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CHED, DBP deal to fully implement student loan program

MANILA -- The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) on Wednesday signed a memorandum of agreement (MOA) with the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) for the full implementation of the Student Loan Program for Tertiary

Education-Short Term Basis (SLPTE-ST).

"The partnership between CHED-UNIFAST (Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education) and DBP is the final component of RA 10931 to help needy students

pursue undergraduate and graduate studies in public and private schools by providing them short term loans for their education needs," said CHED chair J. Prospero de Vera III in his speech at the MOA signing.

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More than 24K passengers head to ports on Holy Wednesday

MANILA -- The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) has monitored more than 24,000 passengers in ports nationwide on Wednesday.

In its advisory, the PCG said a total of

24,664 outbound passengers trooped to various ports across the country from 12 a.m. to 6 a.m. of April 17.

Southern Tagalog had the most number of passengers with 10,696 at ports in Batangas,

Oriental Mindoro, southern Quezon, Occidental Mindoro, and Romblon.

A total of 2,777 outbound passengers were monitored in Central Visayas followed

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Duterte threatens to replace MWSS execs anew

MANILA -- President Rodrigo R. Duterte said he would not think twice about replacing officials of the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) for failing to address the water shortage in Metro Manila.

Duterte, in a speech during the PDP-Laban campaign rally in Tuguegaro City, Cagayan on Tuesday night, scolded MWSS executives for their lack of preparedness in handling the water crisis especially during the El Niño or prolonged dry spell.

"This week I will be firing... Alam mo 'yang

MWSS. Alam mo every -- seasonal 'yan eh (You know the MWSS. That's seasonal). It comes with regularity 'yang El Niño na 'yan. Ilang taon kayo nandiyan (You've been there for many years) and you do not prepare for it? Duterte said.

Duterte also chastised the MWSS officials for failing to provide immediate solutions to prevent the country's water supply from depleting.

"Why do you have to cause problem for the people when there are things that you can do at once?" he added, claiming that the MWSS "derailed" providing solutions to the problem.

"I will not hesitate to

replace you all," he added.

"Maraming Pilipino dito, maraming engineer dito na galing sa labas na mas marunong. Hindi lang nakakilala (There are many Filipino engineers who work abroad who can do a much better job). There are millions of Filipinos waiting outside, brighter than you, more smart," Duterte said.

He stressed that he had no patience for engineers who could not address the country's water shortage immediately.

"Kaya ako, pagka ganu'n, wala akong pasensya (That's why me, when it comes to things like that, I don't

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Passengers board on a sea vessel docked at the Calapan Port in Oriental Mindoro this Wednesday.

New bus routes eyed in sync with closure of Edsa bus terminals

MANILA -- The Department of Transportation (DOTr) is mulling new city bus routes in Metro Manila as the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) starts its strict enforcement of the "no loading and unloading policy" of provincial buses along Epifanio de los Santos Avenue (Edsa) after the Holy Week.

DOTr Undersecretary for Road Transport Mark de Leon said it is coordinating with

the MMDA for the extension of the routes of city buses to ensure ease of travel among commuters.

"We have been planning with the MMDA for the operations of interim terminals in Santa Rosa and Valenzuela because the permanent terminals, which is the ITX for FTI in south, in Taguig, and the one in north, in Bulacan will still take time. The MMDA has forwarded to us their request for new routes including the extension of

city routes to these proposed terminals," De Leon said in a television interview on Wednesday.

"The franchises of buses with trips ending in Alabang will have to be revised so that it can pick up passengers in Santa Rosa. Provincial buses coming from the south will end trips in Santa Rosa and then be picked up by city buses," he added.

He said new routes for buses and UV Express would be

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by Western Visayas with 2,568 and Eastern Visayas with 2,467.

Meanwhile, a total of 1,986 passengers were monitored in Northern Mindanao followed by southern Visayas with 1,777, Bicol with 1,689, National Capital Region-Central Luzon with 381 and southeastern

Mindanao with 323.

PCG personnel are also closely monitoring beaches, especially in known tourist destinations like Palawan, Boracay Island, Bohol, and Cebu where emergency response teams are on standby. (PNA)

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have patience). Either you can hack it or not. If you don't, I'm sorry," he added.

