



Residents warned vs fake info on vaccine efficacy

The Department of Health (DOH)- CALABARZON (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal and Quezon) strongly cautioned residents August 26 not to believe anti-Covid-19 vaccine rumors and other misinformation circulating online and distributed **>> P2**



The Department of Health DOH-CALABARZON strongly cautioned residents not to believe anti-Covid-19 vaccine rumors and other misinformation circulating online and distributed by individuals through pamphlets and flyers discrediting the efficacy of the Covid vaccines. (File photo from Batangas Capitol PIO)

Mas mahigpit na protocols, ipatutupad sa Indang

LUNGSOD NG TRECE MARTIRES, Cavite (PIA) --Mas mahigpit na community quarantine protocols ang pairalin sa bayan ng Indang matapos ideklara bilang Covid-19 hotspot ang buong bayan, sang-ayon na rin sa rekomendasyon ng local Inter-Agency Task Force nito.

Ito ay kasunod ng pagtaas ng kaso ng Covid-19 sa naturang bayan kung saan umabot na sa 302 batak sa pinakahuling ulat ng **>> P3**

SMC SLEX registers profit of P1.31B

SMC SLEX Inc., formerly South Luzon Tollways Corp., said net income rose by 84 percent in the first half of the year due to a gradual increase in the number of vehicle traffic.

The tollway unit of San Miguel Corp. said net income amounted to P1.31 billion in the January-to-June period, up from P713.3 million in the same period last year. The company said toll revenue **>> P3**

Cavite solon conferred as newly commissioned AFP officer



TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite --Sixth District Representative Luis 'Jonjon' A. Ferrer IV was appointed as Lieutenant Colonel of the Army Reserve Command of the Armed Forces of the Philippines on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 during the formal rites held at Ricarte Hall, Philippine Army Officers Club House, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City. During the cere-

mony, Commanding General of the Philippine Army Major General Andres Centino donned and pinned the rank on Congressman Ferrer's uniform.

"With the addition of another peace advocate and a dedicated public servant who serves with selfless intentions, the Philippine **>> P2**

P20-B, badyet para sa pagtanggap new health workers

Inilahad ni House Majority Leader Martin Romualdez na mayroong ilalaang P20.8 bilyon na budget ang



gobyerno para sa pagtanggap ng mga bagong health personnel kaugnay ng pagpuksa sa COVID-19, Agosto 30. Sa gitna ng patuloy na banta ng mga health workers sa gobyerno ng sabayang pagbitiw sa **>> P3**

3M Sinovac doses arrive in PH, vaccine supply hits over 51M

The Philippines continues to receive a steady supply of Sinovac vaccines with the arrival of another 3 million doses of the China-made jabs on Tuesday afternoon, August 31.

In an interview, NTF Against COVID-19 Chief Implementer and vaccine czar Carlito G. Galvez, Jr. said these vaccines will be deployed mostly to Region 4-A, Region 3, and other regions that are experiencing surges in infections such as Region 6, 7 and 8.

Galvez gave the assurance that the bulk of the vaccines arriving this September will be allocated to the provinces and regions, particularly those with high cases.

On the other hand, the vaccines to be deployed in the National Capital Region (NCR) will be for second doses. "Karamihan dito na pupuntahan ng **>> P3**

Construction of Retarding Basins to Solve Cavite Flooding Woes

The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) is optimistic that the construction of retarding basins will make flood

hazard area in Cavite more resilient during rainy season and swift changes of global weather. DPWH Secretary Mark



A. Villar expressed confidence that the Flood Risk Management Project for Imus River is the most viable solution to mitigate damage on areas vulnerable to flooding in Imus and Bacoor, Cavite.

We have high hopes that this project will reduced flood risk to local homes and businesses, said Secretary Villar.

According to DPWH Undersecretary for Unified Project Management Office (UPMO) Operations Emil K. Sadain, the construction of two (2) reservoir projects

namely Imus and Bacoor Retarding Basins located in Brgy. Anabu and Brgy. Buhay na Tubig, Imus City, Cavite will reduce the flood peak discharges to low-lying part of Imus and Bacoor Rivers by temporarily managing flood run-off or stormwater in the off-site retarding basins.

