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SULONG CALABARZON features LGU Rosario, Cavite

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite, May 21 (PIA) -- The Philippine Information Agency (PIA)- 4A's Sulong CALABARZON FB Live episode on May 18, 2021 featured the Municipal Government of Rosario, Cavite represented by Public Information Officer, Professor Pedro Arnel Laparan.

Citing the latest report from the Rural Health Office, Laparan said their municipality recorded a total of 653 Confirmed cases of of COVID-19, including 33 active cases and 592 recoveries. On the other hand, the municipal government reported 28

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TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite May 25 (PIA) -- The Toll Regulatory Board (TRB) recently inspected the operational segments and upcoming section of the Cavite Laguna Expressway (CALAX), one of the road infrastructure projects of the MPCALA Holdings, Inc. (MHI), a subsidiary of the Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC) in partnership with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

TRB's newly appointed Executive Director Atty. Alvin A. Carullo led the inspec-

Dasma chess wizards to represent country in FIDE Chess World Cup



TRECE CITY, Cavite May 25 (PIA) --Daniel Quizon and Michael Concio, Jr., two 16 year-old Grade 10 students of the Dasmariñas Integrated High School will represent the country in the FIDE World Cup chess tournament in Sochi, Russia on July 2021.

The chess athletes ranked top 2 in the recently concluded Asian Zonal 3.3 Chess Championships

MARTIRES after winning against Indonesian Grand Masters who represented Indonesia in the Board 1 and 2 of the Chess Olympics.

During the last round of the championships, Quizon tied with Indonesian Grand Master Susanto Megaranto leading with 7 points - 5 wins and 4 draws while Michael Concio scored 6.5 points

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Context is king: Tugade explains why progress in LRT-1

Cavite Extension project is a big deal

SSS releases more than P 3.07-B funeral benefits in 2020

The Social Security System (SSS) has disbursed P3.07 billion worth of funeral benefits to over 135,600 beneficiaries in 2020.

Over the years, SSS recorded P3.58 billion to 163,589 members in 2016; P3.79 billion to 170,358 members in 2017; P3.91 billion to 175,024 members in 2018; and P4.23 billion in 2019 to 186,730 members. SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Aurora C. Ignacio said that the 27 percent drop in funeral benefit disbursements was due to the na-

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Over 1M Filipinos fully vaccinated vs COVID-19 since March rollout



A health worker vaccinates a resident with an AstraZeneca/Oxford Covid-19 shots inside a Catholic church turned into a vaccination center in Manila on May 21, 2021.

Nearly three months since the start of the inoculation campaign, over 1 million individuals have been vaccinated against COVID-19 in the Philippines, the Department of Health reported Wednesday.

A total of 1,029,061 people have completed the two-dose regimen against COVID-19 as of May 25, Health Undersecretary Myrna Cabotaje said in a briefing. The figure represents only 0.94% of the country's 110 million population. Broken down, 581,797 health-

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The Light Rail Transit

(LRT-1) Cavite Extension project has achieved a completion rate of over 50 percent under the Duterte administration.

Department of Transportation (DOTr) Secretary Arthur Tugade made this revelation over the weekend in his Facebook account, where he gave context as to how extraordinary the achievement was.

"From being one of the pioneers in establishing railroad network in Asia, ironically, we are trailing behind. From more than a thousand-kilometer railroad network in the 1970's, our country's operational railway length drastically shrunk to only 77 kilometers in 2016,"

Tugade said the LRT-1 Cavite Extension was just one of the numerous rail projects that "were left hanging".

He said the particular project was "delayed for 19 years with no progress ever seen until June 2016". That month, President Duterte took over from the previous administration.

"Right of Way acquisi-

tion started way back in 2007. Unfortunately, 0 [percent] was certified 'free and clear' by the independent consultant when we came in. Now, the LRT-1 Cavite Extension is 55.6 [percent] complete!" he said.

Tugade said that once operational, the 11.7-kilo-

meter railway line "will drastically reduce travel time between Baclaran in Parañaque and Bacoor in Cavite from 1 hour 10 minutes down to 25 minutes."

He further noted that the LRT-1 Cavite Extension



(Photo from Art Tugade's Facebook)

Cavite, Laguna, Batangas attract industrial projects

TOP DEVELOPERS have been moving out of Metro Manila and flocking to the Cavite-Laguna-Batangas corridor due to its readiness for industrial activity, according to real estate advisory firm PRIME Philippines.

