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# FLYING CARNIVAL 2020 IN CARMONA, CAVITE

## Returning seaman is Cavite's first positive case of COVID-19

For over two decades, the Philippine International Hot Air Balloon Fiesta, known as “The Weekend of Everything that Flies,” has been the most highly anticipated and longest-running sports aviation event in Asia. Over the years, it has stayed true to its longtime objectives: to spark interest in aviation; to instill discipline in young pilots; and to impart a spirit of volunteerism to the whole community.

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San Lazaro Leisure Park Carmona, Cavite

## 12 coop participants undergo training on business development



TANZA, Cavite, Mar. 6 –Twelve representatives from selected cooperatives in the province completed the five-session business development training organized by the Provincial Cooperative, Livelihood and Entrepreneurial Development Office's (PCLEDO) thru the Coop iCreate Ladderized Training for Cooperatives.

According to PCLEDO, the training aims to provide potential entrepreneurs with comprehensive support that would enhance their skills and competencies to enable

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### REMULLA

#### The people have the right to BE INFORMED



The first positive case in Cavite is a man from Imus. He was a returning seaman who passed through Narita Airport in Japan. He is currently confined at the RITM.



The second case of a PU (person under investigation) is a woman confined in a private hospital in Imus. She had just arrived from South Korea. Her swab was submitted to the RITM as at 6pm last night. Status will be released hopefully later this afternoon.

Pls follow the guidelines set by the DOH. We will release information as soon as we verify.

Photo from Cavite Governor Jonvic Remulla's Facebook Page. TRECE MARTIRES CITY, March 10 (PIA) - A returning seaman who passed through Narita Airport in Japan has tested positive of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

In his facebook post on Tuesday, Cavite Gov. Jonvic Remulla confirmed that the man, considered as the first positive case of COVID-19 in the province, comes from Imus, Cavite.

"The first positive case is a man from Imus. He is currently confined at the RITM (Research Institute for Tropical Medicine)," the governor said.

Classes in all levels both public and private in Cavite were earlier suspended from March 10-14, 2020 as a precautionary measure against the virus.

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## ACDev Holds General Assembly

Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO) in cooperation with the Provincial Council for the Protection of Children

spearheaded the Association of Cavite Child Development Workers' (ACDev) General Assembly attended by 750 child development workers

(CDW) on March 6, 2020 at the Provincial Gymnasium, Trece Martires. ACDev President Pearl Reyes formally opened the program by wel-

coming all the participants. She also reported the annual programs and projects of the association as well as its accomplishments. Participants were entertained with the intermission numbers performed by child development workers from Silang and the City of Imus. A short orientation on “Early Identification of Development Disorders and Disabilities in Early Childhood” was discussed by Ms. Miramel Garcia-Laxa, OIC-Sectoral Program Division, Department of Social Welfare and Development. Moreover, a certificate of recognition tagged as “Salamat Po Award” was awarded to cities and municipalities for their invaluable support in

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## Cavite Provincial Vet Conducts Spaying and Neutering of Dogs and Cats



The Provincial Veterinary Office together with the Cavite Veterinary Medical Association, Cavite State University-College of Veterinary Medicines and Biomedical Sciences and other veterinary associations conducted free spaying and neutering of dogs and cats on March 10, 2020 at CvSU, Indang, Cavite. In line with the celebration of Rabies Awareness Month with the theme “Rabies ay iwasan, alagang aso't pusa ay pabakunahan”, the spaying and neutering is part of the dog and cat population control activity which aims to reduce the number of stray dogs/cats roaming the streets and

