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LGU TRECE MARTIRES GOES DIGITAL FOR NEW NORMAL **GOVERNMENT SYSTEM**

The City Government here recently signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Multisys Technologies Corporation for a partnership in the development of the Smart City System.

In preparation for the New Normal, the system is a contactless transactions thru digitalized online system that will ensure more efficient, fast and convenient business dealings

with the different departments of the city government. The Smart City System offers services that include processing and payment of Business Permit, Business Tax, Real Property Tax,

Birth Certificate, Cedula, Local Civil Registry, Occupational Rents and Health Certificate, and other >> P2 payments. Payments can be made thru over-the-

Typhoon Quinta floods parts of Cavite, Laguna

By: Maricar Cinco - Reporter / @maricarcincoINQ

Floodwaters inundated parts of Cavite and Laguna provinces as Typhoon Quita triggered moderate to heavy rains on Monday. The Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office Calabarzon (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas Rizal, Quezon) and Mimaropa (Mindoro, Marinduque, Romblon, Palawan) regional offices also reported that evacuations were carried out in high-risk areas. In the Calabarzon region, at least 2,061 families (8,141 individuals) in 108 barangays were displaced. Nearly knee-high floodwaters inundated portions of Bacoor City in Cavite, as well as Calamba City and Lumban in Laguna. Toppled trees also blocked the Ternate-Nasugbu road in Barangay Sapang 1 in Cavite and the Mauban-Tayabas road in Quezon. In the Mimaropa region, 762 families (2,964 individuals) sought shelter in evacuation sites. More than 600 passengers, along with cargo and passenger vessels, were stranded in seaports in Quezon and Batangas, and another 642 in Mimaropa ports since Sunday evening.



CAVITE CONDUCTS STRESS-RELIEVING WEBINAR FOR CTTA



The Provincial Tourism and Cultural Affairs Office (PTCAO) successfully held a webinar entitled "Keeping Cool during Hot Times: Managing Yourself and Covid19 Stress" for the members of Cavite Travel and Tours Association (CTTA) on October 14, 2020 via Zoom. CTTA President Carina Buendia warmly wel-

comed participants and acknowledged the support of PTCAO as she stated updates on the association's status at these challenging times.

Meanwhile, Provincial Tourism Officer Rozelle Sangalang shared DOT's Response and Recovery Programs, PTCAO's initiatives to regain public trust and confidence, as well as

the new normal health and safety protocols that travel agencies and tour guides must be aware of. Moreover, as part of PTCAO's familiarization tour program, videos of three (3) DOT-accredited farm tourism sites namely, Nurture Farmacy and Wellness Village in Tagaytay City,

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STATEMENT OF SENATOR RISA HONTIVEROS ON THE SUSPENSION OF **BI OFFICIALS**

The six-month preventive suspension without pay imposed on 44 Bureau of Immigration (BI) personnel and officials involved in the pastillas scam is a welcome and necessary development in our Senate investiga-

Having led the pastillas scam inquiry for almost 10 months now, I am gratified to see that the sacrifices of our whistleblowers, the fruits of our labor, and the diligence of our law enforcers can bring erring officials

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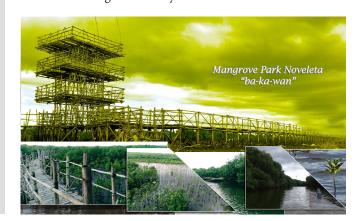
Noveleta mangrove area assessed for science-based conservation site

CITY, Cavite Oct. 26 (PIA) -- The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) conducted an assessment of the mangrove forest in Barangay San Rafael IV in the municipality of Noveleta for the establishment of the science-based mangrove conservation and management site, a partnership project between the DENR Calabarzon, the Forest Foundation Philippines, and the Zoological Society

TRECE MARTIRES of London. DENR CALA-BARZON's Conservation and Development Division (CCD) together with the DENR-Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO) Cavite led the assessment of the 30 hectare mangrove forest including an approximately 649.6 hectare adjoining area.

> The assessment aims to identify areas of conservation and management including

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Makabayan bloc must be probed for destroying gov't

As President Duterte's national security adviser acknowledged that the government's battle against the communist insurgency has spilled over to social media and Congress, an anti-insurgency expert called on the House of Representatives yesterday to investigate the Makabayan bloc's association with the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP).

