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# Cavite 1st District to strengthen healthcare

TRECE MARTIRES, Cavite (PIA) – The health officers of the local government units (LGUs) in the First District of the province convened for the first time with Cavite First District Representative Jolo Revilla to discuss plans for the district's health care system.

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## Villanueva: Dagdag allowance at benepisyo sa mga guro, deserve nila

Nananawagan si Senate Majority Leader Joel Villanueva ngayong World Teachers' Day na kailangang dagdagan ang allowances at benepisyo ng mga guro.

Sinabi ito ni Villanueva matapos niyang matanggap ang Gawad Sulo Award for Public Service mula sa Philippine Normal University (PNU) para sa kanyang mga kontribusyon sa kapakanan at ikabubuti ng mga guro sa bansa. "May kasamang biyaya at pasasalamat ang

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## Horse racing eyed as boost to tourism industry

The Philippine Racing Commission (Philracom) told the Senate on Tuesday of its intent to develop horse racing as a tourism industry.

Senator JV Ejercito, who presided over the Finance Sub-committee N budget hearing, lauded the plan and promised Philracom chief Aurelio de Leon that he would try to return the PHP50 million allocation slashed by the Department of Budget and Management

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## Corregidor rehabilitation to revitalize Cavite City tourism



CAVITE CITY, (PIA) – The Cavite City government recently coordinated with the officials of the Corregidor Foundation, Inc. for the rehabilitation of the historic Corregidor Island.

A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was signed during the meeting by the city government headed by Mayor Denver Chua, City Administrator Abraham Urubio together with Ms. Cynthia Carrion, Chairperson of the Corregidor Foundation, Inc., and Ms. Rowena

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## DOLE allots P455M for 'Karding'-hit regions



The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) has initially allocated P455.6 million for the ongoing implementation of its emergency employment program in Central Luzon and CALABARZON, which were ravaged by typhoon 'Karding' last week. Through the Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged/Dis-

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## New internet service provider in PH launches one-stop mobile app

Streamtech Philippines, one of the country's fast-est-growing fiber internet, launched its Streamtech Internet PH app during their 22nd Streamtech AnniBESTsary event held recently at SOMO Market in Daang Hari, Cavite (36.6 km south of Manila).

Streamtech is one of the emerging internet service providers offering unlimited internet to homes and businesses across the country. Subscribers can have access to the most reliable and high-speed broadband services with attractive add-on values that are sure to meet customers' various needs.

"Efficient and reliable internet service is a necessity nowadays, our productivity is anchored on a competitive internet enabling us to deliver our needs whether,

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## DOH, Trece Martires launch special vaccination in public market

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite (PIA) – The Department of Health's (DOH) Bakunahang Bayan: PinasLakas Special Vaccination Days launched in the city of Trece Martires Public Market was recently held from September 27 to October 1.

DOH Officer-In-Charge Dr. Maria Rosario Vergeire together with Calabarzon Center for Health Development-Regional Director Ariel I. Valencia and Assistant Regional Director Leda Hernandez led the activity



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## 20-MW solar projects in PEZA zones eyed

The Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) has partnered with the Upgrade Energy Philippines, Inc. (UGEP) to develop solar energy projects within economic zones.

In a statement Thursday, the investment promotion agency said PEZA officer-in-charge Tereso Panga and UGEP president and chief executive officer Ruth Yu-Owen signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) last Sept. 22 to put up solar energy projects inside PEZA zones.

"PEZA welcomes partnerships like this which promote the goal of environment-friendly industrialization," Panga

The first phase of the partnership involves the conduct of feasibility studies in Cavite Economic Zone (CEZ) and Baguio City Economic Zones (BCEZ) to determine the viability of putting up solar projects in these ecozones.

This, as UGEP aims to build a 10-megawatt solar project

for CEZ and BCEZ to generate and sell solar power to the end consumers through the distribution utilities inside the

"Promoting the use of renewable energy is extremely paramount in our country so we can save billions of pesos in energy and electricity consumption, generate more jobs and at the same time, reduce our country's share of carbon emissions, therefore, fighting the adverse effects of the global climate change," Panga added.

On the other hand, PEZA will be providing necessary assistance to UGEP for the conduct of the studies, identification of land for the solar projects, and the registration of its projects under PEZA pursuant to the Corporate Recovery and Tax Incentives for Enterprises (CREATE) Law and the Renewable Energy Act of 2008.