Earlier, Duterte gave MWSS and water concessionaires until April 10 to submit a report on measures to address the water shortage and prevent it

from recurring.

Malacañang has yet to confirm if it has already received the report.

M W S S Administrator Reynaldo Velasco said he is willing to resign if the water shortage problem in Metro Manila persists. (PNA)

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developed for these to have connectivity with the terminals.

The new routes will be effective once the bus operators receive their franchises with the revised routes.

The DOTr is currently in talks with bus operators regarding the routes which shall be approved by the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board.

Starting April 22, provincial buses that would load and unload passengers along Edsa, as well as other major roads in Metro Manila, would be apprehended, MMDA General Manager Jose Arturo "Jojo" Garcia said in a press briefing on Tuesday.

The provincial buses must use their designated terminals in picking up and dropping off passengers.

The agency would conduct its dry run for the closure of bus terminals along Edsa after Holy Week.

Meanwhile, provincial bus operators have appealed to the MMDA to stop the

implementation of the provincial bus ban as this will affect commuters coming from provinces who travel to Metro Manila every day.

"We are prepared for the provincial bus ban but we are appealing to the MMDA to review this and if it is possible stop its implementation as this will affect commuters that are going to Metro Manila everyday using the provincial buses," said Alex Yague Jr., Provincial Bus Operators Association of the Philippines Executive Director.

Bus operators will be obliged to use the Parañaque Integrated Terminal Exchange and the interim bus terminals in Valenzuela City and Santa Rosa, Laguna during the dry run.

The MMDA will coordinate with the local government units of Pasay City and Quezon City, which have jurisdiction over the bus terminals along Edsa. The agency eyes to close down all 47 bus terminals along Edsa by June. (PNA)

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SLPTE-ST is one of the programs under the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act with a PHP1-billion fund for academic year 2018-2019.

Through the loan program, CHED and DBM seek to provide timely and automated disbursement requirements for the UAQTEA's SLPTE-ST and other scholarships, grants and financial assistance programs.

Students enrolled in state colleges, universities and CHED-recognized local colleges and universities, and private higher education institutions listed in the UNIFAST Registry of Institutions and Programs can avail of it.

"The main beneficiaries of this will be students in private universities, because in public universities there are no more tuition and miscellaneous," de Vera said.

He added that the student loan may also be used for books; complementary education related equipment, tools and supplies; cost of tertiary education allowance or stipend; and review expenses for licensure examinations administered by the Professional Regulation Commission.

"This is not just for paying tuition, not only for undergraduates, this is open also to those in graduate school and then for the immediate needs like before your licensure exam you need to borrow money because you're going to write a thesis," he said.

De Vera clarified that they will "not be operating the loan program from scratch" and that the students will

pay their loans while they are studying.

"(We're) tapping it to the existing financial assistance programs of the universities, the students of those universities already know where to go, where to apply. The effect of this we will be increasing the amount of money that is available for students...on the first year of implementation, we do university-based, short term student loan program only, a loan program which many universities are already running and they are running it well," he said.

Meanwhile, DBP executive vice president Fe Susan Prado said they are honored to partner with CHED and UNIFAST in the implementation of the student loan program.

"We will be using a Direct Remittance Servicing System where there'll be an opening of regular savings account by the student beneficiaries with no initial deposit, no maintaining balance, there's an ATM card that they can use in automated teller machines and point-of-sales terminals nationwide," she said.

Prado added that the SLPTE-ST is given to qualified student beneficiaries during the enrollment period at the beginning of a particular term and must be paid within the payment loan term period of 12 months.

"One important feature is you have loan and you pay it within the year, there'll be no interest. And, based on the standing of the students when it comes to payment, and approval of UNIFAST, they can borrow, can loan again and again," de Vera said. (PNA)

5 Filipinos seek refuge after Tripoli rocket attack

MANILA-- Five Filipinos residing in the areas affected by the recent rocket attack in Tripoli have sought refuge at the Philippine Embassy in Libya, a ranking official said Wednesday.