"Makabayan bloc legislators should not be in Congress. The House Ethics Committee should conduct a moto propio investigation on the real allegiance of Makabayan bloc legislators," former New People's Army (NPA) rebel-turned-government consultant Erick Almendras said.

Interviewed by Col Gerry Zamudio in the radio program "Usapang Pangkapayapaan, Usapang Pangkaunlaran (UP, UP) Pilipinas!," Almendras, who spent 27 years in the CPP-NPA-National Democratic Front until his surrender to the government in 2015, said the six partylist members in the Makabayan bloc are his fellow kadre or officers in the CPP.

He was referring to ACT Teachers partylist Rep. France L. Castro, Kabataan partylist Rep. Sarah Elago, Gabriela partylist Rep. Arlene Brosas, and Bayan Muna Reps. Carlos Isagani Zarate, Ferdinand Gaite, Eufemia Cullamat.

His call to probe the six legislators came days after he spoke at an October 8 peace forum with National Security Adviser Hermogenes C. Esperon, Jr. who confirmed that Communist Terrorist Groups (CTGs) have peddled their propaganda in social media.

The forum with the theme "Give Peace a Chance: A Forum on the Country's Search for Lasting Peace" was organized by the Rotary Club International District 3780 and hosted by Past President of Rotary Club of Camp Aguinaldo, Col. Gerardo M. Zamudio Jr., who also anchors the radio program "UP, UP Pilipinas!"

"The theater of conflict has gone to social media," Esperon said, citing how Facebook has taken down alleged fake accounts that have links to the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the Philippine National Police (PNP) for sharing content in support of government's anti-insurgency campaign. "Consider the fact that underground and front organizations of the CPP-NPA-NDF have close to 300 known Facebook accounts. And Kabataan alone has a separate list 100 Facebook accounts. You can imagine how much lies, duplicity and propaganda go around in social media from these communist-terrorist fronts and groups," he said.

The NSA chief lamented that despite the fact that "they have nothing good to say about government," these accounts were allowed by Facebook to remain as opposed to those which condemn the atrocities of the CPP-NPA. "The spread of disinformation campaign has been a gateway for radicalization, even recruitment and an outlet to vent grievances,"

Esperon underscored the power of Facebook in influencing the way people think, citing a study earlier this year that showed 73 million FB users in the country.

"Our country's enemies are very aware of this. They have harnessed and exploited social media to serve their specific objectives. They have taken advantage of this as an arena where truth and facts are rendered irrelevant. That's how they look at it," he said.

Esperon also addressed the Makabayan bloc's complaint against government-sponsored red-tagging of partylist groups with representation in Congress by showing Rotarian-participants at the forum a video clip of CPP founder Jose Maria Sison's speech.

In the video, Sison specifically identified what he termed as the CPP's "legal democratic fronts" as Bagong Alyansang Makabayan or BAYAN; its biggest component KMU or Kilusang Mayo Uno which is the labor center; the Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas or KMP; Gabriela, the women's alliance; the League of Filipino Students; and the Alliance of Concerned Teachers.

"Are we the ones red-tagging them?" Esperon asked. "Eh, malinaw na nabanggit diyan ang Gabriela, yung Alliance of Concerned Teachers, yung LFS - Kabataan yan... yung Bayan, tatlo yung kasama diyan Kongreso ngayon [It was clearly mentioned - Gabriela, Alliance of Concerned Teachers, LFS which is Kabataan... BAYAN which has three representatives now in Congress]," he added.

Almendras explained that in the process of infiltrating government institutions, the CPP-NPA-NDF did not abandon its primary form of struggle - armed struggle or the use of violence – in order to overthrow the government and establish a socialist alternative towards communism led by the CPP. "We have seen this through the actions of the Makabayan bloc in Congress which is made up of kadres of the CPP who disguise themselves behind partylist groups which were actually created by the CPP," he said.

"Their purpose is not help craft good laws, but to use every opportunity inside Congress weaken institutions by criticizing the budgets for programs of government, demean and pick the government apart, and weaken or abolish any program of government that will adversely affect the standing of the CPP-NPA-NDF," he added.

Almendras said this is the reason behind the Makabayan bloc's objection to the P16.4 billion allocation for President Duterte's Barangay Development Project under the National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC). Esperon said the fund will go to 822 barangays to strengthen their capability for economic sufficiency and empower them through infrastructure support and livelihood

Col. Gerry M. Zamudio Ir.

development. "The Barangay Development Program is a concrete expression of a whole-of-nation approach which provides peace-building and development interventions to the 822 conflict-affected barangays that local government and troops have cleared of CTGs or New People's Army influence from 2016 to 2019," he said.

