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# Cavite records no new COVID-19 case for the first time since ECQ

**The province of Cavite has recorded no additional case of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) for the first time since community quarantine was enforced in March 2020, its governor announced on Monday.**

**TURNOVER OF EGG INCUBATORS:** The Department of Agriculture Regional Field Office IV-A thru the Agricultural Program Coordinating Office (APCO) Cavite turned over 79 units of Egg Incubators with hatcher to Dr. May Magno, Cavite Provincial Veterinarian at the DA APCO, Tanza, Cavite on December 10, 2020. The said incubators is part of DA's support to backyard farmers affected by African Swine Fever (ASF) and other natural calamities that hit the province to ensure food security and source of livelihood. ***(PICAD)***

Sa unang pagkakataon simula ECQ (enhanced community quarantine) lockdown na nagsimula noong Marso 2020, ang latest report sa akin ng Provincial Health Surveillance Officer ay nagtala ng ZERO reported cases ang COVID-19 sa buong Cavite, kahapon January 3, 2020," Governor Jonvic Remulla said in a Facebook post.

(For the first time since ECQ started in March 2020, the latest report forwarded to me by the Provincial Health Surveillance Officer is that we had zero reported COVID-19 cases in the entire Cavite yesterday, January 3, 2020.)

But Remulla was quick to remind his constituents not to celebrate just yet, warning that the province may still see an increase in the number of COVID-19 cases starting January 10 to 14 following the Christmas and New Year celebrations.

"Huwag kalimutan ang todo pag-iingat at patuloy na pagmamasid sa mga kaganapan at sa buong kapaligiran," the governor added.

(Don't forget to be extra careful and continue to monitor updates on the situation and your surroundings.)

Based on the data from the COVID-19 tracker of the Department of Health, Cavite has so far recorded a total of 24,131 cases of the disease, consisting of 696 active cases, 23,197 recoveries, and 238 deaths.

Cavite is currently under the less restrictive modified general community quarantine. ***EDV***

# BOC Com. Guerrero surpasses 2020 revenue collection target!

**BOC Commissioner Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero**

A CONSISTENT with its mandate to collect lawful revenues for the country, the Bureau of Customs (BOC) under the stewardship of Customs Commissioner Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero surpassed its annual target collection for 2020 by 6.6% or P33.5billion.

For the month of December, the BOC once again exceeded its revenue target for the 7th consecutive month by 9.1%. Based on preliminary report from the BOC Financial Service, a total of P47.316 billion was collected against its December target of P43.368 billion.

In total, the BOC collected P539.660 billion for the year 2020, reflecting 106.6% of the target collection of P506.150 billion based from the initial report.

Furthermore, ten out of the seventeen collection districts exceeded their target for 2020, namely the Ports of Cebu, Tacloban, Surigao, Cagayan De Oro, Zamboanga, Davao, Subic, Clark, Aparri, and Limay.

The BOC's positive revenue collection performance is attributed to the improved valuation and intensified collection efforts of all the ports, gradual improvement of importation volume and the government's effort in ensuring unhampered movement of goods domestically and internationally considering the pandemic situation.

Commissioner Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero once again commended the collective efforts of the men and women of BOC who, despite the risks to their health and safety, showed unwavering commitment and dedication to service. ***[FIDEL P. ORATE]***

# Cebu Customs Coll. Atty. Mendoza collected P30.87-B in 2020!

**Collector Atty. Mendoza**

The Bureau of Customs [BoC] under the stewardship of Customs Commissioner Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero, the Port of Cebu (BOC-Cebu) District Collector Atty. Charlito Martin R. Mendoza surpassing its annual target P27.539-Billion collection in 2020 it rise by 12.10 percent to P30.870 billion.

The BOC-Cebu posted a P30.331 billion annual revenue collection surplus, the biggest surplus ever recorded by the regional port.

The BOC-Cebu District collector Atty. Charlito Martin R. Mendoza noted the collective effort at the agency to not only exceed the revenue target but also streamline processes and make headways in its governance reforms.

The sub-ports in Mactan Customs and Dumaguete Customs also exceeded their annual collection targets and contributed to the aggregate revenue of the district.

The sub-port of Mactan Customs headed by Port collector A. Gerardo Campo [LCB], recorded a surplus of P73.856 Million against its collection target of P861.350 Million.

The sub-port of Dumaguete Customs, headed by Port Collector Fe Lluelyn Toring, posted an excess of P801.508 Million above its collection target of P4.36 billion.

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# BOC records high 94% performance in customer service!

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The Bureau of Customs [BoC] under the stewardship of Customs Commissioner Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero was cited by the Citizens' Complaint Center for acting upon and resolving 94.41% of complaints coursed from January to October 2020 through the Malacañang's 8888 Hotline. The Bureau of Customs, through its Customer Assistance and Response Service (CARES) and concerned offices, resolved a total of 270 of the 286 tickets based from the 8888 Agency Statistics January-October 2020. Moreover, 10 pending tickets were already resolved back in November while the remaining 6 tickets or 2.1% are just awaiting feedback.

According to Director Bernadette Casinabe of the Citizens' Complaint Center, the 8888 was established to serve as a mechanism where citizens may report their complaints and grievances on acts of ' red tape' as defined under Republic Act No. 9485, as amended by RA No. 11032. This also include reports on corruption activities of any national government agency and other government corporation, financial institution, or instrumentalities.

During the same period, the BOC also processed and resolved 100% or 520,507 tickets corresponding to various issues and concerns coursed through the Customer Care Portal System (BOC Portal) such as inquiries on online filing, accreditation, balikbayan box, among others. On the same platform, the BOC maintained the average response time of 0.84 day per ticket and average resolution rate of 4.31 days.

Although affected by the community quarantine and its restrictions, the Bureau of Customs remains committed to deliver outstanding customs service and concurrently improve systems, processes, and information dissemination.

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**Port of Limay Launches the E-TRACC System at Subport of Mariveles!**

As part of the Bureau of Customs' (BOC) program on automation of systems and procedures, Subport of Mariveles, a subport under Port of Limay, launched the Electronic Tracking of Containerized Cargo System (E-TRACC System) on December 10, 2020. During the first trip using the system, the container with electronic customs seal arrived at the Freeport Area of Bataan (FAB), Mariveles, Bataan from the Port of Subic. The official unsealing of the E-TRACC device was done by Mr. Lindo Buenafe, Trade Control Examiner of Subport of Mariveles.

The said event was spearheaded by Port of Limay District Collector Guillermo Pedro A. Francia IV together with Subport Collector Atty. Tomas D. Tagra Jr.; Deputy Collector for Operations Ms. Lorecel R. Ibanez, and attended by BOC personnel of Subport of Mariveles, Limay District Office CPD-ESS and representatives from the Authority of the Freeport Area of Bataan (AFAB).

Also present during the event was Mr. Jan Billy Crom of Ascent Solutions, the authorized service provider of the E-TRACC System, who conducted the actual demonstration on how to properly disarm the GPS-enabled E-TRACC device and request for a manual authorization of end trip.

The E-TRACC System is a web-based platform that can generate real-time information to monitor the movement and location of containers using GPS-enabled customs seal. The technology sends alarm to the Port for any deviation from normal routes, unauthorized trips, and tampering of seals.

The implementation of this program is pursuant to Customs Memorandum Order (CMO) 04-2020, "Establishment of an Electronic Tracking of Containerized Cargo System (E-TRACC System) and Accreditation of a Service Provider for the Purpose." Among its objectives are to generate real time and accurate information, to monitor the movement and location of containers using tracking devices and linking it in real-time with the electronic communication system, and to protect lawful revenue due to the government.

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**BOC conducts 2nd NSW-TWG Meeting!**

The Bureau of Customs, as the National Single Window – Technical Working Group (NSW-TWG) Chair, conducted the 2nd NSW-TWG Meeting on December 18, 2020 through a virtual conference.

A total of 120 participants from 45 various Trade Related Government Agencies under the Office of the President, National Economic Development Authority, National Government Agencies and Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations attended the said coordination meeting.

The discussions included updating on the progress of activities relevant to the implementation of the NSW, particularly on the status of onboarding activities of four priority agencies namely: National Tobacco Administration (NTA), Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB), Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) and the Bureau of Customs (BOC). These priority agencies are set to onboard in the new NSW System called TRADENET in 2020.

During the meeting, Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) Director-General Jeremiah Belgica was nominated as the NSW-TWG Vice Chair for Onboarding Matters, while BOC Management Information System and Technology Group (MISTG) Deputy Commissioner Allan Geronimo was nominated as the Vice Chair for Technical Matters.

Furthermore, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) through the ASEAN Policy Implementation (API) granted the technical assistance to the BOC for Electronic Exchange of ASEAN Customs Declaration Document (ACDD) in the ASEAN Single Window System. The BOC also received the TradeNet Certificate of Live Operation from the DOF TRADENET Project Management Office.

The NSW-TWG was created under Executive Order No. 482, s. 2005 also known as the NSW Task Force for Cargo Clearance.

The Bureau of Customs under the Department of Finance, together with the national government agencies and partners in trade facilitation, will remain committed in modernizing its services and enhancing trade facilitation to provide a more seamless and simplified solutions to all stakeholders concerned

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**Port of Aparri inaugurates Customer Care Center**

In support to the Bureau's commitment compliance to RA 11032 or the Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act and as continuous effort to provide better service to its stakeholders, the Port of Aparri inaugurated its Customer Care Center (CCC) on December 03, 2020.

Fr. Arsenio V. Dela Cruz officiated the blessing of the CCC while District Collector Arienito M. Claveria led the ribbon cutting ceremony together with the Port's officers and employees. Ralph Patrick M. Iloy, the Port Manager of the Cagayan Economic One Authority, also graced the occasion. "This is just our first step to provide quality frontline service to our transacting public. Our next objective is to have our CCC be ISO-certified," Collector Claveria promised.

The CCC is a modern one-stop shop facility and a customs service center that will be manned by trained customs service officers of the Bureau who will provide centralized document receiving and releasing, information kiosks, gate pass issuance, payment booth and other customs-related inquiries and transactions.

Moreover, it is designed to streamline the processes of the Bureau and to promote zero contact policy in support of BOC's directive to lessen face-to-face transaction with stakeholders and minimize opportunities for graft and corruption while increasing efficiency of trade facilitation.

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**BOC NAIA recognized by the Philippine Red Cross as one with the "Most Distinguished COVID-19 Pandemic Government Response"!**

THE Bureau of Customs Port of NAIA has been commended by the Philippine Red Cross (PRC) with a certificate of recognition of "Most Distinguished COVID-19 Pandemic Government Response" during PRC's Year-end Donor Recognition 2020 on December 15, 2020. Also recognized during the zoom conference hosted by PRC were other partners, donors and volunteers. PRC Chairman, Senator Richard Gordon, personally thanked Bureau of Customs NAIA under District Collector Carmelita M. Talusan for the support extended to the Philippine Red Cross thru prompt and expeditious facilitation of its test kits, ventilators, and machines badly needed by the country in the most crucial times of this COVID 19 pandemic.