"There are more than 200 Filipinos living and working in the areas struck by the rockets last night," Chargé d'Affaires Elmer Cato told the Philippine News Agency.

Of this number, he said five, including a Filipino injured following the rocket barrage, asked if they could be temporarily accommodated in the Embassy.

The injured Filipino, who also requested to be repatriated, was staying in a house across another house that was directly hit by a rocket. "We are expecting the injured

Filipino later," Cato said.

According to reports, at least four were killed while 23 were wounded after the Southern district of Abu Salim in the capital got shelled Tuesday night.

"Some said they were traumatized by the incident because the rockets fell dangerously close to where they were staying. Some told us the rockets struck as close as 50 meters from their residences," Cato shared.

"Fighting has not spilled over to the capital yet but Tripoli proper is easily within range of rocket launchers and artillery," he added.

Meanwhile, he reiterated the embassy's appeal for Filipinos in Tripoli to "seriously consider repatriation" after the rocket attack. (PNA)

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North Koreans celebrate Kim Il Sung's birthday

Pyongyang—Tens of thousands of North Koreans turned out to pay tribute to their leaders on Monday, the most important day of the isolated, nuclear-armed country's ritual calendar.

In the North April 15 is known as the Day of the Sun, the anniversary of the 1912 birth of the country's founder Kim Il Sung, whose son Kim Jong Il succeeded him and grandson Kim Jong Un, the current leader, inherited power in turn.

North Koreans are taught from birth to revere the Kim family and the ceremonies surrounding such occasions are one of the ways in which authorities reinforce loyalty.

From early morning, a steady stream of citizens arrived at Mansu hill in Pyongyang, where giant bronze statues of the two elder Kims look out over the capital.

Platoons of soldiers, staff of work units, families, newlyweds and tourists all lined up before the images, advancing to place flowers at their base.

"Let us pay tribute to the great president Kim Il Sung and the great leader Kim Jong Il," intoned an announcer half-hidden by floral baskets, and all bowed in unison, the troops saluting.

Retired colonel Ra Man Ok, 84, wiped tears from her eyes as she stood before the statues, took a few paces backwards still facing the images, and bowed an extra, second time.

"I want to pay tribute with my spirit to the great leaders because I am too old to repay their benevolence with my labor," she told AFP, wearing the uniform in

which she had marched in a military parade decades ago.

"My motto is that everybody can realize their hopes only by following the leadership of our party through all trials and difficulties."

Ordinary North Koreans always express wholehearted support for the authorities when speaking to foreign media.

In pride of place before the statues, cordoned off with a chain, stood a giant floral tribute in the name of Kim Jong Un.

This year's anniversary—which is also marked by other events including mass dances and a flower festival—comes days after Kim reinforced his already unshakeable grip on power with a generational reshuffle at the Supreme People's Assembly (SPA), the country's rubber stamp legislature.

The nonagenarian head of the parliament Kim Yong Nam—who also acts as the North's ceremonial head of state as Kim Il Sung officially remains Eternal President despite dying in 1994—was replaced by Choe Ryong Hae, considered one of Kim Jong Un's right-hand men.

Outgoing premier Pak Pong Ju, who turned 80 last week, made way for Kim Jae Ryong.

Kim told the SPA meeting that he was open to another summit with US President Donald Trump after their February meeting in Hanoi broke up without agreement—

but only if Washington adopted a "proper attitude".

Their last talks foundered with Washington demanding North Korea give up its nuclear arsenal, while US officials say Pyongyang offered only limited concessions in exchange for lifting almost all the sanctions against it.

"The United States came to the negotiating table after thinking only about completely unrealizable methods," Kim said according to a transcript issued by the official Korean Central News Agency.

"The US-style dialogue of unilaterally pushing its demands does not fit us," he added. "We are neither pleased nor willing to see summit talks like the Hanoi

summit talks re-enacted."

Hostile moves by the US, he said, "seriously get on our nerves. I am very displeased with such a trend."

At the statues, engineer Ri Yang Myong, 60, said: "I will fulfil my responsibility to uphold the leadership of the respected Marshal Kim Jong Un and will ensure my sons become loyal men who loyally follow the leadership of the respected marshal."

