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Launch of mobile app providing assistance to OFWs set in July

MANILA – A mobile application providing comprehensive assistance and information to overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) globally will be launched in July.

OFW Party-list Rep. Marissa Magsino said the OFW App will synergize the digitization efforts of government agencies and provide access to welfare assistance, various benefits, and a crucial emergency button that connects directly to

the Overseas Workers and Welfare Administration (OWWA).

Magsino, Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) Secretary Ivan John Uy and OWWA Administrator Arnaldo Ignacio signed the memorandum of understanding (MOU) on the OFW App at the OFW Tulong at Serbisyo Center at Ayala Malls Manila Bay in Parañaque City on Tuesday.

Department of

Migrant Workers (DMW) Secretary Hans Leo Cacdac and DICT Undersecretary for E-Government David Almirol were also present during the signing to express support for the initiative.

“The OFW App will revolutionize the way OFWs access vital services and information, bringing essential support right at their fingertips,” Magsino said.

“The OFW App aims to provide our OFWs

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PH Covid-19 cases increase slow, manageable-DOH

MANILA – The Department of Health (DOH) on Tuesday said it has observed a slow increase in coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) cases which are tagged as mild, making all regions remain at low-risk status.

Latest DOH data showed that the average number of daily reported cases for the week May 21 to 27 this year is 319.

“This is higher than

the previous week's figure (202), but is still less than half compared to around 500 per day at the start of this year, and also compared to around 1,750 per day in the middle of May 2023,” the DOH said.

As of May 27, only 14 percent or 174 of 1,235 intensive care unit (ICU) beds dedicated for Covid-19 were occupied. Only 15 percent or 1,601 of 10,910 Covid-19 beds were

occupied.

Based on hospital reports in the DOH Data Collect application, severe and critical Covid-19 cases admitted in various hospitals total to only 185 or 10 percent of the total admissions.

The DOH said it is operating “with the assumption that the flagged Omicron sub variants are already likely in the country.”

“Recent sequencing data by the Universi-

DA ramps up efforts to address spike in ginger price in MM

MANILA – The Department of Agriculture (DA) on Tuesday said it is ramping up efforts to address the price spike of ginger in Metro Manila amid a supply shortfall and growing demand from the processing industry.

This came after the prevailing ginger price in Metro Manila hit

PHP280 per kilogram on May 31, according to the DA-Bantay Presyo (price watch).

In an interview, DA Undersecretary for High-Value Crops Cheryl Marie Natividad-Caballero said the growing demand for processing contributed to the declining supply available in the market.

“We must understand

na ang luya, hindi lang natin ginagamit pang-bahay, pangluto... So nag-aagawan ngayong supply (that ginger is not only used at home, for cooking... So, there's a current supply grab). This is also being used now for processing. So, the spike in prices shows that there is a tight

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OFW APP. OFW Party-list Rep. Marissa Magsino (center) leads the signing of the memorandum of understanding on the mobile application OFW App in Parañaque City on Tuesday (June 4, 2024). The OFW App aims to provide comprehensive assistance and information to overseas Filipino workers. (Photo courtesy of OFW Party-list)



ty of the Philippines - Philippine Genome Center (UP-PGC) confirms this, with the identification of 30 cases of JN.1, 2 cases of JN.1.8, and 2 cases of KP.2,” it said.

“Their detection (along with the slow increase in the number of new cases and the plateau in number of occupied Covid-19 beds) aligns with the international observa-

tion that the new variants under monitoring continue to be clinically mild and manageable,” it said.

The earliest sample collection date for JN.1 in the Philippines is November 2023.

Meanwhile, the earliest sample collection date for KP.2 is May 2024.

“It may be likely that there are earlier KP.2 cases, but because of limited sequencing we have not detected and

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access to services, emergency assistance, and vital information in just a few clicks. I have been pitching this idea to IT experts before, but it was only through DICT's technical assistance, which allowed us to move forward with the project. And today, here we are with signing the MOU on this significant initiative," she added.