Pursuant to Commissioner Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero's priority agenda of enhancing trade facilitation, BOC NAIA expeditiously processed and released a total of 9,522 shipments of personal protective equipment (PPE) and medical supplies since March 2020. BOC Port of NAIA will continue to work beyond the call of duty and stay dedicated in providing government service to the public.

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**BOC Com. Guerrero, DTI ink MOA to Enhance Trade of Strategic Goods!**

IN its bid to increase the overall efficiency of trade environment in the country, the Bureau of Customs (BOC) under the stewardship of Customs Commissioner Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero expressed its support and cooperation to the programs and initiatives of Department of Trade and Industry (DTI).

On 15 December 2020, the BOC entered into a Memorandum of Agreement [MOA] with the Strategic Trade Management Office (STMO), Authority of the Freeport of Area Bataan (AFAB), Clark Development Corporation (CDC), Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) and Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA).

The partnership aims to establish an effective coordination and cooperation mechanism towards enhanced trade facilitation, optimize information sharing, boost the capability of front liners to identify strategic goods, and reduce the complexity of doing business of legitimate and compliant strategic goods exporters.

This effort, headed by the DTI, is in consonance with Republic Act [R.A] No. 10697 otherwise known as the "Strategic Trade Management Act" (STMA), authorizing the establishment of STMO to serve as the executive and technical agency of the national government for the establishment of the management systems for the trade in strategic goods.

As part of the agreement, a Technical Working Group on Strategic Trade Facilitation (TWG-STF) was created comprising of the contracting parties for the purpose of establishing communication mechanisms and procedures, organize and implement Commodity Identification Training (CIT) for Frontline and Enforcement Officers and streamline documentary requirements with BOC and IPAs.

A mandatory application for authorization from STMO is also being implemented. Authorization refers to a license issued by the STMO to any person who engages or intends to engage in the trade of strategic goods. This shall be requested prior to export as this shall form part of the shipment clearances and requirements of the BOC and IPAs as provided in the DTI Memorandum Circular No. 20-47, series of 2020. The BOC and IPAs shall be responsible for verifying the authenticity of the authorizations through the Quick Response (QR) Code system and or call or email to STMO' designated lines. A reach-back mechanism shall also be established among the parties to monitor compliance with SMTA.

In case the item for export does not meet the minimum technical specifications in the National Strategic Goods List (NSGL) but are visually similar with the strategic items, the Non-Strategic Good Certificate (NSGC) is issued by the STMO to requesting parties. The BOC and/ or IPAs shall ensure that all strategic goods have appropriate authorizations from the STMO prior to export.

To ensure the continuous compliance of BOC and IPAs to authenticity verification, the STMO shall establish capacity building trainings/ programs for BOC and IPA personnel such as Commodity Identification Training, Risk Profiling and Targeting Training and such other trainings that will build and enhance the capacity of BOC and IPA personnel in the implementation of the STMA.

The BOC, in line with the agreement and as provided by Republic Act No. 10863, otherwise known as the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act [CMTA] of 2016 (CMTA), is in charge of assessing and collecting customs revenues, curbing illicit trade and all forms of customs fraud, and facilitating trade, through an efficient and effective customs management system.

Furthermore, the Bureau of Customs' Risk Management Office (BOC-RMO) shall be the responsible unit to perform centralized risk management and targeting for strategic goods shipments. Meanwhile, the IPA's shall contribute to information sharing and other efforts in harmonizing the risk management of strategic shipments.

Commissioner Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero said that the BOC shall continue to strengthen its collaboration with trade regulatory agencies to include DTI, to boost trade and ensure an environment of growth for both government and stakeholders.

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**Port of Subic Coll. Martin Seizes P9.3-M Worth of Misdeclared Shipments!**

THE Christmas is near yet the Bureau of Customs [BoC]–Port of Subic [PoC] District Collector Maritess Martin intensified efforts on border protection and anti-smuggling initiatives are at the highest level resulting to the recent seizure of misdeclared agricultural products.

A total of 17x20' containers declared as Frozen Jams arrived at the Port of Subic last 22 November 2020. The containers underwent inspection headed by the Customs in collaboration with the Presidential Anti-Corruption Commission (PACC), National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), and Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA). Upon inspection, it was discovered that the shipments were misdeclared and contained fresh carrots and broccoli with an estimated market value of more or less P9.3 million.

Shipments were subsequently seized in violation of Section 1113 (f) in relation to Section 1400 of the Republic Act No. 10863 otherwise known as the CMTA and Department of Agriculture Circular No. 04 series of 2006. Thereafter, a hearing will be conducted within the week to further investigate the incident.

District Collector Maritess Martin reassured the stakeholders and the public that the Port will remain vigilant against the entry of smuggled goods.

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**Mactan Customs Coll. Campo, as of Dec.04 kuha na ang annual 2020 assigned target collection!**

EXCELLENT na naman Commissioner Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero at Secretary Carlos Dominguez III, dahil as of Dec. 04, 2020 'perfect' at na meet na ng Sub-Port Mactan Customs Port Collector Gerardo A. Campo, LBC ang kanilang 2020 assigned target collection P861,354,491.00 Million itinoka sa kanila ni Port of Cebu [PoC] District Collector Atty. Charlito Martin R. Mendoza.

Sa partial report na natanggap ng 'RatsadoR' as of Dec. 04 partial collection P876,184,052.56-Million as against assigned target collection P861,354,491.00-M surplus P14,829,561.56 with 1.72% positive deviation.

Abangan ang 2020 annual total collection. Wala na akong masasabi sa tambalan Coll. Gerry Campo at Ma'am Nelly Wilwayco. C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S!..

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**Bureau of Customs Com. Guerrero Launches Customs Operations Center!**

AS the Bureau of Customs (BOC) under the stewardship of Customs Commissioner Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero further enhances its facilities and capabilities, the Bureau established and formally inaugurated its Customs Operations Center [COC] on 16 December 2020 to command and control the intelligence and enforcement operations of its seventeen (17) Collection Districts nationwide.

The event was graced by Department of Finance [DoF] Assistant Secretary Dakila Elteen M Napao, Customs Commissioner Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero, Deputy Commissioners and Service Directors of Customs Intelligence and Investigation Service (CIIS) and Enforcement and Security Service (ESS) who were instrumental in establishing the operations center.

The Customs Operations Center [COC] facility is designed to house the different intelligence, enforcement, risk management, and scanning systems of the Bureau. Also, to be managed in the facility are the Intelligence Database, the Electronic Tracking of Containerized Cargo (E-TRACC) and the Vessel Monitoring System. The center shall also have capabilities to utilize the Universal Risk Management System (URMS) and provide remote access to the scanning or x-ray systems of the Bureau under the X-ray Inspection Project [XIP]. It will likewise serve as a fusion center to integrate and analyze intelligence, enforcement and operational information gathered from various sources. The IT-integrated facility will be manned 24/7 by personnel of the Enforcement Security and Services (ESS), and the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG).

In his statement Asec. Napao congratulated the Bureau of Customs for another milestone. "I congratulate Commissioner Guerrero for launching and integrating all the existing command systems for their operations. This is a landmark achievement of the BOC led by our Commissioner to efficiently monitor, protect, as well as control the borders. All of these are aimed to enhance the Bureau's revenue collection."

For his part, Commissioner Rey Leonardo Guerrero underscored that the facility is an important tool for the Bureau of Customs, being a border protection unit of the country continuously working to deliver its mandate of securing the borders along with facilitation of trade and collection of lawful revenues.

"The Customs Operations Center [COC] is a significant part of the Bureau's thrust on reform and transformation", Guerrero added.

The Bureau of Customs, under the leadership of Commissioner Guerrero, remains steadfast in its commitment of providing excellent and efficient public service, through the implementation of modernization projects to serve national and public interest.

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**BOC Ensures Network Stability, Data Security!**

IN order for the Bureau of Customs to secure network connectivity and protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of data, as well as mitigate cybersecurity threats and risks, the BOC has employed the use of backup network and different cyber security solutions in the form of services and appliances.

The BOC has procured a backup network to ensure network stability which is highly significant to trade services and to stakeholders transacting with the Bureau. Once completed, the BOC will have two (2) network providers and the ports will be connected with 2 network connections.

Cybersecurity solutions are also being utilized by the Bureau to prevent cyber-attacks, data breaches, and identity theft, among others. BOC employs the services of the top cybersecurity company which provides network, email, and desktop security. To further improve BOC's cybersecurity, a security operations center was established through its network provider, complimenting that is a next generation firewall and antivirus software. To ensure continued enhancement and immediate action of cybersecurity issues, BOC also established a CyberSecurity Emergency Response Team(CERT). With these projects in place, the Bureau of Customs is more committed to providing efficient, seamless and simplified services to its stakeholders by ensuring strong and stable network connection that supports the various ICT systems of the Bureau.

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**BOC-Clark conducts Webinar on Public Service Values!**

Aimed at strengthening and harnessing the core values of a public servant: Patriotism, Integrity, Excellence and Spirituality (PIES) especially in this time of pandemic, the Bureau of Customs Port of Clark District Collector Atty. Ruby Claudia Alameda, in coordination with the Civil Service Commission – Civil Service Institute (CSC-CSI), attended a Webinar on Public Service Values in Times of Adversities on November 10, 16, 17, 19, 24 & 26, 2020.

The said webinar is a six-session online course which included discussions and activities involving general principles, strategies and best practices on Patriotism, Integrity, Excellence and Spirituality. The same was participated by division chiefs, unit heads, deputy collectors and District Collector Atty. Ruby Claudia Alameda.

At the end of the course, participants prepared and commit to implement action plans that will strengthen their practice through public service values and enable them to advocate its practice in the workplace.

District Collector Atty. Alameda, in a statement, said that this is the first time that the port attended a public service values course adding that this is a great opportunity for government agencies, like the Bureau of Customs-Clark, to have a better understanding of public service values which will be useful in decision-making as well as in improving individual and organizational performance.