The construction of Imus Retarding Basin has a detention pond area of about 35 hectares while Bacoor Retarding Basin has two (2) temporary storage pond or basin connected by sluiceway **>> P3**

Bangayang Duterte, Gordon, Lacson: korapsiyon sa COVID 19



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INSPIRASYON SA BUHAY: "... Ito ang kalagayang nakita ng Diyos sa buong daigdig; namumuhay sa katiwalian at korapsiyon ang lahat ng tao..." (Genesis 6:12, Ang Tanging Daan Bibliya).

TALUMPATI NI DUTERTE TUNGKOL SA AKUSASYON NG PAGKAKAWALDAS NG P67 BILYONG PISONG PONDO PARA SA COVID 19, LALONG NAGPALALIM SA MISTERYO NG KORAPSIYON: Lalo pang lumalim at nakakagimbal ang isyu ng sinasabing pagkakarwaldas ng bilyon-bilyong pisong pondo ng Department of Health para sa Covid 19 noong umaga ng Martes, Agosto 31, 2021.

Ipinagtanggol kasi ng Pangulong Duterte mismo ang isa sa mga pangunahing personalidad na isinasangkot sa Senado sa diumano ay maanomalyang pagbili ng gobyerno ng higit sa P8 bilyong pisong halaga ng face masks o face shields mula sa Pharmally, isang kompanyang ang kapital ay higit P600,000 lamang.

Ayon sa Pangulong Duterte sa isang taped nationwide television address, hindi maaaring isangkot sa nasabing P8 billion corruption issue o anumang iba pang katiwalian sa pondo para sa Covid 19 si Michael Yang, ang dati niyang economic adviser na nagbitiw sa tungkulin matapos siyang idawit sa pagtutulak ng ilegal na droga ng isang dating police colonel, Eduardo Acierto.

Ang mga pagtatanggol ni Duterte kay Michael Yang ay ginawa ng Pangulo matapos na masangkot si Yang sa isinasagawang Senate Blue Ribbon Committee investigation, bilang isa sa mga pangunahing may-ari ng Pharmally. Diumano, kontrolado ni Yang ang Pharmally.

Sa pagdinig ng Senado, naglabas ang mga senador ng isang video na nagpapakita kay Duterte, Yang, at ng mga pinuno at mga opisyal ng Pharmally sa isang pulong sa Malacanang noong 2017.

DUTERTE, IPINAGTANGGOL ANG DATING ECONOMIC ADVISER MICHAEL YANG SA ISYU NG KORAPSIYON SA COVID 19 FUNDING: Isinasagawa ng blue ribbon committee ng Senado, sa pangunguna nina Chairman Senador Richard Gordon, at Senador Panfilo "Ping" Lacson, ang imbestigasyon upang busisiin ang katotohanan sa ulat ng Commission on Audit noong isang linggo tungkol sa sinasabing pagkakarwaldas, o hindi wastong pagkakarwaldas para sa kapakanan ng mga Pilipino, ng halagang P67 bilyong piso na nakalaan para sana sa paglaban sa Covid 19.

Kinukuwestiyon ngayon ng mga senador at ng maraming Pilipino kung bakit pinahintulutan ng gobyerno ng Pangulong Duterte ang paglipat ng nasabing pondo ng DOH, patungo sa Department of Budget and Management Procurement Services, isang ahensiya sa ilalim ng Office of the Pres-

ident sa Malacanang. Marami kasi ang nagsasabi na kung ang pondong gastusin ng gobyerno ay naibigay na, sa pamamagitan ng General Appropriations Act, sa isang ahensiya ng pamahalaan, tanging ang nasabing ahensiya lamang ang may karapatang gumamit ng nasabing pondo.

Kung nais ng nasabing ahensiya na ibigay ang pondo niya sa ibang tanggapan ng gobyerno, gaya ng nangyari sa DOH at DBM, kailangan munang magkaroon ng pag-amiyenda sa batas upang mapahintulutan ito.

Kung tutuusin, maituturing na re-alignment ang paglipat ng pondo, gaya ng nangyari sa DOH at DBM, na hindi pinapayagan ng SaligangBbatas, ayon na rin kay Bayan Muna Party List Representative Carlos Zarate sa isang pahayag noon pang 2020.

