



Proc. No. 939 declares Bacoor the Marching Band Capital of the Philippines

LGU Carmona to give P2K financial aid to needy families



CARMONA, Cavite May 12 (PIA) -- The municipal government here will provide assistance to the needy households of the municipality thru the Carmona Covid-19 Assistance Program (CCAP) amounting to Php2,000.

This program is a cash aid that will somehow lessen the burden to buy food and basic essentials like medicines during the Enhanced Community Quarantine.

Target beneficiaries are families who were not granted with cash subsidy under the Social Amelioration Program of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and other DSWD programs like the 4Ps, and Senior Citizens pension; CAMP and TUPAD of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), DOLE AKAP for OFWs; Small Business Wage Subsidy from SSS, DOF and BIR; families of OFWs who could not send mon-

the Philippines

BACOR CITY, Cavite May 13 (PIA) -- The city has been declared as 'The Marching Band Capital of the Philippines' through the recent signing of Proclamation No. 939 by President Rodrigo Duterte.

The Proclamation stated the President recognized the city as the "birthplace" of the oldest living marching bands in the Philippines and has stayed as the "home of community marching bands" and school-based drum and lyre corps, among others.

Marching Bands had been a part of the local history, and local traditions of the city as they provide musical entertainment

on sociocultural events like baptism, weddings, birthdays, and even funerals.

To keep this tradition alive, the City of Bacoor has been holding Musiko: The Grandest Marching Band Competition in the Philippines since 2011 and sustained this through school-based drum and lyre

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CERTIFIED CORONAVIRUS TESTING CENTER. The De La Salle Medical and Health Sciences Institute in Dasmariñas, Cavite. Photo from the De La Salle Medical and Health Sciences Institute website

The Department of Health (DOH) has certified the De La Salle Medical and Health Sciences Institute (DLSMHSI) in Dasmariñas, Cavite as a coronavirus testing facility.

Cavite Governor Jonvic Remulla made the announcement in a Facebook post early Saturday morning, May 9, where he shared the certification issued by the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) that DLSMHSI "can perform independent testing for COVID-19 by Realtime PCR." (FAST FACTS: Steps in a coronavirus PCR-test)

The certification, dated May 8, was signed by DOH Assistant Secretary Nestor Santiago, RITM's COVID-19 Laboratory Team Lead. "Time to work. Time to implement our Healing Strategy,"

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ing the positive energy that will help the country heal. This has become their "why" in the mission to keep the lights on.

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MAKABAYAN BLOC, NAGHAIN NG RESOLUSYON UPANG PALAWIGIN ANG SAP SA MGA GCQ AREAS

Naghain ang Makabayan Bloc members ng House Bill 6692, na naglalayong palawigin sa general community quarantine (GCQ) areas ang distribusyon ng tulong pinansyal ng gobyerno mula sa Social Amelioration Program (SAP).

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International Nurses Day: Nurses deserve praise, thanks, protection amid COVID-19

Nurses and other health care workers on the frontlines of the fight against COVID-19 deserve to be recognized and commended for their lifesaving efforts and personal sacrifices amid increased medical risk -- and in some places amid ostracization, harassment and attack.

The International Council of Nurses and the International Red Cross and Red Crescent

Movement are jointly celebrating International Nurses Day today, May 12, to laud nurses around the globe, and in particular those managing an unprecedented workload by treating patients with COVID-19 while also maintaining other essential health services.

Although many communities have made it a point to thank medical professionals, in other locations there are wor-

rying reports of harassment and violence against nurses and other health care personnel linked to the COVID-19 response, including in public transportation and at health workers' own homes.

"Nurses are the world's life-savers. They are risking their own health and too often sacrificing time with their family to help those suffering from COVID-19," said Robert Mardini, the director-general of the In-

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Si Bayan Muna party-list Representative Carlos Zarate ang nag-sponsor ng naturang panuntunan sa isinagawang virtual meeting ong Social Amelioration cluster of the House Defeat COVID-19 committee nitong Martes ng hapon.

"The social and economic reality remains true that Filipinos especially employees of establishments and industries that are not allowed to operate under the GCQ will be most affected," saad ni Zarate.