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**BOC-NAIA, DENR-NCR and Office of the City Prosecutor of Pasay City Successfully Caused the Conviction of a Wildlife Smuggler!**

ON 20 November 2020, Judge Allan B. Ariola, Branch 48, Metropolitan Trial Court [MTC] of Pasay City, found guilty as charged the apprehended importer of 757 pieces of tarantulas in BOC-NAIA for violation of Section 27 of Republic Act No. 9147 otherwise known as the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act of 2001, and Section 1401 in relation to Section 117 of Republic Act No. 10863 otherwise known as the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act [CMTA]. He was sentenced to serve a straight penalty of six (6) months imprisonment and ordered to pay fine in the aggregate amount of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Pesos (P120,000.00). It can be recalled that the convicted wildlife smuggler was apprehended by BOC-NAIA frontliners, ESS-NAIA, CIIS-NAIA and XIP-NAIA operatives, in collaboration with DENR-NCR operatives last April 1, 2019 while claiming the illegally imported 757 tarantulas concealed inside boxes of cookies and oatmeal from Poland, at the Central Mail Exchange Center, without the required import permit from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). The seized tarantulas were immediately turned over to the Wildlife Traffic Monitoring Unit of the Department of Natural Resources. District Collector Carmelita M. Talusan commended the efforts of BOC-NAIA frontliners, ESS-NAIA, CIIS-NAIA, and full support and active collaboration of DENR-NCR and the Office of the City Prosecutor of Pasay City in the successful conviction of the wildlife smuggler. She emphasized that the said conviction clearly manifests the seriousness and commitment of the Bureau of Customs under the leadership of Commissioner Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero to penalize smugglers of illegal goods and contrabands; and serve as a deterrent and warning to others engaging in similar illegal activities that the full force of law will eventually place them behind bars. CONGRATULATIONS

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**BOC Davao Seizes P1.72M-worth of Agarwood, world's most expensive tree!**

THE Bureau of Customs [BoC]-Port of Davao, through its office at the Davao International Airport and its Environmental Protection and Compliance Division, in coordination with BOC - Ninoy Aquino International Airport, the PNP Aviation Security Group and the DENR Region XI, had intercepted a shipment of Agarwood, the most expensive tree, worth P1.72 Million thereby prohibiting potential illegal export thereof. This type of wood is included in the National List of Threatened Philippine Plants per DENR Administrative Order No. 2007-01.

The records show that the package was initially misdeclared as "wood frames for souvenirs". However, after x-ray scanning and physical examination, the package was instead found to contain 671 pieces of Agarwood chips sought to be illegally exported from the country without the necessary permits from the DENR. The apprehension took place after this Port had intensified its watch over these types of shipments in a more strengthen coordination with the Bureau of Customs NAIA. The same is interestingly similar to the recent interception by the latter Office of 28 kilos outbound package of Agarwood worth P2.4 million last December 2, 2020. Customs NAIA will continue to coordinate with this Port in providing all material information as to potential export shipments of this kind so that interceptions can be one timely done in Davao, Manila or at any place. The said offices will, likewise, collaborate as to intelligence gathering, physical and X-ray inspection and other speedy detections.

The seized package shall be now subjected to seizure and forfeiture proceedings for violation of Section 117 (Regulated Shipments), Section 1400 (Misdeclaration) and Section 1113 (Property Subject to Seizure and Forfeiture), all of Republic Act No. 10863 (CMTA) in relation to Section 27 (i) [Illegal Transport] of Republic Act No. 9147 (Wild Life Act), and shall be turned over to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

Port of Davao District Collector, Atty. Austria said: "The Port would like to thank the DENR, the PNP Aviation Security Group and Customs NAIA's collaborative work with us, led by District Collector, Carmelita Talusan. We will continue to closely coordinate with them to ensure that our borders are efficiently protected from potential illegal exports of endangered trees, in line with the directives of Customs Commissioner Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero. Certainly, we will not tolerate these acts of illegal trade in any of our airports and seaports."

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**CMEC implements measures to hasten parcel importations!**

AS the volume of parcel importation increases due to the approaching yuletide season, the Bureau of Customs Sub-Port of Central Mail Exchange Center (CMEC) continues to initiate and implement countermeasures to hasten parcel importations and prevent inconvenience in the part of BOC stakeholders.

Recently, a coordination meeting was conducted by the BOC-CMEC with the Philippine Postal Corporation (PHLPost) which shed light on existing issues being experienced from the receiving of parcels to the claiming procedure. As a result, several programs are now being enhanced and developed to aid the stakeholders in managing their parcels.

The Bureau of Customs and Philpost will now open the CMEC Customer Care Center this December, to cater all transacting clients and attend to their inquiries and concerns. The center shall be equipped with information desks, joint directory, informative monitors, among others, to complement stakeholders' awareness to such.

Moreover, a study on the implementation of online payment of taxes in the Central Mail Exchange Center of parcel importations is on-going to provide more options for the clients and improve facilitation of trade and collection of revenue.

Concurrent with these initiatives, the CMEC also maximizes its information dissemination capability through placement of monitors, and process flow charts in conspicuous areas in the CMEC. An existing Customer Care Unit is also operational to immediately attend to concerns of postal item claimants while waiting for the inauguration of new Customer Care Center.

The BOC-CMEC also improved its examination and assessment areas, lobby for claimants and current offices to provide backbone to the foregoing initiatives, and will continue to be in support to the full automation and modernization programs of the Bureau of Customs [BoC] headed by Commissioner Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero to improve the overall service of the BOC-CMEC.

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**Port of Davao Seizes P13.19-M Worth of Smuggled Cigarettes**

THE Bureau of Customs (BOC) Port of Davao thru Sub-port in Parang together with the Customs Intelligence and Investigation Service (CIIS) and Enforcement and Security Service (ESS), and in coordination with the Philippine Marines, Philippine National Police (PNP) and Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) seized 432 boxes of smuggled cigarettes last December 7, 2020 in Cotabato City. The shipment was intercepted while entering the country aboard a motorized banca bearing the name Al-Shameem and was at the time plying the Rio Grande river in Cotabato City. The goods were identified to have brands such as Fort, Bravo, Canon, New Berlin, Astro, Famous and Aries with an estimated value of Php 13,188.411.09.

"Through stronger relations with our partner agencies, we have increased anti-smuggling activities that has led to higher rates of seizure on illicit goods in our area of responsibility." BOC Davao District Collector, Atty. Erastus Sandino Austria said. A Warrant of Seizure and Detention (WSD) has already been issued against the illicit articles in violation of R.A. 10863 also known as the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA). The Port of Davao reassures the public that the collection district together with its Sub-Ports shall strive to protect the country's borders in accordance with Customs Commissioner Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero's drive to curb smuggling in the country.

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**Vic Billones III**

# PALAKASIN ANG PANANAMPALATAYA SA PANGINOON

Tila may bago na namang strain ng Covid-19! Kaya daglian ang pagpapasyang ginawa ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte, na pulungin ang ilang kasapi ng Inter Agency Task Force, na ginanap sa Malago Clubhouse sa Malacanang, kamakailan.

Hinikayat ni Duterte na ang mga Mangagamot na makipagtulungan sa kanyang pamahalaan laban sa 'virus.' Ika niya sila ang mga doctor na nakakaalam, kung paano at kapag pangkalusugan na ang nahaharap na suliranin. Sa isa pang talumpati, binanggit ni Duterte para sa mamamayan na kung pwede lang ay huwag ng lumabas ng bahay, stay home na lang ika niya. Aniya pa, hindi maiiwasan ang nasabing virus, kailangan ang 'surveillance,' Kailangan maging handa sa panibagong 'virus.' Binanggit din niya na ang mga Mayor at Baranggay Captain ng isang Lungsod at Munisipyo ay malaki ang maitutulong, kailangan ang mga ito ay makiiisa sa mga alituntunin ng Pamahalaan laban sa panibagong pagbabanta ng lasong galing impeksyon.

Tsk! Tsk! Tsk! Ngayong may panibagong 'virus,' laging takot at pangamba na lamang ang nakaakibat sa sinuman, sa tuwing lalabas ng bahay upang mamili ng mga bagay sa groserya at palengke, Habang sinusulat ito ay nakaparinig sa radyo ang Katropa, na dalawampong bansa ang pansamantalang pinagbabawal na maglakbay sa Pilipinas. Ito ay ang sumusunod: United Kingdom, South Africa, Switzerland, Italy, Denmark, Israel, Hong Kong, Spain, Ireland, Netherlands, Singapore. Lebanon, Japan, Canada, Germany, Sweden, Australia, France at Iceland. Ang mga bansang nabanggit ay kinakitaan ng bagong mutation ng coronavirus disease (COVID-19.) Daming problema ng mundo ngayong panahon na ito, isama pa natin ang 'imminent' na away sa South China Sea.

Wala ng masusulingan ang sinuman kundi palakasin ang pananampalataya sa Panginoon, na tayo ay iligtas at masugpo na itong mga lasong galing sa impeksyon, at ang nakatatakot na posibleng maganap ang ikatlong digmaan pandaigdig.

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**GAWAING BAYAN SA LSJDM PATULOY**

Batid po ba ninyo na patuloy ang isinasagawang konstruksyon sa Mini Sports Complex, na bahagi ng programang pang-imprastraktura ni Congw. Ate Rida Robes, ALAGANG ATE RIDA – INFRASTRACTURE, na mapapakinabangan ng Pamilyang San Joseño. Ito ay matatagpuan sa Barangay Tungkong Mangga, Lungsod ng San Jose Del Monte (LSJDM.)

Tsk! Tsk! Tsk! Ngayong may banta ng panganib, ang panibagong 'virus.' Ang Administrasyon ni Mayor Arturo Robes ng LSJDM, ay laging nakaalalay sa pamilyang San Josenios, at nawa sabi ng isang Katropa ay lagiang sundin ang mga panuntunan ng IATF hinggil sa 'health protocol.' At narito ang mensahe ni Mayor Art Robes sa kanyang mga nasasakupan, "ang taos puso naming pagbati sa bawat Pamilyang San Joseño ngayong kapaskuhan. Kami po ay katuwang ninyo kasama ang aming pamilya para panatilihing ligtas, maayos at handa tayo sa anumang hamon ng panahon.

Maligayang Pasko at Manigong Bagong Taon, Mahal naming San Joseño! Mula sa Doble Aksyon Mayor Arthur B. Robes at Congresswoman Florida P. Robes. Hayan po mga mambabasa. Mula po naman sa inyong Katropang Vic - Manigong Bagong Taon 2021!, ! Mabuhay po kayong lahat!

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**KINONDENA NG MADLA ANG MAPAPASLANG NG ISANG PULIS**

Inis at galit ang naisalarawan sa anyo ng Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte, ng kanyang talakayin ang walang awang pagbaril at pagpaslang sa mag-ina, ng isang pulis, na ang insidente ay naganap sa Paniqui, Tarlac, kamakailan.

Sa kanyang isinagawang pagsasalita sa harap ng kanyang Kabinete, sinabi niyang (ang naturang pulis) may sakit sa utak o may 'topak,' bakit ika niya, ito ay nakalusot sa 'neuro (exam).' Maraming tao ang nakakita at nabigla sa walang-awang pamamaril ng pulis sa nai-post na video sa Social Media. Nakilala ang salarin na si Police Senior Master Sergeant Jonel Nuezca, at ang mag-inang kanyang pinaslang na sina Sonya Gregorio, 52, at Frank Anthony Gregorio, 25.

Ang nasabing pangyayari ay kinondena din ni DILG Secretary Eduardo Año, na nagsabing nakasisira sa maraming magandang nagawa ng kapulisan, lalo na ngayong panahon ng pandemya, na agad naman na sinang-ayunan ni Duterte.

