

MEMBER:



Prime Alliance of Publishers, Editors and Reporters of the Philippines (PAPER.Ph) Inc.

The Southern Tagalog email: herald_group@yahoo.com

HERALD

www.facebook.com/stagalog.herald CAVITE

OCTOBER 18-24, 2020 P 15.00 VOL. XXVI NO. 12

“QUALITY IS THE BEST BUSINESS PLAN”

JOHN LASSETER

#JUSTWISE

UKBAS 2020: FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS, PROMOTES HEALTH AMID COVID PANDEMIC

The City Government here will celebrate the UKBAS 2020 on October 25, 2020 at 5am with a cycling event. Ugnayan ng Kapulisan, Barangay at Siklista (UKBAS) is a project of the Bacoor City PNP that aims to intensify awareness and information campaign against drugs abuse and emphasizes the importance of health and fitness through biking and exercise.

With this year's theme, "Bike Safely," the celebration will focus on the inauguration and launching of the Bikers' Lane.

About 50 cyclist participants composed of city and barangay officials, and Peace & Order safety officers

>> P2

Affordable price tag of P10K teaching supplies allowance makes it "veto-proof"

The Senate-approved bill mandating a gradual tripling to P10,000 of the annual Teaching Supplies Allowance (TSA) is "fiscally-responsible, which makes it veto-proof by the President," Senate President Pro Tempore Ralph Recto, principal author, said today.

"Any contention that government can't afford it doesn't fly in the face of facts. Kayang-kaya," Recto said.

>> P2



SSS itinalaga ang BS2MPC bilang bagong partner agent



BACoor, Cavite, Okt 11 (PIA) --Pormal na itinalaga ang Bagong Silang 2 Multi-purpose Cooperative (BS2MPC) bilang bagong Servicing at Collecting Partner Agent (PA) ng Social Security System (SSS) matapos lumagda ng Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) noong

Setyembre 9 sa tanggapan ng BS2MPC.

Sa ilalim ng SSS Partner Accreditation Program, ang BS2MPC ay inaatasang tanggapin at suriin ang registration forms, member loan application forms, funeral

>> P3

Cavite PNP to enforce 'Undas' guidelines released by Remulla

by Dennis Abrina



Cemetery personnel start cleaning the cemetery in Tejero, Rosario, Cavite. Photo by DENNIS ABRINA

IMUS CITY, Cavite — To avoid the spread of coronavirus disease, Cavite police will strictly enforce the guidelines issued by Gov. Juanito Victor 'Jonvic' Remulla Jr for the commemoration of All Saints and All Souls Day amid the pandemic. This as the national government had earlier issued

>> P3

DepEd, Bacoor LGU welcome first day of opening of classes for SY2020-2021



BACoor, Cavite, Oct 10 (PIA) -- The City Government and the Department of Education here welcomed the first day of the opening of the online classes for SY 2020-2021 with preparations to adapt to the new system of teaching and learning.

During last Monday's Flag Raising Ceremony, Congressman Strike Revilla gave a message of greetings in a video recording to the teachers of the city in celebration of the World Teachers' Day and reminded them to stay safe for the children. Likewise, Mayor Lani Revilla expressed her gratitude to the city's

>> P3

Cavite now 'on the path to flattening COVID-19 curve' — Remulla

By: Cathrine Gonzales, Reporter / @cgonzalesINQ

After previously being placed under modified enhanced community quarantine (MECQ), Cavite is now on the path to flattening the curve of new infections to the

>> P2

Filipinos should discard laziness, greed

LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... Diligent hands will rule, but laziness ends in forced labor..." (Proverbs 12:24, The Sole Path Bible).

FILIPINOS SHOULD DISCARD LAZINESS, GREED: In order to generate gainful businesses and create income-producing endeavors, Filipinos should learn to discard greediness and laziness, to seek God's guidance through His Word before doing anything, and to strive to help others who are in need.

