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43 CAVITE AND QUEZON MENTEES COMPLETE DTI'S KMME-MME PROGRAM

Forty-three micro, small, and medium enterprises from the provinces of Quezon and Cavite had completed the Online KAPATID Mentor Me-Money and Market Encounter (KMME-MME) Program of the Department of Trade and Industry Region 4-A, in partnership with the Philippine Center for Entrepreneurship-Go Negosyo on 13 October 2020.

Launched on 4 August 2020, the mentees completed the 10-module program, Government Services Forum, and presented their Business Improvement Plan (BIP) on 7-9 October 2020 to the panelists composed of the government sector,

certified mentors, business sector, and financial partners. The mentees were graded based on the effectiveness of their presentation such as the organization, flow, time, and effectiveness to response

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Cavite government to hire education graduates as teacher aides

by DENNIS ABRINA

Governor Jonvic Remulla Jr said Thursday, October 15, that the province would hire education course graduates as supplementary teacher aides or assistants to help in the transition to blended modular learning.

In his social media post, Remulla said they were preparing the budget to tap underboard graduates, as well as, those displaced by the closure of over 100 pri-

vate schools in the province. "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," he said

(Although they will not become permanent govern-

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Governor Jonvic Remulla says they are preparing a budget to hire on a temporary basis graduates of an education course, and those displaced by the closure of private schools in Cavite.

Go assists vulnerable families in Cavite

by Javier Joe Ismael



SEN. Christopher Lawrence "Bong" Go provided assistance to low income residents of Barangay Sta. Fe, Dasmariñas, Cavite on Tuesday, October

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Quarantine passes no longer required in Cavite malls

by Consuelo Marquez - Reporter / @ConsINQ

Quarantine passes are no longer required for mall goers in Cavite as the local government imposes guidelines during a least restrictive community quarantine, Cavite Governor Jonvic Remulla revealed Wednesday.

"Q-PASS REQUIREMENTS FOR MALLS ARE NOW SUSPENDED. Yehey! Puede na magliwaliw. Just

present an official government or school ID showing the ages 15-65 years old," Remulla said in a Facebook post. (Quarantine pass requirements for malls are now suspended. They can now go to malls in leisure.)

The governor, however, mandated that mall goers have three hours to visit

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Gatchalian sounds alarm on low teacher licensure exam results; cites need to improve teacher education



Senator Win Gatchalian sounded the alarm on the low passing rates of the Licensure Examination for Teachers (LET) as he reiterated the need to improve the quality of teacher education and training in the country.

In a Senate panel hearing, Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) Board for Professional Teachers Chairman Dr. Rosita Navarro shared that from 2014-2017, the passing rate was 48.86 percent for first-time LET takers for the secondary level. At the elementary level, the passing rate among first-time LET takers for the same period was 30.65 percent. For both elementary and secondary levels, the passing rate was at 43.44 percent.

Last year's passing rates were equally dismal. For elementary, the passing rate for those

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PILIPINAS IN ACTION GRANTS BIKES TO CAVITEÑOS

Ten bicycles with complete safety gear were received by the Provincial Government of Cavite through Provincial Administrator Alvin S. Mojica from Sen. Pia Cayetano's Pilipinas in Action - Buy a Bike Program in partnership with the Filipino Indian Commerce and Welfare Society, Inc. (FICWSI) on October 16, 2020 at the Provincial Capitol Building, Trece Martires City. Beneficiaries were members of the United Solo Parent Association of Cavite, Inc. and students from Cavite State University and Emilio Aguinaldo College. On behalf of Gov. Jonvic Remulla, PA Mojica welcomed and ex-

pressed his appreciation to the representatives of Pilipinas in Action for choosing Caviteños

as among the beneficiaries of their program. Pilipinas in Action is a social movement which

aims to mobilize response and cooperation during COVID -19 pandemic.---PICAD



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to audience questions and comments, including their application of learning from the modules such as market opportunity, competitive advantage, management capability, financial understanding, and innovation.