Tsk! Tsk! Tsk! Nakapanlulumong balita, kahit na ordinaryong mamamayan na ating kinapanayam tungkol sa pangyayaring ito, ay pawang galit ang namumuo sa kanilang pananalita. "Walang kalaban-laban ang mag-inang pinagbabaril! Anong klaseng tagapag-patupad ng batas iyan pulis na iyan! Isang mamamatay tao pala," sambit ng isang galit na nakausap ng Katropa. Ang pulis na namaril ay naka-sibilyan, hindi naka-uniporme, at palagay ng iba, ito ay 'off duty' noong nangyari ang pamamaslang.

May mungkahi ang Katropa, isailalim ng lubusan ang lahat ng kawal ng pamahalaan sa neurological examination o neuro exam. Batid naman natin na ito ay 'mandatory' pero sana walang palakasan sa isinasagawang pagsusulit. At ipagbawal ang pagyayabang, pananakot at lantarang pagdadala ng armas kung ang isang kawal ng Gobyerno ay 'off duty' o naka-sibilyan. Bigyan ng mabigat na kaparusahan ang sinumang susuway sa mungkahing ito. Marami tayong mga naging kaalyadong pulis na naging heneral at mga kawal ng Pamahalaan noon na matitino. Ngayon lang ang Katropa, na nakakita ng ganitong pangyayari na kinasangkutan ng isang pasaway na pulis at kaawa-awang mag-ina. Sa matitinong pulis Mabuhay po kayo at sa mga pasaway ay magbago na kayo.

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**KALINISAN NG KAPALIGIRAN SA LSJDM, PATULOY**

Mula naman sa Lungsod ng San Jose Del Monte (LSJDM,) sa pagpapatuloy ng Manila Bay Clean-up, Rehabilitation, and Preservation Program (MBCRPP) ay nakiisa ang mga kawani ng Pamahalaang Lungsod ng San Jose del Monte, ito ay batay sa deriktiba ng Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG.) Ito ay lingguhang paglulunsad ng cleanup drive sa ilog sa Barangay Dulong, upang mapanatili ang kalinisan ng mga ilog at pagsagip sa Kalikasan.

Tsk! Tsk! Tsk! Kalinisan ng kapaligiran ay dapat panatilihin.Gayundin ngayong kapaskuhan kahit panahon ng epidemya, ay kailangang ipagdiwang ang kapanganakan ng ating Poong Hesukristo, sumunod lang sa mga alituntunin ng Pamahalaan na lagiang isaisip at isagawa ang mga protokol na pangkalusugan. Tayo ay manalangin sa Panginoon, umasang tayo ay lagiang gabayan at patuloy na magmahalan. Ika nga ni Mayor Arturo Robes sa kanyang FB post na hinalaw mula kay 'unknown:' "Faith makes all things possible. Hope makes all things work. Love makes all things beautiful. May you have all the three for this Christmas." Merry Christmas sa lahat ng ating mambabasa. Hanggang sa muli.

# CMEC IPINATUPAD NA MAPABILIS ANG IMPORTASYON NG BAGAHE

Sa pagdami ng importasyon ng bagahe bunga ng nalalapit na kaspaskuhan, ang Bureau of Customs(BOC) Sub-Port of Central Mail Exchange Center(CMEC) ay patuloy na ipatutupad ang mabilis na importasyon ng bagahe at maiwasan ang pagkaantala sa panig ng BOC sakeholder. Kamakailan, nagsagawa ng pulong sa pagitan BOC-CMEC at a ng Philippine Postal Corporation (PHILPost) nilinaw ang nakalipas na isyu na naging karanasan mula sa pagtanggap ng bagahe hanggang sa patakaran ng pagkuha, kung saan ang resulta, maraming programa ang kasalukuyan pinagiigi upang matulungan ang mga stakeholder na pamahalaan ang mga bagahe.

Nagkisa Bureau of Customs at Philpost na magbukas ng CMEC Customers Care Center nitong Disyebre, kung saan upang ma-cater ang lahat ng transaksyon ng mga kliente at mga dadalo na magtatanong na kinauukulan.ang naturag center ay kompleto ng mga gamit tulad ng information desks, joint directory, informative monitos,maliban sa ibapa. Upang mabigyan ang stakeholders' ng pagiingat.

Magkagayonman ang pagaaral na ipapatupad na payment online taxes sa CMEC ay importasyon ng bagahe na patuloy na nagbibigay ng maraming bagay para sa mga kliyente at pagababago ng lugar ng kalakal at revenue collection.

Sa kasalukuyan ang insyatibong, ng CMEC na pinamumunuan ni Mark Almase ay maari malimitahan ang kanilang information dissemination kakayanang sa pamamagitan ng pagpapalit ng manitor, at proseso ng flow chart sa nakakadudang lugar ng CMEC, kung saan ang nalalabing Customer Care Unit ay laging operational para madali makadalo sa kinauukulan at postal item claimants samantalang nagaantay para sa inagurasyon ng bagong Customer Care Center.

Maging ang BOC- CMEC ay binago na rin ang lugar na kanilang examination and assessment, lobby para sa kumukuha ng bagahe at dating tanggapan na nagbigay backbone sa nagaganap na inisyatibo, at patuloy na suporta sa full automation and modernization programs ng BOC na pinamumunuan ni Commissioner Rey Leonardo Guerrero sa pagbabago sa pangkalahatan serbisyo ng BOC-CMEC.

# PAGLABAG NG EL SHADDAI SA HEALTH PROTOCOLS

# Ang MANUNURI

**Andy Verde**

IPINASYA ng Parañaque local government Unit (LGU) na pagpaliwanagin ang El Shaddai kaugnay sa umano'y paglabag nila sa ipinatutupad na health protocols. Naipadala na ng lokal na pamahalaan ng Parañaque ang kanilang sulat sa pamunuan ng El Shaddai upang pagpaliwanagin ang mga ito sa nangyaring paglabag sa ipinapatupad na health protocols. Ito'y kasunod ng isinagawang event ng El Shaddai sa Amvel City of Faith sa Parañaque City na pag-aari ni Bro. Mike Velarde na siya rin founder nito. Sa pahayag ni Parañaque City Administrator Ding Soriano, hindi nasunod ang ilang protocols tulad ng physical distancing kung saan ilang daang miyembro ng El Shaddai ang dumalo sa nasabing event. Wala rin umanong hawak na permit ang grupo para magsagawa ng kanilang aktibidad.

Sinabi ni Soriano na depende daw sa magiging paliwanag ng pamunuan ng El Shaddai at sa resulta ng imbestigasyon ng pamahalaang lungsod ng Parañaque kung papayagan nila na matuloy ang mga susunod na aktibidad ng grupo. Umaasa naman ang Parañaque LGU na makakatanggap sila ng sagot mula sa El Shaddai sa loob ng tatlong araw.

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BAHAGYANG naapektuhan ang repatriation sa mga ovrseas Filipino workers (OFWs) mula sa iba't ibang bansa dahil sa banta ng panibagong variant strain virus mula United Kingdom na siyang kinumpirma ngayon ng ng Overseas Workers welfare Administration (OWWA).

Ipinahayag ni OWWA administrator , Hans Leo Cacdac na patuloy pa rin ang repatriation ng NAIA One Stop shop, na binubuo ng mga iba't ibang ahensya ng gobyerno sa kabila ng paglabas ng panibagong virus partikular na sa UK at nagresulta ng pag papatupad ng mga lockdown sa iba't ibang bansa. Sa ngayon ang balita natin ay umaabot na sa 386k ang napauwi na mga OFWs sa kani kanilang mga tahanan at probinsya.

Ang mga OFWs na nagmula naman sa mga bansang may strain virus ay agad naman silang iproseso sa swab test bago sila dadalhin sa New Clack city sa Pampanga, habang hinihintay sila ng Inter Agency Task Force (IATF) para sa kanilang quarantine.

Siniguro naman ng Philippine Coast guard sa NAIA terminal 3, na ini-ingatan nila ang identity ng mga OFWs na galing sa mga bansa partikular na sa UK kung saan isasakay sila sa mga Bus na naka-standby para dalhin sila sa New Clark city sa Pampanga para sa mandatory 14 days quarantine.

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UMABOT sa 2,650 Filipino Repatriate ang dumating sa bansa ngayong araw ng Lunes (Disyembre 28 ).

Ang mga naturang Pinoy Repatriate ay binubuo ng sampung batch mula sa iba't ibang bansa.

Sa abiso ng Manila International Airport Authority (MIAA) darating ng alas 11:30 ng tanghali ang dating ng 250 repatriates mula Bahrain sakay ng Gulf Air flight GF154.

Habang sa hapon naman ang dating ng 1,600 Pinoy repatriates na binubuo ng anim na batch mula Hong Kong, Riyadh, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, at Singapore . Samantala 800 Pinoy Repatriate din na binubuo ng tatlong batch naman ang darating mamayang gabi na magmula Jeddah, China at Qatar.

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**WALANG NAGAGANAP NA PRICE FREEZE**

PARANG hindi naman totoo at hindi na susunod ang sinasabi ng Department of Trade and Industy (DTI) na hindi maaaring magtaas ng presyo sa mga pangunahing bilihin sa buong Luzon hanggang Enero 17 sapagkat lantaran na sobrang tataas ng mga bilihin ngayon partikular na ang may nakalagay pa na suggested retail price (SRP) sa mga pamilihan. Ito ang naging reaksyon ng ating mga kababayan ng muling magpaalala ang DTI sa gitna nang pagdagsa ng mga mamimili sa mga groceries at palengke para sa pagdiriwang ng Kapaskuhan at nalalapit na Bagong Taon. "Ang buong Luzon po ay under a state of calamity pa so naka-price freeze iyan simula nung diniclare [declared] ni Presidente nang November 18 hanggang January 17, kasi 60 days iyong effectivity ng price freeze," ayon kay DTI Undersecretary Ruth Castelo.

Mahigpit daw na naka-monitor ang DTI sa pagpapatupad ng suggested retail price at nagpapadala agad sila ng letters of inquiry sa mga nakikitaan nang paglabag.

"Initially po, iyong suggested retail price natin, kabisado na ng retailers iyan, groceries and supermarkets especially na hindi sila nagtataas. But kapag nakakita tayo sa DTI because we monitor naman every day, we issue letters of inquiry. Inaalam natin muna kung bakit, at ibabalik naman nila iyon sa SRP," ayon sa opisyal.

Nananakot ang DTI na kapag daw hindi ibinalik ang presyo ay saka naghahain ng kaso ang DTI sa ilalim ng Price Act na may multang mula 5,000 hanggang P2 milyon at kulong na mula lima hanggang 15 taon. Abangan nga natin kung totoo ito!

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MALAKI daw ang posibilidad na maapektuhan ang suplay ng ready-to-use fuels sa hinaharap lalo na kung nagsisimula nang bumangon ang bansa kung walang sariling oil refinery capacity ang bansa.