"We should not be afraid of venturing into business and instead try to create in our minds the mindset of an entrepreneur, not the psychological make-up of an employee or a worker, because it is doing business that much bigger incomes are generated," the panelists of the daily online morning show "21 Minutos" said on October 09, 2020.

Davao Methodist Bishop Rudy Juan, Pastor Jojo Gonzales and Atty. Faith Paquiz of the Capitol Christian Leadership,

Atty. Noy Macatangay of the Buklod Pamilya Incorporated, and Atty. Batas mauricio of the Simbahang Anak Ng Diyos Kadugo ni Kristo, advised Filipinos to rein in their love of money, and instead engage themselves in righteous pursuits which are bound to be more economically rewarding as time passes by.

THE ORIGINAL CHRISTMAS STORY: Just for the record, Christmas is an event that was foretold even before it happened. A little research will show that there was a king whose kingdom was being threatened by an invasion of two bigger kingdoms. This caused fear on the king and his people, prompting God to send a messenger to tell the king and his people not to be needlessly afraid because the invasion will not be carried out anyway.

The king did not readily believe the message given to him, so the messenger dared the king to ask God for a sign that the invasion will not really happen. But the king did not ask for a sign, saying he did not want to put God to a test. So the messenger gave a sign. He said, the virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, who will be called Emmanuel, which meant "God is with us".

The messenger then declared that the son who has been born will also be called "Mighty God" and "Everlasting Father", who will reign on King David's throne and kingdom, with justice and righteousness forever.

WHO AMONG OUR POLITICIANS CAN WE BELIEVE NOW? With so many politicians in the Philippines today boldly proclaiming that they are the ones who are right-



teous and are acting appropriately in the discharge of their duties and responsibilities in the sensitive positions being occupied by them in government, and that whatever accusations that are being hurled against them are pure and simple politicking by their foes, it has become very difficult for our countrymen to know who is telling the truth among them.

If one is not discerning enough, he or she could be misled about claims that this or that government official is totally clean in performing his or her functions, and did not steal, nor abuse anyone, using their positions. Of course, the truth can never be really concealed, for abuse and corruption has become truly rampant and pervasive in politics and in government.

Indeed, it is a source of awe and wonder for many to see government functionaries and politicians making wild claims about being upright and righteous even if it is clear that worms and faggots already fester in their hearts, minds and spirits, and their only clear concern is personal and family advancement. How can we compel these people to admit the truth about themselves?

RADIO-CABLE TV-ONLINE PROGRAMS: We invite everyone to listen and watch our daily radio-online-cable TV programs, "21 Minutos", at 7:00 am, "Kakampi Mo Ang Batas" at 6:30 p.m., Mondays to Fridays, and "Ang Tanging Daan", English and Filipino broadcasts, at 4:45 pm, Mondays to Sundays, through www.facebook.com/attybatas, YouTube (Melanio Lazo Mauricio Jr.), and www.andknk.ph.

Need CASH? ORMON BANK is here to help you!

We offer the following:
- Agricultural Loans
- Business Loans
- Salary Loans

For Inquiries call:

Flor 0927-528-8614
Vanie 0939-508-0702
Christopher 0948-538-4588

Mylene 0921-246-2467
Micko 0928-543-0617
Ryan 0909-779-1178

ORMON BANK

"Where long term relationships are valued"

Cavite now on the path to << P1

new coronavirus, according to its governor. Gov. Jonvic Remulla announced the good news on Thursday, owing to the province's calibrated implementation of quarantine restrictions.

The province has been placed under the least restrictive modified general community quarantine (MGCQ) from October 1 to 31 to curb

new COVID-19 cases. "Based on recent data, Cavite is on the path of flattening the curve," he said in a statement posted on Facebook. According to Remulla, Cavite previously recorded 600 to 700 new cases of COVID-19 a day, but for the past 10 days, the average number of new infections only range from 90 to 100. Cavite was among

the areas previously placed under MECQ from August 4 to 18 following a plea from the medical community for a timeout amid increasing coronavirus infection rate under relaxed quarantine protocols. Records from the Department of Health showed that as of Wednesday, Cavite has already recorded a total of 17,119 COVID-19

cases. Of this total tally, 3,561 are active cases; 13,405 are recoveries, while 153 are deaths.