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## EDITORIAL

## Panalangin, ang higit pa sa Gamot sa Corona Virus ay Panapat na Lunas

Puro panggamot na nabibili ng pera. Yan ang karaniwang nasa kalooban ng mga simpleng mag-isip sa malaganap na pagkalat ngayon ng kilabot na Corona Virus. Marami ang nagpa-panic buying na sa pagbili ng mga alcohol, face mask, hand sanitizer, disinfectant, vitamins, food supplements at kung anu-ano pang mabibili ng pera bilang panlaban o mahawahan ng mga infected na ng Corona Virus. Sa aligagang pagkilos o preparasyon sa pagsugpo sa deadly na Corona Virus ay nakakaligtaan ang higit na makapang-yarihang mas mabisa at tatalo sa kanilang mga materyal na inihahanda. Yan ay ang mataimtim na panalangin at taos pusong pananampalataya sa ating Poong Lumikha. Para tayo ipag-adya sa kamandag ng COVID-19. Kasabay ng paghingi ng AWA sa ating Panginoon dapat ay sabayan rin natin ng GAWA. Yan ay ang pagtalima sa lahat ng kinakailangang pag-iingat. Kabilang na rito ang pag-iwas mamalagi sa matataong lugar, pag-abstain sa karaniwang physical contact, gaya ng shake hands, beso beso at pagdalo sa mga pagtitipon/functions na ang mga kinatawan/kalahok ay nagmula sa malayong paglalakbay hindi lamang sa loob ng bansa kundi sa iba pang panig ng daigdig. Kailangan ring umiwas muna sa mga nakapamihasaan ng pamamalagi sa mga pook pasyalan, shoppingan o malls pati na pagkain sa mga patok na restaurant o food chains na lagi na ay tambak at di na mauri kung anu ano at sino-sino ang mga taong namamalagi, kumakain, tumatambay o basta gumi-gimmick lamang. Maituturing din na panggising sa lahat ang pananalasa ng COVID-19 para balikan ang ating mga pangunahing pinagmulang gawain at gawiin o back to basics. Ilan dito ay ang palagiang panalangin, bonding ng pamilya na magkakasamang kumakain sa loob ng tahanan, pagpapanatili ng kalinisan sa bahay at sa pangangatawan gayundin ng maayos na pangangasiwa sa paggasta. Tutoo ito kung babawasan na ang paglalagi sa mga public places gaya ng mga nabanggit na mag-iwas sa atin sa dagdag na paggastos sa di makatwirang pamimili, pagkain-kain sa labas, pamamasaheng walang kapararakan kapag kung saan saan nagpupunta at paggala sa mga oras na dapat sana ay nasa tahanan at namamahinga na. Sa kabuuan, ang kaganapan ay magbabalik sa atin sa "family bonding" na sa panahong ito at napapabayaang nakakaligtaan na. -DrDLR-



## Mga Big Events ng DOST pinostpone para sa Pag-iingat sa COVID 2019

Marami ang nalungkot ngunit mga nalugod rin sa napanahong hakbangin ng Department of Science & Technology ((DOST) na iniliban muna ang ilan sa kanilang mga pinakamalalaking event. Ito ay bilang pagtalima sa direktiba ng pamunuan ng Kagawaran sa pangunguna Ni Secretary Fortunato "Boy" Tanseco Dela Pena.

Si Sec. Boy Dela Pena na lagi na ay maagap sa kanyang mga pahayag. Lalo na sa mga pagbabago sa schedule ng mga activities ng DOST. Kabilang sa mga pansamantalang kinansela at ang itinakdang ika 87 General Assembly at 2020 Annual Scientific Conference ng National Research Council of the Philippines (NRCP). Base ito sa ginawang pahayag sa inyong lingkod ni NRCP Director Mayet Sumagaysay na nagsabing kanila agad ipaalam sa publiko kung kailan itutuloy ang nabanggit na kaganapan na orihinal na itinakda noong Marso 9 sa Philippine International Convention Center o PICC. Isa sa mga function hall ng PICC na pinagdarusan ng malalaking event sa bansa.



## Flying Carnival 2020... from P1

Philippines, the organizers launched "The Flying Carnival 2020: A Weekend of Almost Everything that Flies," a 3-day spectacle of hot air balloons, helicopters and air sport events, combined with

aviation career seminars, fly markets, food booths and family entertainment. The event was held at the San Lazaro Leisure Park in Carmona, Cavite on March 6-8, 2020.