"For this reason, especially those who also belong to the so-called informal economy, it is necessary to continue the implementation of the Social Amelioration Program to the affected individuals and families even those under now the general community quarantine," dagdag pa niya.

Ayon naman kay DSWD Assistant Secretary Glenda Relova ang nasabing polisiya ay mula sa rekomendasyon ng Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases, ngunit nananatiling "pending" base sa official order ng Office of the President.

"The DSWD cannot release an official statement pending yung hinihintay na covering for that resolution kasi it's just a recommendation of the IATF. In the absence of an issuance coming from the Office of the President, hindi pa siya magiging executory," ani Relova.

"Once na lumabas na yun, ilalabas na ni DSWD yung guidance namin tsaka yung mga iba't iba naming communication paraphernalia para malaman ng lahat ng LGUs kung ano na yung nabago for the second tranche," dagdag pa niya.

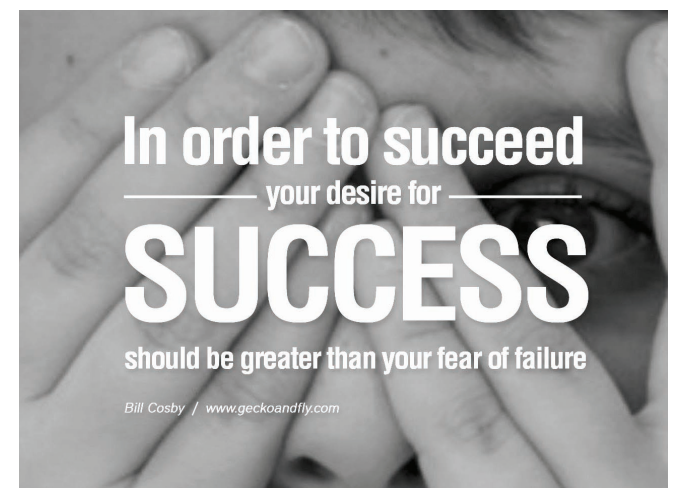
ternational Committee of the Red Cross. "It's heartening to see many communities praise and thank nurses, but it's distressing that other nurses face harassment, stigmatization, and even attack."

"The safety of health care workers during this pandemic is crucial for communities to overcome the disease. They not only save people from COVID-19, they also ensure the continuity of life saving health services to protect people from accidents and other illnesses," said Jagan Chapagain, Secretary General of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. "We are concerned that the pandemic is putting pressure on medical staff

and health systems to a breaking point, especially in vulnerable and fragile settings."

"Stigmatization and violence against nurses and other health workers in some countries is shocking; the only response is zero-tolerance," said International Council of Nurses President An-

nette Kennedy. "The pandemic has seen frontline nurses rightly recognised as heroes, but they are also ordinary mothers and fathers with their own families to protect. They deserve to be able to work free from fear, whether because of a lack of PPE or because of harassment and attack."



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ey, and employees in the formal sector now on a 'No Work, No Pay' status due to the ECQ. On the other hand, people who are not qualified to receive this aid include residents with family members employed in the government from barangay level up to the local and na-

tional governments, Government Owned and Controlled Corporation (GOCCs); employees and teachers of public schools, colleges and universities; SSS pensioners with pension above Php3K and GSIS pensioners with pension above Php5K; and individuals who are tempo-

rary residents of Carmona. The CCAP forms have been distributed to the barangays May 10, 2020. Qualified residents must fill up the form and return it to the barangay after completion. Once the schedule for the release of the cash aid is announced, resident beneficiaries must pres-

ent any government issued ID in claiming the CCAP aid.

Mayor Roy Loyola reminded resident beneficiaries that the deadline for the submission of the CCAP forms is May 13, 2020 at 5:00pm. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite with reports from Atty. Roy Loyola FB Page)

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corps with the assistance of the Department of Education (DepEd). Likewise, the City of Bacoor Special Program for the Arts was launched in 2016 as a culture and arts program conceptualized to develop the potential of local elementary and high school students in marching band music.

Since then, more than a 100 young Bacooreños have undergone workshops and trainings under various well-known maestros and trainers in the industry. Now, there

are more than 30 outstanding drum and lyre corps performing in the Drum & Lyre Parade and Drill Competition every September.