BANGAYANG DUTERTE, GORDON, LACSON: KORAPSIYON SA COVID 19: Ganundin, nababanggit sa imbestigasyon sa Senado na maituturing na ma-anomalya ang pagkakarwaldas ng Pharmally ng Department of Budget and Management upang sa kaniya maibigay ang malaking halaga ng pondong inilipat ng DOH sa DBM.

Pangunahin sa mga inirereklamo sa Senado ay ang napakababang kapital ng Pharmally, at ang pagkakarwaldas sa kaniya ng kontratang nagkakahalaga ng P8 bilyong piso para sa face masks at face shield. Lumilitaw, malaking pabor ang ibinigay sa Pharmally sa nasabing pondo.

Kasama din sa mga inirereklamo sa Senado ang mga pahayag na ang Pharmally ay nasa kontrol ng mga Tsino. Ang tanong sa Senado: bakit pinili ang isang kompanyang kontrolado ng mga dayuhan gayong marami namang mga kompanya ng mga Pilipino ang maaaring makatugon sa paggawa ng face masks at face shields?

Ipinupunto din ng mga senador ang kawalan ng sinasabing "track record" ng Pharmally sa pagnenegosyo, lalo na sa mga kontratang bilyon-bilyong piso ang halaga, dahil naitayo lamang ito noong 2019.

Ganito naman ang mga pagpapahayag ng Pangulong Duterte sa mga isyung ito: pinagkatiwalaan niya si Michael Yang dahil maraming beses nitong naisasama upang makapulog ang Pangulong Duterte ang Chinese ambassador. Lumilitaw din na si Michael Yang ang nagpakilala kay Duterte sa ilang mga negosyante sa China, na itinuturing na ngayong

mga kaibigan ni Duterte. Pangatlo, dalawampung taon ng nagnenegosyo si Michael Yang sa Davao City, kaya't kilala na ni Duterte ito, at maging ng maraming Dabawenyos. Ayon pa kay Duterte: "Michael Yang has been in business here in the Philippines for 20 years. Nag-umpisa 'yan sa Davao...akala ko ba we are inviting investors?"

BABALA LABAN SA MGA KORAP AT TIWALI SA PONDO PARA SA TRAHEDYA: HINDI NATUTULOG ANG DIYOS, PARUSA TIYAK NA DADATING: Pang-apat, niliwanag ni Duterte na noong mag-umpisa ang pandemya noong 2020, talagang mahal ang halaga ng mga face masks, face shields, at mga PPEs o personal protective equipment, dahil hindi pa available ang maraming supply noong mga panahong iyon. At batay sa mga ulat sa media ngayong umaga, ipinagtanggol din ni Duterte ang mga Chinese at ang mga Chinese companies na nakakakuha ng mga kontrata sa kaniyang gobyerno.

Sa harap ng mga kaguluhang ito sa paghawak ng pondong gobyernong Duterte para sa Covid 19 pandemic, inihayag ng mga nagmamaisid sa balita na wala ng katiyakang maihahayag pa sa bayan ang katotohanan kung may anomalya nga ba o wala, sa mga alegasyon ng pagkakarwaldas ng bilyon-bilyong pondo ng gobyerno para sa Covid 19.

Ayon sa mga tagapagmasid na ito, maaaring wala na ding mapaparusahan sa mga kapalpakang maliwanag na naganap sa paggamit ng nasabing mga pondo, lalo na at magtatapos na ang mga termino ng mga senador sa susunod na taon.

Pero, dagdag nila, makalusot man ang mga tiwali at korap, at hindi man sila maparusahan sa panahon ngayon, hindi naman natutulog ang Diyos sa mga tunay na nangyayari sa mga tao. Maliwanag ang sinasabi ng Bibliya, ayon sa mga mananampalataya, na ang lahat ng mga ginawa ng tao, hayag man o lihim, mabuti man o masama, ay ipagsusulit nila, pagdating ng takdang panahon.

At papatawan pa din ng kaparusahan ng Diyos ang mga tiwali, korap, at makasalanan. Ang mas masakit pa, hindi lamang ang mga taong ito ang makakalaspang walang hanggang parusa, kundi pati na ang kanilang mga anak, sa ikatlo at ika-apat na salinlahi.