## Returning Seaman... from P1

In the same facebook post, Remulla also identified a person under investigation (PIUI) as a woman confined in a private hospital in Imus. "She had just arrived from South Korea. Her swab was submitted to the RITM as of 6 p.m. last night," he added.

Test results are expected to be released on Tuesday

afternoon. Remulla urged leaders in his province to be transparent with the status of COVID-19 in their areas even as he called on the public to follow health protocols that the health department has set.

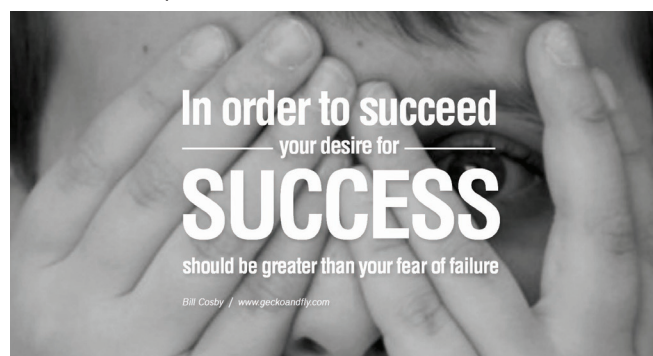
"Cloaking information is a greater disservice to the people.

The people have the right to be informed," he said. (PIA-Cavite)

## Cavite Prov'l Vet... from P1

also the incidence of rabies in the province. The activity will also be beneficial to the animals because it reduces the risk of acquiring reproductive-related disease and illnesses. Fifty-one female

dogs and cats were spayed and 99 male dogs and cats were castrated or neutered by veterinarians from the PVO, Military Veterinary Association of the Philippines, Philippine Animal Hospital Association, Vets Love Nature and from CvSU. -- (PICAD)



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Samantala, base sa natukoy ng Kagawaran ng Kalusugan na lokal na transmisyon mg Corona Virus Disease o COVID-18 at ang pagdeklara nuti ng CODE RED ALERT Sub Level # 1, nagpasya ang DOST na pansamantalang ipagpaliban ang HANDA PILIPINAS Innovation in Disaster Risk Reduction and Response Expo na nakatakda sanang ganapin sa ika 12 hanggang ika 14 ng Marso sa World Trade Center, Pasay. Nang aking kapanayamin, sinabi ni Tech.Promotions & Development Institute (TAPI) Dir. Engr. Egay Garcia sinabi nitong maaring makipag ugnay sa DOST Natl Capital Region at DOST TAPI kung kailan maitutuloy ang ipinagpalibang HANDA Pilipinas.



Set in a more comfortable viewing space, spectators were treated to the sight of early morning balloon flights followed by non-stop flying exhibitions – paragliding, skydiving, helicopter demonstrations, RC control line exhibitions and kite flying.

Visitors wandered through a carnival setting, with food booths and entertainment for the whole family. Aviation souvenirs and unique finds can be bought at the Fly Market, and the weekend evenings were capped off by a magical hot air balloon nightglow and fireworks display.

Those considering a career in aviation has attended the Aviation Career Seminars given by renowned aviators and industry practi-

tioners – Fighter pilots from the Philippine Air Force; Naval Air Group pilots from the Philippine Navy; a female captain from Cebu Pacific Air, and Air Traffic Controller from the Air Traffic Service. They were joined by FAI World Record holder from Spain, Michel Gordillo; Hot Air Balloon pilot from the United Kingdom, Pete Bish; and Capt. Joy Roa of Asian Air Safari. The seminars were available to Business Class ticket holders. Seminar attendees have been given a certificate of completion, and enjoyed meals and gain admission to the event.

The event is co-presented by Okada Manila, the country's ultra luxury integrated resort, and Rewards Circle. --( reports from the Municipality of Carmona)

## 12 coop participants... from P1

them to establish and operate their own competitive businesses on a sustainable basis.

The graduation ceremony was held at the Aqua Mira Hotel and Resort, Saddle and Clubs Leisure Park after the completion of the fifth and last session of the training.

