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should comply with the minimum public health standards to ensure the safety of

In the "New Normal" set-up, business operations

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Simple ceremonies to celebrate the National Flag Day



The Philippine Flag was first unfurled May 28, 1898 by Filipino revolutionaries after a hard-fought encounter against the Spanish force prior to the proclamation of the Philippine independence on June 12, 1898 by Gen. Emilio F. Aguinaldo. (Photo: udimagen.org)

IMUS CITY, Cavite May 29 (PIA) -- This year's celebration of the National Flag Day which commemorates the 122nd year the Philippine Flag was first unfurled May 28, 1898 was both somber and solemn with its simplicity.

Alapan II-B with the simple ceremonies led by Mayor Emmanuel L. Maliksi, Vice-Mayor Ony Cantimban together with representatives of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines, and personnel of the Imus Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), City of

The annual event was held at the Pambansang Dambana ng Watawat (Imus Heritage Park) at Barangay

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Cavite prepares for post-COVID 'New Normal' world

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite May 27 (PIA) -- Cavite Governor Jonvic Remulla expressed his concerns on how classes could safely resume, how the province's economy could fully recover and how could the corona virus be eradicated and somehow bring normalcy to the province.

Two measures were seen as immediate solutions to the first two concerns: targeted testing, and investment in a post-Covid world. The governor emphasized the importance of testing everyone but not possible thus, the provincial government focused on targeted testing be-

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No reading, no billing—Recto

"No reading, no billing." The simplest of formulas in computing utility usage is the most fair. This is what water utilities should also use so they can avoid the public uproar which greeted one power utility's guesstimate way of billing.

This must be the rule across all utilities, so that in the event of another lockdown prompted by a second or a third wave of COVID-19 infections, there is now a standard in place.

In the future, when a prolonged lockdown prevents actual meter reading, then with the permission of government regulators, a bill cor-

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Bodega ng pekeng gamot sa COVID-19 nilusob sa Bacoor, 2 Chinese timbog

BACOR CITY, Cavite — Nilusob ng mga pulis nitong Biyernes ng umaga ang isang warehouse sa Barangay Niog 2 dito sa siyudad kung saan iniimbak ang mga ilegal at pekeng Chinese medicine na panggamot umano sa coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

OTC Lianhua Qingwen Jiaonang ang tumambad sa mga awtoridad sa loob ng isang banyo sa naturang warehouse at mas marami pang kahon nito ang natagpuan sa ikalawang palapag.

Ayon kay Police Lt. Col. Vicente Cabatingan, hepe

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Libo-libong kahon ng



PGC issues guidelines to assist locally stranded individuals

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite May 22 (PIA) -- The provincial government here laid out the guidelines for the assistance to locally stranded individuals (LSIs) in different cities and localities in the province.

LSIs can be workers, students, tourists, individuals stranded in different localities while in transit and other stranded individuals who expressed their intention to return to their place of residence/home origin.

The process will start with the notification of the LSI to the barangay for the desire to return to their hometown with the latter gathering information like name/s of the individual/s,

place of origin and destination, estimated date of travel and the name of driver and information about the vehicle to be used.

This information will then be forwarded to the LGU thru the Local COVID-19 Task Force to facilitate the issuance of pertinent documents needed prior to departure.

The documents include a medical clearance certification issued by the City/

Municipal Health Office certifying that: LSI is neither a contact, suspect, probable nor a confirmed case, and; had undergone 14-day quarantine before departure, of it the LSI was a confirmed case, he/she had tested negative with the RT-PCR test twice.

Travel Authority (TA) will be issued by the Commander, Provincial JTF CV Shield for intercity/municipality travel within the province while the Commander,



Regional JTF CV Shield will issue the TA for transfer from one province to another province of the same region (intraregional), and for travel from one region to another region, the Travel Authority will be issued by the Com-

mander JTF CV Shield. With the completion of above documents, LGU of origin will coordinate with the receiving LGU for the unimpeded travel of the LSI. It should be noted that receiving LGUs shall not deny entry of LSIs

with complete documents provided that proper coordination was made thru the appropriate Task Force. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite with reports from the official Advisory post of the Provincial Government of Cavite)

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DSWD SAP national program but were not included in the payout, and the Lingap Imuseño Assistance program amounting to Php2,000.00 to be given to all eligible household that were not qualified under the programs of the DSWD like the SAP, 4Ps, Senior Citizen pension; Imus Extended SAP; DOLE TUPAD, CAMP and all other financial aid of any other agencies under the national government.