The projects include farm-to-market roads, school buildings, water and sanitation facilities, health station, electrification, livelihood, agricultural and technical trainings and

Almendras said the Makabayan bloc objects to this program of empowering communities because these are the targets of recruitment by the CPP-NPA-NDF, whose narrative is that people will not get anything from government.

What disgusts Esperon is that the communist propaganda to destroy government continues even in the midst of the health crisis posed by the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

"Amid the threat of the pandemic, propagandists have exploited the prevailing fear and uncertainty to undermine the government and further their agenda," he said.

Almendras said it will be easy for the House committee on ethics to find out the true allegiance of the Makabayan bloc by having them condemn the atrocities of the CPP-NPA-NDF.

Over the past seven months, 12 Indigenous Peoples (IP) leaders have been killed by the NPA in Mindanao, including Datu Jomar Bocales who was instrumental in the identification and shutting down of CPP-special project schools in Mindanao, said Almendras.

"But why not even a whimper has been heard of Cullamat, who ran as a partylist for the IP sector and is a fellow Manobo like Bocales?" he said, adding that this proves Rep. Cullamat's complicity to such atrocities and loyalty to the CPP.

In pointing out this deafening silence, Esperon noted that the recent ambush-slaying of five IP members from the Manobo tribe by the NPA happened in the very same town in Surigao where Rep. Culliamat is from.

"They were ambushed. She didn't say anything, not even condolences," he said. "In their actions we can see (through them). They cannot even condemn the violent actions of the New People's Army."

"They (Makabayan bloc) are enablers and supporters of the CPP-NPA. They should answer the House Ethics Committee why they cannot condemn and denounce the atrocities committed by the CPP-NPA," added Almendras.

Among the participants of the peace forum were 34 cohost clubs organized by RC Camp Aguinaldo through the help of Past President Col Gerry Zamudio. (Emil Carreon)

Noveleta Mangrove Area << P1

areas of expansion, evaluate biodiversity determine possible threats to mangroves and site-potential livelihood for the communi-

DENR Calabarzon CDD Chief, Ramil J. Gutierrez said, "The mangrove assessment in (Noveleta) has the objective of determining its

approach in management protection and conservation of said area. This will be participated in by different stakeholders vis-a-vis POs, NGOs, NGAs,/OGAs, academe, private sector, etc. Subject mangrove system can be devoted for rehabili-

the established nursery site within its ecosystem in order eco-tourism agenda to ben- identified mangrove species. and species diversity, and to facilitate the science-based efit the present and future Sightings of migratory generations."

> Records of the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office and the Municipal Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Council, showed the mangrove forest is home to various coastal flora and

components tation, research and even for fauna including 18 types of

birds namely Black-winged stilt, Little egret, Blacknaped tern, Moorhen, Grey heron, Great egret, Blackcrowned night heron, Philippine Duck, Greenshank, and Lesser Sand plover were also recorded in the area. (DENR-CALABARZON)

LGU Trece Martires goes << P1

counter via Bayad Centers, banks and online banking with affiliated banking establishments of BDO, BPI and Metrobank, via digital payments like Paymaya and GCASH, and debit or credit card payments.

In the near future, the city government subsidies like the Birhday Cash Gift,

financial assistance, medical assistance and other services could be directly credited to the residents thru the system and all other possibilities will be explored to maximize the utilization of the system to better serve the people.

Mayor Gemma Lubigan led the virtual signing of the partnership agreement with

Mr. Esconili Head Business Development of Multisys, and witnessed by Atty.Kim Moral, Councilor Aldrin Anacan, Acting City Admin Mr. Cabaya, and Vice Mayor Bobby Montehermoso on October 9, 2020.

"Looking forward po tayo sa launching nito at umaasa po tayo sa mabilis at

epektibong serbisyo at kasiguraduhan para sa mamamayan ng Trece.

