveros said that government can better solve the problem through service contracting with operators and drivers of buses, jeeps and other public transportation, as proposed by the #MoveAsOne coalition and other advocacy groups. Under such contracts, operators and drivers will be paid by government a per kilometer fee to ply their routes.

"Subok na ang service contracting, dahil ginawa na ito ng mga local government units (LGUs) para ibyahe ang kanilang mga frontliners sa gitna ng enhanced community quarantine (ECQ). If expanded on a national scale, it will

be a great way to immediately increase the passenger capacity of our transport systems in Metro Manila and elsewhere," she said.

The scheme, Hontiveros said, will allow government to better enforce the strict implementation of social distancing and other health guidelines in public transportation vehicles. She added that the fixed fees for drivers and operators will also remove the hazards attached to the current "boundary system."

"By adopting service contracting, we can make our

BACOOOR CITY, Cavite Jun 2 (PIA) -- The city government together with foodpanda.ph signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) yesterday morning in support of the business sector for the New Normal.

The initiative came about after guidelines for the operations of additional businesses that will open on June 1, 2020 were established in the first ever webinar for the Bacoor Economic Sector held May 29, 2020.

Bacoor Public Employment Services Office (PESO) head Dr. Abraham De Castro facilitated the program aimed to generate livelihood for the tricycle drivers in the city by converting their tricycles into single motorcycles for the use in delivery services that would somehow augment their limited income due to the GCQ safety protocols.

Likewise, the need for the delivery of basic essentials such as food, medicines and other needs for the house during this state of health emergency crisis emphasized the need to maximize the business of 'delivery services.'

"Our fellow Bacooreños in the transportation sector are one of the most affected by the community quarantine. They are making money and relying on their daily trips so it had been very difficult for them with almost three months of not getting out to work," stated Mayor Lani Revilla.

"We decided to have an agreement with delivery services like foodpanda because this way, we're hitting three birds with one stone. First, we helped the Bacooreños stay safe at home, secondly, we provided extra services for entrepreneurs and third, we provided jobs for our tricycle drivers," justified the mayor. Dr. De Castro shared that, "Bacoor is the first city in all of CALABARZON to enter into this agreement with a

private sector in the delivery service from which 150 drivers will benefit from."

Foodpanda.ph Managing Director Daniel Marogy estimated the average income that could be earned from the delivery services is about P25,000.00 a month, a very big help for a driver with a family to support.

The city government of Bacoor also signed MOA with Joyride and Happy Move, a transport delivery service company that would also give Bacoor tricycle drivers the opportunity to work as 'biker partners' of the aforementioned company.

JoyRide and Happy Move President Neil Sheryn Uy, Bacoor PESO head Dr. Abraham De Castro, Bacoor Legal Affairs Office Head Atty. Bernadette Carasco, CIO Head Andrienne Mark Ng, and representatives of Bacoor TODA and Bacoor Traffic Management Division (BTMD) were present during the MOA signing. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite/with reports from the Bacoor City Information Office)

public transport options safer and more efficient for the commuting public at the soonest. At siyempre, muli nang makakapaghanap-buhay ang napakaraming operator, driver at ibang manggagawa sa transportation sector na nawalan ng kita dahil sa pandemiya," Hontiveros said. Since government may not have the funds to enter into service contracts with all transport providers simultaneously, Hontiveros cited the proposal by the Sentro ng mga Nagkakaisa at Progresibong Manggagawa (SENTRO) that such service arrangements be

made on a rotational basis: "Dapat ay wala tayong maiwan na operator o driver lalo na't marami pa rin sa kanila ang hindi makayahe sa kanilang mga lugar."

"To protect our commuters, government should coordinate with our transport sector to expand, not limit, our public transport options in the weeks to come. Mas maiwasan natin ang hawaan ng sakit kung mas marami, mas ligtas at mas maluwas ang mga sasakyang pampubliko na babiyahe sa mga siyudad at bayan," she concluded.