He brought his five-year-old granddaughter Ji Ye to the statues for the first time, he said, to teach her that it was a family tradition.

"Visiting this place on the national holidays is the law in my family," he added. "I want to make sure she has a loyal spirit."

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fee from students which used to construct buildings, capital outlay," de Vera said.

De Vera added that the commission has instructed the Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education not to reimburse capital outlays charged on students.

"In fact, there's a university, I won't mention the name

anymore, even the payment for their security guards, they make it to be paid by their students and that is illegal. That should be part of your MOOE (Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses) every year, so, it is good that these fees happened so we can track down universities who are charging, in violation of what the law said," he said. (PNA

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Cross" over the fate of the children.

A foreign affairs department spokeswoman told AFP it was in "close contact" with Karen Nettleton but would not comment further due to the

"complex and fluid situation", and for security reasons.

The fate of foreign fighters and their families has become a significant problem for governments as the conflict against IS draws to a close.



PGC RECOGNIZES HEROISM OF RSD PERSONNEL: Board Members Kerby J. Salazar and Jeremiah Gandia led the awarding of Certificate of Commendation to Mr. Leonirey P. Hernandez, Administrative Aide II of the Road Safety Division during the Monday flag raising ceremony of provincial capitol employees held on April 22, 2019 at the Provincial Gymnasium in Trece Martires City. Mr. Hernandez is a traffic enforcer who was recognized for his laudable act of bravery and dedication to public service, which led to the arrest of a theft suspect in the City of Bacoor on March 14, 2019. On behalf of Governor Boying Remulla, BM Salazar congratulated the RSD personnel and delivered a short yet very inspiring message to co-public servants, sharing his journey on how he started his career in the local government. BM Salazar also added that for his next term being a regular member of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, he ensured the capitol employees on his commitment in lobbying programs for the welfare of government personnel because he strongly believe that happy workers are the most productive ones. (PICAD)

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BDO UNIBANK, INC.

Mortgagee,

-versus-

MA. DALISAY ESPIEL BASALO rep.

By Maria Chenki Cornista Flojo as AIF

Mortgagor,

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Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, **BDO UNIBANK INC.**, with business address at BDO Corporate Center, 7899 Makati Avenue, Makati City against the Mortgagors, **MA. DALISAY ESPIEL BASALO represented by Maria Chenki Cornista Flojo as Atty-in-Fact**, with residence and postal address at Blk. 1, Lot 121 Ph-17, Kensington, Brgy. Navarro, Gen. Trias, City, Cavite and Blk. 2, Lot 31 Lolita Homes subd., Palo, Tacloban City, Leyte, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of January 11, 2019 amounts to **ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FORTY NINE PESOS and 97/100 (P1,289,549.97)**, Philippine Currency, including interest, penalties and other charges as of said date but exclusive of all other expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **May 21, 2019** 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:

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Miscellaneous fees not in free college law can't be reimbursed: CHED

MANILA -- Commission on Audit Commission on Higher Education (CHED) chair J. Prospero de Vera III on Wednesday said the commission cannot reimburse additional miscellaneous fees charged by higher education institutions (HEIs) that are not stated in the Republic Act 10931 or the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act (UAQTEA).

De Vera said the law "was very explicit on the miscellaneous fees that must be exempted," amid criticisms and requests for the exemption of more fees.

"Those who want everything in college education to be free, they should go to the Congress and amend the law. If the commission allows reimbursements of additional fees, number one, we will get

Commission on Audit disallowances, and number two we could be charged administratively for allowing fees to be reimbursed from the government without legal basis," he told reporters on the sidelines of the student loan program launch.

According to the U A Q T E A ' s implementing rules and regulations, the miscellaneous fees only include the library, computer, laboratory, school ID, athletic, admission, development, handbook, guidance, entrance, registration, medical, dental and cultural fees.

"(We're) cracking down on universities on going beyond than what they are allowed. For example, some state universities used to charge a modernization

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investigate for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

Trece Martires City, April 2, 2019.