"These efforts will also contribute to the country's overall



SOLAR PROJECTS. Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) officer-in-charge Tereso Panga and Upgrade Energy Philippines, Inc. (UGEP) president and CEO Ruth Yu-Owen sign a memorandum of understanding on Sept. 22, 2022. PEZA and UGEP are partnering to develop renewable energy projects within economic zones. (Photo courtesy of PEZA)

efforts to attaining our pledge to move ahead with urgency and cut greenhouse gas emissions through localized climate change interventions and transition from coal to clean energy. Let us also do our part in implementing a collective approach to both revive the economy and at the same time protect our

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for school, work, business, or even for personal entertainment, especially at the onset of the pandemic," said Niño Aquino, General Manager of Streamtech in a news release on Monday. Aquino said as Streamtech continues to expand internet services in the country, "we make sure that we go and exceed beyond our limits to deliver quality internet service to our subscribers and this mobile app is one of our recent service upgrades."

"We want a one-stop mobile application that delivers the needs of our served areas," he added.

Streamtech launched the mobile application to provide ease and convenience to their subscribers where they can access various services in their mobile units anytime, anywhere.

The app allows subscribers to manage their accounts, check their billing information, pay bills, raise technical and non-technical concerns and even upgrade their plans.

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Streamtech Internet PH partnered with convenient payment channels such as AllBank online banking, QR PH partners, and PayMongo. The app can be downloaded from Apple Store and Google Play Store. Non-subscribers can also use the app to check if their residence or establishment is within the service coverage and eventually may also use it to apply for a new internet connection.

They can also check the list of attractive internet subscription plans and see recent advisories and promotional updates about Streamtech.

A special promotion was also offered for those who availed of internet connection through the Streamtech Internet PH app within 48 hours after the launch, as subscribers will receive a bandwidth three times as much as the normal package.

Streamtech currently offers cable internet, fiber internet, dedicated internet access, leased line, and Wifi services and operates in various areas in Metro Manila, South Luzon, Iloilo, Bacolod, Guimaras, and Ilocos in North Luzon. Exciting offers

also await loyal subscribers as Streamtech is geared for other big and exciting surprises for the remaining months of 2022. (PIA-NCR)

### Horse racing eyed as boost << P1

(DBM). De Leon said they proposed PHP243 million for 2023 but only PHP193 million was approved by the

He added that out of the commission's PHP3.2 billion total sales, the government could generate PHP912 million income annually.

Philracom was created in 1974 under the administration of President Ferdinand Marcos Sr. "to promote and direct the accelerated development and continued growth of horse racing not only in pursuance of the sports development program

but also in order to ensure the full exploitation of the sport as a source of revenue and employment."

It has become a major contributor to the country's coffers and a major source of funding for civic organizations. "Kung may pagkakataon po 'yung horse racing ay maaaring maging (Given the opportunity, horse racing can be a sports tourism similar to the) Kentucky Derby," de Leon said.

The Kentucky Derby is held annually in Louisville, Kentucky, the United States.

Its attendance ranks first

in North America and usually surpasses the numbers of the other popular US horse races, including the Preakness Stakes, Belmont Stakes, and Breeders' Cup.

environment," Panga said. (PNA)

Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel III said the potential of the commission as an income-generating agency would help the government in delivering basic services.

"The amount is reasonable and has very exciting returns. This budget is okay with me. Just give me time to understand its process because this agency is an in-

come-generating one. Very interesting and very promising industry," Pimentel said.

De Leon said Philracom maintains breeding farms, which have a current population of 1,800 racing horses spread all over the country.

He also announced the closure of the Santa Ana Park in Naic, Cavite on October 22 as its 85-year-old franchise would end, leaving the San Lazaro Leisure Park in Carmona, Cavite and the Metro Manila Turf Club in Malvar, Batangas as the only major horse race tracks in the country. (PNA)

### Villanueva: Dagdag allowance at << P1

aking pagtanggap ng parangal na ito. Higit po sa lahat, ito ay isang paalala na laging iangat ang sarili, lalo na para sa kapakanan ng ating mga guro na nagpapabuti ng ating buhay, humuhubog ng kaisipan, at humuhulma ng kinabukasan," ani Villanueva.

"Dahil sa kanilang kontribusyon sa lipunan, nararapat lamang na mas pahalagahan pa natin ang mga guro," dagdag niya.