In a television interview in late August, Remulla remarked that new cases of infection to the virus being recorded daily in the province have significantly dropped following the enforcement of MECQ.

Affordable price tag of P10k << P1

The bipartisan bill increases what is popularly called the "chalk allowance" to P5,000 a year in school years 2021-22 and 2022-23; to P7,500 in school year 2023-24; and to P10,000 beginning school year 2024-25.

At present, the annual TSA is P3,500 per classroom teacher, "or about P16 a day, not enough for bond paper and internet 'load' - which many teachers are forced to buy with their own money," Recto said.

For next year, the total cost of a P5,000 TSA will be

about P4.38 billion, based on 876,898 teachers handling classes, Recto said.

"Ang idadagdag lang natin ay P1.3 billion, to what we are currently spending for TSA, pero ang laki ng pakinabang. Overall, mga 0.8 percent ang TSA ng total DepEd budget, or 80 centavos per 100 pesos," he said.

"Pagsapit naman ng 2023, na P7,500 na ang TSA, ang total cost ay P6.57 billion. Ito ay 1.1 percent lang ng forecast budget ng DepEd sa taong iyon," he said.

By 2024, when the

P10,000 yearly TSA kicks in, its projected P8.87 billion cost will account for 1.35 percent of DepEd's forecast budget that year, which factors in the increase in the number of teachers," Recto said.

Recto described the TSA as "a pandemic-hit expense, because blended learning is more expensive. Distance and digital teaching have added costs."

"For example, DepEd has to print at least 100 billion pages of learning modules and broadband is not free," Recto said. Recto has

been championing the increase in TSA for several years now, and had joined senators in successfully increasing rates through past national budgets. "But what is needed is a statutory hike."

He likened teaching supplies "used by teachers in the war against illiteracy to bullets used by soldiers in their battle against the Abu Sayyaf."

"Yung bala na gamit ng mga sundalo, libre, pero bakit ang ammo na gamit ng mga guro hindi sapat?" Recto said.

UKBAS 2020: fight against << P1

will assemble at the corner of Molino Road and Molino Boulevard then navigate the stretch of the lane up to Bacoor City Hall.

The event features, 'The Bike With a Heart' under the Lingap Bisikleta program of the City Government that will award 165 brand new bicycles to deserving city

government employees nominated by friends, families, or co-employees thru nomination letters written and submitted before 12mn of October 15, 2020.

Fifty (50) winners from the city frontliners will be announced as nominated by their department heads, while the remaining 115

winners will be posted in the City Government of Bacoor or FB page during the celebration. Nominees must be between 21-59 years old, the nomination letter must state the reason why the nominee is worthy of the award. Letters can be submitted thru email at ukbas2020@gmail.com, or thru text messaging

at 0956- 7462279, or personally deliver to the City Information Office at the 3rd floor of the Bacoor Government Center.

Mayor Lani Revilla has enjoined everyone saying, "Tara na! Mag bike na! Kontra droga at kontra pandemya." (Ruel Francisco/Bacoor City Information Office)

The Southern Tagalog email: herald_group@yahoo.com

HERALD

CAVITE

www.facebook.com/stagalog.herald

Inilalathala tuwing araw ng Linggo at may sirkulasyon sa Lalawigan ng Cavite.
Editorial office: Block 1, Lot 1, Phase 1A, Cithomes Subdivision, Molino 4, Bacoor City, Cavite
CP# 09266990769 / 09178983982
Email: herald_group@yahoo.com

EDITORIAL BOARD

NENA ESTRELLADO-MALLARI
Publisher

ANDREW S. AMORES
Editor

ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO
Columnist

ATTY. ZENaida GALVEZ **ATTY. FERNANDO PERITO**
Editorial Consultant *Legal Counsel*

