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## Cavite running out of funds for food aid, says Remulla

As the national government is inclined to extend the Luzon-wide enhanced community quarantine (ECQ), Cavite Gov. Jonvic Remulla said on Tuesday that the province's remaining funds for relief goods could last for only two more weeks.

### Carmona LGU conducts disinfection sessions at Municipal Hall



In order to maintain the cleanliness and safety of the local government against coronavirus disease (COVID-19), disinfection sessions were held on April 3, 2020 at the Municipal Hall. More disinfection sessions are scheduled to be held in the community for the following days.

### Carmona MHO receives additional Disinfection Station donation



The Carmona Municipal Health Office (MHO) has installed a Disinfection Station on April 3, 2020 which was donated by Mr. Danilo Montenejo Jr. of PFS Automation Microsystems Inc. Since March 24, the local government of Carmona has been creating do-it-yourself improvised sanitation tents in which the design was sourced from the UP Diliman-based volunteer group SaniTents PH for the disinfection of health workers, patients, and local government employees who work everyday, entering and leaving facilities such as the hospital and the municipal hall. Non-government organizations and companies have also continuously donated additional tents, personal protective equipment, and other medical supplies for frontliners.

Remulla said the local government units (LGU) in Cavite province have distributed around 150,000 food packs in the last three weeks since the quarantine took effect.

"We have depleted maybe two-thirds of our capacity and we have probably two weeks (worth of funds) left to give away," he said in an interview with ABS-CBN News Channel.

Remulla said that the LGUs would have to source from other available funds to be realigned for relief goods, especially if the ECQ would be extended.

He noted that many local government units would cancel their respective development programs for the next three quarters since most of the funds would be

realigned to bankroll the emergency response program.

Remulla also reiterated the need to include the residents categorized as middle-class in the social amelioration package of the government, stressing that "everyone is hurting" due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"There has to be a realization that the suffering of the poor is the same as the suffering of the middle class and we have to find a way to help them too," he said.

Cavite has a total population of 4.5 million, of which 35 percent belong to the middle-class.

So far, only 35 percent of residents in the city have received cash aid from the government. The governor noted these are only the "poorest of the poor."

"What we did not

really (notice) is that the savings of the middle class have completely disappeared in the last three weeks and they are having a very very difficult time," he said.

The national government, through the Department of Social Welfare and Development, has started distributing cash aid to poor Filipino families as part of the social amelioration program. The cash aid ranges from P5,000 to P8,000 and aims to benefit around 18 million poor Filipino households.

In his address to the nation on Monday night, President Rodrigo Duterte said he is inclined to extend the Luzon quarantine until April 30.

The lockdown was originally set to end at midnight of April 13.

### BOC-CIIS Apprehends 15M Worth of Suspected Smuggled PPE in Manila

In line with Bureau of Customs' (BOC) commitment to border security, the Customs Intelligence and Investigation (CIIS) Service and the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) today March 31, 2020 raided three (3) shops in Sta. Cruz Manila suspected of selling smuggled Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

With a Letter of Authority (LOA) issued by Commissioner Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero, elements of BOC-CIIS and the PCG raided the shops located in Rizal Avenue Sta. Cruz Manila at noontime today.

The raid resulted to the recovery of various PPE such as gloves, facemasks (surgical and N95) and

goggles with an estimated value of 15 million pesos.

The said shipments were suspected to be misdeclared as general merchandise when imported into the country.

Smuggled PPE may pose a health risk to users since such items may not comply with the safety standards set by the government rendering them not fit for human utilization.

The CIIS is currently doing inventory of the said products and are giving store owners 15 days to present necessary documents to prove that the items were legally imported into the country.

If proven that the PPE were smuggled the store owners may face charges of smuggling in relation to the

provisions of The Customs Modernization Act (CMTA).

The latest apprehension is in line with the President Rodrigo Roa Duterte's marching order to go after unscrupulous individuals who are taking advantage of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Recently, the BOC also apprehended a shop selling PPE and alcohol at exorbitantly high prices online to users in need of such medical supplies.