Magsino said the evolving features will later include services of government agencies with frequent transactions with OFWs, with the DMW signifying its intent to link vital services to the OFW App.

The simulation of the app will commence through the participation of select OFWs all

over the world for their feedback. The app will be formally launched after finetuning of the interface and its services through consultation with end-users.

"I would like to thank DICT Secretary Ivan John Uy and Undersecretary David Almirol for walking hand in hand with the OFW Party List to bring our idea to life," Magsino said.

"I am also thankful that OWWA accepted our invitation to collaborate on the delivery of services, especially welfare assistance. Our world is fast evolving through digital technology and we should be in sync with the innovations in how we bring our services to our OFWs," she said. (PNA)

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reported this earlier," the DOH said.

The four variants under monitoring (VUM) are JN.1.7, JN.1.18, KP.2, and KP.3.

All of these are descendants of JN.1. Variants KP.2 and KP.3 are the proper names of what is informally known as "FLiRT" variants.

FLiRT is a nickname coined by some researchers to describe amino acid changes in the Covid-19 virus' spike protein, specifically from phenylalanine (F) to leucine (L) at position 456, and from arginine (R) to threonine (T) at position 346.

However, the DOH said it avoids using "FLiRT" to refer to the sub variants, as the term is informal and casual, and "using it might result in a miscommunication of health risk."

The World Health Organization said "there are currently no reported laboratory or epidemiological

reports indicating any association between VOIs/VUMs and increased disease severity."

There is still no evidence now that the KP.2 and KP.3 variants are causing severe to critical Covid-19, both locally and internationally.

Further assessment continues to determine transmissibility and capacity to evade immune response.

The DOH advised the public to practice good respiratory hygiene (covering coughs), washing hands, choosing less crowds, and ensuring good airflow and ventilation to prevent Covid-19 and other acute respiratory illnesses.

Those who feel ill are urged to stay at home for the meantime, or to properly wear a mask should there be a need to go out.

"The date of sequencing is not that useful for risk communication. What would be more significant is the date of symptom on-

Taiwan extends visa-free entry to Filipinos until July 2025

MANILA – Taiwan has extended its visa-free entry program for Philippine passport holders until July 31, 2025.

The announcement was made by the Taiwan Ministry of Foreign Affairs-Bureau of Consular Affairs on June 4, renewing for another year its "trial visa-free entry" for nationals of its "New Southbound Policy" partners, including Thailand and Brunei.

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supply availability as of the moment," she said.

The emerging need in the processing industry for ginger includes salabat tea, which is considered one of the organic and natural health remedies, as well as yellow ginger which may be used as turmeric, colorant, flavoring, and for other medicinal purposes, among others.

"So, the effects of typhoon Aghon have nothing to do with the mounting prices considering that ginger harvest was done last March to April, with the latter part completed in May," Cabellero said.

She said assessments on the actual volume of households and processing requirements are now being conducted.

"If we have to make sure that there's stability in prices, we must be able to produce in two

set of the cases. The sequencing findings really do not affect ongoing protocols and clinical management," the DOH said. (PNA)

"After evaluating the effectiveness of the above measures over the past years, participating agencies decided to extend the trial visa-free entry program for one year for nationals of Thailand, Brunei, and the Philippines from August 1, 2024, to July 31, 2025," it said in an advisory.

The Taiwan MOFA said it will continue to review and fine-tune its visa policies

market streams. So, one for the household, and one for processing," she said.

Possible challenges in logistics, however, are being taken into account since the farmgate prices of ginger vary, with the basic wholesale price set around PHP100/kg.

"Ang rule of thumb kasi nila is nasa times two iyan parati (The rule of thumb is you multiply it by two) from the farmgate price. So, that is how we do the assessment. But you must understand kahit iyon iyong rule of thumb, ang tanong doon is nasaan iyong supply (that's a rule of thumb, but the question is where is the supply)," Caballero said.

To date, the DA is ramping up efforts to source supply from various provinces near Metro Manila to minimize transport costs, just like in the Pinatubo area.