Mayor Maliksi was grateful for the com-

bined efforts of the employees of the City Social Welfare and Development Office, City Treasurer's Office, Liga ng mga Barangay, and other volunteer personnel from the different offices of the city government who tirelessly evaluated and processed the applications of said beneficiaries.

He proudly said, "Ulanin man ng bawat isa, buo ang loob ng bawat isa na manatili sa pagseserbisyo, umulan man o umaraw, umagahin man at dilimin, hindi alintana ang pagod

at panganib sa kalusugan ng bawat isa maka-paglingkod lamang. Maraming salamat sa inyo."

(No matter what they say, everyone is determined to stay in the service, whether it rains or shine, whether it be sunny or dark, regardless of the fatigue and danger to the health of each individual. Thank you very much.)

The city government will announce the distribution schedule soon on its official Facebook page and on Mayor Maliksi's FB account. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite with reports from Mayor Maliksi FB page)

Imus City, Cavite May 23 (PIA) -- The local government here announced the granting of financial aid to qualified beneficiaries of the Social Amelioration Program (SAP) of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) but was not included in the payout distribution.

To address the problem, Mayor Maliksi established the Imus Grievance and Redress Committee Hotline number that focused on the complaints of the affected Imuseños with thousands of beneficiaries that turned out from this service.

Thus, the city government came up with their financial subsidy programs: the Imus Expanded SAP amounting to Php6,500.00 cash aid to be given to eligible household qualified under the

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every one, thus contactless transaction is the newest service offered by the Metro Pacific Tollways South Management Corporation (MPT South).

The said service encourages the use of the Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) which allows for contactless passage through the toll plazas that can be availed in several convenient cashless transactions.

First is the Stick-it-Yourself RFID, the newest innovation and offering of Easytrip Services Corporation that allows Class 1 motorists to order their Easytrip RFID

online and have it delivered right at their doorstep.

The Easytrip RFID can be purchased using the leading online shopping apps and at the Easytrip Website with just an initial load of Php500.00 as introductory price, the package comes with an RFID positioning guide and Easytrip card for convenient loading.

Meanwhile, motorists using the MPT South Expressways will find Customer Service Centers in CAVITEX, C5 Link and CALAX that are open for installation and reloading and most recently, MPT South activated

the Easytrip Express Lanes at Lane 16 of the Parañaque Toll Plaza Manila Bound and Merville Toll Plaza.

While customer service centers can extend reloading services, motorists are highly encouraged to do it online for contactless transactions, 24/7 anytime, anyplace.

The company had been in the forefront in support of those in need especially during this emergency health crisis and had supported the frontliners and health workers granting free passage thru the Free Easytrip RFIDs for medical practitioners, as well as LGU and Barangay

Medical Utility vehicles to facilitate emergency quick response.

"MPT South is one with the government in the fight against this pandemic and recognize the need to provide unhampered flow and faster pass through of all vehicles. We are committed to serve and maintain the safety of our motorists prior and beyond this crisis," said Arlette Capistrano Assistant Vice President, Communication and Stakeholder Management. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite with reports from MPT South Management Corporation)

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ginning with the frontliners who were tested this week.

As previously stated, succession for the targeted testing after the frontliners/healthworkers are the police personnel then followed by factory workers, some senior citizens, then public school teachers, and the students that should be tested before the school year starts on August 24, 2020.

Governor Jonvic reported the current testing capacity of the De La Salle Medical Health Sciences Institute (DLSM-HSI) laboratory is about 300 tests a day but with

the new laboratory, about 8,000 tests could be accommodated daily by next week.

"This will somehow speed up the completion of the targeted testing in the province, but then again the mass testing is not feasible," the Gov. said.