Unti-unti ay makakamit na natin ang pagiging Innovative City at ang paggamit ng mabisang teknolohiya sa ating Lungsod," said Mayor Lubigan. (Ruel Francisco/ Trece Martires City Information Office)

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CAVITE PTO LEADS CAITO OATH-TAKING

As a continuing engagement of the Provincial Tourism and Cultural Affairs Office (PTCAO) to support tourism stakeholders, Provincial Tourism Officer Rozelle Sangalang led the oath-taking of officers of the Cavite Alliance of Independent Tour Operators (CAITO) held on October 14, 2020 via Zoom. Ms. Sangalang warmly welcomed and congratulated the newly-organized association, and took the opportunity of imparting the recovery programs of the Department of

Mga kumukuha ng RFID sticker dumagsa

Dumagsa ngayong Linggo ang mga kumukhua ng RFID sticker sa mga toll plaza bago ang pagpapatupad ng full cashless transaction sa Nobyembre 2.

Umaga pa lang, mahaba na ang pila ng mga kumukuha ng RFID sticker sa Manila-Cavite Expressway (Cavitex). Bandang alas-7 ng umaga, umabot nang higit 500 metro ang pila sa installation booth sa northbound lane. Mula naman sa may area ng bagsakan ng isda ang dulo kung pa-southbound. Isa sa mga nagtiis sa pila ang motoristang si Rookie Santos. "Magtiis na lang po para makakuha kasi weekend lang din po ako puwede. So, pipila talaga ako," ani Santos. Minabuti na rin ng truck driver na si Arwin Matela na humabol sa pagkuha ng sticker para iwas-hassle. "Kailangan pong kumuha kasi lagi bumabiyahe," aniya. Sa advisory, simula Nobyembre 2, contactless na ang transaksiyon sa mga toll gate bilang pagsunod sa direktiba ng Department of Transportation ngayong may COVID-19 pandemic. Ibig sabihin, wala nang booth sa expressway ang tatanggap ng cash. Pero hindi naman nangangahulugang hindi makakadaan ng mga expressway ang mga motoristang wala pang RFID. Halimbawa, sa Cavitex, may mga installation lane kung saan dapat magpakabit muna ang motorista ng RFID sticker. Walang bayad ang sticker pero kailangan ng initial load na P200. Nasa 7 hanagang 10 minuto ang proseso ng pagpapakabit ng sticker.

May activation team din ang Metro Pacific Tollways Corp. na puwedeng pumunta sa mga barangay para mag-install ng sticker, na puwedeng i-request sa kanilang Facebook page.

Samantala, pinalawig ng San Miguel Corp. ang pag-isyu ng RFID stickers hanggang Nobyembre 30 dahil marami pa ring motorista ang wala nito.

Pero pagkatapos umano ng petsang iyon, hindi na puwedeng dumaan ng Skyway, South Luzon Expressway, NAIA Expressway, Star Tollways, at Tarlac-Pangasinan-La Union Expressway ang mga walang RFID.

-- Ulat ni Michael Delizo, ABS-CBN News

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Bounty Harvest Farm in Indang, and Terra Verde Ecofarm in Maragondon, were presented virtually.

Some practical stress-reduction tips to calm the mind, feel in control, and stay productive amid the pandemic were shared during the lecture of Dr. Elizabeth Santos of the Provincial Health Office-Cavite Center for Mental Health. Participants sincerely expressed their appreciation to Dr. Santos and PTCAO for arranging such outreach activity for travel agents who were among the most affected by the crisis. Adding more inspiring and happy thoughts was the story of social entrepreneur Ms. Therine Diquit, Likhang Maragondon Native Products and Pasalubong Center owner. Her presentation sparked interest among travel agents to promote cultural tour packages involving the local artisans behind the success of Likhang Maragondon.

CTTA Treasurer Shella Trinidad's closing message capped the online event, thanking the provincial government and the resource persons for extending support and showing commitment to help tourism stakeholders recover.

Statement of Senator Risa << P1

to justice. However, whistleblower Jeffrey Dale Ignacio, who turned state witness by testifying how BI officials institutionalized corruption in the agency, has been included in this suspension. I hope the Ombudsman can consider reversing this order against Dale as his testimony, which completed the picture of the corrupt system in the BI, has been invaluable in our Senate probe as well as the NBI's own investigation.

Nonetheless, I would like to thank Ombudsman Samuel Martires for acting on the results of our investigation, and I trust that his office will also go after the big fish — including those who are no longer in the BI and cannot be the subject of pre-

ventive suspension. I would also like to applaud the NBI for remaining steadfast in their resolve to charge anyone — even one of their own, such as Atty. Joshua Capiral — found to have been part of this money-making racket, one that only endangered our borders and brought harm to our women and children. I am positive that with the bureau's dedication, more corrupt BI officials will be held to account.