The possibility of importation is also not out of the table, she said. (PNA)



BEAUTIFUL TAIWAN. A view of the Taiwanese coastal landscape from the Jiufen area in New Taipei City. Taiwan has extended its visa-free entry program for Philippine passport holders until July 31, 2025. (PNA photo by Joyce Rocamora)

to attract more visitors while ensuring border and public security.

"MOFA will also continue to communicate with the governments of related countries to enhance visa treatment for Taiwan nationals and make their

overseas travel more convenient," it said.

Filipinos were first included in Taiwan's pilot visa-free scheme in November 2017, allowing them to stay visa-free in Taiwan for at least 14 days. (PNA)

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Orientation on New Assessment Tool for Child Development Centers

Child development workers and teachers from across the province gathered at the Ceremonial Hall of the Provincial Capitol in Trece Martires City for an orientation on the new assessment tool for registration and granting permits to public and private child development centers and learning centers spearheaded by the Office of the Provincial Social Welfare Development Officer recently.

The two-day event aimed to equip participants with essential knowledge and skills to enhance the quality of early childhood education in the province. The program commenced with a warm welcome and opening remarks, setting the stage for an engaging and informative session.

Ms. Melody Ronquillo, Regional ACDEV Secretary, kicked off the first day with a comprehensive discussion on the Competency Standards for Child Development Workers and Child Development Teachers. She emphasized the importance of adhering to these standards to ensure the delivery of high-quality education and care for young children.

Following Ms. Ronquillo’s session, Ms. Perla Reyes, National CDW President took the floor to delve into Developmentally Appropriate Practice. Her presentation focused on the principles and practices that support the optimal development and learning of young children, stressing the need for educators to be attuned to the developmental stages and individual needs of their students.

The second day of the orientation continued with an insightful session led by Ms. Precyl Ramos, OIC-OPSWDO. She provided an Overview on the National Early Learning Curriculum and the National Early Learning Framework, highlighting the curriculum’s goals, structure, and implementation strategies. Her session aimed to align the educators’ teaching practices with national standards and expectations.

In the latter part of the day, Mr. Aries Panganiban, PECCD Focal Person, presented the New Standards and Guidelines, along with the Guidelines on the Registration and Granting of Permit and Recognition to Public and Private Child Development Centers and Learning Centers. His detailed discussion outlined the procedures, requirements, and criteria for registration and recognition, ensuring that all attendees were well-informed and prepared to comply with the new regulations.

The orientation concluded with an open forum where participants had the opportunity to ask questions and seek clarifications from the speakers. The interactive session allowed for the exchange of ideas and best practices, fostering a collaborative spirit among the child development workers and teachers.

The activity marks a significant step forward in the province’s commitment to providing high-quality early childhood education. By equipping educators with the necessary tools and knowledge, the Provincial Government of Cavite ensures that its youngest citizens receive the best possible start in life.



PGC continues to serve the people of Tanza.

Recently, another health outreach program was rendered through the joint efforts of the Office of the Provincial Governor and Office of the Provincial Health Officer in Brgy. Amaya, Tanza, Cavite, catering a total of 368 beneficiaries in medical services and 50 in dental checkups with tooth extraction. Subsequently, free medicines, vitamin supplements and insect repellent lotions were provided to complement the basic medical needs of the people.

This initiative of the provincial government continues to connect with the Caviteños, particularly those in the marginalized sector.



PGC remains constant in ensuring healthy Caviteños.

The medical and dental mission that continually promotes health and wellness was once again brought by the Provincial Government of Cavite, in Brgy. Asis I, Mendez, Cavite on May 28, 2024.

Volunteer medical professionals from the Office of the Provincial Health Officer interacted with 355 patients for much needed medical consultations, while 52 patients sought dental check-up with free tooth extraction. Aside from these, X-ray and ECG examinations were offered, to which 44 residents benefitted – 20 in X-ray and 24 in ECG.

Likewise, the Office of the Provincial Governor provided free medicines, vitamins and insect repellent lotions to ease the financial burden of the people, particularly the underprivileged.