Delving on the issue on securing the confidence of the parents for the safety of their children during the resumption of classes, the governor thought of investments to be made to ensure the children's safety and the continuation of their education.

He saw the need to set

up hand washing facilities in every school.

The barangay basketball covered courts will be used as alternative remote learning centers due to imminent shortage of classrooms to allow social distancing in school, and investment for free WIFI with estimated cost of Php1B with about 15,000 computers to be installed in the province.

Also, targeted testing for the teachers and students will not be a onetime activity but should be year round to ensure their continued health and safety and control

the possible infection in the school premises. Likewise, part of the safety protocols would be the provision of mass transportation for the students to minimize the risk of exposure to the corona virus and to any other accidents.

Governor Remulla said, "We will continue to talk to the mayors and congressmen about these concerns. Rest assured, we will continue to look for solutions to these problems." (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite/with reports from the FB page of Governor Jonvic Remulla)

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SAP is the local gov't's liquidation report on the first wave of the cash distribution.

In ordinary times, this audit rule should be followed strictly. But in the midst of the pandemic, it should be relaxed, not waived, but only insofar as extending the deadline of submission, and not making it a requisite for the release of the next tranche.

Citizens running out of cash and hope are expecting this assistance which has been promised them, and to allow red tape to abort its prompt delivery is unkind and unjust.

Why should the people be penalized for a delay not of their own doing?

Local governments are frontliners in the war versus this disease and the many miseries it has caused. Many are overwhelmed by the tasks at hand.

Their situation can be likened to soldiers in the battlefield which must be constantly supplied and who, if they are in the middle of fighting, should be given the ammunition they need without delay.

For local governments who have been remiss in the distribution of SAP, or have violated rules, there is a time to make them accountable and pay for their mistakes.

In the meantime, let us have a full-speed-ahead mentality in bringing aid to the people. Replenish the aid; the receipts can come later.

Maaari rin namang hindi 100 percent ang release habang hindi pa kumpleto ang liquidation. Basta huwag lang zero, kasi kawawa ang mamamayang umaasa sa ayuda. Ang deadline ng liquidation report-pwedeng i-atras, pero ang gutom ng tao hindi.

But as much as possible, and as fast as possible, LGUs should comply with the demand of the DSWD, for the sake of their constituents. We should also understand that the DSWD, as the financially accountable agency, has rules to comply with from its end.

Transparency should not be the first casualty of war or pandemic.

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PhilHealth's Interim Reimbursement Mechanism (IRM)

The **Interim Reimbursement Mechanism** or **IRM** is an emergency cash advance measure applied by PhilHealth to provide hospitals with an emergency fund to respond to unanticipated events like natural disaster and calamities.

When the Covid-19 global pandemic was declared in February 2020, and drawing from the modeling forecast available at the time, PhilHealth prepared an IRM response equivalent to 90 days of annual historical benefit claims to be made available to all health care institutions nationwide including dialysis centers and lying in clinics. This requirement was estimated to be P30 Billion.

Since the emergence of the first locally transmitted Covid-19 cases in February, the following pattern has emerged that will require PhilHealth to recalibrate its IRM response:


- **The disease is concentrated only in high population density** areas like the NCR and Regions 3, 4, 7 and 11. Many areas exhibit low or Covid-19-free incidence. PhilHealth's strategy is to provide IRM to all referral hospitals and laboratories in all provinces. This has already been achieved.
- Government's anti-Covid 19 strategy will entail **expanded targeted testing** and subsequent **quarantine** of confirmed individuals. This will require funding which will fall on PhilHealth.
- **Financial sustainability** of the anti-Covid-19 response. With still no vaccine in sight PhilHealth will take the prudent path to ensure that sufficient funds continue to be available to protect all citizens from the severe impact of the pandemic.

To date PhilHealth has released a total of P13.8 Billion to 599 health care institutions nationwide, P7.3 Billion or 53% of which was released to private institutions. Of this, almost P4 Billion or 29.7% was released to NCR, the ground zero of Covid-19.

PhilHealth will now scale down its IRM release and preserve its funds for the anticipated expanded targeted testing required by the national anti-Covid 19 strategy. Further releases will be selective and following above mentioned considerations.