I trust that both the NBI and the Ombudsman are as devoted to these cases as we are in my Senate Committee on Women, Children, Family Relations, and Gender Equality. Together, let us show that justice in this country can indeed be served.

Tourism as well as the efforts of the provincial government to address the challenges faced by the industry.

Part of the online activity is a webinar entitled "Keeping Cool during Hot Times: Managing Yourself and COVID-19 Stress," conducted by Provincial Health Office-Cavite Center for Mental Health Psychiatrist Dr. Elizabeth Santos. Participants were glad to learn about self-compassion strategies to keep the mind healthy during these trying times, and were reminded of the importance of connecting with people and seeking help when needed.

Likewise, adding inspiration to participants is social entrepreneur Therine Diquit, proprietor of Likhang Maragondon Native Products and Pasalubong Center, who shared their humble beginnings. She presented their crafts and the local artisans behind their success.

Closing the program is CAITO President Lorilyn Tepora who, along with her co-officers and members including Vice President Cecilia Rufo, Treasurer Araceli Abella, Secretary Jay-anne Pilapil, Auditor Jane Isip, and PRO Jinaline Erasquin, pledged their commitment to the promotion of tourism in the province.

Republic of the Philippines Fourth Judicial Region REGIONAL TRIAL COURT OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT City of Bacoor

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND,

Mortgagee, Foreclosure No. 2020-44
For: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of
Real Estate Mortgage

MARIGLO VIAJAR CHICO, Mortgagor.

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by the mortgagee, HOME **DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND**, of The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358, Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, and against the mortgagor, MARIGLO VIAJAR CHICO, of 1999 Smith St., Malate Manila, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of February 10, 2020, amounts to SIX HUNDRED NINETY FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY ONE PESOS AND 80/100 (Php 695,661.80). Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges, the undersigned or her duly authorized representative will sell at the public auction on December 14, 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;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2012020127

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 25, BLOCK 1, OF THE SUBD. PLAN, PSD-04-195681, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 4893, IMUS ESTATE, RS-04-002608, L.R.C. REC. NO.), SITUATED IN THE BARANGAY OF BAYANAN, MUNICIPALITY OF BACOOR, PROV. OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON. X X X, CONTAINING AN AREA OF FIFTY SIX (56) SQUARE METERS."

"All sealed bid 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 December 21, 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, October 12, 2020.

LIZA D. VICTA Clerk of Court VI

By: ARTHUR T. SAN MIGUEL Sheriff IV

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(otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund),

Mortgagee,

EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF
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-versus
ACT 3135 AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118

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F.C. No. 13414-15

Mortgagor,

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Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (Pag-IBIG Fund), mortgagee, with principal place of business at The Petron Mega Plaza Building No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City and/or 14th Floor JELP Business Solutions Center, No. 409 Shaw Boulevard, Mandaluyong City against JONATHAN S. JIMENEZ, mortgagor, with residence and postal address at Lot 2 Block 16 Phase 2 Metroville Subdivision, Alapan, Imus, Cavite and/ or at 9099 Villa Fatima RSUB, Villa Fatima Subd., Bucandala IV, Imus, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of November 24, 2014 amounts to EIGHT HUNDRED THIR-TY ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY NINE PESOS AND 15/100 (Php 831,659.15). Philippine Currency including interest and penalties, but excluding attorney's fees, sheriff's fees and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned will sell at public auction on November 10, 2020 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC-Imus, Hall of Justice, Aguinaldo Highway, Imus, Cavite to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all improvements therein, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-1332314

"A parcel of land (Lot 2, Blk. 16 of the subd. Plan. Psd-04-174521, being a portion of Lot 1552-A, Psd-04-134483, L.R.C. Rec. No.), situated in the Brgy. Alapan, Mun. of Imus, Prov. of Cavite, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the SW., along line 1-2 by Lot 1553, (LRC) Psd-306653; on the NW., along line 2-3 by Lot 3, Blk. 16; on the NE., along line 3-4 by Rd. Lot 3; and on the SE., along line 4-1 by Lot 1, Blk. 16, all of the subd. plan. x x x containing an area of THIRTY SIX (36) SQ. METERS XXX"

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 November 17, 2020 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning without further notice.

Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said properties and encumbrance therein if any there be.