Ito ang dahilan kung bakit gustong malaman ng House Committee on Energy ang posibleng epekto ng pagsasara ng dalawang oil refineries sa energy security ng bansa. Gusto rin na masiguro na mayroong sapat na storage capacity para sa ready-to-use fuels kung sakali mang magkaroon ng krisis na magreresulta sa pagpigil sa operasyon ng mga refinery hubs sa ibang bansa na pinagkukuhaan ng suplay ng Pilipinas. Sa kaalaman po ng ating mga kababayan ang mga refineries ang lumilikha ng mga finished petroleum products tulad ng gasolina, diesel, kerosene, jet fuel, at LPG mula sa krudo.

Inanunsyo ng Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corporation ang pagsasara ng kanilang refinery operation sa Tabangao, Batangas noong Mayo at ang Petron Corporation ay nag-abiso na ihihinto muna ang kanilang operasyon ng 180,000 barrel per day refinery sa Limay, Bataan sa kalagitnaan ng Enero ng susunod na taon.

# Little Things that Will Matter a Lot More to You in the Next Years To Come

God willing, you'll be gifted another more years of life experience. As you age, you'll learn to value your time, genuine relationships, meaningful work, and peace of mind, much more. Little else will matter.

Yet today, just like the majority of us, you are distracted by everything else. You give too much of your time to meaningless time-wasters.

You take your important relationships for granted. You get to work, skeptically, with inner resistance. And you let needless stress get the best of you. Why?

Because you're human, and human beings are imperfect creatures that make misjudgments constantly. We get caught up in our own heads, and literally don't know our lives to be any better than the few things that aren't going our way. And as our minds subconsciously dwell on these things, we try to distract ourselves to numb the tension we feel. But by doing so, we also distract ourselves from what matters most.

We scrutinize and dramatize the insignificant annoyances in our lives until we're blue in the face, and then we sit back and scratch our heads in bewilderment of how unfulfilling and empty life feels.

But the older we grow, the quieter we tend to become, and the less pointless drama, distraction, and busyness we tend to engage in. Life humbles us gradually as we age. We begin to realize just how much nonsense we've wasted time on. And we begin to refocus our attention on what truly matters.

Truth be told, the afternoon and evening always understand what the morning never even suspected. But—and this is a big "but"—the morning can plan better for the afternoon and evening. So with that in mind, challenge yourself to plan better today. Challenge yourself to focus more on what truly matters in the long run…

1. Treating your very limited time each day with care. As time passes, you naturally have more of it behind you and less of it in front of you. The distant future, then, gradually has less value to you personally. But that doesn't really matter, because the good life always begins right now, when you stop waiting for a better one. Some people wait all day for 5pm, all week for Friday, all year for the holidays, all their lives for happiness. But you don't have to be one of them. Don't wait until your life is almost over to realize how good it has been. The biggest cost of filling your life with drama, distraction, and busyness (assuming you don't crash from the texting and driving), is a gradual, long-term decline of your effectiveness and happiness. When you get in the habit of persistently dividing your attention, you're partially engaged in every activity, but rarely focused on any one. And this dizzying lack of focus eventually trips you up and brings you down to your knees. The solution? Better focus of course—getting rid of the excess. The efficiency of your time relies heavily on the elimination of non-essentials, so you can focus exclusively on the one thing—and only one thing—that actually matters in each moment. The bottom line here is that too often our minds are set on getting somewhere else. Too often another beautiful day comes to an end with hundreds of unnoticed moments behind us—we didn't notice them because they were insignificant to us. And over time our entire lives become a massive pile of unnoticed and insignificant moments on our way to more important things. Then the important things get rushed through too… to get to the next one, and the next, until our time is up and we're left questioning where it all went. But it doesn't have to be this way anymore. This moment is your life, and you can make the best of it. The underlying key is to realize that you are not on your way somewhere else. Right now is not just a stepping-stone to another place—it is the ultimate destination, and you are already here.

2. Genuine relationships. It's nice to have acquaintances. It's important to be friendly. But don't get carried away and spread yourself too thin. Leave plenty of time for those who matter most to you. Your time is extremely limited, and sooner or later you just want to be around the few people who make you smile for all the right reasons.

Truly, we all long for genuine relationships, but these relationships can be hard to find and nurture, even in our overly connected lives. We meet people in person and socialize online, but these connections often lack a necessary dose of intimacy. We work alongside others in crowded office buildings, but our communication with them is usually work-oriented and not relationship-oriented. We may be lucky enough to have close friends and family in our lives, but when we are distracted by social media and busy with work, those relationships take a major hit.

The healthiest and most genuine relationships are comprised of two people who are intimately familiar with each other's evolving stories. These people make plenty of emotional room for their relationship, which means they sincerely listen to each other, they remember the major events each other have been through, and they keep up-to-date as the facts and feelings of each other's reality evolves and changes.

The key thing to remember is that nothing you can give is more appreciated than your sincere, focused attention—your full presence. Truly being with someone, and listening without a clock and without anticipation of the next event, is the ultimate compliment. It is indeed the most valued gesture you can make to them, and it arms you with the information you need to truly know them and support them in the long run.

It's also important to note that if two people care about each other and want to maintain a healthy relationship, they absolutely need to be "allowed" to openly communicate ALL of their feelings to each other—their true feelings—not just the agreeable and positive ones. If this is not "allowed" or supported by one or both people involved in the relationship—if one or both people fear punishment for their honesty—lies and deceit will gradually replace love and trust, which ultimately leads to a complete emotional disconnection.

With all the aforementioned said, one of the easiest ways to find more meaningful moments of presence with the people who matter to you, is to work together on something. If you have someone in mind whom you'd like to strengthen your relationship with, find a way to work hand in hand on a project that intrigues both of you. You could plant a communal garden together, or meet once a week to jointly work on an ongoing passion project—such as painting a mural, stitching quilts, or maybe even running a side business. Also, attending a life-enhancing conference together (virtual), and then mindfully examining and discussing it, is another related opportunity for working hand in hand on something meaningful.

3. Engaging passionately in whatever you choose to do. Passion is powerful! It rests deep within you and passively drives your feelings, choices, and courses of actions. It can't be ignored, and it shouldn't be ignored. Your passion will likely become the sole source of your greatest achievements and your finest moments. The fevering excitement of love. The joy of work that moves you. The clarity of your purpose. The ecstasy of letting go and being one with the present moment. In a nutshell, this is what passion gradually does for you. Without it there is little peace of mind in the end—just a hollow existence of unfulfilled dreams—a lifetime left mostly unlived.

Real passion comes from within, and the source of passion in your life may be as simple as having a job to do—a job that feeds your family, for example—and feeling good about doing it right. So my challenge to you is this: Live your life not as a bystander. Live in this world, on this day, and every day hereafter as an active, passionate participant.

Our passion comes from doing things right. If you're waiting to somehow "find your passion" somewhere outside yourself, so you finally have a reason to put your whole heart and soul into your life and the things you're working on, you'll likely be waiting around for an eternity.

On the other hand, if you're tired of waiting, and you'd rather live more passionately starting today, and experience more meaning in your life in the long run, it's time to proactively inject passion into the very next thing you work on.

Like most of us, you're likely putting a half-hearted and half-minded effort into most of the things you do on a daily basis. Because you're still waiting. You're still waiting to "find" something to be passionate about—some magical reason to step into the life you want to create for yourself.

If you want more passion in your life right now, act accordingly right now. Put your whole heart and soul into something! Not into tomorrow's opportunities, but the opportunity right in front of you.

Not into tomorrow's tasks, but today's tasks. Not into tomorrow's run, but today's run. Not into tomorrow's conversations, but today's conversations. Practice this. Make it a daily ritual. And see how doing so gradually changes your life. MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

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# 21 BANSA PINAGBABAWALAN PUMASOK NG PILIPINAS AYON SA B.I.

Inihayag ni Bureau of Immigration Jaime Morente(BI) ang pagpapalawak ng mga paghihigpit sa paglalakbay sa pagpasok na nag simula ng hatinggabi ng January 3. 2021 kasunod sa utos mula sa Malakanyang, ang mga dayuhang pasahero na nagmumula sa Estados Unidos ay isinama sa listahan ng mga pinaghihigpitang pagpasok sa bansa.

Ayon sa BI, ang mga dayuhan na nagmumula sa mga sumusunod na bansa ay pansamantalang ipinagbabawal na pumasok sa Pilipinas: (1) United Kingdom (2) Denmark (3) Ireland (4) Japan (5) Australia (6) Israel (7) The Netherlands (8) Hong Kong SAR (9) Switzerland (10) France (11) Germany (12 ) Iceland (13) Italya (14) Lebanon (15) Singapore (16) Sweden (17) South Korea (18) South Africa (19) Canada (20) Spain (21) USA

Nilinaw ni Morente na ang mga Pilipinong darating mula sa mga nasabing rehiyon ay papayagang pumasok, ngunit ihahatid din para sa isang mahigpit na 14 na araw na quarantine.

Nilinaw din ng BI chief na ang bagong pagpapatupad ay nag, simula noong Enero 3,at papayagang pumasok ang mga pasahero na dumadaan lamang sa alinman sa mga bansa na sakop ng pagbabawal, sa kondisyon na manatili sila sa paliparan sa buong oras at hindi nalinis para sa pagpasok. sa sakop na bansa ng mga awtoridad sa imigrasyon nito.

Sinabi ni BI Port Operations Division Chief Atty Candy Tan na naka-standby sila upang magpatupad ng anumang mga pagbabago sa mga patakaran sa paglalakbay na itinakda ng IATF at ng Opisina ng Pangulo.

Umapela si Tan sa publiko na tiisin ang gobyerno para sa pagpapatupad ng mga paghihigpit sa paglalakbay. "Ito ay pansamantalang hakbang na kailangang gawin ng gobyerno upang maiwasan ang pagpasok ng bagong virus ng Covid-19.

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**MGA FRONTLINER NA MGA PILIPINO SA UNITED KINGDOM NA IMPEKSYON SA COVID -19 TUMAAS**

Iniulat ng Kagawaran Ng Paggawa mas maraming mga frontliner ng Pilipino sa United Kingdom ang nahawahan ng Covid 19,

Sa isang ulat kay Labor Secretary Silvestre Bello III, sinabi ng Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO) sa London na hindi bababa sa 26 bagong kaso ang naitala sa mga nars at manggagawa sa pangangalagang pangkalusugan sa huling dalawang araw, na nagdala sa kabuuang bilang ng mga nars na 776.

Sinabi ni Labor Atteche Amy ReyesAng mga sariwang kaso ng impeksiyon ay bahagi ng spiked Covid na kaso sa UK sa 53,135 na may 414 pagkamatay mula noong 41,385 at 357 na nasawi noong nakaraang araw

Sinabi ni Reyes na ang 25 na nahawaang mga Pilipinong nars at isang manggagawa sa pangangalagang pangkalusugan ay nakahiwalay na ngayon, at binibigyan ng tulong. Idinagdag niya na siyam sa mga nahawahan ay na-deploy sa UK ngayong taon lamang habang ang natitira ay nagtatrabaho sa Britain mula pa noong 2019. Gayunpaman, hindi niya sinabi kung ang impeksyon ay ang bagong strain ng virus, idinagdag lamang na ang mga ospital ng National Health Services (NHS) ng UK ay "nasa ilalim ng matinding presyon dahil sa pagdagsa ng mga kaso."