Cavite, Laguna and Batangas have attracted projects, ranging from office spaces to industrial lots and warehouses, with commercial land as something to look out for in the future, said PRIME's head of research Francis Mina, in a webinar on real estate market opportunities in the area.

"It's now a lot easier to traverse north to south," said Mr. Mina, speaking from his personal experience. "We've also seen cases of municipalities in the region being converted to cities because of high industrial and commercial activity brought about by ecozones."

The firm reported that Cavite, Laguna and Batangas have 365,000 square meters of total office space as of the first quarter of this year, 40% of which are business process outsourcing companies. Cavite accounts for majority of this office space demand

Meanwhile, industrial ecozones are concentrated in La-

Over 1m Filipinos << P1

care workers, 195,952 senior citizens, 250,777 persons with comorbities, and 535 workers in essential sectors have been fully vaccinated.

Meanwhile, 3,466,314 individuals, or 3.15% of the population, have received the first of two doses.

4.4 million doses administered Since the start of the vaccination program in March, 4,495,375 doses have been administered in 1,381 inoculation sites across the country.

Cabotaje, who chairs the National Vaccination Operations Center, said the country was able to reach an average of 170,000 inoculations a week as the country received more vaccine supplies.

The government's vaccination strategy is to prioritize the so-called "NCR Plus 8" areas, which include outbreak epicenter Metro Manila, Bulacan, Cavite, La-

guna, Rizal, Pampanga and Batangas, as well as Metro Davao and Metro Cebu to achieve herd immunity in these areas by November.

Cabotaje said the vaccination of economic frontliners and indigent Filipinos may begin by early June.

The country's Food and Drug Administration has granted emergency use authorizations to seven COVID-19 vaccine makers. But so far, only four brands are being used in the government's vaccination efforts: Sinovac Biotech, AstraZeneca, Gamaleya Research Institute and Pfizer-BioNTech.

Months into the rollout, only 32% of adult Filipinos are inclined to get vaccinated against COVID-19, a Social Weather Stations survey suggested. A separate poll found that the jabs developed by Sinovac and Pfizer were the preferred brands of Filipinos.

guna, though Batangas boasts the largest amount of land. Mr. Mina noted that accessibility and proximity to Metro Manila was observed as the key factor to land value growth.

The Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) is helping drive this growth in the area by increasing the number of economic zones, said PEZA Director-General Charito B. Plaza.

Ms. Plaza said that there are around 413 operating ecozones nationwide, 129 of them in Cavite, Laguna and Batangas, a result of the current efforts to decongest Metro Manila.

"We need to build economic zones in the countryside to attract investors so they bring their technology, to develop lands, create jobs, and grow new metropolitan areas in every region," she added.

One example of a PEZA-registered economic zone is the industrial-anchored LIMA Estate in Lipa-Malvar, Batangas, which has commercial, residential, and institutional components. The estate doubled its total land area to 794 hectares from 250 hectares in under 10 years, said Rafael F. de Mesa, first vice-president of the Aboitiz Integrated Economic Centers.

He also addressed the impact of the Corporate Recovery and Tax Incentives for Enterprises Act (CREATE), saying that incentivizing domestic enterprises to move to provincial locations opens up a new market for real estate developers in the



area. Under CREATE, the incentive for relocation outside the National Capital Region is an additional income tax holiday of 3 years. Ms. Plaza previously noted that this, among other incentives, would be an important motivator in attracting investors and turning ecozones all over the country into a major economic driver.

"The pandemic has also increased demand for lower-density, open areas. This explains the movement to the provinces and why (the Cavite, Laguna and Batangas area) is becoming a hotspot," added Mr. De Mesa. — Brontë H. Lacsamana

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as he defeated Indonesian Grand Master Novendra Priasmoro in the last round in 103 moves.

The Asian Zonal 3.3 Chess Championship was held via online using the Tornelo platform where the boys played from the home of their coach FIDE Master Roel Abelgas.

Fourth District Representative Pidi Barzaga was

proud and expressed support to the teen chess wizards.

