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Morales eyes PhilHealth reorganization

MANILA -- Philippine Health Insurance Corp. (PhilHealth) president and chief executive officer Ricardo Morales is looking into the reorganization of PhilHealth to provide the public better health care services in line with the full implementation of the Universal Health Care

law.

"I'm thinking about the organizational chart, maybe we need to reorganize it, in order to deliver more responsive services," Morales said in a press conference on Tuesday at the PhilHealth headquarters in Pasig City.

Morales, a retired military general, was

appointed as PhilHealth chief on June 25 by President Rodrigo Duterte following the ghost claim issues which hounded the corporation in the past months.

"We want to resolve all the issues as soon as possible but we can't give a timeline because we have 12 lawyers and
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80% of Filipinos happy with PRRD's performance: SWS

MANILA—Halfway through his term, President Rodrigo Duterte's net satisfaction rating soared to new record high with four of five Filipinos saying they are contented with his work, a Social Weather Stations (SWS) survey released on Monday said.

An SWS survey conducted on June 22-26 found that 80 percent of adult Filipinos are

satisfied, 9 percent undecided, and 12 percent dissatisfied with the performance of the country's first leader from Mindanao.

Compared to March 2019, gross satisfaction with Duterte rose by one point from 79 percent, gross undecided rose by one point from 8 percent, and gross dissatisfaction fell by one point from 13 percent.



This gave the President a net satisfaction rating of +68

(percent satisfied minus percent dissatisfied) which SWS classified as "very good."

"This is a new



personal record-high that surpassed the previous record of very good +66 in March 2019 and June 2017," the pollster said.

The SWS cited that the two-point rise in

Duterte's net satisfaction rating from March 2019 to June 2019 was due to an increase in Balance Luzon (up by 9 points), offset by declines in
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2019 Calabarzon Regional Population Congress

Cavite provincial government's efforts in institutionalizing the population program as well as those of other local government units in the province were recognized in the recent 2019 CALABARZON Regional Population Congress carrying the theme "Empowered Youth: A Key to Achieving Demographic Dividend" held on July 3-5, 2019 at The Linden Suites in Pasig City. The province was named as the Best POPDEV (Population and Development) Implementer for the

Provincial Level while the local government of Rosario was the Best POPDEV Implementer for the Municipal Level. Likewise, in recognition of their Gender and Development efforts, the City of Imus received the Best GAD Implementer award for the City Level.

Likewise, former Governor Boying Remulla and incumbent Governor Jonvic Remulla both received plaques of recognition for their continuous support to the Philippine Population Management Program.

In the three-day event, population officers

and workers together with other stakeholders collaborated for the sharing of experience and best practices to further strengthen population and development programs in the region.

POPCOM Region IV Director Angelito S. Obcena warmly welcomed the attendees and encouraged the partakers to actively participate in the learning sessions. He also conveyed his appreciation to the population officers and recognized their counterparts in other provinces.

Prior to the learning sessions, a ribbon-cutting on research poster exhibits was also facilitated by POPCOM officials and guests.

Focus of studies presented as well as the messages was on the youth sector. POPCOM Executive Director Juan Antonio Perez III delivered the keynote speech on the topic "Teenage Pregnancy Situation in CALABARZON" where he emphasized the importance of education and communication to properly teach the youth the advantage and



disadvantage of early pregnancy.

Dr. Emolyn M. Iringan of Saint Paul University in Cagayan City presented the "Perceived Effects of Adolescent Health and

Development (AHD) Interventions on the Knowledge, Attitude and Behavior (KAB) of Adolescents in Region II -Cagayan Valley. Likewise, Ms Cheryl
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Salceda vows to push DDR, TRABAHO as top priority bills

Albay Rep. Joey Sarte Salceda has vowed to strongly and immediately push as priority measures in the 18th Congress the Department of Disaster Resilience (DRR) and the Tax Reform for Attracting Better and Higher Quality Opportunities (TRABAHO) bills. He principally authored the same measures.

The two bills are among the 34 measures he filed in the 17th Congress, 12 of which he considers priority legislations, topped by the DDR and TRABAHO. The 10 others are the Housewives Compensation Act, Amendments to the Public Service Act, Public Schools of the Future, Internet Speed and Connectivity Emergency Act, 35-hour Work-week Act, Last Mile Schools, Science for Change Program, Mandatory Overpass near schools for students safety, Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Modernization Act, and Protection for Freelance Gif Workers in the Gif Economy Sector.