Mabuhay ang PhilHealth! Mabuhay ang Pilipinas!

BGEN. RICARDO C. MORALES, AFP (RET) FICD
President and Chief Executive Officer



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ng Bacoor City police, hindi rehistrado ang mga gamot sa Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Wala pa rin umanong pag-aaral na epektibo nga ang gamot laban sa COVID-19, na sa ngayon ay wala pa ring lunas.

Sabi ni Cabatingan, nakakuha sila ng tip mula sa

isang Pinay na nakabili umano ng mga nasabing ilegal na gamot. Tatlong linggong nagsagawa ng surveillance ang pulisya bago nila ni-raid ang warehouse sa bisa ng isang search warrant.

Timbog ang dalawang Chinese national na caretaker daw ng bodega na ki-

nilalang sina Lingjie Zhao at Zhixing Chen.

Depensa naman ni Zhao, hindi nila ibinebenta ang gamot at ipinamimigay lang daw nila nang libre.

Sa kabuuan, aabot sa 10,800 kahon ng OTC Lianhua Qingwen Jiaonang ang nakumpiska sa warehouse,

o katumbas ng 259,200 kapsula. Nakarehistro ang warehouse bilang "dish washing liquid trading company," sabi ng pulisya.

Nahaharap ang 2 susppek sa paglabag sa Food and drug Administration Act at Bayanihan To Heal as One Act.

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Health Office, and employees of the city government.

During the program, the city's hardworking and brave frontliners were honored and recognized for their tireless dedication to their jobs of saving lives and helping others especially during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Just like the heroes of the Philippine Revolutionary Army who fought for the

country's freedom from the Spanish forces, our frontliners are also fighting for the freedom that the corona virus had suppressed so abruptly.

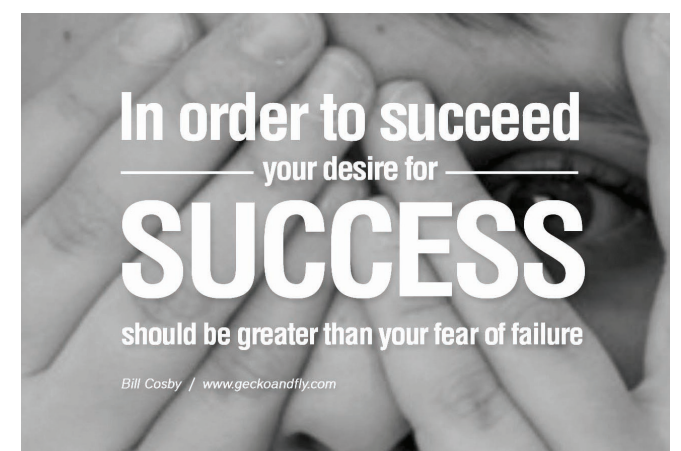
Mayor Maliksi said in his speech, "Every Filipino is encouraged to display the Philippine flag in all government buildings, offices, schools, and homes during this period. Let us fly our flags proudly this year not

only for the heroes who sacrificed their lives in the past, but also for our modern-day heroes, the frontliners who battle COVID-19 day in and day out."

Meanwhile, the event also gave way to the blessing of the Inang Laya Monument which is scheduled for unveiling next year, and a small exhibit showing the perspective of the Imus Heritage Park, that is truly a legacy

in the making. On May 23, 1994, Executive Order No. 79 was issued to extend the period of celebrating National Flag Day from May 28 to June 12, Independence Day, thus the city of Imus has two-weeks of activities-filled celebration known as the Wagayway Festival.

(Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite with reports from the FB page of Mayor Maliksi and the Imus Bfp)



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responding to 50 percent of estimated usage may be preliminarily billed, with the note that the full amount, based on actual meter reading will follow.

This is for the benefit of consumers who pay their bills online or are enrolled in automatic payment schemes.

Needless to say, over-billing must be rectified automatically, and if payments have been made, the grant of

refund. In the meantime, no service disconnection should be made while the bill is being disputed or has yet to be finalized.

The grace period for payments should also be observed pursuant to law.

The above are fair to all parties and are pursuant to the provisions of legislative franchises which holders must follow.