Sa kanyang ulat, sinabi din ni Reyes na ang dalawa pang mga nars na naunang nahawahan ay nakarecover sa kabuuang 614 na paggaling, habang 36 ang namatay. Dalawang iba pang mga Pilipino, isang manggagawa sa pangangalaga ng kalusugan, ay nasa kritikal na kondisyon. Parehong naging matagal nang residente ng UK.

Sa magkakahiwalay na ulat kay Bello, sinabi ni Labor Attaché Saul de Vries ng POLO Singapore na naitala ng estado ng lungsod ang 405 kaso ng COVID sa mga Pilipino, na may dalawang bagong kaso na kinasasangkutan ng mga bagong dating na OFW.

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**BOC-PORT OF LIMAY NAGHOST NG WEBINAR SA E-TRACC SYSTEM**

Ang Bureau of Customs - Port of Limay, na may koordinasyon kasama ang E-TRACC Service Provider, Ascent Solution Philippines, Inc., ay matagumpay na nag-host ng isang Webinar sa Pagpapatupad ng E-TRACC System

Sumali sa iba`t ibang mga stakeholder ng Collection District, ang online na pagdidiskubre at diyalogo ay isinagawa upang matugunan ang mga isyu sa mga importers, consignee, broker, at Freeport Area ng Bataan (FAB) at Hermosa Ecozone Industrial Park (HEIP) tungkol sa pagpapatupad ng sistema ng pagsubaybay na ng GPS.

Ang resource speaker ng webinar Zhuzhan Claridad ng Ascent Solutions Philippines, Inc. na pinangunahan ni Port of Limay District Collector Guillermo Pedro A. Francia IV at Lorecel R. Ibañez, Deputy Collector for Operations, habang ang Tanong at Sagot (Q&A) na bahagi ng online na dayalogo.

Ang E-TRACC System ay isang web-based na platform na maaaring makabuo ng real-time na impormasyon upang masubaybayan ang paggalaw at lokasyon ng mga container van gamit ang GPS na pinapatupad ng customs. Nagpapadala ang teknolohiya ng alarma sa Port para sa anumang paglihis mula sa normal na mga ruta,

Ang pagpapatupad ng programang ay alinsunod sa Customs Memorandum Order (CMO) 04-2020, "Establishment of an Electronic Tracking of Containerized Cargo System (E-TRACC System) and Accreditation of a Service Provider for the Whose."

Bilang bahagi ng programa ng BOC tungkol sa pag-aautomat ng mga system at pamamaraan, ang E-TRACC System ay inilunsad sa Freeport Area ng Bataan, Subport ng Mariveles, Port of Limay Samantala, ilulunsad ang sistema sa Enero 06, 2021 para sa containerized cargo na patungo sa Hermoza Ecozone Industrial Park.

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**CONSTRUCTION NG FARM TO MARKET ROAD NA NAGKAKAHALAGA NG Php 12.9 MILYON NATAPOS NA NG DPWH NUEVA ECIJA 2ND DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE**

Sa ulat ni Dpwh Nueva Ecija District Engineer Ricardo Puno kay Dpwh Region 3 Director Engr.Roseller"Dong "Tolentino ay nakumpleto ang construction ng pagtatayo ng isang bagong farm to market (FMR) road upang mapalakas ang produksyon ng agrikultura at mga gawaing pang-ekonomiya sa Nueva Ecija.

Sabi ni Dpwh Nueva Ecija 2nd District Engineer Puno ay kumpiyansa na ang bagong 1.6-kilometrong kalsada sa Barangay Balaring sa munisipalidad ng General Mamerto Natividad ay magpapadali sa pagdadala ng mga gulay, prutas at bigas na patungo sa pamilihang bayan

Sinabi ni D.E.Ricardo M. Puno na ang kalsada sa Farm To Market Road ay nagsasangkot sa pagkokreto ng dalawang (2) lane road na nagkakahalaga ng P12.9-milyon na pinondohan sa ilalim ng 2020 General Appropriations Act (GAA).

Pinuri ni Dpwh Secretary Mark Villar at Dpwh Region 3 Director Dong Tolentino ang DPWH Nueva Ecija 2nd District Engineering Office sa mabilis na pagkumpleto ng proyekto na nagsimula noong Agosto 2020 sa kabila ng mga hadlang na dala ng pandemya.

"Dagdag ni D.E. Puno hindi lamang layunin na mapabuti ang kondisyon ng kalsada upang suportahan ang mga lokal na tagagawa ngunit titiyakin din ang ligtas na paglalakbay para sa mga motorista at residente na dumadaan sa lokal na kalsada.

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**Dr. Bernie R. Anabo Jr.**

# DPWH FMU HEAD FAR ADAP, ASSET NG SMMDEO

BATAY sa ating pananaliksik, maituturing na asset ni District Engineer Arlene Beltran, si Financial Management Unit Head CPA Farnida Adap, o mas tanyang sa ngalang Maam Far, dahil may angking galing at talino ito. Partida, batang-bata na namumuno sa isang tanggapan. Kaya niyo ba yan? Wag na mainggit, gawin na natin siyang ehemplo. Dba Maam Tess?

Teka, saan ba galing si Maam Far? Sa isang panayam mula sa isang kawani ng DPWH. Si Maam Far ay anak ng mga propesyunal at tanyag na pamilya. Bukod sa lahi ng mga abugado at doktor. May bonus pa! Nanalaytay sa kanilang dugo ang mga Certified Accountant. Kaya pala hindi nakakapagtaka na mabilis ang kanyang promosyon. Dahil deserving naman ang ating kaibigan. Tama po ba ako?

Sa totoo lang mga kabayan. Si Maam Far, ay sinubok at hinulma ng panahon, kaya naman may mataas na antas ng kaisipan, may respeto sa kapwa, at mapagkumbabang nilalang. Ani nga ni Kuya June, isang kawani ng Department of Public Works and Highways, na marunong daw makisama si Maam Far. Lodi ba mga kabayan!

Maiba tayo mga Kabayan! Sa pangalan pa lang malayo talaga ang mararating ng ating bida. Diba Maam Far? Pwera biro. Ani ni Maam Tess, head ng Admin. Kung intigridad at kapasidad lang naman ang pag uusapan ukol kay FMU Head Maam Adap. Lagpas ito sa kwalipikasyon. Kaya hindi malayong maging permanent na ito sa kanyang tanggapan. Wow! Dahil dyan, saludo po ako sa iyo Maam!

Minsan lang natin nakadaupang palad itong Financial Wizard ng DPWH na si Maam Far, nabanaag natin sa kanyang mga mata ang isang tunay na mabuting nilalang, sapagkat sinsero ito at may kababaang loob kung makipag usap sa mga taong kanyang nakakasalamuha. Again, may future ka talaga Maam Far! Ngayon pa lang binabati na kita.

Marami tayong mga nakapanayam, patungkol kay Maam Far, lahat ng nakakausap natin na mga kontraktor sa hanay ng imprastraktura, puro papuri at humahalimuyak sa bango ang kanyang pagkatao. Wow! Dapat itong gawing modelo ng DPWH. O dili kaya bigyan ng parangal. Tama ba ako DE Beltran?

Isang pagsaludo kay DPWH SMMDEO FMU Head Maam Far Adap, dahil isa kang mabuting halimbawa sa mga kawani ng nasabing ahensya. Anila, down to earth ka, kahit nakaka angat, marunong umunawa at makisama sa mga ordinaryong kawani. Hindi nakakapagtaka na sa mga darating na panahon. Isa ka sa mga executive officer ng DPWH. Mabuhay and may God bless you, always!

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**KOLEKTOR CUM BAGMAN NI SHEREX TIMBOG**

IPINAPAKALAT ngayon ni Sherex sa parteng kabisayaan ng Bureau of Customs na siya na raw ang magiging kumisyuner ngayong 2021 ng nabanggit na ahensya. In your dreams! Ha ha ha ha! Marami ka pang kakaining bigas ika nga nila. May ganun!

Wala talagang delicadeza. Biruin mo malapit daw siya sa isang Kumisyuner, yun pala sinusulot niya sa pwesto. Ano ito trahidor? O sadyang ambisyoso. Ambot sa kambing na may bangs! Ha ha ha

Baka kapag maging Kumisyuner ka magpa auction ka ng mga SHABU. Gaya ng ginawa mo sa isang PORT DISTRICT ng BOC. Hindi kana nahiya. Sabagay, kinakain kana siguro ng sistema? May ganun! Sayang bata kapa, at may mararating sana. Masyado kang nagmamadali.

Ano kaya ang purpose mo sa pagpapakalat na ikaw na ang susunod na Kumisyuner? Sir, nasa tamang pag iisip ka po ba? O may hidden agenda ka? O baka naman nagpapataas ka ng TARA. Ginoong Shegod? Nagtatanong lang. Ang mapikon, bukol! Ha ha ha!

Anyway bukas ang pahayagang ito para sa iyong panig. Malay natin magkaintindihan tayo. At ilalathala natin sa pahayagang ito pati sa aking mga pitak ang iyong magandang layunin sa BOC. Kung meron nga ba? Ambot sa kambing na may bangs! Kurakot ka daw? Naku po! Maimbestigahan nga. Ha ha ha

Maiba tayo mga kabayan. Hindi kaya ang nahuli ng National Bureau of Investigation Special Action Unit, kolektor umano ng magiging kumisyuner. As in kumukulekta na raw ng pasalubong dahil uupo na ang kanyang amo? Ano masasabi mo rito SAU Head Atty. Dongallo? Umamin na ba na ang kanyang bosing ay si Sherex? O nagmamatigas pa rin! Sayang ang trabaho mo Dong. Taga DOJ ka pa naman. Nagpasilaw ka lang ng salapi. O nadala ka lang sa mga matatamis na salita ni Sherex. Well, aminin mo na lang para mapababa ang parusa mo, at managot ang nasa likod ng iyong pagkakatimbog. May susunod pa......

# CEBU CITY EOC STRATEGIZES TO PREVENT ENTRY OF NEW VIRUS

Officials and medical practitioners from the Cebu City Emergency Operations Center(EOC) met with the Department of Health(DOH), Inter- Agency Task Force, Mactan Cebu International Airport, Mandaue and Lapu-Lapu City Emergency Operations Centers which discussed the newly discovered COVID-19 strain and made possible measures to curb against local transmission.

Dr. Mary Jean Loreche, chief pathologist of DOH-7 explained that the new virus strain possesses an infection rate that is 70 pervent higher than the current strain of COVID-19.

Assistant Cebu City Health Department(CCHD) head Dr. Michelle Linsalata further pointed out that the high infection rate raises concerns over the basic health measures that the city already complied.

"Since the problem lies in preventing local transmission,then the most appropriate answer is to strengthen health protocol compliance even further,Linsalata added.