Revised operational Policies << P1

He stated the policy for the Quarantine passholders and frontliners still remains in effect which means that malls would cater to their locals only. An exception to this rule is reserved for transactions with the banks, dentists and other government services which would require the customer to first secure a Travel Pass from their re-

spective LGUs. Mall operations will start an hour early from 9am - 5pm while the grocery stores, banks, and drugstores within the mall establishments will open at 8am.

Likewise, a half hour extension for the time allowed to customers inside the mall was granted giving enough time of one and a half hours

to select and purchase the products needed. The malls could set a higher air cooling temperature of 25 degrees and music over the PA system could now be played and heard inside the mall, making it a little more relaxing for the customers.

"All these policies are subject to change once we transition to the Modified

GCQ next week," the Governor said.

He also stated, "I have requested the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) for the consideration of the validity of the Q-pass system in the province to remain in effect," (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite with report from the official FB page announcement of Gov. Jonvic Remulla)

MPTC resumes construction << P1

"With the relaxing of the community quarantine, we need to get the projects back on track, most especially the BBB projects which aims to spur and sustain economic growth by constructing infrastructure projects badly needed by the country," Public Works Secretary Mark Villar said.

"The guidelines set is to ensure the health and safety of everyone involved in the projects. Strict compliance is expected," he said.

The construction of major infrastructure projects such as Cavite Expressway

and Cavite-Laguna Expressway was suspended when the COVID-19 pandemic hit the country, causing the adjustments for construction protocols.

"The guidelines of DPWH are specific to help stem the disease. The contractors must follow new protocols at the jobsite which changes the preparation and mobilization time of the projects. These adjustments have an effect on the timeline. We also give great consideration on the renewed focus by the government on BBB projects; we want to ac-

celerate completion of projects—subject to DPWH and the Department of Health guidelines," said MPT South president and general manager Roberto Bontia.

MPT South resumed the road widening construction for CAVITEX R-1 second phase of bridge works in Parañaque, Las Piñas and Wawa which is now at 55-percent completion. Personnel and allied services were also remobilized for the resumption of works in CALAX Subsections 4 and 5, and Cavite Segment. Right-of-way acquisitions for

Cavite Segment and Subsection 4 are ongoing. Subsection 5, the continuation from Santa Rosa to Silang, is at 96-percent ROW acquisition with siteworks at 57 percent.

Meanwhile, CAVITEX C5 Link Segment 3A2 and Segment 2 ROW acquisitions are at 81-percent progress. A letter of award was issued to the qualified bidder while details of project execution are in the works.

The company said around 1,600 employees went through the COVID-19 Rapid Anti-Body Diagnostic Testing.

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Governor Remulla tells Residents << P1

rus disease (COVID)-19 and expect heavy traffic congestion along the major thoroughfares going out to NCR. He strongly reminded the people that almost 50 percent of COVID-19 confirmed cases recorded in the province came from Metro Manila and they should always be cautious of potential local transmissions while at work thus, physical distancing must be observed at all times. New Normal dictates the mandatory wearing of face masks, constant disinfection with 70 percent alcohol solutions or alcohols if regular handwashing could not be done. He also mentioned taking a bath as soon as arriving

from work before mingling with other members of the family particularly with children and senior citizens who are highly vulnerable to infection. On the other hand, transportation will surely be a mess today with lots of confusion and complaints because the system is not foolproof yet. Procedures will be formulated based on observations and assessments on the situation along the major roads and streets open to traffic today.