"Nakaka-proud isipin na pawang disi-sais anyos ang dalawang batang Pinoy na sina Quizon at Concio ay Grade 10 sa Dasmariñas Integrated High School. Congratulations and keep up the hard work! Ang buong lunsod ng Dasmariñas ay patuloy na sumusuporta sa ating mga batang atleta," said Con-

gressman Barzaga. (It makes me proud to think that two young Filipinos, Quizon and Concio, are both 16 years old and are in Grade 10 at Dasmariñas Integrated High School. Congratulations and keep up the hard work! The entire city of Dasmariñas continues to support our young athletes.)

The solon thanked the rest of the Team Dasma,

coaches GM Darwin Laylo, Fide Master Roel Abelgas, and Chester Caminong for relentlessly guiding the young athletes.

The International Chess Federation (FIDE) is the governing body of the sport of chess and regulates all international chess competitions. (Ruel Francisco with reports from Rep. Pidi Barzaga FB page)

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COVID-19 related deaths as of May 17. Laparan shared that the strict implementation of the quarantine protocols, quick conduct of contact tracing, and the immediate isolation and treatment of positive cases helped contain the spread of the CoViD-19 in the municipality. During the lockdown last year, the municipal government used its funds to distribute relief packs which included veg-

etables, rice, canned goods, vitamins and medicines, and other food items every two weeks to ensure that the affected families need not leave their homes. Meanwhile, the government official said the municipality already began inolculating its citizens using Sinovac and AstraZeneca CoVid-19 vaccines. The LGU had also partnered with SM Rosario which served as a vaccination site to speed

up the vaccination for priority groups. Among the 973 healthcare workers (HCWs) and frontliners in the municipality, 621 of them received Sinovac jab, while 63 were inoculated with AstraZeneca vaccines. On the other hand, only 298 out of 9,649 senior citizens in the townwere vaccinated with Sinovac jabs. Laparan revealed that the national govenrment allotted a budget of P108,415,000

budget intended for the cash assistance to families affected by the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ), adding that the municipal government has already distrubited 96 percent of the allotted fund among the intended beneficiaries as they continue the cash assistance distribution for the remaining beneficiaries. (Ruel Francisco with reports from Rosario PIO)

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tion team together with TRB Chief of Regulation Division Joz Carlos G. Ordillano, TRB Communication Head and Spokesperson Julius Corpuz, and Department of Transportation Representative for TRB BGen. Melquiades V. Ordiales, Jr., and TRB audit and inspectorate team.

The inspection covered the overall toll operations of CALAX's operational segment which spans from Mamplasan, Biñan to Santa Rosa-Tagaytay Road, the toll plazas including the safety and security features in place, such as the newly installed Emergency Call Boxes (ECBs) which motorists can use for immediate roadside assistance.

MPCALA team also introduced the barrierless entry coupled with Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR) system and RFID lanes, to give its motorists a smooth and convenient driving experience.

"Okay yung toll collection system ng CALAX. So far, isa na ito siguro sa mga pinaka-advanced na toll collection system na na-inspect namin. Ito siguro ay magiging model for toll collection systems in the Philippines," commended TRB Executive Director Atty. Carullo.

Likewise, the site inspection showed the already-built plaza structures for the Silang East Interchange of the Subsection 5 which is expected

to operate by the 3rd quarter of 2021. TRB was also briefed with the developments of its upcoming toll collection system.

"As to the new segment in CALAX, hopefully we can open it na para sa kaginhawaan ng ating mga motorista. May gagawin pa, pero sa pagtutulungan ng CALAX Management at DPWH, with the assistance ng TRB, I am sure ma-oopen natin ang segment na ito within its timeline," added Carullo.

Meanwhile, MPCALA President and General Manager, Robert V. Bontia is optimistic on their current collaboration with TRB to make their toll roads more efficient, safer, and convenient for motorists. "We welcome the new chief of the Toll Regulatory Board Executive Director Atty. Alvin Carullo and wish him all the best. We are optimistic that as our regulator, win-win initiatives and new regulations for both operators and motorists will be reached," said Bontia.