JENNILYN JIMENEZ YUPIO
Circulation-in-charge

JEFREY T. JURADO
Layout Artist

Marketing Representative:
RURAL PRESS COMMUNICATORS REP. INC.
3055 Tolentino St., cor. Balabac St., Pinagkaisahan, Makati City
Telephone Numbers: (02) 882 39 78 / (02) 882 32 05
Fax No. (02) 882 32 23

SUBSCRIPTION RATES:
Six Months P750.00
One Year P1,500.00
ADVERTISING RATES:
Commercial P200.00 / col.cm.
Extra-Judicial P160.00 / col.cm.



MEMBER:
Prime Alliance of
Publishers, Editors
and Reporters
of the Philippines
(PAPER.PH) Inc.

The views and opinions expressed in this newspaper are those of the authors/writers/contributors and do not necessarily reflect the official policy or position of the owner and the management.

Esperon justifies P16.4-B Barangay Dev't Fund

National Security Adviser Hermogenes C. Esperon Jr. defended recently the P16.4-billion Barangay Development Program (BDP), which he said will benefit over 800 barangays cleared of encroaching communist terrorist groups (CTGs).

Speaking at the National Security Peace Forum held via virtual meeting last October 8, Esperon said threatened and vulnerable communities are the beneficiaries of the projects of the BDP with the objective of addressing the root causes of local conflict in the said areas.

"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 reforestation.

"These barangays are the guerrilla bases of insurgent armed elements. We have dislodged them from those barangays and therefore it's now time to develop them," Esperon said.

The program is being implemented under the National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC), which was created by President Duterte in February 2019 through Executive Order No. 70.

"NTF-ELCAC is chaired by President Duterte, who volunteered to take the helm of the national task force because he wanted to, once and for all, end the communist insurgency and bring lasting peace through a whole of government and whole of nation approach," Esperon said.

To carry out the mission and plan of the NTF-ELCAC, Esperon said 12 clusters were created: Situational Awareness and Knowledge Management (Intelligence); Strategic Communications: Legal Cooperation; International Engagement; Basic Services: Poverty Reduction and Livelihood Empowerment; Infrastructure and Resource Management; Sectoral Unification, Capacity Building and Empowerment; Local

Peace Engagement; Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program (e-CLIP) and Amnesty; and Peace law Enforcement and Development Support.

He explained that the NTF-ELCAC has been formed in the national, regional, provincial and municipal levels with the aim of beating the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) campaign to win support from the masses.

"Take note that of all the 12 clusters, only one involves our AFP (Armed Forces of the Philippines) and PNP (Philippine National Police) or our security forces," Esperon said. "This setup calls for a convergence of resources and actions. We have placed social economic programs at the forefront of our anti-insurgency campaign."

He said never has there been a president like Duterte who is as determined to use this whole-of-nation approach to end the insurgency with a brand of good governance.

"There's no other way but through good governance as the means to flip the script of the long-standing communist rhetoric that drives and sustains the Communist Terrorist Group," he said.

"We believe that we have the right recipe and the right people and the correct attitude to lead us towards these goals," he added.

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 Col. Gerardo M. Zamudio Jr., who is also a Rotarian.

It was aired on the radio program "Usapang Pangkapa-yapaan, Usapang Pangkaunlaran (UP, UP) Pilipinas!" and included as participants RC Camp Aguinaldo officers - President Judith Arlene Vergara and PE Melfran Apolinario; Josephine Padilla of RC Kamuning East; Prime Sison of RC Broadway; TP Chi Armenta of RC Cubao; and Miguel deal Fuente of RC Cubao South, among others.

Esperon thanked and lauded Rotarians for coming up with the forum, encouraging them to be part of government's awareness campaign and tie up their socio-civic work with efforts of the NTF-ELCAC in its target barangays.

"The theme Give Peace a Chance, is very appropriate. The



Col. Gerry M. Zamudio Jr.

pursuit of peace has always been the policy of our government and is fully embodied in our key programs," he said.