Earlier today, the governor reiterated that quarantine pass system is still in effect in the province which would still regulate and monitor the movement of the residents. Despite complaints and a thousand violators of the protocol arrested, the system had been effective in containing the number of COVID-19 cases in the province. Similarly, the governor reported on the status of the high capacity laboratories

of the De La Salle Medical-Health Sciences Institute with hopes of completion of all three phases by Friday, June 5, 2020. He said, "Expect the number of cases in Cavite which is now at 353 will rise up to 1,000 after a few days. This will reflect the real sta-

tus of COVID-19 in the province." The governor expressed his concern saying that, "It is better to contain the spread of the virus in our communities than open our economy with hundreds of asymptomatic cases thriving among the crowds." (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite)

Cash aid to MDs, RNs who got << P1

not be at the mercy of red tape," Recto said, who wrote the language of the amendments. Under the present Bayanihan Act, public and private health workers who got sick from coronavirus will receive a compensation of P100,000, on top of free cost of hospitalization and treatment. For those who will die, their beneficiaries will receive P1 million as compensation. Recto said under the proposed "Bayanihan Act II," both the death and sickness compensation shall be exempt from all applicable taxes under the National Internal Revenue Code. "The taxman should not have a

share of the state's monetary thank you to these heroes," Recto said. "Yung mga pabuya nga sa mga atletang nagkamedalya walang buwis, ito pa kayang para sa mga tootong nagbuwis buhay?" That none of the deceased health workers or any of those who survived the virus had gotten the mandated compensation was revealed on the Senate floor Monday evening by Sens. Angara, Gordon, Pangilinan and Lacson. As of June 1, 2020, 32 health care workers had died from the COVID-19 they had acquired as frontline personnel. Of these, 26 were physicians, 4 were nurses, and 2 were non-medical staff.

Gatchalian: School opening << P1

alternative modalities for learning delivery including online learning. For those who have no gadgets or access to the internet, television and radio-based instruction, and the use of printed packets are tapped. "What we want is for the government to innovate. Kailangang alalahanin natin na layon ng pagpapatuloy ng edukasyon ay ang pag-angat natin sa kinabukasan ng ating mga kabataan, lalo na para sa mga nangangailangang mag-aaral," said Gatchalian. For the senator, ensuring the safety of learners need not sacrifice their continued learning and development, warning that prolonged school closures would have long-term adverse consequences. He cited findings by a World Bank Report called "The COVID-19 Pandemic: Shocks to Education and

Policy Responses," which revealed that vulnerable and struggling learners are more prone to losing interest in school and dropping out. The same report said that learners who drop out will face lower lifetime productivity and earnings. The report shared the example of Venezuela where an economic crisis increased out-of-school children and youth by 56 percent between 2015 and 2017. In the United States, the real annual earnings and employment rates of less-educated workers fall more during recessions compared to their more educated counterparts. Gatchalian also warned that when learners in public schools, especially the disadvantaged ones, are left with nothing to do, they will lag behind their more socially advantaged peers and the learners from private schools.

LTFRB to open << P1

know in the coordination meeting," she said. The DOTr earlier announced that mass public transportation in Metro Manila will gradually resume in two phases during GCQ — June 1 to 21 for the first phase, and June 22 to 30 for the second phase. In the first phase of the PUV resumption which began June 1, all train systems and bus augmentation units, taxis, ride-hailing cars, shuttle services, point-to-point (P2P) buses, and bicycles were allowed to operate but at a limited capacity. In the second phase, all

public utility buses, modern jeepneys, and UV Express vans will be permitted back on the road but also with limited passenger capacity, the DOTr added. To augment the limited passenger capacity in the rail sector, LTFRB Chairman Martin Delgra III said there are 90 buses ready to ferry commuters along the MRT Line 3. These buses were only allowed to pick up and drop off passengers at designated points located at North Avenue and Quezon Avenue in Quezon City, Taft Avenue in Manila, and Ayala Avenue in Makati.

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IDELFONSO BEDUA LUMUCSO,
Petitioner,

Civil Case No. TMCV-013-19
versus For: Declaration of Nullity of Marriage

LUDY BAWALAN LUMUCSO,
Respondent.

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ORDER

During today's hearing, the petitioner Idelfonso Bedua Lumucso is present. Petitioner's counsel Atty. Ma. Angeles B. Sumagui is present. Prosecutor Crisostomo A. Dario, Jr. appeared for the state.

This is a petition for declaration of nullity of marriage on the ground of psychological incapacity. The petitioner prayed that after the proper proceedings, judgment be rendered ordering the nullity of the marriage of the petitioner and the respondent. Such other reliefs just equitable under the premises are likewise prayed for.