"We are now having online graduations for our KMME-MME program nationwide, and this is part of going digital as the New Nor-

mal during the pandemic. It is very important that we always think out of the box in these times of crisis, so we are very happy to have our first batch of graduates this year in the CALABARZON region. This shows the determination of our MSMEs and their passion to reboot their businesses to survive the pandemic. There's always a way, and we do it the right

way," said DTI Secretary Ramon Lopez in his video message. Presidential Adviser (PA) for Entrepreneurship and PCE-Go Negosyo founder Joey Concepcion in his video message mentioned that they carefully choose business experts as mentors to provide the mentees high-quality education about the aspects of business for free. On the other hand, PCE Adviser Merly Cruz congratulated the mentees for being resilient and recognized the hard work and effort they ex-

erted to be able to finish the program. "Sa panahon na halos tumigil ang mundo kasama ang aming mga negosyo, naging kaagapay naming mga mentees ang bawat isa at ang KMME-MME program. Maraming salamat sa DTI dahil sa panahon ngayon, ito ang kailangan naming mga negosyante. We thank the DTI for showing us a light of hope," said Weira Blanca Mortilla, owner of M&M Yema Cake and Pasalubong. "Through the KMME-MME program, we learned

to recreate our brand and our business, to innovate and give more value in our business, to be more passionate in what we do to grow our business, and most of all, to rise up amidst adversity," added Mortilla.

DTI CALABARZON Director Marilou Toledo expressed her happiness and excitement to the graduates. She assured them that DTI's intervention does not end from the program, as there will be more wonder-

ful opportunities that await the mentees. To survive and thrive amid the COVID-19 pandemic, a blended KMME-MME program for the New Normal is developed as a practical delivery mechanism for the same mentorship modules for the micro, small, and medium enterprises. The program addresses the urgent need for the continued access of mentees to Money, Market, and Mentorship (3Ms). (PIA-4A/DTI-CALABARZON)

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ment employees, this opportunity could still help ease the dire situation of learners, their parents, school principals, and those who need livelihood.)

In the same post, Remulla noted that because of the pandemic parents were hard-pressed and also inexperienced in tutoring their children. He added that there was a 40% increase in enrollment in public schools, most of them senior high school students.

By underboard, Remulla said he referred to students with degrees in education but still have not taken the teacher's licensure examina-

tions. Remulla also said that the #CaviteFreeWiFi project would reach its target of close to 100% coverage by March 2021. The first communities to benefit from these will be covered by end-November 2020 He reminded that free Wi-Fi for public school students was not for gaming, social media, online bullying, trolling, or requesting for #CaviteWalangPasok.

"It's too late to complain. Let us just work together for our children's future. Not everyone is blessed to have the facilities, the know-how, nor the patience to help their children learn. But we can do this." Remulla said. - Rappler



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Mortgagee,
-versus-
MARIGLO VIAJAR CHICO,
Mortgagor.
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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:

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House resolution filed to probe Makabayan bloc's link to Reds

Newly sworn-in Duterte Youth Partylist Rep. Rochelle Cardema has filed a resolution to investigate six members of the House of Representatives for alleged association with the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP).

This development happened last Thursday as a group of parents whose children had gone missing after being recruited by front organizations of the CPP met with Manila Rep. Bienvenido Abante Jr., who was at the time the House Minority Group Leader. The group, led by Hands Off Our Children (HOOC) president Relissa Lucena, was accompanied in the Batasan Pambansa in Quezon City by Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) Undersecretary Lorraine T. Badoy.

National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (NICA) Director-General Alex Paul Monteagudo and Lieutenant General Antonio Parlade Jr. were also reported to have joined the group, seeking an executive session with newly-installed Speaker Lord Allan Jay Velasco.