CALAX is a 4-lane expressway that will soon connect the Manila-Cavite Expressway (Cavitex) in Kawit, Cavite to the South Luzon Expressway (SLEX) at Greenfield (Mamplasan) Interchange in Biñan, Laguna which is seen to cut the travel time between Cavite and Laguna from 2 hours to under an hour. (Ruel Francisco with reports from the MPTC)

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Hailstorm hits Indang, Cavite

INDANG, Cavite - Residents were surprised by ice pellets that accompanied downpour and strong winds past 1:00 p.m. on Monday (May 24). Barangay Alulod resident Jay-R Rubiato told Manila Bulletin that the hailstorm lasted for about five minutes. "Medyo nangamba din po kasi may kasamang malakas na hangin at ulan, akala namin may kasunod pang mas malalaking hail (We were also worried because it came with strong winds and rain, we thought there might be bigger hail ahead)," Rubiato said. Small balls of ice also fell in Barangay Mataas na Lupa. "Sobrang lakas po ng ulan, biglang buhos po, then maya-maya po nagla-lagitikan po sa bubong... meron pong yelo kasama ng ulan (The rain was heavy and sudden, then a few minutes later, we heard ticking sounds on the roof... there was ice in the rain)," Mataas na Lupa resident Laine Bandoja told Manila Bulletin.

The ice pellets were small enough that some residents were able to bathe in the rain without getting hurt.

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can accommodate 500,000 to 800,000 passengers per day.

"The investment poured by this administration in the railways sector under the Build, Build, Build program is significantly larger than the total railway investments in the last 50 years combined," Tugade earlier said.

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tionwide implementation of SONet participating banks; community quarantine since March 2020, which prohibits movements of transacting members to various government offices, including SSS.

"Since COVID-19 has

been a global health pandemic, precautionary measures are strictly being implemented in our branches such as wearing of face masks, face shields, accomplishing health declaration slip, and maintaining social distancing. However, we have implemented new policies such as the number coding scheme and submission of benefit applications through the drop box system. In compliance with Civil Service Commission (CSC) guidelines, only 50-70% of our workforce has been deployed in our offices while some are on alternative work arrangements (AWA) to protect our employees and transacting clients from the virus. Also, the majority of our members have postponed their personal visits to our branches for fear of being exposed to COVID-19, while some still wait for the availability of their supporting documents too, hence the decline of disbursements," Ignacio said.

SSS Funeral Benefit is a cash grant given to anyone who paid for the burial expenses of the deceased member, amounting to a minimum of P20,000 to a maximum of P40,000 depending on the contributions paid effective August 2015.

"We would like to remind our member-claimants that they may now submit their funeral benefit claim application online via My.SSS. It is also important that they have a Unified Multi-Purpose ID (UMID) or a SSS digitized ID and an enrolled disbursement account under the Disbursement Account Enrollment Module (DAEM) for checkless payment of cash benefits," Ignacio explained.

If with UMID card enrolled as ATM, the funeral benefit payment shall be credited to the latter by default. If none, member-claimants may choose their preferred disbursement account from any of the following payment channels: bank account in any PE-

or E-wallets such as PayMaya; Union Bank of the Philippines (UBP) Quick Card; Electronic wallet (E-Wallet) such as Paymaya; or pick-up arrangement with remittance transfer companies (RTCs) / cash payout outlets (CPOs) such as M Lhuillier. If they have UMID cards enrolled as ATM, the funeral benefit payment shall be credited to the latter by default. However, they can access the complete step-by-step procedures for the DAEM through this link https://bit.ly/3rMFFzS.

To submit applications online, member-claimants should log in to their My.SSS web accounts, proceed to the E-Services Tab and select "Submit Funeral Claim Application" to encode all the required information. They should click "Proceed" for SSS validation of provided information and confirmation of eligibility to funeral benefit. The civil status of the deceased member, relationship with the deceased member, and disbursement account enrolled in DAEM should also be provided.

In addition, the following supporting documents must also be uploaded: proof to establish membership of deceased member; death certificate duly registered with the Local Civil Registry or issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA); and proof of payment of funeral expenses, including official receipts from memorial park or funeral parlor. Only images and PDF copies with a maximum size of 2 MB may be uploaded per document. One must read the "Certification" carefully and click confirm before submission. Applicants will receive an e-mail notification upon successful submission of the claim. They can also view the status through their My.SSS accounts or SSS Mobile App.

Meanwhile, non-SSS members and SSS members without UMID or SSS Digitized ID must submit their duly accomplished applications, together with the above-mentioned supporting documents, plus a photocopy of the claimant's two valid IDs to the nearest SSS branch via Dropbox System.