Since the respondent is out of the country as stated in the Sheriff's return, petitioner's counsel moved that summons be served through publication which was granted by the court. The petitioner is hereby directed to serve a service of summons through publication once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines. In addition, a copy of the summons shall be served on the respondent at her last known address at 300 Halang, Amadeo, Cavite¹. The respondent is hereby directed to file an answer within thirty (30) days from the last issue of publication.

The summons to be published shall be contained in an order of the court with the following data: 1) title of the case; 2) docket number; 3) nature of the petition; 4) principal grounds of the petition and the reliefs prayed for; 5) a directive for the respondent to answer within thirty (30) days from the last issue of publication.²

The petitioner is hereby directed to coordinate with the Clerk of Court for the raffle of the publication.

Let this case be set for monitoring of the publication on 03 July 2020 at 8:30 in the morning.

SO ORDERED.

GIVEN IN OPEN COURT on 21 February 2020 in Trece Martires City, Cavite Philippines.

FLORDELIZ CABANLIT FARGAS
Presiding Judge

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SUMMONS
(by Publication)

TO: LUDY BAWALAN LUMUCSO,
300 Halang, Amadeo, Cavite

GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, on 11 March 2019, petitioner IDELFONSO BEDUA LUMUCSO through counsel, Atty. Ma. Angeles B. Sumagui filed before this court a petition for declaration of nullity of marriage against LUDY BAWALAN LUMUCSO.

WHEREAS, on 16 August 2019, in open court, counsel for the petitioner moved that summons be issued through publication.

WHEREAS, on 16 August 2019, an Order was issued granting the motion of the petitioner to effect service of summons by publication.

NOW THEREFORE, LUDY BAWALAN LUMUCSO, you are hereby directed to get a copy of the Petition personally or thru an authorized representative, and are required to file your answer at this Court sitting at the Government Center Building, Trece Martires City, within thirty (30) days from the last publication of this summons. If you fail to answer within the aforesaid time, the petitioner will take judgment against you and may be granted the relief applied for in said petition.

Let a copy of the Summons and the Order of the Court be also served upon respondent LUDY BAWALAN LUMUCSO at her last known address at 300 Halang, Amadeo, Cavite.

WITNESS THE HONORABLE FLORDELIZ CABANLIT-FARGAS this 11 March 2020 at Trece Martires City.

THERESA R. PENILLA
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OFFICIAL STATEMENT

On the Alleged Unpaid Claims to PHAPi Hospitals

May 29, 2020

PhilHealth categorically denies as unfounded, malicious and irresponsible the statement made by Dr. Rustico Jimenez that 300 or so private hospitals are facing closure due to delayed payments by PhilHealth. From Jan 1 to May 29, 2020, PhilHealth has disbursed a total of Php 52.53 billion in claims payment and Interim Reimbursement Mechanism (IRM). Payment of claims amounted to Php 38.6 B which includes Php 4.74 billion paid through its accelerated Return to Hospital (RTH) initiative. Php13.93 billion was released under the Interim reimbursement mechanism. Of claims paid, Php21.8 billion (56.5%) were paid to private facilities.

Claims reimbursements were processed at an average turnaround time of 41 days with a denial rate of 2%. The increase in turn around time is due to adjustments for the Covid19 pandemic.

PhilHealth has earlier published a statement explaining the purpose and reconfiguration of the IRM program in order to husband its funds for the long term while concentrating on areas with high Covid19 incidence. PhilHealth has never issued a "promise" of IRM release to all hospitals. This was a misinterpretation of Dr. Jimenez'.

PhilHealth does not recognize Dr. Jimenez as a legitimate representative of any hospital association because of his historical pattern of wild and unfounded accusations. Earlier this year, Dr. Jimenez threatened non-renewal of accreditation by his hospital members for alleged late PhilHealth payments. When directly queried, hospitals denied any such intention and proceeded with their renewals including Dr. Jimenez' own Medical Center Paranaque which has received an IRM of P6 million and P28 million in benefit payments in 2019. It seems that Dr. Jimenez does not speak for these hospitals he claims as members of PHAPi.