In an interview later that day in the radio program "Usapang Pangkapayapaan, Usapang Pangkaunlaran (UP, UP) Pilipinas," anti-insurgency consultant Erick Almendras who was present at the meeting said the group sought the executive session to expose the links of the Makabayan Bloc to the CPP, New People's Army (NPA), and National Democratic Front (NDF). "We made a proposal that there should be an executive session with the Speaker, the minority core group, and the Makabayan bloc," Almendras said. The Makabayan bloc is composed of partylist Representatives Carlos Isagani Zarate, Ferdinand Gaité and Eufemia Cullamat of Bayan Muna; Sarah Elago of Kabataan; France Castro of Alliance of Concerned Teachers (ACT); and Arlene Brosas of Gabriela. "We talked about the possibility of the filing an ethics complaint against the high-ranking members of the CPP-NPA-NDF who masquerade as legislators and infiltrated the halls of Congress in the guise of being human rights and civic welfare advocates," Almendras said.

Also interviewed by "UP, UP Pilipinas!" host Col. Gerardo M. Zamudio Jr., Lucena said she told Abante that serious attention should be given to the CPP-NPA-NDF's recruitment of students in the senior high school level.

She said other parents whose children have been missing after being lured into the revolutionary movement expressed their desire to let the House of Representatives know how their children were brainwashed by the same organizations

that propelled the election of the six partylist representatives to Congress and are now members of the Minority Group. "Complicit sila (Makabayan bloc) diyan, lalo na sina Elago sa youth sector at Anakbayan," Almendras told listeners of the radio program. Joining the radio discussion, Franz Arabia of Kabataan Kontra Droga at Terorismo (KKDAT) said his group has been making the rounds in Luzon to engage youth leaders in discussions and make them aware of this creeping threat from the CPP-NPA-NDF. "That is their strategy – to arouse, organize and mobilize the youth. That's why we are going around Luzon to show the importance of active youth engagement in the civil welfare development programs of the government," Arabia said. Almendras said Abante promised the parents from the groups HOOC and Yakap ng Magulang that once their grievances have been made into a formal complaint, their request for an executive session will be acted upon. However, Abante resigned his post as Minority Group Leader the following day and joined the Velasco-led supermajority coalition.

Fortunately, it was learned that Rep. Cardema who was sworn in to replace her husband as youth sectoral representative had already filed a resolution in the House to investigate/intervene in the systematic recruitment of minor children in senior high school level particularly in Metro Manila and certain provinces.

Cardema has sought the House Ethics Committee and Human Rights Committees to handle the congressional probe which will also seek answers from members of the Makabayan bloc. "With a formal resolution from the representative of the Duterte Youth Movement, we are hoping the House, through the ethics committee, can suspend them or even drop them from the rolls Congress," Almendras said.

"The next step is to study their disqualification by the Commission on Elections (Comelec) from seeking elective posts," he added. Cavite Rep. Boying Remulla, who also heard the grievances of their group, said that the resolution could be tackled by the House once the P4.506-trillion General Appropriations Bill for 2021 is passed on third and final reading. The landmark budget bill was passed by the House last Friday night, spurring hopes among Lucena's group that their grievances will finally be heard. In seeking the truth in the association of the Makabayan bloc legislators and their sectoral organizations with the CPP-NPA-NDF, Lucena said their group wants parents to be made aware of what their children are get-



Col. Gerry M. Zamudio Jr.

ting into when they are recruited by these front organizations of the CPP-NPA-NDF. "It is the right of every parent to know the truth. Parents need to be involved. The reason why our children were stolen from us is because we were not aware that these groups were related to the CPP-NPA. We were not able to protect them," she said. Lucena also bewailed how mainstream media gives much attention to the protestations of Makabayan bloc legislators that they are being red-tagged, while little or no attention was given to parents of HOOC when their Facebook pages were shut even if they told true stories about their missing children who were recruited into the CPP-NPA-NDF.

"Fake daw ang Hands Off Our Children, maski yung personal accounts namin tinake down ng Facebook. Hindi pinakinggang ng mainstream media yung sigaw naming mga magulang na nawalan ng mga anak," Lucena said.