Another speaker at the forum, National Cadre Team president Erick Almendras, took a swipe at a number of legislators questioning the P16.4-billion budget for the Barangay Development Program for alleged duplicity.

Almendras took exception for Makabayan bloc members in the House of Representatives whom he said belong to partylist organizations created by front organizations of the CPP-NPA-National Democratic Front, who disguise themselves as champions of human rights and public welfare but whose real objective is to disrupt and destroy government programs aimed at neutralizing the insurgency.

In ending his message at the peace forum, Esperon quoted the late South African leader Nelson Mandela who said: "Safety and security don't just happen. They are the result of collective consensus and public investment. We owe our children, the most vulnerable sector of our society, a life free of violence and fear."

"UP, UP Pilipinas!" is a program of the PAF in fulfillment of the public affairs requirements of the NT-ELCAC and NTF-COVID-19 and aired on weekdays at 3 p.m. over DWGV AM 792khz-Central Luzon, DWDD 1134 khz-Manila and other radio stations all over the country.

It is heard every Saturday in Lucena City, Quezon; every Thursday in Cebu; and every Monday, Wednesday and Friday in Batangas.

A video recording of the program, produced by the PAF 355th Aviation Engineer Wing headed by Brig. Gen. George A. Blanco in partnership with the Air Force Reserve Command, Air Defense Command, Air Logistics Command and the 5th Fighter Wing, is uploaded every day to the social media accounts of NTF-ELCAC, the Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO), UP UP Pilipinas, and on PAF Virtual TV.

DepEd, Bacoor LGU welcome << P1

public school officials and teachers who gave their utmost hard work and dedication to be able to prepare for the new teaching approach despite the many issues, con-

cerns and challenges brought by the New Normal set up in education.

"The City Government is doing everything to help the school children as well as the

teachers to be able to adapt to the new system of education. We had given funding for the distribution of laptops to the public school teachers, for the acquisition of Riso-

graph machines, inks, bond papers and other materials for the printing and copying of learning modules, and the provision of three (3) rescue vehicles to the DepEd-Baco-

or for use in the distribution of the learning materials for the blended learning modality of education. Also, thru the Office of Vice Governor Jolo Revilla, P7M was allotted to fund for the provision of 12,000 tablets to be given to Grades 10, 11 & 12 public students in the city," said Mayor Revilla.

to children with their online classes. Also, school supplies were given to kindergarten pupils in the city to inspire them to start their education.

Meanwhile, some preparations by the public schools in the city like the Bayanan Elementary School held the distribution of learning modules to the different barangays thru their Modules-on-Wheels project to give parents and students easy access to these learning materials prior to the opening of classes on October 5, 2020.

On the other hand, the Mambog Elementary School had set up a health and safety measure device at the school entrance, a Robotic Health Protocol that takes temperature 'handsfree' and an automated alcohol dispenser for sanitation to all those who will enter the school premises to avoid transmission of the COVID-19 disease. (Ruel Francisco/Bacoor City Information Office)

A total of 885 laptops were turned over to the DepEd-Bacoor during the Monday Flag Raising ceremony on September 28, 2020 which were distributed to the public school teachers that will aid them with their online teaching approach.

Meanwhile, Mayor Lani said that the 12,000 tablets will be given to the students 'on a staggered basis' as delivery of the units were made while thru the efforts of the MIS Department of the City Government, internet connectivity was strengthened and improved to be able to provide good internet service

Cavite PNP to enforce "Undas" << P1

an order closing cemeteries from October 28 to November 2, 2020.

"We in the Cavite PNP, we will implement all the directives of the Governor Remulla, for all cemeteries and memorial parks in seven cities and 16 towns," said Cavite Provincial Police Director - Police Colonel Marlon Santos.

"Because of the pandemic, we still need to be reminded repeatedly of minimum health guidelines including physical distancing. There are already 11,256 COVID-19 cases in the province based on the Department of Health (DoH) Center for Health Development

(CHD) Calabarzon COVID update dated October 7, 2020," said Remulla.