Furthermore, the city government has been supporting its 15 active community marching bands by granting financial assistance annually. In 2018, the city entered the international scene by inviting contingents from different parts of Asia to participate in the City of Bacoor International Music Championships, which the

city also hosted. The competition had been a success for the city for being able to stage a week-long global event and to the country as the event showcased the Filipinos excessive musical talents as well as the Bacooreños innate artistry. Through the concerted efforts of Bacoor Tourism Office, the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), Department of Tourism (DOT) IV-A and the Office of Rep.

Strike Revilla and other government agencies, a presentation for the endorsement of the said recognition was brought to Malacañang on September 2019. The signing of the proclamation was a momentous event for the city because it is not only a triumph for the city but a victory for the students and teachers for their dedication, hardwork and passion for music. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite with reports from the official FB page of the City of Bacoor Tourism Office)

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DOST-PCHRD rolls out more RxBox telehealth devices to fight COVID-19



While waiting for the so-called “flattening the curve” in terms of the spread of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) that causes the deadly COVID-19, the Department of Science and Technology-Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (DOST-PCHR) continues to deploy more RxBoxes in different hospitals across the country.

The DOST in collaboration with the University of the Philippines Manila – National Telehealth Center (UP-NTHC), University of the Philippines Diliman – College of Engineering, DOST - Advanced Science and Technology Institute, and the Department of Health (DOH) developed this telemedicine device that aims to supplement the country’s community healthcare system particularly to help Rural Health Centers (RHC) in the country.

Classified as a telehealth device, the RxBox is capable of measuring a patient’s temperature, blood pressure, heart rate, oxygen saturation, uterine contractions, and electrocardiogram readings remotely. In other words, the patient need not be physically present in the hospital because the device allows diagnosis to be done in another hospital by a specialist doctor.

Thus, the use of the RxBox device can reduce contact between patients diagnosed with COVID-19 and healthcare workers, as it provides an efficient way for healthcare workers to monitor multiple patients at once.

The RxBox devices are now deployed in selected healthcare facilities for bedside monitoring of vital signs, oxygen saturation, and electrocardiogram readings of patients diagnosed with COVID-19, especially those in severe or critical conditions who need continuous monitoring.

Some 106 RxBox devices were initially sent to designated

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“Whenever I used to ask my colleagues how they felt about their work, they usually give the generic answer. ‘It’s the usual business. This is the work we do as technicians’— and then here comes the pandemic...”

A great many people walk through life in search of their “why”. The reason they wake up every morning. The reason they do the work that they do. For the Japanese, they call this “ikigai” which can be translated as “reason for being”. Anything that gives a deep sense of purpose to someone’s life.

Wilfred Manatad had always found himself pondering on this “why” and while the Aboitiz Group has the noble “why” of driving change for a better world, it wasn’t until the pandemic that he was able to translate this into his own purpose.

“It was late in the night, I just read the announcement that we were preparing to activate business continuity plans. I reached out to my teammates and told them, ‘I think we’re going on lockdown. We need to gear up,’” Wilfred recounted.

“I didn’t expect the answer they gave, because they were all enthusiastic. They said that this time the time we get to do our part and support the frontliners. I was initially expecting resistance, but the answer I got instead

was of compassion,” Wilfred said. “It’s our time to help our community.”

From the resounding positive feedback from his peers, Wilfred found a deeper sense of meaning to the work that they do as part of the Electrical team of Therma South, Inc.’s (TSI) Maintenance department.

“Mas nabigyan ng meaning ‘yung trabaho namin. ‘Di na lang siya usual business. Though rarely tayo nasa spotlight, we play a vital role in helping the country. Tayo ‘yung nasa backstage. We keep the show running. (There’s more meaning in the work we do. It’s not just the usual business. Though we’re rarely in the spotlight, we play a vital role in helping the country. We’re the ones in the backstage.)” Wilfred said.

Rendering duty to keep the lights on is not an easy task. Apart from being away from family for almost a month, the team is also stripped back to a skeletal workforce during the facility quarantine. The usual work for four or five people falls onto the shoulders of two.

“We only have two people on the electrical team on duty for each batch. That means we have to be smart with our time and conserve our energy, because you never know if you’ll be called to do small fixes or bigger ones

that consume more energy,” Wilfred shared.