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by individuals through pamphlets and flyers discrediting the efficacy of the Covid vaccines.

"I strongly advise residents to stick to the facts, review and understand information based on scientific evidence on the safety and efficacy of Covid vaccines and not to rely on unverified online information or groups of individuals who will try to manipulate you and provide you misleading reports and false claims about the vaccines," Regional Director Eduardo C. Janairo stated.

A certain group of individuals, identified as members of the "Gising Maharlika," a so-called local independent news and media

alternative source, reportedly distributed pamphlets to residents in Liliw, Laguna on August 23, 2021, informing them that masks and swab tests do not work, and that no person could die of COVID-19.

"For those who have received such information or has read in their social media platform about this online anti-Covid vaccine movement, I advise you not to share and influence other people so as not to amplify these rumors which are not based on scientific evidence," Janairo strongly urged.

"Safe po at effective ang mga ginagamit ng ating gobyerno na anti-Covid vaccines. Patunay po dito

ang patuloy na pagbaba ng mga nadadala sa ospital at namamatay sa mga taong nabakunahan na nito. Ang isang tao na me kumpletong bakuna ay madaling gumaling at hindi nagkakaroon ng malalang sakit o komplikasyong dulot ng Covid virus."

"People often share concerns, mistrust and rumors about vaccines on social media which causes vaccine hesitancy among those who already received their first dose and those who are yet to take their scheduled vaccination. About 99.77% vaccine recipients have not reported any severe adverse reaction and only 23% have experienced mild symptoms which

resolved naturally." The government has already administered 27,806,881 vaccine doses in the country, as of August 26, 2021. In CALABARZON, 1,681,899 individuals were already fully vaccinated. A total of 2,582,878 has received their first dose.

"Sa mga residente po na nakakasaksi ng mga ganitong propaganda ay maari po ninyo itong ireport agad sa inyong lokal na pamahalaan upang mabigyan ng agarang aksyon." "Tangkilikin po natin ang mga bakuna laban sa Covid virus, anuman pong tatak, dahil ito po ay ligtas at makapagbibigay ng karagdang proteksiyon sa atin ngayong panahon ng pandemya," Janairo emphasized.

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Army will surely be more confident together with the Army Reserve Component to continue thriving with the challenges towards accomplishing his mission and achieving his share aspirations to the nation mostly to the Province of Cavite,"

said Major General Centino. "It is an honor to serve the people with you. Long live the Philippine Army!" Ferrer said in appreciation for the privilege and trust accorded him. Congressman Ferrer's wife witnessed the formal rites along with the generals

and officials of the Philippine Army, enlisted personnel, and civilian human resource. In a related news, Congressman Ferrer as concurrent Chair of the Commission on Appointments, Committee of the National Defense led the committee hearing

for the approval for the promotion of MGen. Andres C. Centino, Colonel Raul P. Villanueva and Captain Ruben B. Fajardo Jr. to the ranks of Lieutenant General, Brigadier General, and Commodore respectively. (Ruel Francisco/Senate of the Philippines/Dennis Abrina)

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Imus City Agri Office keeps farming, agriculture thriving

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite (PIA) – The agriculture sector in the city of Imus continuously develops despite the CoViD-19 pandemic thru its City Agriculture Office (CAO).

The department aims to bring the programs and projects to the local farmers, to support the food sufficiency level of the city, and ensure to resolve the objective of sustainable food production.

City Agriculturist Robert R. Marges said the city still has about 567 hectares of rice fields and about 80-100 hectares of vegetable farms after progress and development resulted to the conversion of many rice fields to industrial zones, commercial complexes, and subdivisions.

These rice fields and vegetable farms are located in Barangays Malagasang 1 & 2, Alapan 2B, Pasong Buaya, Anabu 1B, Medicion, Tanzang Luma, and Carsadang Bago.

CAO services include the responsibility to distribute certified quality seedlings, and organic fertilizers



to ensure the high quality rice production of 284 local farmers under the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Program (RCEP) of the Department of Agriculture (DA).

The office provides crop insurance to farmers to compensate their crops damaged during calamities and or

destroyed by pests to assure capital infusion and help them start anew with their livelihood.