"I know that the All Saint's and All Soul's is one of the most important and sacred observations of Filipino Catholics," Remulla posted on Facebook page recently.

The provincial government allows visit to cemeteries from October 1 to 27 and November 3 onward.

The other guidelines are: Panchong (Caviteno dialect of Cemetery) will be open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. only, no overnight stay, Eating in the place is forbidden even in private and mausoleum.

Bringing, selling and

drinking liquor are prohibited even selling and bringing foods and beverages are forbidden.

Respective local governments of 7 cities and 16 towns will have released the allowable number of persons inside the cemetery.

All the people entering the place must wear face masks and face shields, karaoke or videoke and noisy singing are prohibited. Children under 18 years old are not allowed to go to the cemetery.

According to Remulla, "I know it is difficult but young people are more contagious and spread the disease than adults. I know that policies

like this are not pro-Filipino. But we can do nothing.

We need to overcome the crisis caused by COVID-19" Remulla. "No need to put a Police assistance Desk in the cemetery on October 28 to November 2, 2020, However, we will instruct to conduct frequent patrols to monitor all our cemeteries (both public and memorial parks) to check their compliance on the closure order of the government," said Police Colonel Marlon Santos. "We think visitors will flock starting on the 3rd week of October, specially on weekends and we will provide a police assistance desk if deemed necessary Colonel," Santos added.

SSS itinalaga ang BS2MPC << P1

benefit claims, at iba pang dokumento na isinumite ng kanilang mga kasapi na miyembro rin ng SSS.

Maaari rin silang mag-isyu ng Certificate of Fact of Death para sa Death Claim Application na isumite sa kanila. Awtorisado din ang kooperatiba na mangolekta


ng SSS contributions, loan amortizations, at iba pang miscellaneous payments.

Sa tulong ng programang ito, mas mapapadali at mapapabilis ang pagpoproseso ng transaksyon ng higit 6,000 miyembro ng kooperatiba dahil sila mismo ang maghahatid ng sebisyo

ng SSS sa kanilang komunidad. Dahil katuwang na ng SSS ang BS2MPC, inaasahang may benepisyo at pribilehiyong matatanggap ang mga miyembro sa oras ng kanilang pangangailangan.

Pinangunahan nina SSS Bacoor Branch Head II Josephine S. Hipolito at BS2MPC

General Manager Maria Jenet S. AVECILLA ang paglagda sa MOA habang naging saksi sina BS2MPC Board of Directors Chairperson Cecilia S. Asuncion, at BS2MPC Human Resource/Administrative Head Analey R. Lopez. (PIA-Cavite at ulat mula kay Haidee Consignado, SSS)



WE SPECIALIZE IN:

NEWS PAPER • NEWS LETTER
MAGAZINE • SCHOOL & OFFICE FORMS
YEAR BOOK • SOUVENIR PROGRAM
BROCHURES • FLYERS • PAMPHLETS
CAMPAIGN MATERIALS AND OTHER
PRINTING NEEDS

**FREE DELIVERY WITHIN SAN PABLO CITY AREA
OR NEARBY PLACES!!!**

72 MALAKAS ST., BRGY. SAN CRISTOBAL, SAN PABLO CITY, LAGUNA
 CP # 0948-1883430 / 0921-5014584 (SMART)
 LANDLINE (049) 503-1308
 EMAIL: YLADARPREC@GMAIL.COM / HERALDGROUP@GMAIL.COM



CAVITE, PLANONG KUMUHA NG MGA TEACHER'S AIDE O ASSISTANT

Nitong Huwebes ay ibinahagi ni Governor Jonvic Remulla ang mga tinalakay sa kanilang pagpupulong ng mga District Supervisors mula sa Department of Education (DepEd).