As part of the Maintenance team, Wilfred’s duty entails that he keeps the power plant in shipshape conditions. This means the regular field work for the conduct of preventive and corrective maintenance.

A deeper sense of meaning is not the only thing Wilfred discovered during the pandemic. People often discover things about themselves in times of crisis, and for Wilfred, he discovered a brand of resilience he didn’t know he was capable of.

“Technicians have different specializations. For example, one can be good at protective relaying and another is good at partial discharge monitoring, but since we’re separated into three skeletal teams, sometimes the expert won’t be there in your ground. More than anything, this experience has made us step up and strengthen teamwork” Wilfred shared, “We’re able to do work that’s usually out of our comfort zone.”

Wilfred enjoins his fellow team members to adopt the same kind of resilience and spread positive energy.

“Walay mahitabo if you always worry. Instead of worrying, focus on and enjoy what you do. Above all,

look for the purpose why ginabuhay na nimo. Kay pag naa na man gud meaning sa imong ginabuhay, ma-fulfill ka. You will enjoy what you do compared to nagabuhay lang ka without knowing the essence sa imong ginabuhay. Know your purpose and meaning. Make it your own. (Nothing will happen if you always worry. Instead of worrying, focus on and enjoy what you do. Above all, look for the purpose why you’re doing what you do. Because if you find meaning, you’ll be fulfilled. You will enjoy what you do compared to working without knowing the essence of what you’re doing. Know your purpose and meaning. Make it your own,” Wilfred said. Wholly-owned AboitizPower subsidiary Therma South, Inc. (TSI) is the owner and operator of the 300-Megawatt Davao Baseload Power Plant located in Binugao, Toril, Davao City. TSI is certified in four ISO standards, namely Quality Management (ISO 9001:2015), Environmental Management (ISO 14001:2015), Occupational Health and Safety Management (OHSAS 45001:2018), and Asset Management System (ISO 55001:2014). Along with Therma Luzon, Inc. and Therma Visayas, Inc., the three primarily compose the Coal Business Unit of AboitizPower.

COVID-19 wards in the Philippine General Hospital.

As the implementing agency, DOST Region IV-A assesses and coordinates the needs of the healthcare facilities in each region for the rollout of the RxBoxes to augment the health facilities, particularly in the provinces.

On the other hand, according to DOST Region X, there are 65 RxBox Telehealth devices earmarked for distribution in selected RHU sites across Northern Mindanao (Region 10). The sites will be appropriately evaluated through the project’s

Pre-deployment Assessment procedure during which the Regional Management Team validates the qualifications of the proposed health facilities. Once approved, four (4) staff from the RHUs will be invited for a Super User Training and the facility will receive one (1) RxBox Telehealth device, one (1) CPU, one (1) monitor, and one (1) router for the deployment.

The RxBox units are being manufactured in partnership with IONICS EMS Inc., a local manufacturing company based in Laguna. (S&T Media Service)

PGC delegates GCQ guidelines implementation to LGUs

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite May 14 (PIA) -- Cavite Governor Jonvic Remulla clarified and delegated the implementing guidelines for the GCQ to the respective Mayors of the cities and municipalities in the province.

He reiterated that the respective LGUs will formulate their own systematic procedures for the implementation of said guidelines.

Below are the clarifications made by Gov. Remulla

posted in his official FB Page yesterday regarding certain issues on the implementation of the GCQ starting May 16, 2020. The Office of the Mayors will issue revised Quarantine passes as well as Travel passes. Workers and employees reporting for work will be allowed to leave their residence with their company IDs as travel pass that is sufficient to allow passage for inter-city travels. For Q-pass holders who will resume work during the GCQ, the revised Q-pass

should be given to the member of the household who will be left to housekeep, while for the senior citizens a special pass would allow them to go out of residence to buy food and basic essentials. Resumption of public transportation like PUV, PUB, Tricycles, Multi-Cabs and Baby Bus (Baby Bus operations are under IATF rules) will be at 50% capacity only to allow for social distancing of passengers. Tricycles will only have one passenger and their operation will be pursuant to

the agreement between the LGU and respective TODA drivers/operators.

The appeal for backrides on single motorcycles was not tackled by the IATF, therefore there is no ‘Couples Pass’ yet.