In a meeting in Malacanang last year PhilHealth President Ricardo Morales and Dr. Jimenez agreed to resolve the alleged late payment issue by making each hospital meet directly with their PhilHealth counterpart staff at their respective levels to reconcile their books of accounts. Those hospitals which complied have reported satisfactory results. Unfortunately, some hospitals which ignore PhilHealth claims procedures and fail to comply with data quality standards continue to experience denial or return of claims causing avoidable delays.

While Dr. Jimenez is accusing PhilHealth of delayed payments, the Corporation is also facing accusations from other quarters of doing exactly the opposite - illegal overpayments. PhilHealth is trying to balance on a razor's edge to settle each claim quickly in the most fair and equitable manner possible. It is unfortunate that Dr Jimenez chooses a publicity stunt instead of the mutually agreed upon procedure of account reconciliation by both parties. PhilHealth will not be threatened by what amounts to blackmail into paying out public funds without due diligence.

PhilHealth's Legal Department is now exploring filing libel charges against Dr. Jimenez at the same time its regional staff continues to work directly with all its hospital partners to resolve the issue of account reconciliation.

Executing the Universal Health Care Law, even without the Covid19 pandemic was already a daunting task. Under these more difficult conditions the Corporation keeps it sight on its mission - to provide adequate, available and affordable health care to all Filipinos when they need it. It enjoins all Filipinos to work with it in this most noble of all undertakings.

MABUHAY ANG UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE!
MABUHAY ANG PILIPINAS!



Remulla asks IATF to keep quarantine pass system in Cavite



CAVITE - Governor Jonvic Remulla asked the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases to allow the provincial government to keep on implementing the quarantine pass system in the province.

his was despite the announcement made by Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Secretary Eduardo Año that quarantine passes will not be needed under the general community quarantine (GCQ) in Metro Manila starting June 1.

Cavite has been under GCQ since May 16.

"Nagpaalam na po ako sa IATF na ang q-pass system ng Cavite ay valid pa rin," Remulla said in his Facebook page morning of Saturday, May 30.

The governor also announced updated mall guidelines in the province.

"Q-pass holders at frontliners rule still applies," he explained.

Malls will be allowed to operate from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., while groceries, banks, and drug stores may open at 8 a.m. The time limit for shoppers will be extended to one hour and 30 minutes.

"Kapag banko, dentista, at government office ang sadya ay pwede inter-LGU (local government unit) ang customer. Kumuha lamang ng travel pass sa LGU," the governor said. "Wala pa rin tawiran ng LGU para pumunta sa mall."

Remulla said all the guidelines could still change in the coming weeks if the less restrictive modified general community quarantine (MGCQ) would be implemented in the province.



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Ayon sa isang opisyal ng Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), ang mga miyembro ng isang biker group na hindi otorisadong naglagay ng temporary barriers sa kahabaan ng Commonwealth Avenue sa Quezon City noong Martes ay kakasuhan at papatawan ng kaparusahang PHP 1,000 fine kada miyembro.

CITY AND MUNICIPAL TOURISM OFFICERS EXTEND ASSISTANCE TO CAVITE LSIs:

The Provincial Government of Cavite through the Provincial Tourism and Cultural Affairs Office remains steadfast in aiding the needs of locally stranded individuals (LSIs) in various regions due to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) crisis. Another batch of LSIs boarded the domestic sweeper bus from Baguio City on May 29, 2020 and from Ilocos on May 31, 2020. The said buses catered a total of eight (8) Caviteños residing in the municipality of Alfonso, Noveleta, Maragondon and Cavite City. Meanwhile, respective city and municipal tourism officers extended all necessary assistance and arranged shuttle services. The Cavite



Local Government continuously coordinates with the Department of Tourism and other national agencies to ensure that safety measures are strictly observed when transporting returning residents.