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An emotional reunion with an IS fighter's orphans

S y d n e y - A n Australian grandmother to the children of a notorious Islamic State group fighter has tracked down the orphans in a Syrian refugee camp in an emotional reunion she hopes will lead to their return home.

The three surviving children of jihadist Khaled Sharrouf and his wife Tara Nettleton are in the Al-Hol camp in northeastern Syria and want to return to Australia after being taken to the Middle East by their parents in 2013.

After two failed attempts to find the children over five years, Karen Nettleton was finally able to locate them after a phone call in March from 16-year-old granddaughter Hoda Sharrouf, national broadcaster ABC reported.

Nettleton then searched for the orphans in the muddy alleyways of the camp, which is home to up to 100,000 people displaced from the fight against IS, before finding them in a reunion broadcast late Monday.

"I've missed you. I've missed you," Hoda Sharrouf told Nettleton as she emerged from a tent, her hands trembling. "Please don't leave."

The pair embraced, and Nettleton told her granddaughter, "Hoda I'm here ... I missed you so much too."

Nettleton has long fought for the children to be brought home but had previously been rebuffed by authorities, with Prime Minister Scott

Morrison saying he did not want to put Australian lives at risk.

She is still uncertain about how she will get the children—17-year-old heavily pregnant Zaynab, Hoda, their eight-year-old brother Hamzeh, and Zaynab's two young children Ayesha, three, and Fatima, two—out of the camp, saying she was frustrated by negotiations with Canberra.

"We don't get a yes or no answer... all they've said is that once we get to Turkey, they'll give us all the help that they can," Nettleton told the ABC.

Zaynab Sharrouf said they had wanted to return home "for a very long time" but had been fearful of rumours in the camp of those attempting to leave being caught, raped and tortured.

"We weren't the ones that chose to come here in the first place... And now that our parents are gone, we want to... live a normal life," she said.

Khaled Sharrouf -- the first Australian to have his citizenship stripped under anti-terrorism laws -- made international headlines in 2014 when he posted an image on Twitter of one of his sons holding a severed head.

He is believed to have died in a 2017 American air strike alongside two sons, while Tara Nettleton reportedly died in 2015.

Morrison said Tuesday his government was "working quietly behind the scenes with the International Red

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Migration and Development Orientation and Planning Workshop

In order to further understand the concept, issues and concerns on migration and development (M&D), the Cavite Migration and Development Office thru the the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO) initiated the conduct of Migration and Development Orientation and Planning Workshop on April 15, 2019 at the Ceremonial Hall of the Provincial Capitol Building, Trece Martires City catering the Cavite Overseas Filipino Welfare Council members from the provincial government and national line agencies, OFW Organization representatives, DTI's Negosyo Center staff, PESO Managers and M&D focal persons from the local government units.

Atty. Khervy Reyes, Officer-in-Charge of the Provincial Cooperative Livelihood and Entrepreneurial Development Office (PCLEDO) welcomed the participants and communicated the aim to establish 23 functional M&D office or desk in the LGUs to facilitate the integration of M&D plans into their own local development plans. He encouraged the attendees to partake in a fruitful discussion concerning the lined-up topics. Provincial Administrator for Community Affairs Mr. Alvin Mojica gave a backgrounder on the M&D journey of the province from the early legislations up to the creation of the CMDO and its programs. He likewise encouraged the participants to share their ideas and initiatives that will enhance M&D programs and services to address the needs of OFs and their families.

Levelling off activity was facilitated by

Ms. Jennylyn Jucutan of the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA). NEDA IV-A Regional Director Luis G. Banua led the session on "Migration and Development 101" which focused on understanding the history, patterns and features of international Filipino migration, distinguishing the duality of migration, its social costs and benefits to migrants, their families, communities and country, and appreciating the ways of harnessing the development potential of international migration. Dir. Banua also pointed out that according to the Calabarzon Migration Data, movements of migration growth in the Calabarzon region has increased. Cavite is one of the contributors of the top sending region in terms of migration as reflected by the number of sea farers in the province.

Director Banua also enlightened the attendees on the positive and negative effects of migration on migrants, their families and the community. He also echoed the important LGU roles including the policies, services, multi-stakeholder partnerships and institutional capacity which affected the conditions of migration and development dynamics.