Imus, Cavite, Philippines, August 3, 2020

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MOA PARA SA PAGLILINIS NG YLANG-YLANG, JULIAN RIVER SYSTEMS, NILAGDAAN NA NI IMUS MAYOR MALIKSI

Ibinahagi ni Imus City Mayor Emmanuel Maliksi, ang isinagawang pirmahan ng Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) para sa paglilinis Ylang-ylang at Julian river systems.

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ELM FB Live features Imus LGU's projects for senior citizens

IMUS, Cavite Oct. 23 (PIA) ---Celebrating the elderly's role and contributions highlighted the Senior Citizens' Week, featuring

the programs and projects launched by the city government. The pilot episode of the Mayor Emmanuel L. Maliksi's (ELM) Facebook Live featured Ms. Luzviminda 'Minda' Elbinias, President of the Imus Senior Citizens Association, Inc. (IMUSCAI) as discussant.

Among these programs was the EON ImusCAI, a membership card that also serves as a debit card where cash subsidies from the LGU will be credited directly and used to pay for transactions in groceries, supermarkets, and drugstores.

Through the EON Imus-CAI, financial transactions will be much easier and safer for 27,408 SCs in the city.

Aside from cash subsidies, the city government also launched the Online Kamustahan program, where senior citizens learned how to use electronic gadgets for virtual communication that gives them a venue to air their concerns and other matters. These tables were handed over to the association.

The LGU also launched the Kakanindahan program, where special native delicacies made by the senior citizens will be sold online under the 'Grannies Best' brand to provide them an alternative livelihood that highlights their innate cooking skills, with the support of the YES Coop.

Health and wellness is part of the program of the LGU for the SCs especially during this pandemic thus, NutriTea health drink, a special organic concoction developed by Dr. Algie Bacla, Plant Manager of Greensoul Health and Wellness Corp. was distributed to all SCs to boost their immune system.

Meanwhile, Mayor Maliksi and Vice Mayor Ony Cantimbuhan personally congratulated Atty. Aurora 'Auring' Sayoc-Abella on her 100th birthday last October 7, in a mass held at the Imus Cathedral. The Sangguniang Panglungsod honoured her for being the oldest living councilor who served the city and granted her the P100,000 incentive cheque from the city government. (Ruel Francisco/Imus City Information Office)



Gatchalian: raise age of sexual consent to help combat child marriages

As the COVID-19 pandemic threatens to force millions of girls into child marriages, Senator Win Gatchalian reiterated the urgency of raising the age of sexual consent as one of the measures to combat this form of gender-based violence and human rights violation.

A child marriage is a marriage of a boy or a girl before the age of 18, though the practice affects more girls than boys, with one in 25 boys marrying before they reach the age of 18, according to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

In its Global Girlhood Report 2020 released this month, international charity organization Save the Children said that up to 2.5 million girls around the world are at risk of marriage in the next five years because of the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, including school closures and economic insecurities. Last April, the UNFPA warned that economic hardships and disruptions to programs on gender-based violence could result in up to 13 million more child marriages in the next 10 years. According to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the Philippines has the 12th highest number of child brides in the world. Meanwhile, the age of sexual consent in the Philippines is 12 years old, the lowest in Asia and the second lowest in the world. Gatchalian, who originally proposed to raise the age of sexual consent to 18 in Senate Bill No. 739, said that amending the law on statutory rape will be helpful in combating sexual violence and abuse that result from child marriages. The Senate recently approved on second reading a proposed measure to end child marriages in the country. Panels from both the House of Representatives and the Senate also approved proposals to raise the age of sexual consent to 16. "Ang mga kabataan ay dapat nag-aaral upang magkaroon sila ng mas magandang kinabukasan. Hindi dapat napuputol ang kanilang mga pangarap dahil napipilitan silang magpakasal at magkaroon ng responsibilidad sa pamilya nang maaga," said Gatchalian, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Basic Education, Arts and Culture. "Dahil mas maraming mga panganib ang kinakaharap ng ating mga kabataan sa gitna ng pandemya, lalo nating dapat paigtingin ang mga hakbang laban sa ano mang uri ng karahasan at pang-aabuso," he added. Gatchalian also reiterated the importance of ensuring continued provision of child protection programs and reproductive health services to protect vulnerable girls from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The lawmaker also emphasized the importance of comprehensive sexuality education since early marriage and family matters are considered the top reasons why girls aged six to 24 are not attending school as reported by the Annual Poverty Indicators Survey 2017.

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