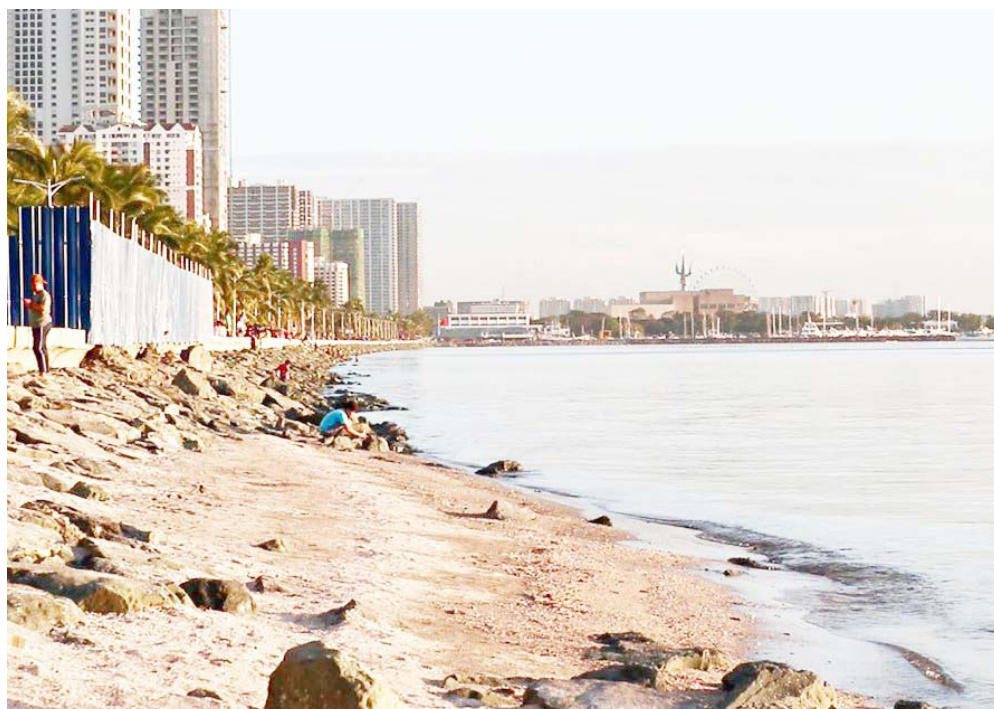
GOCAVITE
WWW.GOCAVITE.COM



Nitong Huwebes ay ibinahagi ni Governor Jonvic Remulla ang mga tinalakay sa kanilang pagpupulong ng mga District Supervisors mula sa Department of Education (DepEd). Isa sa kanilang napagdiskusyon ay ang paglobo ng bilang ng enrollees sa pampublikong paaralan at pagkasara ng nasa 100 pampribadong paaralan sa lalawigan ng Cavite. Ayon sa gobernador, "Ang enrollment sa Public Schools ay umakyat ng humigit sa 40%. Lagpas 100 na Private Schools ang nagsara." "Senior High School students were the highest enrollees." dagdag niya. Bilang solusyon sa naturang problema, inilagtag ni Remulla ang planong pagkuha ng mga Teacher's Aide o Assistant ng pamahalaang panlalawigan. "Budget preparation to hire supplementary Teacher's Aide or Assistants. These are mostly underboards pending the Teachers Exam" saad ni Remulla. "Kasama na rin ang mga nawalan ng trabaho sa mga pribadong eskwelahan na nagsara." dagdag pa niya. Ipinaliwanag din ni Remulla na bagaman hindi permanenteng empleyado ng gobyerno ang mga teacher's aide ay makatutulong ito para sa lahat ngayong nasa distance learning ang mga mag-aaral. "Bagamat hindi sila magiging permanenteng empleyado sa gobyerno, kahit papaano ito ay makakatulong na rin mapagaan ang sitwasyon ng mga mag-aaral, magulang, principal at para sa kanilang nangangailangan ng trabaho." paliwanag niya.