"Ngayong pandemic, sobrang pagaaalala ang nararamdaman namin. Importante sa amin na makita namin ang aming mga anak," she added. Almendras said there should be a social support system to create public pressure among House members to, once and for all, get to the bottom of the Makabayan bloc's true intentions in being a party to Congress. He said HOOC and Yakap ng Magulang will be joined and supported by the National Cadre Team (NCT) composed of former NPA rebels now helping government put an end to the communist insurgency; KKDAT; Gawin ang Tama organization led by Heidi Sison; Bantay Bayan Foundation led by Dr. Ben Caralde; Yes for Peace foundation led by Ernie Alcansare; and, Sentral Alyansa ng Mamamayan para sa Bayan (SAMBAYANAN) are all supportive of this endeavor. "We will prepare for this, along with Rotary Club, and we will be a people's movement to protect and save the Filipino youth against communist terrorist infiltration and radicalization," said Almendras.

"Let this be a challenge for Congress to take a stand. We will ask them to take up this issue. Use the halls of Congress and make them (Makabayan bloc legislators) account for the resolution pending, filed by Rep. Cardema," he added. (EMIL CARREON)

UP, UP Pilipinas! is a radio program produced by the Philippine Air Force (PAF) and its content can be accessed in its FB account. (Emil Carreon)

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who took the LET in March 2019 was 27.29 percent and 31.34 percent for those who took the licensure exams in September 2019. For the secondary level, the passing rate for LET takers in March 2019 was 25.95 percent and 39.69 percent for those who took the September 2019 licensure exams.

"At the end of the day, what we want is better outcomes for our learners. Better outcomes come from better inputs, and teacher quality and teacher education are part of those better inputs," said Gatchalian, Chairman

of the Senate Committee on Basic Education, Arts and Culture.

Gatchalian recalled the results of the 2018 Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA), which revealed that among 79 countries, the Philippines ranked lowest in Reading Comprehension and second lowest in Science and Mathematics. The PISA results were released in late 2019.

For the lawmaker, the key to addressing teacher education woes is aligning teachers' pre-service education with the needs of the

Department of Education (DepEd), the biggest end-user of graduates of Teacher Education Institutions (TEIs). Pre-service education refers to teachers' training before they become classroom teachers.

Gatchalian's Senate Resolution No. 526 seeks to ascertain the challenges and limitations affecting the quality of teacher education and training and the performance of TEIs so that efforts can be directed towards strengthening the pre-service and in-service programs that are responsive to the

demands of the 21st century. A study by the World Bank Group and Australian Aid showed that except for English elementary teachers, the average elementary or high school teacher in the Philippines could correctly answer fewer than half of questions on subject content tests.

"DepEd has almost 85 percent of our students and close to 75 percent of our teachers. So my analysis is that if we fix and strengthen our public school system, we strengthen the entire country," said Gatchalian.

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13. Among the beneficiaries, Luis Reyes, 52, and Mark Joseph Reonal, 28, approached the staff of Go during the distribution and shared their struggles as a result of the pandemic. Reyes, who is suffering from polio, and Reonal, who was injured last year due to an accident, and the remaining 768 beneficiaries received meals, food packs, masks, and face shields. The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) has also given financial assistance and food packs to residents from the poorest of the poor who were also given with either bicycles or tablets. "I have sent some assistance, masks and face shields. Please wear them because it is still dangerous at this time and the situation is still not normal. If it is not necessary, do not go out of your houses, we have to be careful," the senator warned residents in a video call. He told the attendees that he had personally appealed to the DSWD to provide help, especially for those who have not received government amelioration. "The DTI will also visit your areas and assess who among you needs

the different livelihood programs. Please cooperate with the DTI representatives," he added. He noted during the video call that residents should not hesitate to ask for help from his office because it is their "job to serve the people." "I may not be able to fathom your struggles but please know that we are doing our best to help you. I am asking for more patience in our situation. And be careful," Go said. The senator also reminded the village officials to provide the quality of service their constituents need and deserve. He also offered further assistance to beneficiaries who require medical treatment, and urged those with hospital bills to apply for government aid at their local Malasakit Center at the General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital in Trece Martires City, Cavite. The Malasakit Center is a one-stop shop where poor and indigent patients may conveniently ask for medical and financial assistance from the Department of Health, DSWD, Philippine Health Insurance Corp. or Philhealth and the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office. Go served as the main author and sponsor of the Malasakit Centers Act of 2019.