Although the Bureau is focused in expediting the importation of PPE and other medical supplies badly needed to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, the agency is also committed in ensuring that goods are within acceptable standards and are safe for the public use.

**Remember, you may choose your sin, but you cannot choose the consequences.**

## AYUDA DIN SA MIDDLE INCOME EARNERS

**N**ATUWA po ang publiko sa ipinahayag nitong si returning Presidential spokesperson Harry Roque na mas maaga nang ipalabas ang public address ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte kaugnay ng COVID-19 pandemic sa bansa kasunod ng pagsasabing makikipag-coordinate siya sa state television network hinggil sa bagay na ito. Sa tingin ng opisyal ay puwede nang i-ere ng mas maaga ang national address ng presidente para na rin sa kapakinabangan ng publiko.

Simula nga po nang ipatupad ang enhanced community quarantine sa Luzon marami ang nakakapansin na lagi na lamang hating gabi na kung ipalabas sa telebisyon ang public address ni Duterte hinggil sa COVID-19 situation sa bansa.

Samantala mayroon po na 473 mga paaralan ang gagamitin bilang COVID-19 quarantine areas para sa mga taong posibleng na-expose sa mga COVID-19 patients.

Nabanggit ni Pangulong Duterte ang bagay na ito sa kaniyang ikatlong weekly report sa kongreso pero di pa nito deretsahang sinabi kung saan matatagpuan ang mga eskwelahan na ito na inaprubahan ng Department of Education (DepEd) na gawing temporary quarantine o isolation facilities.

Nabatid pa rin na inaprubahan na ng DepEd ang 95 mula sa 209 requests mula sa local government units (lgu's) at ang iba rito ay sumasailalim pa sa evaluation o naghihintay pa ng ibang dokumento para

## SM FOUNDATION, UNIQLO SEND FOOD PACKS TO SM CARES VILLAGES

**S**M Foundation Inc together with Japanese clothing company Uniqlo, recently brought smiles to residents of SM Cares Villages when they distributed food packs to almost 900 families in Bogo City, in Cebu province, Concepcion in Iloilo, Ormoc City, and in Tacloban City.

Like us, many of them are homebound by the enhanced community quarantine due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and they were happy to receive kilos of rice, cup noodles, cans of sardines and tuna, and bottles of distilled water.

The SM Foundation and Uniqlo Philippines respond to the needs of almost 900 beneficiaries of the SM Cares Village who are unable to continue their livelihood brought about by the enhanced community quarantine by the local government units due to COVID-19 pandemic.

"Thank you SM Foundation and Uniqlo for bringing these relief packs to our place," said Neralyn Montejo, one of the beneficiaries of the SM Cares Village in Bogo City, Cebu. "Thank you for not abandoning us during this time of crisis."

It will be recalled that SM Cares Villages were built to help survivors of Super Typhoon Yolanda in 2013 rebuild their lives. It is a joint undertaking of SM and its service providers, tenants, business partners, employees, and communities.

The first SM Cares Village was turned over to 200 beneficiaries last November 9, 2014 in Bogo City, Cebu. This was followed by SM Cares Villages in Concepcion, Iloilo (200 houses), Tacloban (400 houses), and Ormoc City (200 houses).

The disaster-resilient houses were given to the beneficiaries for free, with SM working with several NGO partners for its community development, including livelihood and values-formation activities.

maipatupad ito.

Ang mga regional directors ang magdedesisyon sa mga requests ng LGUs hanggang mayroong isasagawang evaluation ng division superintendent, at kokonsultahin ang school heads at Department of Health (DOH) base sa memorandum nitong si Education Secretary Leonor Briones.

Dapat pirmahan ng LGUs ang terms and conditions para sa paggamit ng DepEd schools ayon sa opisyal ng DepEd.

SA kabilang dako naman lingid sa kaalaman ng publiko ay hinahanap ngayon ng gobierno ang nasa 15,000 posibleng carrier daw ng coronavirus disease 2019 habang tinatapos na ang backlogs sa testing ng mga indibidwal na posibleng tinamaan ng virus.