Cavite Governor Jesus Crispin "Boying" Remulla appreciated the efforts initiated by the PSWDO and NEDA to come up with the orientation and seminar/workshop for the awareness of the status of migration and development in the province. The governor emphasized the idea that migration leads to brain drain and said that it is only temporary since the world has now become united by technology through digital



infrastructure. He added that the fiber optic project in the province will be fully operational in the coming days and will address the separation of families since the digital infra will bridge the distance and make communication easier. The governor also said that the provincial government works on strengthening its employment services to give more jobs to Cavitenos. Access on basic services has already been implemented to reach the poor communities.

The session on Mainstreaming Migration and Development in Local Development Planning and Governance was led by Ms. Lovely Morres, OIC-Supervising Economic Development Specialist of NEDA IV-A. Her session concentrated on the assistance that they may provide for the LGU's in integrating migration and development into their local planning and provide them with a sample menu of services that can be offered for the migrants and their families. Her lecture also showed the services that may be extended to provide pertinent information on international migration, issues of migrants and the national government agencies involved in migration and development initiatives so the LGUs could link up

with them. The lecture covered essential steps in building local institutional capacities and working towards a multi-sectoral engagement through the 8-step guide in mainstreaming migration and development.

After the discussion, the planning workshop was facilitated by Ms. Morres and participants were assigned to form groups to identify existing programs if any, the gaps in implementation and future M&D initiatives. Each

DPWH aims to finish Manila Bay cleanup by July

MANILA — The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) is looking to finish the "Sagip Manila Bay" clean-up works of the 1.5-kilometer area of Manila Bay in the next three months.

DPWH Undersecretary for Technical Services and Unified Project Management Office (UPMO) Operations Emil Sadain reported that the deployment of two units of multi-purpose amphibious dredge Watermaster Classic 5 will contribute to their efforts of completing the removal of debris, plastics, other solid wastes and dissolved solids or the so-called muck with some traces of sand by July.

He noted the units with cutter suction that offers combination of mobility and heavy-duty dredging capacity will further fast-track the cleaning between the area of US Embassy to Manila Yacht Club in preparation for the upcoming rainy season.

"Improvements as a result of DPWH activities can now be seen but we will not relax and instead we beefed up our operating fleets of two crawler mounted land based, four amphibious excavators,



group presented workshop outputs to the assembly.

The program was

facilitated by Ms. Sherryl Loyola, Livelihood Division head of PCLEDO. -- (PICAD)

debris segregators, and among others," Sadain said during an inspection of the dredging operations on Wednesday.

The operation at Manila Bay Area was divided into five sectors each ranging from 200 to 300-meters long, until the entire 1.5-kilometer is finished.

It is estimated that to date, the total volume of removed muck and silt from 20 meters distance from shore to bay and thickness/depth of two meters is at 18,000 cubic meters.

With cleaner water, Sadain said Manila Bay will soon be fit again for swimming and other contact forms of recreation.

Also present during the inspection were Bureau of Equipment Director Noel Ilao and Assistant Director Amador Andrada, and Project Director Patrick Gatan of UPMO-Flood Control Management Cluster.

Early last month, DPWH Secretary Mark Villar officially launched desilting operations by deploying a fleet of equipment composed of amphibious excavators, dumping scows, dump trucks, debris segregator, street sweepers, and vacuum sewer jet cleaners.

In addition, the DPWH's Bureau of Equipment, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Metropolitan Manila Development Authority and Philippine Coast Guard, have also been continuously conducting water quality monitoring and bathymetric surveying of the desilting sites to monitor the progress.

The average amount of dissolved oxygen level, which is one of the primary parameters under the DENR water quality guidelines of around 4.7mg/L prior to the cleanup activity, has improved to the minimum dissolved oxygen level of 6mg/L necessary for sustaining aquatic life. (PNA)

Clippers stun Dubs, tie series, 1-1

Los Angeles—The Los Angeles Clippers delivered the biggest comeback in NBA playoff history Monday, rallying from a 31-point deficit for a shocking 135-131 win over the two-time defending champion Golden State Warriors.