Meanwhile, barbershops and salons will resume operations provided social distancing is observed at all times. Children below 20 years of age will have to secure a Special Transit Pass from the Barangay and will be accompanied by the Q-pass holder in order to avail

of these grooming services. Intra city travel are allowed for official work duties but for non-work related matters, Q-pass holders need a 1-day Transit Pass from the Mayor’s office which only be valid for the day while a 1-week Transit Pass is given to jobseekers that is renewable weekly.

The Sangguniang Panlalawigan have not yet passed an ordinance to approve the

Liquor License Law therefore, the Liquor Ban still remains in effect. Governor Jonvic stressed that, “The IATF ruled that the province will be placed under GCQ status. It is not a freedom pass. It only allows for business and industries to open so the province’s economy could start.” (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite with reports from Gov. Jonvic Remulla FB page)

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Remulla said. The governor said that frontliners will be prioritized for testing next week, free of charge.

“Ang mga mayor po natin ang gagawa ng listahan, at schedule para dito (Our mayors will make the list and

schedule for the testing),” Remulla said.

The governor thanked Dr Charles Yu, Dr Connie Ang, Dr Golla, DLSMHSI president Brother Augustine L. Boquer FSC, and the DLSMHSI leadership.

“Your patience, dedication, and commitment to get this project started at record time is a debt of gratitude we may never get to repay,” he said. DLSMHSI joins the 22 other coronavirus testing facilities in the country. Mass

testing is crucial in stemming the spread of the novel coronavirus, as shown by model countries like South Korea.

The Philippines has 10,463 cases as of Friday afternoon, with 696 deaths and 1,794 recoveries.



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REMULLA: HINTAYIN ANG ANUNSYO NG MAYOR PARA SA SISTEMA NG PAGKUHA NG MGA PASS

Sa inilabas na Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) ni Governor Jonvic Remulla, nilinaw nito na may sari-sariling patakaran ang mga pamahalaang lokal, mapa-munisipalidad o panlungsod, sa pag-isyu ng mga "pass".

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Stranded Bacooreños assisted to return home

BACOR CITY, Cavite May 13 (PIA) --The city government here through the Bacoor Tourism Office assisted 14 residents to return home after being stranded for several months in the different provinces in the country due to the declaration of enhanced community quarantine (ECQ).

Out of the 14 stranded domestic tourists from Bacoor, about 12 were stranded in Cebu while two stayed in Palawan. They arrived safely at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) where they were immediately subjected to COVID-19 rapid testing which resulted negative of the virus. They are now under the 14-day home quarantine and being monitored by the Barangay Health Emergency Response Team (BHERT) in their respective barangays. Meanwhile, five Bacooreño balikbayans from Canada who were also caught up in the ECQ were able to return home on May 4, 2020. The safe return of the stranded domestic tourists and even of balikbayans is part of the local government's program upon the directives of Mayor Lani Mercado-Revilla thru the Bacoor Tourism Office headed by Edwin Guinto and the City PESO with led by Dr. Abraham de Castro in coordination with the Department of Tourism.

There were several



batches of Bacooreño returnees that had been assisted by the local government since the start of May 2020. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite with reports from the official FB page of Bacoor Tourism Office)

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Madaming naging katanungan ang mga mamamayan matapos maibahagi ni Governor Jonvic Remulla ang detalye ng mga hakbang na isasagawa sa lalawigan sa ilalim ng General Community Quarantine simula Mayo 16.

Isa sa mga naging concern ng taongbayan ay ang posibilidad na magdagsaan ang mga tao sa tanggapan ng barangay o ng munisipyo para lamang kumuha ng mga "pass" na magbibigay pahintulot sa kanila na lumabas ng bahay.

Sa inilabas na Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) ni Governor Jonvic Remulla, nilinaw nito na may sari-sariling patakaran ang mga pamahalaang lokal, mapa-munisipalidad o panlungsod, sa pag-isyu ng mga "pass".

"Pakihintay ang patakaran ng mayor. May sistema ang bawat bayan. Ang sistema ng Mendez ay hindi applicable sa Dasma. Hintayin na lang ang patakaran ng Mayor," aniya.

Hinikayat niya na mag-abang ang mga Caviteño sa magiging pasya ukol sa pakikipag-ugnayan ng bawat alkalde.

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