Ito po ang ibinulgar nitong si National Task Force COVID-19 Response Chief Implementor Carlito Galvez na batay sa datos ng Department of Health (DOH) kaugnay ng mga namatay at kumpirmadong kaso ng sakit sa bansa.

Doon daw sa naturang bilang, 5,000 hanggang 8,000 ang nakabase sa Kamaynilaan.

Ibinulgar din ng naturang opisyal na kukuha ang pamahalaan ng isang milyong test kits para mai-test ang mas maraming taong hinihinalang tinamaan ng naturang karamdaman.

Magugunita na sinabi na minsan ng gobierno na nasa



Neralyn Montejo of the SM Cares Village in Bogo City, Cebu was grateful SM had not forgotten them.

Each village has utilities, basic amenities like street lights, as well as a community center, and a basketball court. There are also chapels and convenience stores for its residents.

Aside from the houses, the SM Cares Village also has amenities such as street lamps, sewage treatment plant, materials recovery facility, rain-catchment system and provisions for water and electricity.

34,000 katao na ang na-test sa buong bansa para sa COVID-19 at habang sinusulat ang kolum na ito ay may 4,932 sa mga ito ang nag-positibo, 315 ang namatay na sa sakit, at 248 ang naka-rekober na.

**SAMANTALANG** kinumpirma ni COVID-19 Inter-Agency Task Force spokesperson Karlo Alexei Nograles na aprub na kay Pangulong Rodrigo ang pagkakaalob ng ayuda sa mga itinuring na middle income earners na naapektuhan din ng corona virus crisis. At nasa P5, 000 hangang P8, 000 din ang matatanggap ng mga ito katulad ng Special Amelioration Program na ibinigay sa mga low income earners ayon sa kalihim at nasa dalawang buwan din ang coverage ng nasabing programa.

Maaaring idaan sa quick card ng SSS, PayMaya, o cash pickups ang perang ayuda sa mga middle income earners.

Ang Small Business Wage subsidy program ay sagot umano ng pamahalaan para sa panawagang tulong sa mga middle income earners na umaaray na rin dahil sa epekto ng COVID-19 pandemic.



Andy Verde



Families from the SM Cares Village in Concepcion, Iloilo are all smiles after receiving their food packs from SM Foundation, Inc.

## "STAY AT HOME" – A MESSAGE FROM A FRONTLINER OF SM CENTER IMUS

**S**M CITY BACOOR, CAVITE – Almost a month after President Duterte announced the Enhanced Community Quarantine in Luzon, things are way harder than most of our fellowmen. Companies are closed and workers are forced to stay home. Only

medical front liners and those who are part of the skeletal workforce of establishments offering essentials are braving their way from their homes to their workplace just keep the community treated, fed, and safe.

One of these heroes is John Archie Montalban, a Security Guard of SM Center Imus from Herstal Security Agency. From his house to the mall, he keeps his fear under his sleeve just to protect the public, and to provide for his family. "Napakahalaga ng trabaho ko dahil kami ang nag-iimplement ng social distancing at safety sa loob ng mall, said Montalban who despite of his fear to catch the virus is still doing his best to control the situation inside the establishment for the safety of the shoppers and employees.

Knowing the risk our heroes are facing, let us do our part to prevent further spreading of the virus. "May pamilya rin po ako na inuuwian araw-araw. Stay at home."