Sinabi ni Villanueva na ang kanyang ama na si Jesus is Lord (JIL) founder at lawmaker Eddie Villanueva at namayapang ina na si Adoracion "Dory" Jose-Villanueva ay mga gurong matagal na nagturo sa pampublikong paaralan.

Pinapurihan ng senador ang mga gurong Pilipino bilang mga bayani, at sinabing karapat-dapat silang suportahan dahil lifeblood sila sa pagtupad ng karapatan sa edukasyon.

Ngayong 19th Congress, naghain si Villanueva ng mga panukalang batas para kapakanan ng mga guro:

- 1. Senate Bill No. 564 Additional Allowance for Public Basic Education Act
- 2. Senate Bill No. 565 - Additional allowances for SUCs and TVI Personnel Act
- 3. Senate Bill No. 736 -Free Healthcare for All SUC

personnel Act 4. Senate Bill No. 1045 - Teaching supplies for Public Basic Education Personnel Act

Si Villanueva rin ang author at co-sponsor ng Republic Act No. 11713 o ang Excellence in Teacher Education Act na nagnanais na pataasin ang pamantayan ng institusyon sa pamamagitan ng pagbibigay ng makabago at makabuluhan na mga programa sa edukasyon at pagsasanay para sa mga papasok at kasalukuyang mga guro.

Ayon sa batas, itinutulak niya ang transparency sa Licensure Examination for Teachers (LET) sa pamamagitan ng pag-aatas sa Professional Regulations Commission na ilabas agad sa Teacher Education Council ang pinakahuling tanong at sagot sa LET.

Ang bagong sistema ay naglalayong gawing napapanahon at makabuluhan ang pagsusulit upang mapabuti ang passing rate nito, na nanatili sa 30 porsiyento mula 2009-2019.

Ang PNU Gawad Sulo Award ay ang pinakamataas na parangal na ibinibigay ng institusyon sa mga huwaran na indibidwal, grupo o organisasyon na nag-aambag sa pag-unlad ng edukasyon, kabilang ang edukasyon para sa mga guro.

### Cavite 1st district to strengthen << P1

Present during the meeting were Dr. Rubiano of the Southern Tagalog Regional Hospital, Dra. Joy Caballes from Kalayaan Hospital and other health care officials.

The meeting focused on measures and recommendations to enhance the medical services in public health facilities, starting from barangay health centers up to public hospitals. Congressman Jolo Revilla said, "Sisiguraduhin natin ang maayos na referral system, palalakasin ang kakulangan sa mga pasilidad at bibigkisin natin ang buong pwersa ng ating health care sa Unang Distrito." (We will ensure a proper referral system, augment the lack of facilities and we will bind the entire force of our

health care in the First District.) He pointed out that for a long time, the health system of the district was neglected, and medical services had been insufficient to meet the needs of the citizens. The congressman requested the health officers to give priority to developing programs and projects related to health. Congressman Revilla also re-

vealed various infrastructure projects for health facilities in the first district such as the dialysis centers in Rosario and Kawit towns, Mega Rural Health Unit in Rosario, the public city hospital in Cavite city, the completion of the Noveleta infirmary, and the enhancement of our own District Hospital. (RBF/PIA-Cavite)

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## SSS offers a new loan penalty condonation program to members with unpaid loans

a new penalty condonation program that aims to aid its members in paying their past-due loans.

SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Michael G. Regino urged members with unpaid short-term member loans to take advantage of the Consolidation of Past Due Short-Term Member Loans with Condonation of Penalty.

Members qualified to avail of the program are those with outstanding Salary Loans including Salary Loan Early Renewal Program (SLERP), Calamity, Emergency Loan, and Restructured Loan.

"We continuously offer loan penalty condonation programs to

### **DOLE allots << P1**

program, informal sector workers in the said regions are employed for a minimum period of 10 days to assist in clearing, cleaning, de-clogging of canals, debris segregation, materials recovery, and other activities needed in the rehabilitation of their communities.

Labor Secretary Bienvenio E. Laguesma vowed continuous support to workers affected by the typhoon. He assured the provision of additional TUPAD funds if the initial allocation will not be sufficient and underscored the program's enhanced implementation by providing skills training to beneficiaries.