Two barangays in Tagaytay city placed under Lockdown

TAGAYTAY CITY, Cavite May 25 (PIA) -- The city government here placed Barangays Calabuso and Mag-asawang Ilat under lockdown after reports of confirmed cases from these areas. This came about after a company in the city reported that eight of its employees tested positive after conducting Rapid Diagnostic Testing (RDT) for their employees. The company not only employs residents in the city but also from nearby provinces of Laguna and Batangas. Three of the eight positive cases are residents of the city and one of the relatives of said employees also tested positive, thereby giving a total of four Probable cases pending the taking of swab samples for the Real Time-Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) for confirmation of results. They were immediately isolated in the city's Isolation Facility for proper monitoring and medical attention.

Mayor Agnes Tolentino ordered the temporary lockdown of the two barangays where the said Probable cases live to properly and swiftly conduct the contact tracing and identify immediately all those who had close contact with them

and be able to isolate and test them for confirmation.

The mayor said, "I ask for the understanding and cooperation of all the residents of Barangay Calabuso and Mag-asawang Ilat. We are just keeping you safe." "And to the people of Tagaytay, although our city is now under the General Community Quarantine (GCQ), we continue to urge you to stay within your home and only go out when buying your basic needs. To all employees as well as the employers, we encourage you to stay in the workplace temporarily. This is for the safety of the community and for your families too," Mayor Tolentino continued. Meanwhile, she was grateful to the police forces who work tirelessly to monitor and watch over the border checkpoints and also with the health workers in the City Health Office who continuously monitor the COVID-19 status of the city making sure the city is a safe and peaceful place. "I am praying for the Lord's continuous guidance and protection. God bless us all," Mayor Agnes said. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite with report from the official announcement on the City Government of Tagaytay's FB page)

San Beda Fil-Dutch cager Alex "hardcourt heartthrob" Visser: Goldmine from Cebu



Toughness, perseverance and determination are traits that drive athletes to overcome obstacles in life. On the court as in life, this young athlete epitomizes the kind of resiliency that dreams are made of. Meet the future basketball star in Alex Roeland Visser.

Born Alex Roeland A. Visser on May 9, 1999 to Mr. Leen Visser and Ms. Gina Visser, the 6-foot-4 cager is currently playing as center for San Beda Red Lions and Metropac-San Beda in PBA D-League. He studied in Sacred Heart School-Ateneo de Cebu before going to Manila to play for San Beda College Red Lions.

Alex started playing basketball when he was 15. "I initially taught myself because nobody in my family really shared the same interest in basketball", said the half-Pinoy, half-Dutch handsome player. Asked about his idol in the sports, "I don't necessarily have an idol. I enjoy watching NBA but there's nobody there that I really specifically look up to", added Alex.

He avoids junk food and soft drinks and try to stay away from fast food to maintain a physically healthy body. Alex also trains almost every day for basketball and goes to the gym. "The best thing about being a basketball player is just the whole experience. The people you meet, the games you play, the experiences you have. It's irreplaceable" said Alex.

My ambition is to play basketball for as long as I can, but I also want to live life to the fullest after basketball. I don't want to have to depend on it because it's never sure how long you can play" added Alex.

Death rather than Sin

St. Dominic Savio

HINDI TAYO 2ND-CLASS CITIZENS SA SARILI NATING BANSA



"Hindi tayo 2nd-class citizens sa sarili nating bansa."

- SEN. RISA HONTIVEROS

on Chinese nationals getting their COVID-19 test results before OFWs

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4 days lang nakuha agad ng mga Chinese workers sa Fontana ang COVID-19 results nila; habang marami sa mga OFWs natin ay mahigit isang buwan naka-quarantine dahil wala pa ang sa kanila.

Hindi tama ito. Hindi tayo 2nd-class citizens sa sarili nating bansa.

I call on OWWA, PCG, & DOH: ayusin natin ang bottlenecks nang mapabilis ang pagpapauwi ng mga OFWs. Siguraduhin nating walang nakakalusot na VIP treatment. This is not how we welcome OFWs back home. Let's address these backlogs so that we can send them back to their loved ones.



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