Moreover, the agriculture office also provides technical assistance to teach methods and techniques, as well as distribution of free vegetable seeds to farmers and residents who wish to

start their own backyard garden.

Notably, the LGU's program for the promotion of organic agriculture not only aims to protect the environment thru deviation from the use of chemicals/synthetic fertilizer that poisons the soil, but will also ensure that the food they eat are safe.

ERRATUM

In the Notice of Extra-Judicial Sale, Foreclosure Case No. F-153-18 filed by Home Development Mutual Fund against LEONARDO ARCILLA SAYANGCO married to MARISA REMPIIS SAYANGCO published in the Southern Tagalog Herald Cavite on August 8, 15, and 22, 2021 part of the technical description of TCT No. 057-2015032844 "... LOTS 1 to 9, BLK 20, LOTS 1 to 8, BLK 21, BLKS 22 to 24, LOTS 1 (OPEN SPACE) & 2, BLK 25..." should have been included. It was inadvertently omitted. Our apology.

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Demonstration farms under the said program provide technical trainings and seminars, including technology packages to would-be farmers and garden hobbyists.

The recent development of communal gardens in barangays and subdivisions that promote urban gardening aims to sustain food security for the community in the midst of the ongoing pandemic.

The Farmers' Information and Technology Services Center (FITS Center), a program of the CAO not only serve as research center for farmers but also to students and other farming enthusiasts with agriculture experts to educate and guide them through their journey as farmers.

Not only does the CAO provide programs to train farmers, there are other field work activities that conduct personal farm visitation, and inspection of the local farm-

ers in their fields to guide them, and to examine the crops for signs of crop disease or insect problems and address the problem immediately.

Farmers' meetings are regularly held for consultation with CAO and discussion of local farmers' concerns.

CAO's services not only are limited to farming inputs but also include assistance with marketing thru conduct of regular price monitoring in local markets that help regulate the prices of farm produce, as well as give concrete information about the variety of crops and other agriculture commodities.

And with the recent launching of the AgrIM-UStahan, the social media platform for the CAO, information regarding the various services, programs and projects, and other agriculture concerns can be easily accessed.

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kanilang trabaho, inanunsyo ni Romualdez na P17 bilyon ang budget na gagamitin para sa paghahanap at pagtanggap ng mga bagong health workers at P3.8 bilyon naman para sa emergency hiring ng 6,810 COVID-19 Human Resources for Health (HRH).

"This, I believe, will help our common efforts to sustain our COVID-19 response efforts while supporting the gradual transition to full recovery," ani Romualdez.

Itu ay parte lamang ng P395.6 bilyon na budget na

nakareserba para sa tugon ng bansa sa COVID-19. Ayon kay Department of Budget and Management officer-in-charge and Undersecretary Tina Rose Marie Canda, ang pondo ay para sa contact tracing ng Department of Interior and Local Government at para rin sa patuloy na pagkuha ng vaccine ng Department of Health. Nang tanungin ni Representative Edcel Lagman ng Albay kung ang National Expenditure Program ay anti-COVID-19 budget, tugon

ni Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez, ang budget ay hindi naka-pokus ng buo sa pagtugon ng COVID-19.

"COVID-19 is a problem, and definitely the budget is to address that problem. But this budget is not only a COVID-19 response budget," Dagdag pa ng Finance Secretary, ito rin ay nakalaan para sa mga ilang aspeto na apektado ng COVID-19 gaya na lamang ng edukasyon, mga imprastaktura, at iba pa. "So, of course, COVID-19 is important, but it is not the

exclusive goal of this budget," ani Dominguez. Kaugnay nito ay ang paghingi ni House Deputy Minority Leader Stella Cruz ng kopya ng COVID-19 budget at expenditures na una nang ipinangako ni Canda kay Lagman. Nito lamang ay inanunsyo sa publiko ang pinal na P5.024-trilyon na budget ng bansa para sa 2022.

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ating delivery sa September is basically sa mga probinsya at different regions. I believe ang NCR mostly ang ibibigay natin dito 'yung mga second dose lang. Karamihan nito 'yung mga first dose doon sa mga areas na nagkakaroon ng surge," he explained.