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the establishment. "Ngunit may 3-hour limit tayong ibibigay. Mag-ingat ng husto sa paglibot. (We gave them a three-hour limit. Take extra caution when visiting malls.) Wear a mask, face shield, frequently wash and sanitize your hands. Most importantly, continue maintaining social distancing protocols," he said.

Cavite previously required quarantine passes when going outside to restrict

the movement of its residents to suppress the transmission of the coronavirus disease.

Last week, the national government relaxed its quarantine guidelines, allowing persons aged 15 to 65 years old to go out during the community quarantine.

Meanwhile, the governor reminded that curfew hours remained from 9 p.m. to 4 a.m. Frontliners, employees and government officials are excluded from

the curfew. He also warned penalties for those who will violate their rule of limiting karaoke and videoke sessions from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

"Hanggang walang umangal na kapitbahay dahil sa ingay ay puede bumirit mula 5pm-8pm. After that, warning, aresto, multa at kaso na ang aabutin ninyo," he said.

(Unless none of your neighbors are complaining about your noise, you can have videoke sessions from

5 p.m. to 8 p.m. After that, you will face warning, arrest, fines and cases.)

Cavite is under modified general community quarantine for the whole month of October to reopen the economy and control the spread of new COVID-19 cases.

According to the Department of Health's COVID-19 tracker, Cavite logged 19,291 total COVID-19 cases, 16,521 recoveries and 171 fatalities.

LGU Imus' Project Punla strengthens city's agricultural sector

IMUS, Cavite Oct 14 (PIA) -- The City Government here together with the City Agriculture Services Office takes pride in its agriculture program 'Project Punla' that was recognized recently and supported by the Department of Agriculture (DA).

Mayor Maliksi said, "Project Punla was conceptualized to strengthen the agricultural sector, to help the farmers affected during the pandemic, to bring back the people's interest in farming, and to give priority to till the idle lands in the city."

According to Vice Mayor Ony Cantimbuhan, the program has three plans: the short term is focused on the city's rice and vegetable farmers; the mid-term for those engaged in backyard gardening, and the long term is the utilization of large idle lands in the city for organic farming. The short term plan involves the purchase of all the farm produce of the rice and vegetable farmers particularly the fresh vege-



tables which in turn will be distributed as relief packs to COVID-19 positive patients of the city. The mid-term plan is the promotion of backyard gardening or urban farming to residents during the pandemic that somehow contributed to the food security and provided them an alternative source of income.

Meanwhile, the long-term plan is the use of idle lands in the city for organic farming that would yield

high value crops resulting to bigger income for farmers.

During the Farmers' Month celebration, Imus City Agriculturist Mr. Robert R. Marges highlighted the importance of farming saying, "Agriculture is seen as one of the key measures to restart the economy." On the other hand, Agriculture Secretary William Dar acknowledged the farmers in his video message, "Our farmers are the real frontliners in agriculture

because they feed the entire people of the country, and the victory we gain in the war against the pandemic is thru the provision of adequate supply of food." The DA and Imus LGU recently signed a memorandum of agreement (MOA) for a partnership between in support of the Project Punla under the Plant, Plant, Plant Program of the department. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite/Imus City Information Office)