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Lou Williams scored 36 points and Montrezl Harrell nailed a couple of clutch late free throws as the Clippers surprised even themselves to square the first round playoff series at 1-1.

Clippers coach Doc Rivers said he told his players at halftime, when they were down by 23 points, to not give up.

“I said ‘We are going to win this game.’ I was honest with them. I said, ‘I don’t know how. Just hang in there with each other,’” Rivers said.

“This is who we are. We hung in there long enough. We found a way to win the game.”

Williams also had 11 assists, going 13-of-22 from the field and eight-of-10 from the free throw line. Game three is Thursday in Los Angeles.

The stretch drive featured the Clippers’ consistent mid-range game against the Warriors’ inconsistent

three-point shooting. But fouls and injuries also worked against the Warriors in game two of the first round series.

Warriors coach Steve Kerr described it as an epic meltdown.

“Once you lose momentum in a game, it is hard to get it back,” said Kerr. “We lost this game in the middle of the third quarter when we stopped playing.”

“We got up by 31 and we shut down. We got exactly what we deserved.”

The Clippers topped the Los Angeles Lakers’ rally from a 29-point deficit to beat the Seattle Supersonics in 1989.

The Clippers also came back from being 27 points down in a playoff win over the Memphis Grizzlies in 2012.

“We changed a couple things offensively and defensively on the fly in the third,” Rivers said. “And it worked out for us.”

The Warriors got more bad news after the game when they learned centre DeMarcus Cousins suffered a serious injury. Cousins injured his left quad in the first quarter and is expected to have an MRI scan done on it on Tuesday.

“It is a significant quad injury,” said Kerr without going into detail.

“We will get an MRI done tomorrow. He is going to be out a while. It is significant.”

Williams drained a key jump shot over Klay Thompson with 46 seconds remaining after Curry had put the Warriors ahead 131-128 on a three-pointer 12 seconds earlier.

After Klay Thompson missed a shot from beyond the arc, Clippers Landry Shamet hit a three pointer with 16 seconds left for the game winner. Harrell sank two free throws with five seconds left to cap the scoring.

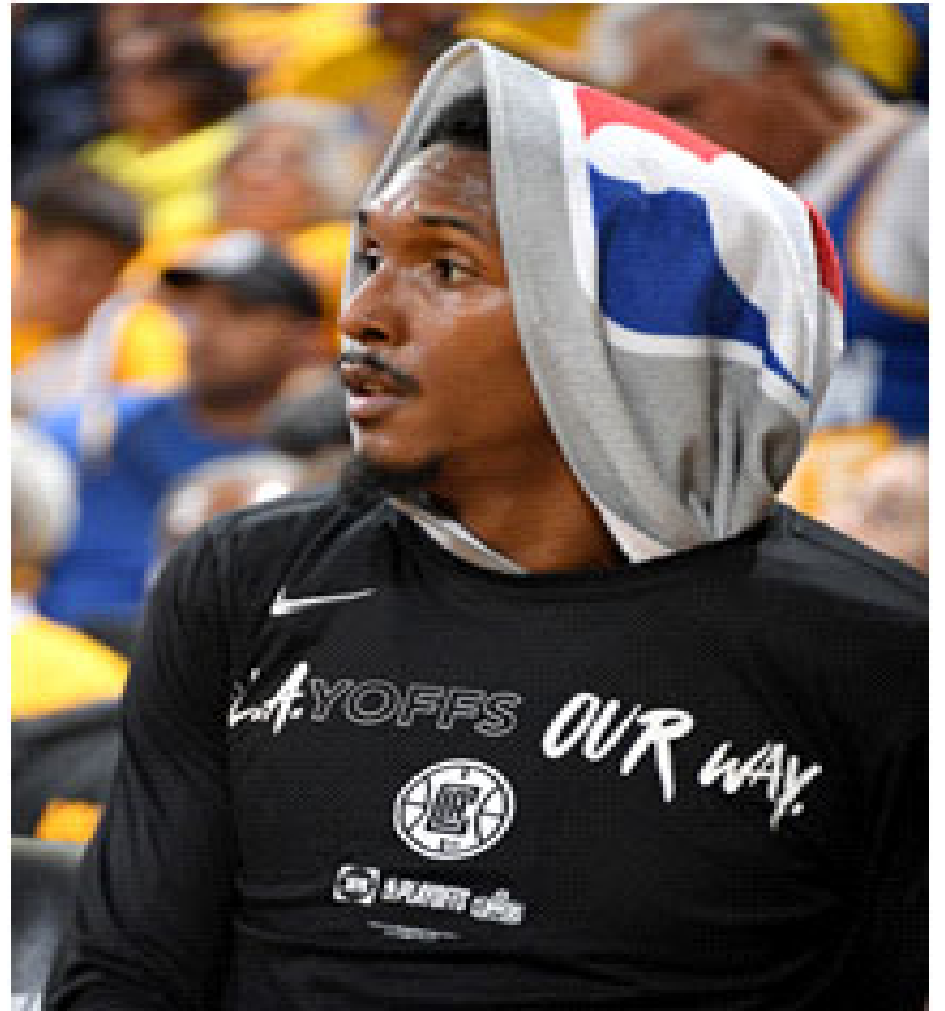
“We need everybody”