His 22 other bills include amendments to the Retail Trade Liberalization Act, Foreign Investments Act, Fiscal Regime for the Mining Industry, Real Property Valuation and Assessment; National Transportation Act, Capital Income and Financial Taxes Reform, Excise Tax Rates on Alcohol, National Competition Policy Act, Productivity Incentives, National Innovation and Policy Act, Public Schools of the Future bill or PSOFT, Collective Investment Scheme, the New NEDA Law, PNR Authority and PNR Corps, Compensation for SK Kagawads and officers, SKOK or Special eligibility for SK Officers, Moving Barangay and SK elections to 2021, Proof of Parking, National Land Use Act, FinLit Law,

Scam Finder Act, Mandatory Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC), and Lowering of Age of Criminal Liability.

Salceda, who won his second term unopposed as Albay 2nd district Representative in the last May elections, said the administration's supermajority win in the last polls would ensure the passage of the needed legislations that would lead the country towards more economic, political and social reforms.

The proposed Department of Disaster Resilience will serve as the primary agency to lead, manage, and coordinate national initiatives to prevent, mitigate risks, prepare for and respond to disasters, spearhead recovery and rehabilitation, and build on forward. The DDR measure is deemed long overdue. President Duterte has repeatedly called for the passage of such law in the past three years. The TRABAHO bill, on the other hand, is the second package of the Duterte administration's tax reform agenda, and is actually the biggest incentive promo package.

Salceda said the Housewives Compensation Act aims to give salaries to women serving their husbands and families, who are out of the labor force and are commonly considered "unproductive." The measure amending the Public Service Act clarifies the definition of "public utilities" and thus expands industries eligible for higher foreign investments, while the Public Schools of the Future bill or PSOFT, will serve as a pillar of basic Philippine education and provide "Filipino students the benefit of technological innovations and prepare them for the challenges of future economic and employment realities."

The Internet Speed and Connectivity Emergency Act, aims to

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Mindanao (down by 7 points), the Visayas (down by 3 points), and Metro Manila (down by 2 points).

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Marie A. Malayang of POPCOM Region IV-CALABARZON explained the "Fertility Behavior Among Adolescent Mothers in Tanay, Rizal: Factors and Association with Access to Birthing Services and Maternal and Infant Health Outcomes." An open forum was facilitated by POPCOM for issues, concerns and clarifications raised by the attendees.

Physical activities and solidarity activities highlighted the second day with the POP Zumba as early energizer for the participants. Ms. Hermie

address and declare the country's poor internet connectivity as a national emergency which merits immediate solution. The 35-hour Work-week for Public and Private Employees seeks to reduce the number of work hours from 40 down to 35, and and promote a more productive labor force, while giving workers more time for their families.

The Last Mile Schools Act seeks to provide access to education, particularly, in geographically isolated, disadvantaged and conflict-affected areas or GIDCA, where school children are known to walk long stretches of mountain paths and poorly maintained roads, cross stream rapids and flood-prone areas, exposing themselves daily to dangers just to learn.

Salceda said the Science for Change Program aims to boost scientific innovations and

The June 2019 SWS used face-to-face interviews of 1,200 adults nationwide. (PNA)

Austria, City Population Officer of the City of Imus won the POPNalong Zumbera title. Organizers also led the POPlarong Pinoy and the Bayanihan Lunch, followed by Kita-Kita, Kamustahan, Kwentuhan segment or the meet and greet activity for fellow population workers, advocates and stakeholders. Musical and Cultural Presentation per province was also held at night where Cavite placed second for their presentation.

The 2nd Quarter RPMC Meeting was held on the third day.

inventions, research and development towards social progress, and global competitiveness. The Mandatory Overpass for Students Safety seeks to construct overpasses near schools along roads, especially along the main route of the Pan-Philippine Highway, to better ensure the safety of students and teachers from unnecessary harm from vehicles.

The Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Modernization Act, on the other hand, will shorten the project approval process from 30 months to 18 months and prescribes "clearer parameters on government undertakings." It also allows the "creation of a Risk Management Fund to ensure fiscal sustainability and enhance the ability of implementing agencies in the discharge of their mandates and contractual obligations.

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their assistants and they're handling about 15,000 cases, not including the new cases that are coming in," he said.

Citing that there are about 20,000 cases on fraudulent claims filed since 2015, Morales said the PhilHealth has resolved around 6,000 cases to date.

"It's good that there are reports on these that are coming, but the problem is how fast can we process these reports.

Depende siguro sa amount involved, kapag malaki ang butas, dapat siguro unahin mo 'yun kasi baka maubusan tayo ng pondo (It would depend maybe on the amount involved, for our funds not to be depleted we might need to resolve cases involving big money)," he said.