Prior to the ceremony, the participants were partnered with business coaches who were also the panelists in the Business Plan Presentation. After each presentation, recommendations were given for some strategies to improve the participants' business plan.

Ms. Liza Gabatan, PCLEDO Entrepreneurial Division Head congratulated the graduates while PCLEDO OIC Atty. Khervy B. Reyes,

conveyed his congratulatory message with his assurance of provincial government's support for the cooperatives' growth.

"Another batch of trainees will soon be undergoing the same program," Atty. Reyes stated.

Dr. Aldrin P. Antivola, Co-op iCreate Resource Person was elated for the success of the training. He advised the graduates to use what they have learned from the training, to stay determined and have the spirit of success.

The said training was initiated by the Provincial Government of Cavite through the Provincial Cooperative, Livelihood and Entrepreneurial Development Office (PCLEDO). (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite/with reports from PICAD)

## ACDev holds... from P1

the implementation of day-care program in their respective localities. Atty. Khervy B. Reyes, Supervising Cooperative Development Specialist and Provincial Administra-

tor for Community Affairs Alvin Mojica graced the event. PSWD Officer Felipa Servañez ended the assembly by expressing her full support to the association's upcoming plans and activities.—PICAD

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# PDEA, NML round up for “Tamang Sukat Lagi”

NML trains PDEA on accurate measurement



PDEA Laboratory Service Director Derrick Arnold C. Carreon acknowledges that, “Certainly, with such a small quantity, lives can be changed forever” referring to RA 9165, which can put a person to life imprisonment or death for possession of 50 grams or more of methamphetamine or shabu.

In support of its War Against Drugs program, the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) is rounding up its drugs fighting numbers as 45 of its chemists and laboratory staff from around the country undergo a seminar-workshop on mass metrology on March 2 to 20, 2020 at the National Metrology Laboratory (NML-ITDI) in Bicutan, Taguig City.

RA 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002 drives the move for renewed accurate measurement of drugs samples, through the “Tamang Sukat Lagi” Campaign of PDEA and NML. Here, RA 9165 can put a person to life imprisonment or death for possession of 50 grams or more of methamphetamine or shabu otherwise called in the streets as chalk, crystal, chemical, crank, ice, glass, meth, speed or tina.

In his opening message, PDEA Laboratory Service Director Derrick Arnold C. Carreon acknowledges that, “Certainly, with such a small quantity, lives can be changed forever.”

In aid, NML, a division of the Industrial Technology Institute (DOST-ITDI), is leading conduct of the technical training to bolster the current measurement procedures and protocol of PDEA, which is necessary in preventing, investigating, and combating any dangerous drugs, precursors, and other essential chemicals within the country.

Divided into three batches of 15 participants, PDEA chemists and other laboratory staff will be trained on the fundamentals of mass metrology and measurement uncertainty, and calibration of non-automatic weighing instruments (NAWI), specifically laboratory scales.

With the training series being part of the project funded by the Philippine Council for Industry, Energy, and Emerging Technology Research and Development (DOST-PCIEERD), the project aims to further strengthen the country’s existing drug enforcement system.

Kiveen P. Suycano, head of the Mass Standards Section at NML-ITDI and as it project leader, together with Director Carreon of PDEA, will be later working together to add additional layers of protection to the system.

These include subsequent assessment of the weight measurement capabilities of the laboratories of PDEA through a survey and laboratory visits. Further, regular proficiency testing through inter-laboratory comparison measurements will be conducted to ensure that measurement results that are established are accurate to the highest degree, valid, and verifiable.

PDEA laboratories will also be provided with calibration kits consisting of OIML Class E2 weights for in-

termediate checking of weighing instruments. Together, both agencies will create a protocol in weighing of samples, intermediate checking of weighing instruments, and setting of measurement tolerances appropriate to the quantity they are weighing, as well as, being compliant to the international laboratory standards set under the terms of ISO/IEC 17025:2017.