The health outreach program remains constant in ensuring healthy Caviteños and sustaining healthy status of the province.--- OPIO

Sinabi ng Dios: “Dahil mahal niya ako, ililigtas ko sya. Poprotektahan ko sya dahil alam niya ang pangalan ko. Tatawag siya sa akin, at sasagutin ko siya. Tutulungan ko siya sa panahon ng paghihirap. Ililigtas ko siya at luluwalhatiin.

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 City of Dasmariñas Cavite
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SPEC PRO. CASE NO.: DC-1537-23
 FOR: Correction of Entry

IN RE: PETITION FOR CORRECTION
 OF ENTRY IN THE CERTIFICATE OF
 LOVE BIRTH OF VICTORIA
 UNTALAN BAROWEL,

VICTORIA UNTALAN BAROWEL,
Petitioner,

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF
 TIAONG QUEZON, PHILIPPINE
 STATISTICS AUTHORITY, AND ALL
 PERSONS WHO MAY HAVE CLAIM
 OR INTEREST WHICH WOULD BE
 AFFECTED THEREBY,

Respondents,

X-----X

ORDER

In this verified Amended Petition for the correction of entry of her Certificate of Live Birth filed by Petitioner **VICTORIA UNTALAN BAROWEL**, through her counsel, petitioner is praying that after due notice and hearing, judgement be rendered ordering the correction of entry in her Certificate of Live Birth with Registry No. 1045, registered in Tiaong, Quezon, to wit:

ENTRY NO.	FROM	TO
FULL NAME OF CHILD	VICTORIA UNTALAN BAROWEL	VICTORIA UNTALAN BAROWEL

Finding the instant petition to be sufficient in form and substance, this Court hereby sets the hearing thereof at the Regional Trial Court, Branch 129, Dasmariñas Community Affairs Congressional Road, Dasmariñas (DASCA) Building, Brgy. Buro 2, City, Cavite on **August 7, 2024 at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon**, whereby any interested persons may appear and show cause, if any, why the petition should not be granted.

Let this Order and petition be published, at the expense of the petitioner in a newspaper of general circulation, which will be raffled by the Office of the Clerk of Court Regional Trial Court City of Dasmariñas, Cavite, among the duly accredited newspaper in the Province of Cavite, before the scheduled date of hearing, at least once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks.

Let the Office of the Solicitor General and the Local Civil Registrar of Dasmariñas City, Cavite, and Local Civil Registrar of Tiaong Quezon be furnished with copies of the Amended Petition and of this Order.

JOSIELYN D. LARA-DE LUNA
Presiding Judge

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File No. FC-DC-1328-24
 EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
 OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE
 UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED
 BY ACT 4118

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
 (Otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund),
Petitioner/Mortgagee,

-versus-

ANALIZA J. COSTELO, married to
 RONALD C. COSTELO,
Respondent/Mortgagor,

X-----X

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118 filed by the petitioner/mortgagee, **HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (Otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund)**, a government financial institution duly organized and existing under and by virtue of Republic Act No. 9679, with postal address at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against respondent/mortgagor, **ANALIZA J. COSTELO, married to RONALD C. COSTELO** with postal addresses at Lot 5 Block 60 Phase 4, Fatima 3, Dasmariñas City, Cavite and Lot 35 Block 42, Town & Country Subdivision, Buro 1, Dasmariñas City, Cavite and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of March 07, 2024 amounts to **ONE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY SEVEN PESOS & 14/100 (Php1,872,387.14)**, exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **July 04, 2024** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in the Court Room of Branch 90, Regional Trial Court, Ground Floor, Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Building, Congressional Road, Buro 11, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite to the highest bidder and for **CASH** or **CERTIFIED CHECK**, in Philippine Currency, the following described real property together with all the buildings and other improvements existing thereon, to wit:

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 057-2012012821

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BRGY. BUROL, MUN. OF DASMARIÑAS, PROV. OF CAVITE, bounded and described as follows:

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 35 BLK. 42 OF THE CONS.-SUBD. PLAN PCS-042108-007814, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONS OF LOT 1,2,4, & 5 (LRC) PCS-29433, L.R.C. REC. NO.), SITUATED IN THE BRGY. BUROL, MUN. OF DASMARIÑAS, PROV. OF CAVITE. BOUNDED ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY RD. LOT 39, ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 34 BLK. 42 BOTH OF THE CONS. SUBD-PLAN; ON THE S W., ALONG LINE 3-4-5 BY LOT 3787, IMUS ESTATE & ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 5-1 BY LOT 36 BLK. 42 OF THE CONS. SUBD. PLAN. BEGINNING AT APT. MARKED "1" ON PLAN, BEING N. 28 DEG. 10W 488.60 M. FROM MON. 159, IMUS ESTATE, THENCE 8. 3 DEG. 34'E., 10.00 M. TO PT. 2; THENCE 8. 88 DEG 26'W., 15.00 M. TO PT. 3; THENCE N. 3 DEG. 38'W., 5.58 M. TO PT. 4; THENCE N.3 DEG. 34'E., 4.42 M. TO PT. 5; THENCE N. 86 DEG. 28'E., 15.00 M. TO PT. OF BEGINNING, CONT. AN AREA OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY (150) SQUARE METERS, ALL PTS. REFERRED TO ARE INDICATED ON THE PLAN AND ARE MARKED ON THE GROUND BY PS CYL. CONC. MONS. 15X60 CM. BEARINGS TRUE DATE OF ORIGINAL SURVEY, JULY 27, 1905-JUNE 11, 1908 & THAT OF THE CONS.-SUBD. SURVEY MAY 3-JUNE 22, 1993 & WAS APPROVED ON

is registered in accordance with the provision of the Property Registration Decree in the name of Owner: ANALIZA J. COSTELO, married to ronald c. costelo, BOTH OF LEGAL AGE, FILIPINO CITIZENS.

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

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

In the event the publication auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on **July 18, 2024** at the same time and place without further notice.

21 May 2024, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite.

RODRIGO C. ESTOGERO, JR.
Sheriff IV

ATTY. MARCELA L. BAYBAY
Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

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EO on reduced tariffs to lower prices of rice, other commodities

MANILA – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. is set to issue an executive order (EO) to calibrate the current tariff rates until 2028 as the government moves to ensure access and affordability of rice and other essential commodities.

In a Palace press briefing Tuesday, Socioeconomic Planning Secretary Arsenio Balisacan said Marcos, as chair of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Board, approved the new Comprehensive Tariff Program for 2024-2028 covering various agricultural and industrial products.

Among the products that will get a major reduction is rice, which will have reduced tariff of 15 percent duty rate for both in-quota and out-quota rates from 35 percent until 2028.

“This decision aims to lower the price of rice further and make it more affordable,” Balisacan said.

Based on the latest inflation report of the Philippine Statistics Authority, rice contributed about two percentage points (or over 50 percent) to the headline inflation.

Upward price pressures for rice, Balisacan said, are driven by the effects of the

El Niño phenomenon, as well as the increasing demand given the steadily growing population and economy.

Reducing rice tariffs is expected to bring down rice prices for consumers while supporting domestic production through tariff cover and increased budgetary support to improve agricultural productivity, especially as global rice prices remain elevated, the NEDA chief noted.

The NEDA Board also agreed to merge tariff lines on certain chemicals and chemical products, textiles, machinery, and transport equipment to simplify the tariff structure for more efficient customs administration and improve the ease of doing business.

Meanwhile, tariff reduction will likewise be implemented on certain chemicals and coal briquettes to improve energy security and reduce input costs.