"Yung mga nasa alert level 4, at the same time, 'yung matataas [ang cases sa] mga areas like for example Cavite, Laguna, Bulacan, 'yung area ng Ilocos at mga provinces na nakikita nating tumataas ang kaso, 'yun ang binibigyan natin ng prayoridad," he added.

A total 29.5 million doses of Sinovac vaccines have so far been delivered to the country, of which 27,600,000 doses were procured by the national government.

This latest shipment brings to 51,885,590 the total COVID-19 vaccine doses delivered to the country.

As of August 31, the Philippines has administered 33,306,355 doses, of which 19,469,998 Filipinos have received the first dose, while 13,836,357 individuals are now fully vaccinated. (National Task Force Against COVID-19)

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Rural Health Unit nito. Nintong Huwebes, Agosto 26, ay idineklara ni Mayor Perfecto Fidel bilang Covid-19 hotspot areas ang lahat ng 36 na barangay sa Indang.

Sa kanyang Executive Order no. 29, ipinag-utos

ni Mayor Perfecto Fidel ang pagpapatupad na mas mahigpit na mga alituntunin at parusa sa mga lalabag dito.

Mahigpit na pagbabawal sa nasabing kautusan ang pagsasagawa ng handaan o anumang pagtitipon, pati na

ang mga outdoor exercises. Limitado ang araw ng pagbuburo ng mga namatay na hindi dulot ng sakit na CoViD-19.

Mahigpit ring ipapatupad ang pagsusuot ng face mask at face shields sa mga

pampublikong lugar, at ng curfew hours alinsunod sa mga alituntunin ng Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ). (RF, PIA Cavite at ulat mula sa Municipality of Indang)

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for a total area of 9 hectares to contain floodwaters during a storm event and reduce the peak volume of flood flow at Imus River and Bacoor River, added Undersecretary Sadain.

Retarding basins are being constructed to temporarily store most, if not all, of the rainwater run-off during very high rainfall, to absorb and contain flooding in periods of high rain and later release at regulated flow rate.

The project is based on a flood management master plan for Imus River prepared by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

The ongoing structural measure is also being funded by JICA under its Official Development Assistance (ODA) facility and imple-

mented by DPWH-UPMO Flood Control Management Cluster (FCMC) headed by Project Director Ramon A. Ariola III.

Undersecretary Sadain together with UPMO FCMC Project Managers Aurelio C. Mendoza and Rogelio O. Ang checked on Friday, August 27, 2021 the progress of work for the putting up of pre-cast concrete blocks retention wall at surrounding dike, overflow dike, drainage sluice, maintenance road, slope protection, and other project components.

To date, the P2.2 Billion project has a physical accomplishment of about 85 percent, and is slated to be completed by this fourth quarter of 2021.

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in the first half of the year rose 35 percent to P2.67 billion from last year's P1.98 billion, reflecting the improvement in traffic volume this year compared to the previous year.

SMC SLEX said the increase mainly showed the impact of the shorter length of the ECQ restrictions of only for 15 days in the first half of 2021 compared to 76 days in the same period in 2020. "SLEX traffic volume

in the first half of 2021 has been showing gradual recovery since the start of the year, and has already started to catch up to pre-COVID-19 levels," the company said.

"This was mainly driven by the expansion of industrial areas in Southern Luzon which is part of the government's continuous support in the decentralization drive to stimulate business activities outside the National Capital Region," it added. SMC SLEX

earlier said it allotted P5.44 billion in capital budget this year, with P4.6 billion earmarked for the Toll Road 4 or (TR4) Project.

The TR4 includes a four-lane toll road from Sto. Tomas in Batangas to Lucena Quezon and the SLEX widening project.

The P26.1-billion toll road will shorten the travel time from Sto. Tomas, Batangas to Barangay Mayao in Lucena City from the usual

three hours to just 45 minutes.

The project is expected to be completed in 2024.

TR4 is a part of SLTC's 30-year concession that will last until 2036.

The capital expenditure will also finance the tollway facility improvement, replacement of various toll equipment and preventive maintenance for toll collection system/network enhancement project.



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New Dasma CoVax process implemented

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite PIA – The city government of Dasmariñas recently implemented the new CoViD-19 vaccination (CoVax) process to ensure the validity and orderly process of setting up vaccination schedules.