The meeting resulted into the creation of preemptive measures to counter possible local transmission of the newly discovered COVID UK strain.

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**CEBU ENVIRONMENTALISTS CALLS FOR TRANSPARENCY OVER EXTRACTIVE OPERATIONS AS CAPITOL "HANDS OFF" ON PROBING CARMEN COPPER**

The Sectoral Transparency Alliance for Natural Resource Governance Cebu( STANCe) has called on national and local governments to look into the collapse of the mining pit operated by Carmen Copper Corporation(CCC) which led to the death of four miners and six others missing.

STANCe spokesperson Dr. Glenn Pajares in an exclusive interview with DAILY TRIBUNE said the incident in Toledo City should be a wake up call for government to manage Cebu's natural resources better.

"Government agencies mandated to lead the management of natural resources to update standards of monitoring, intensify efforts in environmental management, provide timely disclosure of information, and expand spaces of extractive industries," he reiterated.

This as Governor Gwendolyn Garcia in a talk with media said " The investigation is not our expertise nor is it our mandate. The MGB(Mines and Geosciences Bureau) has undertaken the investigation. We'll wait for their results.

"We will be helping the families affected, including the workers who were injured due to the incident," Garcia added.

The Toledo City Government has started relocating at least 400 families or 2,000 individuals in Barangay Biga, were widening cracks near the landslide site were evident.Their houses are at risk.

Search and retrieval operations for the missing miners are still ongoing. CCC in its media statementd vowed that financial and other means of assistance will be granted to their employees affected by the landslide.

STANCe suggested for multidisciplinary engagements in the governance of natural resources.

They reminded authorities of the Naga landslide in 2018, which killed more than 70 individuals and the cause of the landslide was rampant quarrying in the area.

"So that accountability can be exacted from those who are liable to answer to this disaster," Pajares insisted.

Last December 21, the Carmen Pit owned and operated by CCC collapsed.

Toledo City is a third-class city located 46 kilometers southwest of Cebu City.

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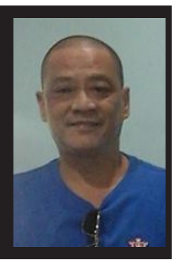
**Big ticket projects eyed in Lapu-Lapu City this 2021**

The City of Lapu-Lapu in Cebu bared big ticket projects for 2021.

# PORTWATCH

**Rico Osmeña**



City Mayor Junard " AHONG" Chan in an interview with DAILY TRIBUNE revealed that two reclamation projects and construction of a skyway connecting the Town of Cordova and Mactan Cebu International Airport (MCIA) are to take off this year.

"These projects like the two reclamations in Barangays Punta Engano in the east will be 100 hectares and Canjulao in the west which is 103 hectares are dream come true,".the mayor said.

He added that the skyway which will link Cordova and MCIA will ease the traffic problem in the city especially going to the airport and Mactan Economic Zone (MEZ).

He further explained that the Engano reclamation will have a 30 meter wide coastal highway while the Canjulao reclamation will have a 25 hectares socialized housing areas.

"The previous administrations failed to concretize the socialized housing in Canjulao. With the implementation, coastal informal settlers will now be housed in the area which has been long overdue," Chan cited.

"For the skyway, motorists will have a 15 minute travel from SM Seaside in Cebu City to Mactan Airport in Lapu-Lapu City," the mayor added.

These projects will be a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) at no cost to government with a 52 percent for government and 48 percent for the private developer sharing scheme.

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**PUBLICATION OF VACANT POSITIONS**

**NOTICE OF SEARCH FOR CITY COLLEGE OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE COLLEGE PRESIDENT AND CALL FOR APPLICATION**

The City College of San Jose Del Monte Governing Board publicly announces the opening of the Search for Presidency.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**
Applicants for SUC Presidency must possess the following minimum qualifications:

a. Not less than thirty-five (35) year sold.
b. A natural-born Filipino citizen
c. Hold ero fan earned doctorate degree from a reputable higher education institution
d. Proven track record as an administrator (President, Vice-president, Dean, Campus Administrator, Director), preferably in the academe, whether in public or private, for atleast five (5) years.
e. For candidates who have not previously served as SUC President, he/she must not have been convicted of any administrative offense or of any crime involving moral turpitude, where in the penalty is more than six (6) months.
f. For SUC Presidents who are undergoing evaluation for a second term, he/she must not have been convicted of any administrative offense or crime.

An applicant who does not meet anyone of the above mentioned minimum qualifications and cannot submit pertinent supporting documentary evidences shall be disqualified from the search process.

**DOCUMENTARYREQUIREMENTS**
Interested applicants must submit one (1) set of original and six (6) certified photo copies of the following documents to the SCP Secretariat:

a. Formal application letter addressed to the Secretariat of the Search Committee.
b. Detailed Curriculum Vitae, signed under oath
c. Certified true copy of documents in support of the data stated in the Curriculum Vitae
d. Proposed Vision Mission and Development Goals for the SUC
e. Certificates/Clearances from the following government agencies, obtained not more than one (1) month from the date of filing of application, indicating applicant has no pending administrative and/or criminal case:

• Sandiganbayan
• Civil Service Commission(CSC)
• National Bureau of Investigation (NBI)
• Municipal/RegionalTrialCourt
• Ombudsman(forgovernmentemployees)
• Institution/Companywhereapplicantispresentlyemployed

f. NSO-authenticated Birth Certificate
g. Medical Certificate of Physical Fitness issued by a physician from a CHED-recognized accredited health institutions but not the same institution where the applicant is presently employed
h. Results of Neuro-psychiatric examination conducted by a physician from a CHED-recognized accredited health institutions but not the same institution where the applicant is presently employed
i. Duly accomplished CSC Form 212 made under oath.

The Search Committee for the Presidency reserves the right to validate and verify the authenticity of documents submitted and the right to accept or reject any document that it deems to be questionable.

**IMPORTANT:** Interested applicants must submit all the documents required on or before January 18, 2021 to the Search Committee for President (SCP) Secretariat;

**MRS. CHALICE C. PARAGAS**
City Human Resource Management Officer/ SCP Secretariat
San Ignacio St., Poblacion I, City Hall of SJDM.Chosen applicant will serve for a period prescribed with CHED Memorandum Order No. 16, series of 2009.
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**REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES**
**FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION**
**REGIONAL TRIAL COURT**
**OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT**
**TRECE MARTIRES CITY**

**PHILIPPINE SAVINGS BANK**
Mortgagee,

-versus- **FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-113-20**

**BRENDA E. VITERBO (also as Attorney-in-Fact) married to JAN DEXTER C. VITERBO**
Mortgagors.
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**NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE**

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118 filed by Mortgagee, **PHILIPPINE SAVINGS BANK,** with business address at PSBank Center, 777 Paseo de Roxas cor. Sedeño Sts., Makati City against the Mortgagors, **BRENDA E. VITERBO (also as Attorney-in-Fact) married to JAN DEXTER C. VITERBO,** with residence at NO. 14 DAMA DE NOCHE ST. CORNER CHAMPACA, MERVILLE SUBD., TANZA, NAVOTAS AND BLK. 42 LOT 39 ANTEL GRAND VILLAGE - GRAND OAKRIDGE, BACAO, GENERAL TRIAS, CAVITE, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of 13 October 2020 amounts to **FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY FOUR THOUSAND TWENTY ONE PESOS AND 81/100 (P434,021.81),** Philippine Currency, including interest, penalties and other charges as or said date but exclusive of all other expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **FEBRUARY 25, 2021 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning** 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. 057-2019009347**

**Lot No. 39** **Block No. 42** **Plan No. PCS-04-029031**

**Portion of:** LOTS 1548 (RS-04-002232), 1553 (RS-04-003334), 1573 (RS-04-002132), 1556, 1558, 1559 ALL OF SAN FRANCISCO DE MALABON ESTATE, 1572-A & 1572-D BOTH OF PSD-042108-055969, 1557-A, 1557-B, 1557-C, ALL OF (LRC) PSD-117597 BLK. 120, BLK. 122

**Location:** BARANGAY OF BACAO I & II, MUNICIPALITY OF GENERAL TRIAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON.

**Boundaries:**

| LINE | DIRECTION | ADJOINING LOT(S) |
|---|---|---|
| 1-2 | NE | LOT 18, BLOCK 42, PCS-04-029031 |
| 2-3 | SE | LOT 38, BLOCK 42, PCS-04-029031 |
| 3-4 | SW | ROAD LOT 14 (8 M. WIDE) PCS-04-029031 |
| 4-1 | NW | LOT 40, BLOCK 42, PCS-04-029031 |

**Area: ONE HUNDRED (100), SQUARE METERS**

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on **MARCH 04, 2021** without further notice.

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, DECEMBER 15, 2020.

**LUCIO C. ALEJO III**
Sheriff IV

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**CHUANICO SALGADO CORDOVE & ASSOCIATES**
Counsel for the Mortgage
4th Floor PSBank Centre Bldg. No 777 Paseo de Roxas cor. Sedeño St., Makati City

**Brenda E. Viterbo and Jan Dexter C. Viterbo**
No. 14 Dama De Noche St. Corner Champaca, Merville Subd., Tanza, Navotas
Blk. 42 Lot 39 Antel Grand Village - Grand Oakridge, Bacao, General Trias, Cavite

**WARNING:** It is absolutely prohibited to remove, deface or destroy this Notice of Extra Judicial Sale on or before the date of sale.

***WATERFRONTNEWS:***
*JANUARY 6, 13 & 20, 2021*

# 300K residente ng Parañaque mababakuhan kontra COVID-19

Nasa 300,000 bonafide na residente ng Parañaque City ang makakatanggap ng COVID-19 vaccine ngayong 2021 matapos maglaan ng P250 milyon ang lokal na pamahalaan, ayon kay Mayor Edwin Olivarez.

Sinabi ni Olivarez na direkta silang nakipagnegosasyon sa pharmaceutical company para sa gagawing pagbili ng vaccine na aprubado ng Food and Drug Administration (FDA) sa sandaling maging available na ito anumang oras ngayong taon.

"Our funds are ready in case a vaccine for the dreaded disease is already in the country anytime soon," paliwanag ni Olivarez.

Gayunman, sinabi pa ng alkalde na: "the city government will not buy vaccines that our local regulators have yet to approve. Unsanctioned or unregistered vaccines? No way! Baka masisi pa tayo ng mga tao sa bandang huli".

Aniya, humingi sila ng audience sa Janseen Pharmaceuticals Inc. ng Belgium ang kauna-unahang kompanya na nagsagawa ng clinical trial para sa COVID-19 vaccine sa bansa, upang payagan silang bumili ng aprubadong gamot.

Ang Janseen na pag-aari ng US firm na Johnson and Johnson ay isa sa tatlong pharmaceutical firm na may aplikasyon para clinical trial sa Pilipinas. May tanggapan ito sa Edison Avenue, Barangay Merville sa Paranaque.