The reduced tariff rates on corn, pork, and mechanically deboned meat under Executive Order 50, s. 2023, will be maintained until 2028 to ensure a stable supply of these commodities, help manage inflation, promote policy stability and investment planning, and enhance food security. (PNA)

Raffle Date of Judicial Notices: 17 May 2024

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Local gov't improves health services in Batangas Provincial Jail

BATANGAS CITY – The Provincial Health Office (PHO) here has begun conducting monthly medical missions inside the Batangas Provincial Jail (BPJ) to prevent the transmission of infectious diseases among persons deprived of liberty (PDLs).

In an interview on Tuesday, Dr. Rosalie Masangkay, assistant department head at the PHO, said almost 1,000 PDLs benefited from their medical mission during the last week of May.

Masangkay said the recent scorching temperatures also contributed to the urgency of improving health services within the province's main detention center.

"We are monitoring those with maintenance medication to see if their condition improves or worsens. We are treating several skin infections because of the extreme heat recently but there is no skin disease that is contagious," she said.

Masangkay assured that her team will conduct regular medical and dental checkups, medicine distribution, and laboratory tests to prevent any infectious disease transmission in the jail facility.

She said the provincial government wants to reassure the family of the PDLs that the provincial government is taking good care of them while inside the facility.

"We are thankful that Batangas Governor Hermilando Mandan-

as and Provincial Jail Warden Atty. Genaro Cabral for their support to our recommendation to build an infirmary to effectively treat our sick PDLs. The moment an inmate comes in... we give them a check up," Masangkay said.

She said the improved health services also include giving "special diets" to all sick PDLs to boost their recovery and ensure their nutrition.

Masangkay shared that essential medicines and vitamins are also provided for free by the provincial government to cure seasonal diseases like fever, cough, and colds, among others.

Additionally, a dental mission is conducted every quarter and a free laboratory test such as chest x-ray, electrocardiogram, blood chemistry, and urinalysis is organized twice a year, she said.

Meanwhile, Joselito Eguia, administrative officer of Batangas Provincial Jail, said this support from the PHO is very crucial to preventing infectious diseases since the facility is overcrowded.

"Right now, the number of our PDL is 944 with 864 male and 80 female. Our population is crowded because based on previous reports, its capacity is only 450," he said.

Eguia revealed that a new detention facility is already being built in Barangay Malainin, Ibaan, Batangas to help decongest the BPJ. (PNA)

DSWD chief: Enough resources for Kanlaon-affected families

MANILA – Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Secretary Rex Gatchalian on Tuesday assured the agency has sufficient family food packs (FFPs) in regions affected by the volcanic activity of Mt. Kanlaon in Negros Island.

Gatchalian said President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. directed the DSWD to stay on top of the situation and ensure no family will be left behind.

"As we speak right now, may 10,000 tayong FFPs kagabi -- almost 5,000 sa Negros Occidental, 5,000 sa Negros Oriental. Kaniina, may sampung libo ulit na FFPs na dumating dito at galing yan sa packaging center natin sa Cebu (we have 10,000 FFPs last night -- almost 5,000 in Negros Occidental, 5,000 in Negros Oriental. A while ago, 10,000 FFPs from the packaging center in Cebu arrived here)," Gatchalian said in a press conference

PGC extends Medical and Dental Mission Program to Dasmariñas Residents at PCU.

On May 24, 2024, a successful medical and dental mission was held at Philippine Christian University (PCU) in the City of Dasmariñas, benefiting a total of 193 patients. Spearheaded by the Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC) and involving

medical and dental professionals from the Provincial Health Office (PHO), the initiative aimed to provide essential healthcare services and promote community welfare.

The mission offered a range of services: medical consultations for 152 patients, dental checkup and tooth extraction to 41 individuals, electrocardiogram (ECG) and x-rays availed by 16 and seven patients, respectively. Additionally, medical supplements, maintenance medicines, and mosquito repellent lotion were distributed to beneficiaries.

The collaborative effort of local officials and medical practitioners was key to the event's success, highlighting the PGC's commitment to public health and community well-being.--- OPIO

in Canlaon City.

He added there are 10,000 more FFPs to be sent to the Bacolod City area.

He said he is in constant communication with the heads of the affected local government units to personally know the situation and prepare for the worst if volcanic activities continue.