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPINES **FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION REGIONAL TRIAL COURT** OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT DASMARIÑAS CITY, CAVITE

NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPORATION (NHMFC),

Petitioner/Mortgagee

-versus-

File No. FC-DC-0160-21 OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED

ANTONIO F. FUNES, Respondents/Mortgagors.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by the petitioner/mortgagee NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPORATION (NHMFC), a government owned and controlled corporation created under P.D. No. 1267, with postal address at 104 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City against respondent/mortgagor, ANTONIO F. FUNES with postal address at CityHomes-Resortville Lot 25 Blk. 52, Brgy. Lancaan, Dasmariñas City, Cavite and 46-G Int. Quezon St., Hagunoy, Taguig M.M. and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of October 31, 2020 amounts to SIX HUNDRED THIRTY THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY SEVEN PESOS & 96/100 (Php 633,727.96), exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on July 1, 2021 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in the Court Room of Branch 90, Regional Trial Court, Ground Floor, Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Building, Congressional Road, Burol II, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite to the highest bidder and for CASH or CERTI-FIED CHECK, in Philippine Currency, the following described real property together with all the buildings and other improvements existing thereon, to wit;

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 454096

A parcel of land (Lot 25, Blk. 52 of the subd. Plan. Psd-042106-064738, being a portion of lot 5824-B, Psd-77337, L.R.C. Rec. No.), situated in the Bo. of Lancaan, Mun. of Dasmariñas, Prov.of Cavite, Is. Of Luzon. Bounded on the NE., along line 1-2 by Lot 27, Blk. 52; on the SE., along line 2-3 by Alley 29 (4.50 m. wide); on the SW., along line 3-4 by Lot 23; on the NW., along line 4-1 by Lot 26, both of Blk. 52, all of the subd Plan. Beginning at a pt. marked "1" on plan, being N.46 deg. 02'W., 126.68m. from Mons No. 143, Imus Estate; thence S.38 deg. 46'N., 9.50 m. to pt. 2; thence S. 53 deg. 14'W., 5.00 m. to pt. 31 thence N.36 deg. 46'W., 9.50 m.to pt. 4; thence N. 53 deg. 14'E., 5.05 m. to the pt. of beginning, containing an area of FORTY SEVEN SQUARE METERS & FIFTY SQUARE DECI-METER (47.40). All pts. referred to are indicated on the plan and marked on the ground by P.S. cyl. Conc. Mons. 15x60cm.; bearings true; date of orig. survey, July 27, 1905-June 1, 1906 and that of the subd. Survey, March 15-July 15, 1993 which was approved on August 13, 1993.

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

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

In the event the publication auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on July 8, 2021, at the same time and place without further notice.

21 April 2021, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite.

RODRIGO C. ESTOGERO, JR. Sheriff IV

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Palace optimistic about recovery of PH economy



Malacañang expressed confidence on Tuesday that the Philippine economy will recover despite the recent stricter quarantine measures in Metro Manila and its nearby provinces due to the spike in the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) infections.

"Puwede pang maka-recover (We can still recover)," Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque said in a virtual press conference. "Pero naniniwala naman po tayo na makakahabol tayo (We are confident that we can catch up)."

Roque issued the statement, a day after Moody's Analytics forecast that the Philippines may return to its pre-pandemic level by end of 2022, making its status as a "regional laggard" amid the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) pandemic.

Moody's Analytics also slashed its gross domestic product projection to 5.3 percent from its previous forecast of 6.3 percent annual growth for 2021.

Roque acknowledged that there is a slow pace

munity quarantine (ECQ) and more relaxed modified ECQ (MECQ) in National Capital Region (NCR) Plus composed of Metro Manila, Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna, and

"Inaamin nga po natin na nakakalungkot na dahil nga po sa pagpasok ng mga bagong variant eh we had to resort to MECQ na naging dahilan para maging sarado ang 60 percent ng ating ekonomiya dito sa Metro Manila Plus (We admit that is it saddening because we had to resort to MECQ because of the new variants, prompting 60 percent of our economy in Metro Manila Plus to shut down)," he said.

Roque, however, remained optimistic about the country's economic revival.

"Sana hindi naman po (I hope that [the forecast] won't happen)," Roque said, noting that the National Economic and Development Authority has projected that the Philippine economy could grow to 6 to 7 percent this year despite lockdowns.