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**SM FOUNDATION, NAGHANDOG NG MEDICAL SUPPLIES SA MGA OSPITAL LABAN SA COVID-19:** Bilang suporta sa mas pinaigting na laban ng mga Medical Frontliners sa lumalalang pagkalat ng CoronaVirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, nagsimula nang maghatid ng mga medical supplies sa iba't ibang ospital at medical institutions sa kalakhang Maynila at karatig bayan ang SM Group sa pangunguna ng SM Foundation (SMFI). Mahigit kumulang 20,000 N95 masks, 2,500 gallons ng alcohol, 100 face shields, at 100 sets ng N95 masks at goggles na ang naipamahagi sa 18 ospital at medical institutions na kasalukuyang nangangalaga sa mga pasyenteng tinamaan ng sakit at mga nakakaranas ng sintomas nito. Ito ay parte ng ipinangakong tulong ng SM Group na naglaan ng Php100 million na tulong para sa paglaban sa sakit na COVID-19. Bago ito, inanunsyo na ng kumpanya ang naunang tulong sa mga tenants nito sa buong bansa sa pamamagitan ng hindi pagsingil ng upa, patuloy na pagpapasahod sa mga employado nito, at pamamahagi ng tulong pinansiyal bilang Emergency Financial Assistance sa kanilang mga frontliners na security guards at janitor sa kabuuan ng enhanced community quarantine period.



# KATROPA N'YO

## Vic Billones III

**S**a panahon ngayon ng kalamidad, dulot ng COVID-19, ay masusukat ang sipag, galing at pakikiramay ng isang lider pulitiko sa kanyang nasasakupan, gayundin ang mga mamamayan na sa kani-kanilang kaparaanan ay naipamamalas nila ang kanilang kabutihang makatulong sa mga kababayang nagdarahop.

Ika nga ni Mayor Arthur Robes sa kanyang ulat na ating natunghayan, na nakahanda ang Pamahalaang Lungsod ng San Jose Del Monte (LSJDM,) laban sa COVID-19 (Coronavirus.) Nanawagan si Robes na manatili ang lahat sa kani-kanilang tahanan, upang maiwasan ang paglaganap ng nasabing virus. Ika pa niya sa pagtutulongan at pagmamahalan ng bawat pamilyang San Jose, malalagpasan din natin ang pagsubok na ito. Ipanalangin natin ang kalusugan at kapakanan ng ating mga 'frontliners, public servants, volunteers' at bawat pamilyang San Jose.

## COURAGE AMIDST FEAR WITHIN THE CRISIS: THE STORIES OF SM CITY BACOOOR FRONTLINERS

In these times when most of us would think about ourselves and our own families, there would still be heroes standing out who never wear capes just to show off their courage. Truly, a great crisis would bring chaos, the worst in people, but on the other hand would still bring the best out of humanity. When all of us were scared to go out and be exposed, others are taking risk of their own safety, as well as of their family just to provide all the essentials we need. From food we put on our tables, medicines our families would need, trashes that needs disposal, to establishments and borders that needs safekeeping and hospitals that needs to keep running, these are the stories of some heroes we would frequently meet.

Raymart Cortez is one of the front liners from SM City Bacoor residing at the same city. As one of the members of the Janitorial team who keeps the mall premises clean and sanitized especially now that we need more stocks from the Supermarket, his work is one of the most important. Despite being a breadwinner, he still would take risk and attend to his job despite of the pandemic. "Napakahalaga po sa akin ng trabaho ko ngayon kasi dito ko po kinukuha ang pang araw-araw naming gastusin. May takot ako kasi po kung sakali naman na ako ang mahawaan-huwag naman po sana, ay magugutom ang aking pamilya, magugutom po ang aking mga anak at asawa." said Cortez who despite of his fear would diligently do his duty to protect not just his family but also the community. The same courage is seen with Redel Silva, a front liner and one of the Janitorial team from SM City Bacoor who's also residing at the same city. Despite of his fear for himself and his family, he still attends to his job to protect the community and the shoppers who are seeking food, medical and hygiene supplies in the mall. "Mahalaga sa akin ang trabaho ko lalo na ngayon."