With a more accurate measurement system, drug enforcers are more confident of the validity and accuracy of the basis of their anti-drug enforcement procedures. NML-ITDI is the de facto National Metrology Institute of the Philippines tasked by law to be responsible for establishing and maintaining national measurement standards for physical quantities such as mass, temperature, pressure, voltage, resistance, luminous intensity and time interval, and their dissemination to Filipino users. It advocates “Tamang Sukat Lagi” as a means to remind businesses and consumers to practice and observe correct measurement. (AMGuevarra\ ITDI S&T Media Service)

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City of Bacoor**

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,  
Mortgagee, Foreclosure No. 2020-22  
For: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of  
Real Estate Mortgage  
-versus-

ELDA JOYCE Q. JIMENA as represented by  
her Atty-in-fact MELINDA Q. JIMENA  
Mortgagors.  
x-----x

**NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE**

Upon Extrajudicial petition for Sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118, filed by the Mortgagee, BDO UNIBANK, INC., of BDO Corporate Center (formerly Banco De Oro Unibank, Inc.) 7899 Makati Ave., Makati City, and against the Mortgagor, ELDA JOYCE Q. JIMENA, as represented by her Atty-in-Fact, MELINDA Q. JIMENA, of Lot 42, Blk. 1, Veraville, Alegria, Talon IV, Talon, Moonwalk, Las Piñas City, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of February 3, 2020 amounts to ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED NINETEEN THOUSAND EIGHTY EIGHT PESOS & 40/100 (P1,719,088.40) Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges, the undersigned or her duly authorized representative will sell at the public auction on April 01, 2020 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the main entrance of the Hall of Justice of Bacoor City, Cavite, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

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(057-2013007716)167-2016014468**

“A parcel of land (Lot 3, Blk. 3 of the subdivision plan, Psd-04-184235, being a portion of Lot 5806-New-1, Psd-04-179374, LRC Rec. No. 36876 & 52329, situated in Barangay Pasong Buaya, Mun. of Bacoor, Prov. of Cavite, Island of Luzon. x x x containing an area of EIGHTY THREE (83) square meters.”

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

“In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on April 08, 2020, without further notice.”

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

City of Bacoor, February 24, 2020

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For herself and as Atty-in-Fact of  
Her husband NORMAN D. VILLARICO  
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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 JUSTINE MARK POSADAS mortgagee, with residence address at No. 2770 F. Benita Street, Tondo, Manila against MA. ESTER M. VILLARICO for herself and as Atty-in-Fact of her husband NORMAN D. VILLARICO with residence and postal address at Block 18, Lot 6, Castrence Street, Los Pinos Subdivision, BPS, Pasong Buaya 2, Imus, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of November 29, 2019 amounts to **ONE MILLION TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P1,025,000.00)** 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 APRIL 21, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC Multiple Sala, Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Aguinaldo Highway, Imus, Cavite, to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all the improvements therein, to wit;

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF  
TITLE NO. T-1052706**

A parcel of Land (Lot 6, Blk. 18 of the cons./subd. plan, Pcs-04-011460, being a portion of the cons. of lots 5618, 5619 & 5620, Imus Estate, LRC Rec. No.), situated in the Brgy. of Anabu & Pasong Buaya, Mun. of Imus, Prov. of Cavite, Is. of Luzon. Bounded on the NE., along line 1-2 by Lot 5, Blk. 18 of the cons./subd. plan; on the SE., along line 2-3 by Lot 5621, Imus Estate: on the SW., along line 3-4 by Lot 7, Blk. 18 & on the NW., along line 4-1 by Rd. lot 26, both of the cons./subd. plan. x x x containing an area of FIFTY FIVE (55) SQUARE METERS. x x x

“All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above stated time and date.” “In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on APRIL 28, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. without prior notice.

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

Imus, Cavite, Philippines, January 23, 2020.

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## Bacoor City farmers and hog raisers receive P5.1M cash assistance



BACOOR CITY, Cavite, Mar. 11 (PIA)- The city government has started distributing financial support to farmers and hog raisers in this city who were affected by the African Swine Fever (ASF).

On March 4, Bacoor City Mayor Lani Mercado-Revilla led the distribution of financial assistance amounting to P5.185 million to 113 hog raisers from Barangays San Nicolas 3, Queens Row Central, East and West, Molino 2, Molino 3, Molino 6, and Molino 7.