"Once safe na ang ating mamamayan, tulad ng nasabi ko kaniina, tuloy-tuloy yung pagbibigay ng pagkain sa ating mga (Once our people are safe, as I said earlier, we will continue to provide food to our) affected families," he said.

He noted that the DSWD is ready to provide other forms of assistance in addition to the FFPs to help the affected residents cope with the possible disruptions in their livelihood.

"Pumapasok ang financial assistance kaya nga nag-uusap din kami ng mga kongresista na kung darating



GOV'T RESPONSE. Department of Social Welfare and Development Secretary Rex Gatchalian answers queries on government response on the Mt. Kanlaon eruption in a press conference in Canlaon City, Negros Oriental on Tuesday (June 4, 2024). He said almost 50,000 family food packs will be ready for distribution for affected families on Wednesday. (DSWD photo)

ang panahon na yan, meron tayong ibang mga programa tulad nung Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation, meron tayong (Financial assistance will come in, that's why we are also talking with congressmen that if that time comes, we have other programs like Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation, we have) emergency cash transfer," he said.

Meanwhile, Tonnyson Luther Lee, DSWD-Central Vi-

sayas Assistant Director for Administration, told the Philippine News Agency that about 40,000 FFPs were in transit since Monday night, bound for Negros Island.

He said DSWD also deployed a Mobile Command Center to Negros Oriental to provide state-of-the-art satellite internet, large power banks and two sets of generators to help communities near the volcano. (Zaldy De Layola, John Rey Saavedra/PNA)



the Provincial Health Office (PHO), the initiative aimed to provide essential healthcare services and promote community welfare.

The mission offered a range of services: medical consultations for 152 patients, dental checkup and tooth extraction to 41 individuals, electrocardiogram (ECG) and x-rays availed by 16 and seven patients, respectively. Additionally, medical supplements, maintenance medicines, and mosquito repellent lotion were distributed to beneficiaries.

The collaborative effort of local officials and medical practitioners was key to the event's success, highlighting the PGC's commitment to public health and community well-being.--- OPIO

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PH athletes going to Paris Olympics assured of cash incentives

MANILA – Filipino athletes who qualified for the Paris Olympics will receive cash incentives from senators.

Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) Chair Richard Bachmann made the announcement on Tuesday during the Philippine Sportswriters Association Forum at Rizal Memorial Sports Complex (RMSC) in Manila.

“Twenty-three million is only from Senator Risa Hontiveros, then Senator Bong Go has a figure already. He has additional. There’s also additional from other senators direct to the athletes already na pinasa lang sa (that was just coursed through the) PSC and I just signed a cheque siguro mga (of around) PHP30 million

plus,” Bachmann said.

So far, 15 Filipino athletes have booked tickets to the Paris Games. They are pole vaulter EJ Obiena; gymnasts Carlos Yulo, Aleah Finnegan, Levi Ruivivar and Emma Malabuyo; boxers Aira Villegas, Nesthy Petecio, Hergie Bacayadan, Eumir Marcial and Carlo Paalam; rower Joanie Delgado; weightlifters Vanessa Sarno, John Ceniza and Eleen Ando; and fencer Sam Catantan.

At the 2021 Tokyo Games, the Philippines won its first gold medal coming from weightlifter Hidilyn Diaz. Paalam and Petecio pocketed silver medals while Marcial got a bronze.

“We have until June 30 to see who else will qualify,” said Bahmann.

The PSC has allotted PHP52 million for the Paris Olympics, covering preparation, training and actual participation, as well as airfare, luggage and parade uniforms.

“We’ve already spent PHP43 million so I have PHP8 to PHP9 million left. If it’s not enough, I will look fore more,” Bachmann, a former professional basketball player, said.

Meanwhile, he bared the construction of a seven-story athletes’ dormitory inside the RMSC.