While all of us are worried sanitizing our home, Haidee Mansarate of EXTRAORDINAIRE Manpower Agency, another front liner from SM City Bacoor sees to it that she and her team are at their best in sanitizing the establishment for the safety of other front liners and the shoppers so they won't catch the deadly virus. "Para saakin, isa ito sa pinakaimportanteng trabaho sa panahon ngayon. Ang pagpapanatili ng

## FRANCIS LEO MARCOS, MATULUNGING TAO

Gayundin ang patuloy na ayuda nila Mayor Rico Roque ng bayang Pandi, sa kanyang nasasakupan, sabi nga niya sa 'text' sa Katropa, "kaya natin ito Kuya Vic." At iyong gumawa ng alingasngas upang siran siya at ang kanyang mabuting ginagawa sa madla, ay kanyang sasampahan ng kaso. Heto pa ang maganda sa gagawin ni Roque, ang 'Rolling Store' na iikot sa bayan ng Pandi. I-'schedule' nila ang pagpunta sa mga barangay upang hindi na lumabas ang bawat kabarangay para mamalengke sa ibayong lugar. Maraming ideya itong si Mayor Roque na kanyang nagagamit upang makatulong sa kanyang nasasakupan.

Ito rin si Bulacan Governor Daniel Fernando, kung inyong nasusubaybayan ang kanyang mga ginagawa sa kasalukuyan, sa Facebook, ay makikitang kasama siya sa nagre-'repack' ng mga bagay na kanilang ipamimigay sa lahat ng bulakenyo. Ibang klaseng 'public servant' itong taong ito, imbes na iutos na lang sa kanyang mga tauhan ang gawaing mag-'repack' siya mismo ang gumawa nito. Natatandaan ko pa ang kanyang nasabi nong magkita kami, "Katropa, patuloy ko kayong yayakapin, sapagkat mahal ko kayong lahat."

Tsk! Tsk! Tsk! Sila ang mga Lider na aking napapansin sa kasalukuyan, bagamat batid naman natin na ang lahat ng lider sa ating bansa kapag may ganitong epidemya tulad ng COVID-19, ay lahat kumikilos para sa kapakanan ng kanilang mamamayan.

Isama na natin dito ang isang pribadong mamamayan ang

patuloy na sumisikat sa Social Media, walang iba kundi si G. Francis Leo Marcos. Ating napuna na ang kanyang pagtulong na ginagawa sa mga taong kapus-palad, sa pagbibigay ng makakain, gayundin sa mga 'frontliners' laban sa COVID-19, ay kaiga-igaya sa mata, damdamin at puso ng mga bawat nilalang na nakababatid ng kanyang mithiin, at ito ay ang tulongang ating pamahalaan at lahat ng nagdarahop na pamilya. Ang kanyang hamon sa mga mayayaman ay lumabas at makipagtulungan na din sa panahon epidemyang ito. Ang kanyang pagbibigay ng mga saku-sakong bigas sa PAYATAS sa QC., ay malaking bagay, at ang ganitong gawain ay kalugod-lugod sa Panginoon. Hindi ko personal na kilala si G. Marcos, pero dama ko ang kanyang kabutihan sa kapwa. Mabuhay ka Francis!

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kalinisan ay magbibigay ng kaligtasan sa lahat ng customers upang maiwasan ang pagkalat at paglaganap ng nakakahawang virus. We have safety measures, safe kami." Said Mansarate who despite them being at risk, is grateful that SM assures their safety as well. "People should listen and follow all the safety precautions. Social distancing is the key. Sa panahon ngayon mas okay ang mag stay sa bahay to keep safe. Covid-19 is a serious crisis we are facing right now. All of us must cooperate.

Amidst the crisis, let us not forget to thank and salute to these hard workers who are keeping us safe and protected in our battle against COVID-19.

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## OPERATION TULONG EXPRESS: COVID - 19

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**SMFI OPERATION TULONG EXPRESS FOR COVID-19 PANDEMIC:** SM CITY BACoor, CAVITE – Two hundred families from Brgy. Habay 1 (BARS Community) received their relief packs from SM Foundation Inc. Operation Tulong Express through SM City Bacoor. Volunteer Employees who are part of the Skeletal Workforce of the mall, took their time off their duty to visit the community and hand the aid from house to house, bringing joy to the residents who are in lockdown during the Enhanced Community Quarantine which started last March 17, 2020. Since the proclaimed ECQ for the whole island of Luzon, many are affected and are forced to stay at home to be safe and prevent catching the virus. Since then, most of these families living poor communities are challenged to provide food for the table because they do not currently have any source of income and are only dependent on government support.



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