Aside from the cash assistance, the beneficiaries also received gardening tools, seeds, and fertilizers as aid to start urban farming as alternative livelihood from the losses incurred.

The program seeks to ease the woes of hograisers for the loss of income and livelihood from the death of their hogs due to the ASF virus. (Ruel Francisco/with reports from PIO-Bacoor)

## Remulla says CNN report on COVID-19 cases not true

Gov. Jonvic Remulla has corrected a CNN Philippines report claiming that there were 11 positive cases of COVID-19 in Imus, Cavite. In his facebook post on Wednesday night, Remulla said the reported 11 positive cases are persons under monitoring (PUM). "As a matter of correction, the Provincial Health Office wishes to convey, that the 11 reported are actually persons under monitoring," Remulla said.

The CNN report had since been taken down, according to Remulla. He described the PUMs as the persons who appeared in the contact tracing efforts from patient no. 1 who tested positive of the virus. The patient is a returning seaman who passed through Narita Airport in Japan.

"All have been tested or are undergoing self quarantine procedures. We are vigilant in providing the public with the most accurate, up-to-date information available," the governor added. He assured residents that sanitation of the areas affected in Imus are underway. (MCA/PIA LAGUNA)

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IMUS, CAVITE	11
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# PNG explores possible cooperation with PCAARRD during visit

Papua New Guinea (PNG) officials, headed by its Minister of Parliament (MP), Honorable Ross Seymour, recently visited the Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST-PCAARRD).

During the visit, PNG explored possible initiatives with the Council on agriculture, aquatic, and natural resources (AANR), and on policy formulation. PNG hopes that the visit will help them in attaining their five-year development plan for 2018-2022 especially on areas related to aquaculture and aquatic resources.

Along with Honorable Seymour were Mr. Moses Wanga, District Administrator; Mr. Yutis Tipeo, District Manager; Mr. Cliff Wimbevong, District Manager; Mr.

Virginio Saguimpa, DXN JV Ltd Manager; and Dr. Mirzi Betasolo, Civil Engineering Department Head of the PNG University of Technology.

Aside from marine and aquatic sectors, Honorable Seymour also expressed PNG's interest in curriculum offerings/development and conduct of benchmarking exploratory visits in the fields of molecular development, agricultural engineering, and biosystems. PCAARRD Executive Director Dr. Reynaldo V. Eborá requested Honorable Seymour to write the concept for their proposed initiatives so that PCAARRD could make the proper representation to concerned agencies/institutions within its Network. Both PCAARRD and PNG Huon District agreed to first identify the specific areas to focus on in order to determine how to

proceed with the proposed cooperation.

PCAARRD was represented by Dr. Eborá; Dr. Juanito Batalon, OIC-Deputy Executive Director for Research and Development; Dr. Mari-Ann Acedera, Director of Marine Resources Research Division; Engr. Eduardo Manalili, Officer-in-Charge of the Inland Aquatic Resources Research Division; Ms. Princess Ani, Senior Science Research Specialist, Socio-Economics Research Division; and Dr. Lilian Bondoc, Director, Policy Coordination and Monitoring Division. Dr. Acedera and Engr. Manalili presented PCAARRD's Industry Strategic S&T Programs for marine and aquatic sectors, respectively.

After the briefing and meeting, the delegates were toured at the S&T Promotion Hub of the DOST-PCAARRD



PNG delegates and PCAARRD officials during the briefing and meeting at the C.B. Perez Room, PCAARRD.

RD Innovation and Technology Center (DPITC) and the Seeds and Seedlings Plaza SciCAT Farm Tourism Site, which is a project of PCAARRD with Bureau of Plant

Industry (BPI) Los Baños National Crop Research, Development and Production Support Center (BPI-LBN-CRDPC). Technologies and innovations generated from

R&D projects implemented by PCAARRD's partners in the AANR sector were showcased (Cyrill S. Estimado, DOST-PCAARRD S&T Media Services).