Elsewhere, Ben Simmons heard cheers instead of jeers Monday as the Philadelphia 76ers set a franchise record with 51 points in the third quarter en route to a 145-123 playoff win over the Brooklyn Nets.

Australia’s Simmons, who had criticized the Philadelphia fans’ booing in game one of the series, delivered a triple-double of 18 points, 12 assists and 10 rebounds.

He joined Wilt Chamberlain and Charles Barkley as the only Sixers to get multiple triple-doubles in the postseason, and this time he left to a standing ovation from the home fans.

Philadelphia grabbed command of the contest



Lou Williams

Bello sees more jobs for OFWs in China

with a 51-point third quarter, a team record for most points in a quarter.

The Sixers also set a club record for most points in a playoff game, squaring their best-of-seven opening round series 1-1.

Game three is on Thursday in New York.

Ailing Joel Embiid finished with 23 points and 10 rebounds to lead Philadelphia, who shot 56 percent from the field. Embiid was a game-time decision due to a sore left knee.

“Everybody’s got to bring it,” Embiid said. “We need everybody.”

Tobias Harris added 19 points, JJ Redick scored 17, reserve centre Boban Marjanovic had 16 and Mike Scott scored 15 for Philadelphia.

Spencer Dinwiddie scored 19 and D’Angelo Russell added 16 for the Nets, who set a team record for points allowed in a postseason game.

Rondae Hollis-Jefferson got 15, while Caris LeVert and Shabazz Napier scored 13 each.

MANILA -- After opening jobs for Filipino English teachers, Labor Secretary Silvestre Bello III on Tuesday said possible employment opportunities for overseas Filipino workers (OFWs), particularly medical workers, may soon be available in China.

Bello said he will discuss the possibility of possible hiring of caregivers and nurses during his supposed audience with Chinese Minister of Labor next week.

“I’ll go to China for a possible meeting with the Minister of Labor to discuss possible labor relations,” he said in an interview.

“What we will have is just exploratory talks,” Bello added.

Bello will be in China from April 24 to 27 as part of the entourage of President Rodrigo Duterte for the Second Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation.

“Yes, I’ll be part of the party of the President but I will leave ahead as

I want to meet separately the Minister of Labor,” he said.

Last year, the Philippines and China signed a bilateral agreement involving the deployment of English teachers.

Through the accord, an initial 2,000 teachers would be deployed in the next two years. The hiring and deployment would be through government-to-government.

The hired teachers will get USD1,200 (PHP62,000) monthly salary and the agreement could be renewed after two years if the need arises.

Meanwhile, Bello reported that the country will be establishing three Philippine Overseas Labor Offices (POLOs) in China.

“We are putting up one in Beijing, one in Shanghai, and one in Shenzhen,” he said.

Bello noted that they are looking to make the POLOs operational before June as they are now accepting applicants for the posts. (PNA)