Fishers group calls on Cavite gov't to stop reclamation project in Manila Bay

By JOVILAND RITA, GMA News



An alliance of fishers on Tuesday warned the local government of Cavite about its 420-hectare reclamation project in Manila Bay saying it might violate a Supreme Court (SC) order.

In a statement, Pambansang Lakas ng Kilusang Mamalakaya ng Pilipinas (PAMALAKAYA) chairperson Fernando Hicap encouraged officials to stop the project.

"The local execs of Cavite are at risk of violating the highest court's order to protect and restore the fishing waters of Manila Bay if they will not cease and desist from pursuing destructive reclamation projects," Hicap said.

"We are demanding



Gatchalian cites importance of TV-based instructions in distance learning

Though around 59 percent of more than 22 million learners enrolled in public schools are using printed self-learning modules (SLMs) for distance learning, Senator Win Gatchalian said that learning through television-based instruction is a big help in teaching more difficult and complicated subjects.

During the first day of classes, Gatchalian made rounds among Valenzuela's households to see how parents and learners were coping with distance learning. In one household, Gatchalian met a learner studying fractions, which he said could be challenging to understand without the guidance of a teacher. This is where videos should be helpful in teaching the learners, Gatchalian said, noting that these would feature teachers going through the lessons step by step.

Gatchalian added that television-based instruction should be leveraged in teaching difficult lessons, noting that television has a wider reach in the country compared to the internet. Global data firm Dataxis revealed that in 2019, 18.7 million households in the Philippines have their own TV sets at home. Last August, the Department of Education's (DepEd) enrollment data showed that around 6.3 million households have no internet access.

"I looked at some of the modules. Some of the subjects are very complicated, like geometry or trigonometry. I see a lot of computations. It's very difficult for an ordinary student to pick it up right away. This is where the TV and radio modalities would come in. TV, in this particular case, would play a very big role," the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Basic Education, Arts and Culture explained.

To roll-out the use of television-based instruction, the Department of Education (DepEd) launched DepEd TV, which airs K to 12 subjects from 7:00AM to 7:00PM, Monday to Saturday. The lessons are being aired on state-run Intercontinental Broadcasting Corporation (IBC-13), People's Television Network (PTV-4), and other channels that partner with DepEd.

To complement the reach of DepEd TV, Gatchalian cited the role of partnerships between local government units (LGUs) and local radio and television stations, which can air localized episodes. The lawmaker flagged, however, a recent error in a math lesson that aired on DepEd TV, which has since gone viral on social media. While DepEd has already apologized for the error and vowed to address it, Gatchalian reiterated that quality control of lessons should never be compromised.

Meanwhile, Gatchalian again urged telecommunication companies to ensure the stability of internet connectivity to avoid online learning woes. He cited the case of the Valenzuela Live Online Streaming School, which utilizes Facebook Live to broadcast lessons.

Despite the airing of these lessons, some learners cannot view or stream the lessons because of connectivity problems, Gatchalian explained. He added that while they are expecting as many as 10,000 students to watch per lesson, some 3,000 students are not able to watch.

Cavite Governor Jonvic Remulla to heed his constituents in coastal areas to stop dump-filling the Manila Bay that will result to their displacement and destruction of fishing grounds," he added.

In an SC mandamus in 2008, various government agencies, led by the Department of Environment and National Resources (DENR), were directed to restore and rehabilitate the Manila Bay.

The group urged the local officials to look into the installation of steel pile revetment along the shores of the Manila Bay in the part of Bacoor City.

According to the group, the installation is part of the 420-hectare reclamation project proposed by the city government together with Frabelle Fishing Corporation. PAMALAKAYA said the Bacoor City government's "ambitious" reclamation project would destroy 420 hectares of the productive fishing grounds, including mussel (tahong) and oyster (talaba) farms. "Moreover, it will wipe out a large number of fishing population who subsist in Manila Bay's fishing waters by fishing and shellfish farming," Hicap said. PAMALAKAYA warned that the group will hold Cavite local government accountable if the destruction of the environment and the displacement of fisherfolk continue. -MDM, GMA News