DOLE Central Luzon Regional Director Geraldine M. Panlilio said a total of P365 million has been allocated for the program's implementation in partnership with the local government units and their respective Public Employment Service Offices in the region.

Panlilio said 14,000 beneficiaries are currently engaged under the program, while 29,000 others are set to be employed next week. The DOLE Regional Office has also disbursed salaries of 31,333 TUPAD beneficiaries in Bulacan, Tarlac, and Bataan right after the typhoon's onslaught last week.

To upgrade the skills of emergency employment beneficiaries, Panlilio said the Education and Skills Devel- the region. (DOLE)

placed Workers (TUPAD) opment Authority (TESDA) for the carpentry skills training of workers in Bulacan, Aurora, and Nueva Ecija.

> "The beneficiaries will not only work for 10 days, but they will also gain carpentry skills. In this way, they will not only construct their own homes, but they might also be employed by construction companies," said Panlilio as she highlighted that construction skills are in-demand because of the numerous construction projects in the region.

> Meanwhile, **DOLE** CALABARZON Regional Director Exequiel Ronie A. Guzman said P90.6 million has been allocated initially for the emergency employment of informal sector workers who were affected by typhoon 'Karding' in the region.

> This will benefit more than 19,800 workers in hardhit areas of Polilio Island, Burdeos and several other towns of Quezon, Rizal, Laguna, Batangas and Cavite.

TUPAD is an institutionalized program implemented especially during calamities, typhoons, and disasters. It is a community-based amelioration program that provides emergency employment for displaced, underemployed, and seasonal workers for a minimum period of 10 days to a maximum of 30 days, depending on the nature of work to be performed. The salary of DOLE Central Luzon is part- beneficiaries is based on the nering with the Technical prevailing minimum wage in

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Bautista, Officer-in-Charge (OIC) Department Manager.

"Isa sa ating mga plano ang pagpapaayos sa isla at maayos na mapreserve ang mga historical relics nito upang mapalawig ang turismo ng ating lungsod," shared Mayor Denver Chua.

(One of our plans is to restore the island and properly preserve its historical relics to boost tourism of our

Mayor Chua said, "We are excited for you to see the beauty of Corregidor Island and I believe that slowly our city will be recognized and our economy will be restored to being 1st class."

Ha also says that for a long time, the city government had not utilized the historic site and did not participate in its development.

"With the cooperation of Councilor Nash Aguas, Chair, Committee on Tourism, our goal is to make tourism shine in our city," the

Corregidor Island is 37 kilometers or 19.9784 nautical miles off the shores of Cavite city proper in PN, Samonte Park, and places second to the most visited tourist destinations in the province despite its geographical location having to travel by ferry boat. It is estimated that it can provide a huge tourism income when properly restored and promoted. (RBF/PIA-Cavite)

The Social Security System (SSS) launched on October 4, 2022 help our members settle their loan balances without penalties and regain their good standing with the SSS," Regino said.

> Under the program, SSS shall combine the principal and interest of a member's past-due short-term member loans into one consolidated loan while all unpaid penalties shall be consolidated and condoned upon full payment of the consolidated loan.

> Interested members must meet the following requirements to qualify for the program:

- have a past-due short-term member loan at the time of their application;
- · have not been granted any final benefit such as permanent total disability or retirement;
- have not been disqualified due to fraud committed against the SSS; and
  - have an active My.SSS account.

Regino said members may pay their consolidated loan through a one-time payment within thirty (30) calendar days after receiving the approval notice or they may also opt to pay through installment.

For the installment scheme, members must pay a down payment equivalent to at least 10% of the consolidated loan within thirty (30) calendar days after receiving the approval notice. Meanwhile, they can pay the remaining balance for up to 60 months, depending on the amount. He said that if the member fails to meet the payment terms based on the consolidated loan agreement, SSS will deduct the

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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND Mortgagee,

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**FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-627-22** 

#### **ROMULO GEROMO**

Mortgagor/s.

#### NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, HOME DEVELOP-MENT MUTUAL FUND, with business address at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against the Mortgagor/s, ROMULO GEROMO with residence and postal address at 180 P. Sevilla St., BBT 3rd and 4th Ave., Kalookan City and Lot 42, Block 11, CH Tanza Ph-2 Bo. Bagtas, Tanza, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of 18 July 2022 amounts to ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIVE PESOS AND 18/100 (P170,805.18), Philippine Currency, including interest, penalties and other charges as of said date but exclusive of all other expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will set at public auction on NOVEMBER 10, 2022 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12 noon at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

#### TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-637904

A parcel of land (Lot 42, Blk. 11, of the cons. Subd. Plan, Pcs-04-010708, being a portion of the cons. of lots 2053-A, Psd-04-079731 & Lot 2052-A-2-Psd-04-079522, LRC Rec. No. ), situated in the Bo. of Bagtas, Mun. of Tanza, Prov. of Cavite. Bounded on the SW., along line 1-2 by Lot 40, Blk. 11, on the NW., along line 2-3 by Alley 34, on the NE., along line 3-4 by Lot 44, on the SE., along line 4-1 by Lot 43, both of Blk. 11, all of the cons. subd. plan. Beginning at a pt. marked "1" on plan XXX containing an area of THIRTY FIVE (35) SQ. METERS XXX

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date.

Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

Trece Martires City, October 4, 2022

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outstanding balance of the consolidated loan from the short-term benefits (sickness, maternity, or partial disability benefit claims) and final benefits (permanent total disability, death, retirement), as authorized by the Social Security Commission (SSC).

The SSS chief added that the outstanding balance of the consolidated loan can also be deducted from the death benefit of the members' beneficiaries or deduct it from the actual final benefit claims.

We want to collect the past-due loans from our members. However, we also recognize that the pandemic has greatly affected the livelihood of many of them. At this point, they might already be able to pay their loan obligations. Hence, we designed this consolidated program to help them settle their loan obligations by condoning the penalties and offering flexible payment terms," Regino concluded. Members may submit their application for the consolidated loan program online through their My.SSS account.

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-versus-

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#### LYNETTE MARIANO PAGTAKHAN,

Mortgagor.

#### NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE

Upon Extra-judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135 as Amended by Act 4118 filed by the mortgagee, HOME **DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND**, of The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City,, and against the mortgagor, LYNETTE MARIANO PAGTAKHAN, of Lot 22 Blk. 11. Banaba St., BF El Grande Homes, Molino IV. Soldiers IV, Molino, Bacoor, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgagee indebtedness which as of August 15, 2022, amounts to ONE MILLION TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND SIXTEEN PESOS & 63/100 (P1,025,016.63). Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, and penalty charges but exclusive of other fee incident to this foreclosure, the undersigned or her duly authorized representative will sell at the public auction on October 27, 2022 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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"All sealed bid must be submitted to the undersigned on the above stated time and date."

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# BFAR rolls out 'Oplan Isda' to link producers, consumers

The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) in Ilocos Norte on Thursday rolled out "Operation Plan (Oplan) Isda" to boost the income of local fishers and bring cheaper seafood to consumers.

Vanessa Abegail Dagdagdan, senior aquaculturist of the BFAR Ilocos Norte, said a reefer van carrying frozen bangus (milkfish) and medium-sized shrimps from a mariculture zone in Sual, Pangasinan arrived at the Office of the Provincial Agriculture here. "About 1,500 metric tons of fish were shipped to Ilocos Norte to supply fish vendors as well as direct consumers," she said, adding that many residents, mostly from Laoag City, took advantage of the cheaper PHP140/kilo bangus and PHP400/kilo shrimp. Compared to the public market, the price is relatively cheaper by around PHP50 to PHP100 a kilo. Resident Wilma Viernes from Sta. Angela village ended up buying five kilos of bangus. "I am glad the government is doing this to help the plight of consumers who are trying to make ends meet in this time of crisis," she told the Philippine News Agency.

The "Oplan Isda" project is a government intervention to increase fish production by strengthening fisherfolk cooperatives and boosting their income by directly linking them to sellers and consumers who buy the seafood at lower prices. (PNA)



OPLAN ISDA. Personnel of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources roll out "Oplan Isda" in Ilocos Norte on Thursday (Oct. 6, 2022) to create a direct link between fishers and consumers. A total of 1,500 metric tons of fresh fish from local fisherfolk in Pangasinan were sold out during the roll-out. (Photo by Leilanie Adriano)

## **Unspent P3M from** 2019 SEAG deposited to athletes' trust fund



The Philippine Southeast Asian Games Organizing Committee (PHISGOC) has donated to the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC) the PHP3.3 million unspent during the country's hosting in 2019.

The funds, which were raised from private sponsors during the tournament held November 30 to December 10, are now in the POC trust fund for athletes.