According to Joanne Mata, Executive Assistant V, Office of the Mayor, reconstruction of the procedures was due to the confusion that resulted from text messages for confirmation of vaccination schedules using different legit numbers from the Office of the Mayor.

There were also reports of vaccinees who were not city residents, nor working

or studying in the city.

The new CoVax process requires the registration and follow-up will be done directly with the barangay, thru the barangay secretaries who will be responsible for the submission of the lists to the Office of the Mayor.

The Office of the Mayor in collaboration with the City Tourism Office will then arrange the schedules in the city vaccination sites of those in the registration lists, and check for double entries as well.

The arranged schedule will be forwarded to the Dasmariñas City Information Technology Office for text blasting to concerned resi-

dents. Meanwhile, those who had previously registered online just need to print the form from the dasmacito website which will be submitted to the Barangay to be included in the lists.

Non-residents who are employed and working in the city, as well as students of universities and colleges in the city may register at the Office of the Mayor.

City Tourism Officer Red Alano said that risks will always be present in any situation in the midst of the CoViD-19 pandemic in answer to the criticisms regarding the new process being not safe to the residents.

“We don’t really know



when and where it is safe,” Alano said.

He clarified that senior citizens who are vulnerable will always be prioritized,

and will be given consideration once in the vaccination site even without prior schedule.

The city’s vaccination

program continuously conduct vaccination of the members of the A1 – A4 priority groups and will soon start with the A5 category.

Duterte orders health experts to study benefits of localized lockdowns

The Philippines is experiencing a surge in new COVID-19 cases, which is said to be brought upon by the more contagious Delta variant. As of August 31, the number of active cases in the country is 145,562. From the said number, the National Capital Region logs 40,534 active cases as of this writing.

The country has also recorded the highest one-day tally of new COVID-19 cases last August 30, which was 22,366. The rise in new coronavirus cases prompted President Rodrigo Duterte to recalibrate the government’s response in regards to COVID-19. This was shared by Duterte during his Talk to the People address.

One of the recalibrations that Duterte is looking to consider is the plan to impose localized lockdowns nationwide instead of implementing a city-wide or province-wide community quarantine. Duterte has ordered the National Task Force Against COVID-19 to look into the benefits of implementing localized lockdowns, and evaluate if it would work better in containing the virus.

“Whether the rise in the number of cases is due to the Delta variant or not, we need to recalibrate our response. We are also evaluating whether granular or localized lockdown would work best in our current situation,” Duterte said.

But the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) already asked local government units



President Duterte looking to impose localized lockdowns [Photo: Presidential Communications]

(LGUs) to implement localized lockdowns even before Duterte’s announcement during his Talk to the People address.

Resolution 135-A that was released last August 28, 2021, states that LGUs must implement localized lockdowns in areas with community transmission. The said resolution also orders LGUs to have the necessary quarantine facilities in place for “priority” or “critical” areas.

In addition, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) announced last June 26, 2020 that 112 areas all over the country have been placed by their respective LGUs under localized or granular lockdown. DILG Secretary Eduardo Año even said last year that localized lockdown is the best approach in containing COVID-19.

“Localized lockdown is like hitting COVID-19 at its source which has been proven to be effective especially in the 112 areas where it is currently being imple-

mented. It really works since the hot zones areas are secluded from the rest of the community, hence, stopping the transmission to other communities,” Año said in a statement last year.

As such, implementing localized lockdowns is not new and has already been imposed since last year. DILG Secretary Año himself cited that localized lockdowns were effective when it was implemented last year. With that, looking into the benefits of localized lockdowns might be a little too late, and the government could instead explore other measures that would contain the surge of new COVID-19 cases.

Of note, Metro Manila remains under modified enhanced community quarantine (MECQ) until September 7. The provinces of Bataan and Laguna are also under MECQ until September 7.

Other areas under MECQ until September 7 are the following:

- Apayao

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Nagbigay ng pasasalamat si Mayor Maliksi sa lokal na pamahalaan ng Yeoncheon County at ang kanilang alkalde, na si Kim Kwang Cheol, para sa kanilang kagustuhang tumulong sa lungsod ng Imus laban sa pandemya na dulot ng COVID-19. Source: City Government of Imus

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