Demolition of the old boxing and pencak silat buildings, where the new dormitory would be built, is scheduled in July. The groundbreaking is set in August. (PNA)



Two Lucky Motorists Win Brand New SUV From MPTC Happy Holidеals Raffle Promo

Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC) and Chevrolet Philippines turned the heat up as it marked the successful conclusion of the ‘MPTC Happy Holidеals’ promo and brought joy to the luckiest motorists across the nation.

During the awarding ceremony held on Monday, May 20, at Chevrolet San Fernando Pampanga, the spotlight shone on two lucky raffle winners all the way from Cebu and Manila, who each drove home a brand-new Chevrolet Tracker LS. The celebration extended further with 10 motorists winning P100,000 each, while 40 additional winners rejoiced with P50,000 each.

The winners shared their heartfelt gratitude and emphasized their use of the MPT DriveHub app to join the raffle promo.

“We’re thankful for the blessing na nabigay. We are thankful to MPTC for giving us this brand-new car and making travel really easy for us. The EASYTRIP RFID

is a big help as it makes trip more convenient,” said Mr. Jonathan Paroli, one of the two winners of the promo.

“Nagpapasalamat po ako sa MPTC at Chevrolet for this wonderful opportunity and prize. Thank you to CCLEX for making this happen,” added raffle winner Mr. Rommel Tejeno, who flew all the way from Cebu.

Qualifying for the promo was effortless for participants. By simply linking their Easytrip RFID to the MPT DriveHub app, reloading through the app, and making at least four transactions on any MPTC expressway, motorists secured their chance to win these fantastic prizes. This marks the second year that MPTC has run this promotional campaign, aimed at giving back to its valued motorists during the festive holiday season.

“The timing couldn’t be more perfect,” remarked the President and CEO of MPTC, Mr. Rogelio ‘Babes’ Singon. “As

we dive into the summer season, these SUVs offer our winners the perfect companions for exploring exciting summer destinations. Also, the cash prizes serve as bonuses to enhance their summer experiences. We hope this promo has added an extra layer of joy and excitement to our motorists’ journeys and inspired them to create unforgettable memories along the way. Plus, we encourage them to use the MPT DriveHub app and discover its conveniences.”

MPTC, the infrastructure arm of Metro Pacific Investment Corporation (MPIC), stands as the largest toll road developer and operator in the Philippines, overseeing key projects such as the North Luzon Expressway (NLEX), Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEX), NLEX Connector Road, Manila-Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX), Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX), and Cebu-Cordova Link Expressway (CCLEX) in Cebu.



Recently, the vibrant Ugnayang La Salle in the City of Dasmariñas buzzed with anticipation as it hosted the Career Fair Caravan organized by the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPESM) led by Ms. Rizalie P. Enero, in partnership with the Linkages and Scholarship Office, headed by Director Christian George Francisco, PhD. Their joint initiative aimed to provide comprehensive career orientation and opportunities for the graduating students of De La Salle University-Dasmariñas.

The program commenced with welcome remarks from Dr. Sonia Gementiza, PhD, Vice President for Internationalization and External Affairs, followed by a brief orientation from Ms. Enero. This set the stage for a day filled with opportu-

nities and valuable interactions.

The Career Fair Caravan brought together 27 companies from various sectors, presenting a diverse array of job opportunities. This initiative drew an impressive turnout of 875 students, all eager to explore potential career paths and secure employment. The fair offered a unique platform for students to engage directly with employers, ask pertinent questions, and gain valuable insights into their desired industries.

Beyond job opportunities, the event also prioritized holistic career preparedness by involving several national government agencies. Representatives from the Social Security System (SSS), Pag-ibig Fund, PhilHealth, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA), and the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) were present. These agencies provided crucial information and assistance on various employment and social welfare programs, ensuring that students were well-informed about the benefits and support systems available to them as they transition into the workforce.

The successful execution of the Career Fair Caravan highlights the commitment of both the OPPESM and the Linkages and Scholarship Office to fostering an environment where students are equipped with the necessary tools and resources to thrive in their professional endeavors. Through such collaborative efforts, the event not only facilitated immediate employment opportunities but also laid a strong foundation for the long-term career success of La Salle Dasma graduates.