Una umanong bibigyan ng vaccine ang mga health worker, essential service worker, security at traffic personnel, partikular ang 59,000 senior citizen mula sa 16 barangay.

"We are targeting half of the city's present population to be vaccinated as soon we are able to purchase doses of COVID-19 vaccines in 2021," pahayag pa ni Olivarez.

Bukod sa P250M vaccination fund, may karagdagang P 1 bilyong 'stand-by budget' na plano nilang utangin sa Landbank of the Philippines, ayon kay city treasurer Dr. Anthony Pulmano.

"If the need arises, we are planning to loan P1 billion additional fund from Landbank for the vaccination program of the city government which at the same time help the national government in shouldering the budget for vaccination of majority of Filipinos," ayon kay Pulmano.

"There must be nothing left. Lahat ng residente ng lungsod, mahirap man o mayaman, ay dapat mabukanahan hanggang 2022," paliwanag pa nito.

Sa nakalipas na 5 taon ay wala umanong naging utang ang Parañaque sa anumang financial institution makaraang mabayaran ang bilyong utang ng nakaraang administrasyon.

Sa report, nasa $25 kada tao o P1, 200 ang kailangan para sa kompletong vaccine dose kaya't sapat na umano ang P250 milyon para sa 300.000 residente ng lungsod ayon kay Pulmano.

Bagamat hindi kasama ang Parañaque sa may mataas na bilang ng kaso ng Covid, dapat umanong protektahan ang mga residente lalo na't may banta ng bagong strain ng virus mula sa United Kingdom.

***By Abante News Online Last updated Jan 3, 2021.***
***#SaDiyosSaTaoSerbisyongTotoo #sErbisyoLangpO***

Bureau of Customs Officials from left to right Port of NAIA Export Division Chief Calil Dimangadap, Nicole Atienza of IITD, Deputy Commissioner for Assessment Operation and Coordinating Group Atty. Edward James Dybuco, MICP Export Division Chief Joji Rondina, Customs Commissioner Rey Leonardo Guerrero, Interim Training and Development Division Chief Fatima Hidalgo Dela Cruz and Ms. Nicole Atienza poses for a group photo after the successful signing of Memorandum of Agreement between the Bureau of Customs and the Department of Trade and Industry to enhance trade of strategic goods. The BOC entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Strategic Trade Management Office (STMO), Authority of the Freeport of Area Bataan (AFAB), Clark Development Corporation (CDC), Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) and Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA). The partnership aims to establish an effective coordination and cooperation mechanism towards enhanced trade facilitation, optimize information sharing, boost the capability of front liners to identify strategic goods, and reduce the complexity of doing business of legitimate and compliant strategic goods exporters. ***(DEXTER GATOC)***

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## Cebu Customs...

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BOC-Cebu consistently posted positive revenue collection performance for 10 consecutive months since March 2020.

For December, BOC-Cebu collected P2.993 billion, exceeding its assigned monthly collection target by P439 million and posting the highest monthly collection.

"We see this increase in collections as a sign of the resiliency of industries in the Central Visayas, and we hope this increasing trend is a sign of a recovering economy that would continue to 2021," Mendoza said in a statement on Friday.

Coll. Mendoza cited the contributions of importers to the state's revenue collection efforts and governance reforms.

The big chunk of the port's revenue collection comes from importations of mogas, gasoil, iron and steel, coal, foodstuff, and electrical and telecommunications equipment.

The Port of Cebu is one of the major ports in the country, contributing around 5 percent of the total revenue collection of the BOC, the state's second-biggest tax collecting agency. ***(FIDEL P. ORATE)***

## BOC records...

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**BOC-Surigao Holds First Online Stakeholders' Forum!**

IN line with the Commissioner's 10-Point Priority Program for 2020 to Enhance Trade Facilitation and to Enhance Stakeholders' Engagement, the Bureau of Customs Port of Surigao held the first online Stakeholders' Forum on Latest Customs Procedures on November 18, 2020 via Zoom Meeting and live streaming on Facebook.

A warm welcome remark was delivered by District Collector Noli P. Santua Jr., on behalf of the resilient and diligent men and women at the BOC Port of Surigao. He expressed his gratitude to the stakeholders who took time to participate in the webinar. It was attended by importers, exporters, brokers and port users in the Caraga region.

Collector Santua further stressed that the online forum would be a good platform to strengthen good working relationships with the stakeholders and thereby provide a great venue to shed light on the queries in the different areas of concern in relation to the recent Customs rules, policies and reforms.

A brief lecture on Customs Operations Procedures was done by Mr. John Phillip B. Pura, Acting Chief Bay Service Section, followed by Port Operations Division Chief Mr. Leo F. Azarcon's talk on Documentary Requirements for Processing of Permits to Board and Permit to Shipside. Ms. Fritzzy Lei G. Nacario, COO III of the Export Division gave a review on the Export Procedures and brief details on the amendment/cancellation of Export Declaration in relation to AOCG Memorandum Order No. 164-2020.

On the other hand, Assessment Division Chief Ms. Corazon R. Carnicer presented the Procedures, Documentations and Updates in the Filing of Goods Declaration followed by a discussion on Fines and Surcharges under Customs Administrative Order 01-2020 by Ms. Analou A. Hila-os, Acting Chief, Customs PEZA.

The said activity was facilitated by Administrative Division Chief Mr. Bryan Daryl C. Calang, also the head of Customer Care Center of the Port, who assured the stakeholders of upcoming series of webinars in the first quarter of 2020.

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**BOC to Prevent Possible Port Congestion in View of Truck Ban!**

Starting December 14, 2020, a total truck ban will be enforced on six-wheelers and up from EDSA Magallanes in Pasay to North Avenue in Quezon City with window hours set on other major thoroughfares to address the increasing traffic volume in Metro Manila. The implementation of the Truck ban has been re-instated after nine (9) months since the onset of the pandemic.

While the reimposition may ease traffic flow in the meantime, this resulted to allegation from a group of truckers contesting that it would lead to different problems such as increased congestion. As it has been long noted that the implementation of truck ban significantly constricts the flow of trade, the public does not only foresee traffic congestion but a repetition of the chaotic port situation that marred the years 2014 and 2018.

However, the Bureau of Customs is optimistic amid the threat of port congestion in the resumption of the truck ban as the agency has been keeping the yard utilization rate within the desired level in alignment with the global standard rate which does not exceed 70%. Meanwhile, for December 1-13, the average yard utilization of Manila International Container Port (MICP) is at a manageable level of 75%.

Further, after the conduct of the Time-Release Study at the MICP to measure the actual average release time of goods, the study shows that the actual customs clearance time for importation is two (2) days, ten (10) hours, and three (3) minutes from submission of Goods declaration to issuance of clearance and three (3) days, thirteen (13) hours, and twenty-nine (29) minutes on exportation.

The immediate release of shipments greatly contributes in reducing congestion in the ports.

"To ensure the unhampered delivery of services and avoid possible port congestion, the Bureau is closely coordinating with Shipping Lines and Terminal Operators as our proactive role in averting the unlikely event of port congestion." Deputy Commissioner of Assessment and Operations Coordinating Group, Atty. Edward James A. Dy Buco said.

In his statement, Deputy Commissioner Dy Buco added that the BOC directed the Customs Container Control Division (CCCD) of each port to strictly ensure the loading out of empty containers. Moreover, all Assessment Offices personnel are instructed to immediately process laden containers for prompt release to prevent them from piling up at the port.

Despite its inevitable implications on the movement of goods, the Bureau of Customs ensures its stakeholders that it will maintain the ports in the manageable level and pre-empts the repetition of the 2014 and 2018 port congestion amid truck ban re-implementation.

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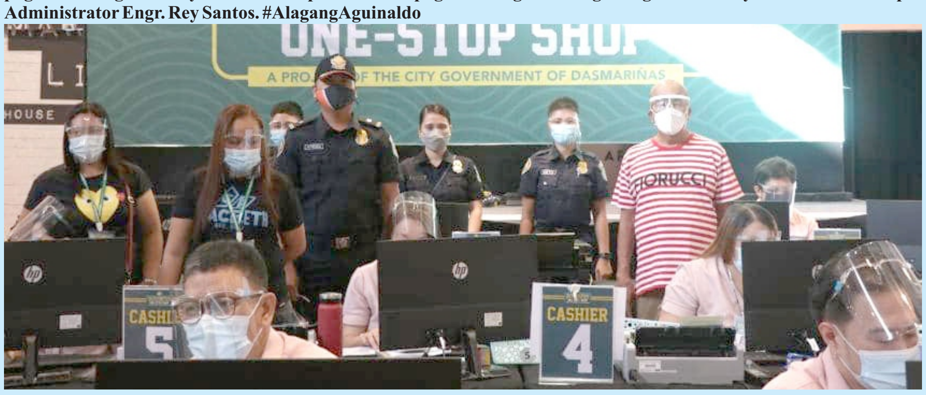
Ngayong umaga ay natanggap na po ng mga principal ng ating public schools ang handog nating risograph machines. Ang mga ito po ay magagamit nila para sa kanilang ginagawang mga module na ginagamit ng mga mag-aaral ng bayan. Patuloy po tayong nagsisikap na maging kaagapay ng ating mga guro at principal sa kanilang walang-sawang paghahatid ng edukasyon. Kasama po natin sa paghahandog nito ang ating SAO Jerry Jarin at Municipal Administrator Engr. Rey Santos. #AlagangAguinaldo

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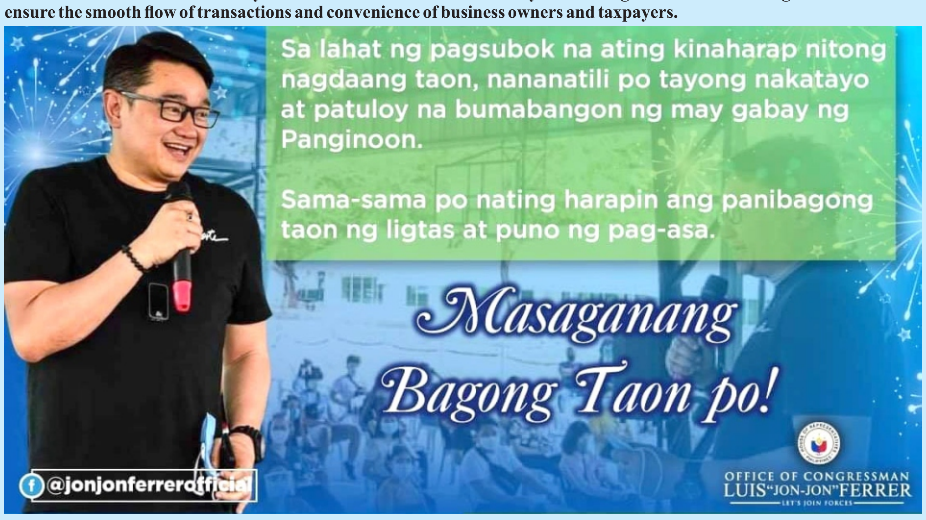



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