NCR Plus was placed restrictive enhanced com- status was later downgraded 2017. (PNA)

to MECQ from April 12 to May 14. To reopen more sectors despite the threat posed by Covid-19, NCR Plus was put under the less restrictive general community quarantine (GCQ) from May 15 to 31 but with "heightened re-

Due to the imposition of ECQ in NCR Plus and the threat of newer Covid-19 variants, the country's economic team has downscaled their economic growth target range to 6 to 7 percent from the previous 6.5 to 7.5 per-

Roque reiterated his call on the public to continue following minimum public health standards to bring down the Covid-19 cases in the country and enable more industries to reopen amid the pandemic.

Meantime, Roque said the rehabilitation of war-torn Marawi City will be completed before President Rodrigo Duterte steps down from office in 2022.

"Lahat po ng public infrastructure projects na in-identify natin ay matatapos po sa termino ni Presidente (All public infrastructure projects we have identified will be done before the President's term ends),"

Roque made the statement, as he expressed intent to visit Marawi in June to check the current status of ongoing projects in the city.

The five-month Marawi battle between the military of the country's econom-ic growth during the most to April 11. The quarantine and forces allied with the Is-lamic State began on May 23,



DICT COMMITS ANEW TO UPGRADE 'FREE', 'ADEQUATE' INTERNET AMID COVID-19

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internet in response to the COVID-19 pandemic through upgrading the said program.

"The DICT echoes the sentiments of our honorable members of the House of Representatives in providing not just free, but adequate internet speeds to the Filipino people. That is why the Department is continuously upgrading the Free Wi-Fi for All Program to adapt to the present needs of the people," DICT Secretary Gregorio Honasan II said. For download speed, DICT Undersecretary Emmanuel Rey Caintic said the DICT-deployed Managed Internet Service (MIS) - Very Small Aperture Technology (VSAT) which provides a Maximum Internet Rate (MIR) of 25 megabits per second (Mbps) and a Committed Internet Rate (CIR) of 6 Mbps to geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas (GIDA).

In comparison, UNDP-deployed VSATs under the 2018 DICT-UNDP Pipol Konek project provides an MIR of only 2 Mbps and a CIR of 0.2 Mbps.

MIR is the fastest Internet speed while CIR is the minimum speed that people could access. For less than twice the price, the DICT-deployed VSATs reach more than 10 times faster internet speeds compared with those deployed under the 2018 DICT-UNDP Pipol Konek project: UNDP-deployed VSATs per location per month costs about 20,000 pesos for Phase 1 for 1 access point, while DICT's current MIS-VSAT costs about P 30,000 per access point.

In a press release today, DICT wrote they opted to deploy much higher Internet speeds for new GIDA sites because it would be responsive to addressing the COVID-19 pandemic, with videoconferencing applications being the go-to solution for communication with distant friends and family.

Most common applications require at least 2.0 Mbps or higher for single-window videoconferencing, and anything less, like the connection speeds of UNDP-deployed sites, would be detrimental to user's experience, DICT added.

Caintic said the increased cost correlates to the increase in bandwidth. "For the price of the Internet that we are providing now, mas maganda ang user experience ng mga tao," he said

Congressman Paul Daza stated the education sector is one of the important benefactors of the Free Wi-Fi for All Program. "If the schools are connected, then many of the students can do their work there and get connected," he said. Meanwhile, Congressman Ferdinand Gaite stated that the implementation of the Free Wi-Fi Program is a pressing concern.

"Because of the pandemic, reliance on interconnectivity via Internet has been most important - sa ating education sector, sa health sector, importante ang data lalo ngayon kailangan natin ang real time information on the level of infection," he said. Source/Photo: Department of Information and Communications Technology - DICT

Over 1,200 residents of Alfonso, Cavite will be getting their own one-story townhomes, thanks to a joint project of the Social Housing Finance Corporation (SHFC)

and the local government there under the Community Mortgage Program (CMP). The socialized housing initiative, called RS Ville, in Barangay Taywanak Ibaba, came about due to a memorandum of understanding signed by SHFC Cavite branch OIC-manager Amando Mendoza, and Mayor Randy Salamat (shown in photo).

Beneficiaries can choose between a 36sqm or a 40sqm-model, which they will pay monthly for 25 years. SHFC is the lead agency assisting underprivileged communities through shelter financing and development solutions by Building Adequate, Livable, Affordable, and Inclusive (BALAI) communities.

Housing pact a boon to Cavite folk