Cockfights in Cavite still banned as guidelines remain pending — Remulla

by Consuelo Marquez - Reporter / @ConsINQ

Cockfighting remains banned in Cavite as the local government is still crafting the guidelines to regulate the activity, Cavite Governor Jonvic Remulla said Wednesday. "Ang sabungan ay 'super spreader' and (coronavirus disease) COVID-19 hotspot. Kaya't pag-aaralan muna namin ng maigi ang paggawang bagong patakaran bago

tayo pumayag dito. Maliban doon, ay wala sa konsensya ko na ang simbahan ay 50% lang ang puede ngunit ang sabungan ay walang limit," Remulla wrote in a Facebook post. (Cockfighting is a super spreader and a COVID-19 hotspot. We will study this first to create new guidelines before we can allow this. Aside from this, I don't have

the conscience to allow 50 percent capacity for churches while cockfighting has no limit.) "Give us time to study it and we will come up with a comprehensive guideline for cockfighting venues," he added. The national government has allowed cockfighting activities to return in modified general community quarantine (MGCQ) areas like

Cavite but local government units will need to decide if licensed cockpits can resume operations.

Meanwhile, Remulla said Cavite is currently reporting 60 to 80 cases of coronavirus disease cases per day, which is significantly lower than its previous records of 800 to 1,000 cases daily. Despite this, Remulla warned residents to remain cautious and brace for a possible second wave of infections. "Pero sa ibang bansa ay kasalukuyan may 2nd wave. Malaki ang posibilidad na papunta rin tayo sa ganoong trend, so always exert caution," he said. (In other countries there is already a second wave. There is a big possibility that we will follow that trend so always exert caution.)

Cavite is under MGCQ from Oct. 1 to 31 to reopen the economy and control the spread of new COVID-19 cases. Oct. 20 data from the Department of Health's COVID-19 tracker showed that Cavite has 19,291 total confirmed cases, 16,521 recoveries, and 171 deaths.



POPULAR PASTIME Cockfighting, a legal form of gambling, remains a popular pastime, especially in the provinces where cockpit arenas have become community fixtures. —INQUIRER PHOTO

DIY bike repair stations: GenTri SK project from the heart



GENERAL TRIAS, Cavite Oct. 19 (PIA) -- The Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) council of Barangay Bacao II here thought long and hard on what project they need to develop that will make a big impact to people not just within their barangay but to all those who would need their service.

As the quarantine protocols loosened and the city as well as the province's economy started to reopen, workers return to their livelihood particularly those employed in the Cavite Export Processing Zone (CEPZ) and in Rosario town.

Hundreds of workers travel each day using bicycles as their means of transportation, since public transportation were allowed to operate with limited passenger capacity and to save what little they earn with the reduced working hours, effect of the ongoing pandemic.

"Nung nagsimula ang lockdown at nagbalik ang trabaho sa aming lugar ay naging pangunahing transportasyon ang bisikleta. Nag-isip ako kung ano ang pwede kong itulong sa aking mga kabataan na nagwo-work. Nakita ko ang mga nagba-bike na tulak-tulak at flat ang gulong at sira ang kadena, every day ganun ang nakikita ko. Kaya umisip ako ng paraan upang makatulong sa ating mga nagtatrabaho at yung mga namamalengke gamit ang bisikleta," shared SK Chairman Carlo dela Cruz.

(Since the start of the lockdown and work resumed in our area, bicycles became the primary means of transportation. I pondered on how I could be of help to my fellow youth who are working. Then I saw people pushing their bicycles with flat tires and broken chains. I saw the same scenario every day. So I thought of how I could be able to help these workers including those people who ride their bikes in going to the market.)

This inspired SK Chairman dela Cruz to put up DIY (Do-It-Yourself) bicycle repair stations along the stretch of the Centennial road which are equipped with air pumps and tools.

Dela Cruz revealed that, "This project did not use any amount from the SK funds. This was funded from my three months' salary."

The youth group plans to put up 8 repair stations but initially set up 4 which are now being used by bikers and cyclists for troubleshooting. All 8 repair stations will be completed by November said the SK chair.

Aside from this, the SK members also distributed anti-radiation glasses to online class learners to protect the students' vision from long hours of exposure to laptops, and other gadgets during online classes. (Ruel Francisco/Dennis Abrina)

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