"We're very thankful to the PHISGOC for donating the saved money that we can use for our athletes in the future," Abraham Tolentino, POC president, said in a state-

Ramon Suzara, PHISGOC chief operating officer and head of the Philippine National Volleyball Federation, has confirmed the turnover of the funds to the POC.

He said the Philippine Sports Commission was informed of the transfer.

The PHISGOC operated with a PHP6-billion fund for the hosting of the 2019 Southeast Asian Games, where the country emerged overall champion.

The funds came from the government and private sector.

Based on the PHISGOC financial report, the unspent funds were supposed to be payments for suppliers of various national sports associations.

"But for one reason or another, these suppliers could no longer be found, nor did they send a representative to collect payments," said Tolentino. "But in case someone surfaces to collect, they can do so with the PSC."

Tolentino, also the Integrated Cycling Federation of the Philippines president and mayor of Tagaytay City in Cavite, said cash incentives and bonuses for athletes are sourced from the trust fund. (PNA)

## **U.S. Donates Php 7.6 Million in Disaster Relief Supplies to Cagayan**

On September 28, the U.S. Embassy Civil Affairs Team (CAT) donated disaster relief tents and medical supplies, dive equipment, and two rubber boats with out-board motors valued at Php 7.6 million (\$130,000) to support local humanitarian assistance and disaster relief preparedness in Tuguegarao City, Cagayan.

Atty. Mabel Villarica-Mamba, representing Cagayan Governor Manuel Mamba, and CAT Leader Captain Stephen Coleman led the turnover of the donation to the Tuguegarao Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRRMO), the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), and to hospitals in the province. Members of the PCG assisted in the delivery of the U.S.-donated supplies



Coleman attend the turnover ceremony of U.S.-donated supplies to enhance the Cagayan provincial government's shelter, medical, and logistical capacity

to Cagayan. "Cagayan has 28 towns and one city, including an island municipality and several island barangays. Hence, the donations that were turned over today will surely enhance the services of our PDRRMO, Task Force Lingkod Cagayan, hospitals, and other agencies," said Atty. Villarica-Mamba.

The U.S. Embassy CAT has a longstanding collaboration with the Cagayan provincial government, the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and the PCG on several initiatives such as educational outreach activities, first responder training, medical programs, and support for the local COVID-19 response. U.S. Embassy CAT is honored to have yet another opportunity to work among friends, partners, and allies here in the beautiful province of Cagayan," said U.S. Army Capt. Coleman. "We have been able to accomplish much in the areas of humanitarian aid, disaster preparedness, and medical response." "I am confident that we can address whatever obstacles we may face here together. Whether these new problems come in the form of natural disasters, global pandemics, or foreign incursions, those of us standing together today, as friends, partners, and allies, will be able to overcome any challenge, to defeat any threat, and remain strong and resilient in the face of adversity," Capt. Coleman added.

U.S. Embassy CATs are a part of U.S. efforts to build shared capabilities with partner nations around the world. The U.S. government constantly works to help communities in the Philippines prepare for and be more resilient to natural disasters.

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in coordination with the city government represented by Mayor Gemma Buendia-Lubigan, Vice Mayor Bobby Montehermoso and other government officials.

"Muli, hinihikayat po namin ang bawat Kabitenyo't Kabitenyang naririto na magpabakuna na ng kanilang primary series at ng booster doses upang mas mapatibay natin ang ating wall of immunity. Ang pagpili sa bakuna ay pagpili ng kaligtasan hindi lamang ng inyong mga sarili kung hindi pati ng mga komunidad na inyong kinabibilangan," stated OIC Vergeire. (Once again, we encourage every Kabitenyo and Kabitenya here to get vaccinated with their primary series and booster doses so that we can strengthen our wall of immunity. Choosing

the vaccine is choosing safety not only for yourselves but also for the communities you belong to.) A number of residents from different parts of the city were vaccinated with their respective first and second booster doses including Mayor Gemma Lubigan who received her second CoVid-19 booster dose administered by Dr. Vergeire. The Bakunahang

Bayan: PinasLakas Special Vaccination Days was conducted nationwide in coordination with local government units (LGUs) by conducting a setting-based launch that include: schools, malls, markets, plazas, workplaces and places of worship where people can easily access COVID-19 primary and booster shots. (RBF/PIA-