Morales added the reorganization would help the PhilHealth "manage the expectations of Filipinos when the

Universal Health Care law comes into full swing".

"Under it, everybody is a beneficiary whether you can pay or not pay the premium, you'll be provided health care. We are anticipating magiging (there will be) two million claims a month, so you should imagine the amount of work we are ready to support under the administration," he said.

Looking at a top-to-bottom reorganization based on the "form follows function" concept, Morales said he cannot provide a timeline yet as he is still working on its details.

"I'm looking at what are the boxes that have to be moved, new boxes, their relationship. We will be conducting a study on this like what changes to be made, positions that are going to be created, positions that are going to be merged," he said. (PNA)

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ALULOD RESIDENTS BENEFIT FROM MEDICAL AND DENTAL MISSION: Recently a total of 287 beneficiaries including toddlers, adults and senior citizens availed free skin consultation, blood sugar testing, health checkup and dental services during the provincial government's medical and dental mission held at Alulod Elementary School, Indang, Cavite. Participated by doctors from General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital, the event was successful with the support of Cavite Varsity Indang Chapter Alulod Wing as they provided assistance alongside the medical and dental team, continuing their lifelong mission of reaching out to people in need. Patients were also given free medicines and parents attended family planning counseling. — (PICAD)



RELENTLESS AID FOR TRECEÑOS: True to its advocacy to provide quality health care services to constituents, the provincial government continuously conducts medical and dental mission, the recent one was for the locals of Lapaz 1, Barangay Cabezas in Trece Martires City on July 4, 2019. Seventh District Board Member Ping Remulla joined his constituents providing them the opportunity to communicate their needs to the young legislator. More than 400 residents availed the free consultations and dental extraction rendered by volunteer doctors, dentists and other health practitioners from General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital (GEAMH) and the City Health Office of Trece Martires. Free skin consultation and random blood sugar test were also conducted during the mission. Members of the City Council, together with Barangay Chairman Nestorio Colada, barangay council, barangay health workers and barangay nutrition scholars assisted and showed appreciation to the medical team for relentlessly extending their effort to provide health services to their constituents. — (PICAD)

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
BRANCH 23
TRECE MARTIRES CITY

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-183-19

JEFFREY E. PACIA,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

MS. ARLYN DENNY TAN DECHAVEZ,
Mortgagor,

x-----x

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, **JEFFREY E. PACIA**, with residence at Unit 2, Eusebio Townhouse, Eastroad Cor. 17th Ave., Murphy, Caloocan City against the Mortgagor, **ARLYN DENNY TAN DECHAVEZ**, with residence and postal address at 510 Blk. 1, Lot 37 Belvedere Towne, 111 Pasong Kawayan II, Gen. Trias, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of June 13, 2019 amounts to **TWO HUNDRED THIRTY EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWELVE PESOS AND 00/100 (P238,512.00)**, inclusive of interest and penalties as of said date but exclusive of all other legal expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **August 27, 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:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO.
057-2013011009

A parcel of land (Lot 1, Block 6 Section 4 of the consolidation-subdivision plan Pcs-04-012289, being a portion of Lots 2673 & 2674, San Francisco de Malabon Estate, L.R.C. Rec. No) situated in Barangay Pasong Kawayan, Municipality of Gen. Trias, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NE., along line 1-2 by Lot 3, Block 6, Section 4; on the SE., along line 2-4 by Road 8; on the SW., along lines 6-8 by Road 9; and on the NW., along line 8-1 by Lot 2, Block 6 Section 4, all of the consolidation -subdivision plan. Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan x x x containing an area of THIRTY NINE (39) SQUARE METERS, x x x

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **September 3, 2019** without further notice.

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

Trece Martires City, July 1, 2019.

LUCIO C. ALEJO III
Sheriff IV

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MR. JEFFREY E. PACIA
Unit 2, Eusebio Townhouse, Eastroad Cor. 17th Ave.,
Murphy, Cubao Quezon City

SP. PROC. NO. 1681-17 FROM P. 3

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
Branch 21
Imus, Cavite

SPEC PRO NO. 1681-17

IN RE: PETITION FOR JUDICIAL
RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN
DIVORCE ISSUED IN TOKYO JAPAN
UPON THE MARRIAGE OF JAPANESE
SPOUSE KATSUMI HASEGAWA AND
FILIPINO SPOUSE VILMA D. DEMETRIA

VILMA D. DEMETRIA,
Petitioner,

-versus-

**KATSUMI HASEGAWA, PHILIPPINE
STATISTICS AUTHORITY, CIVIL
REGISTRAR GENERAL OF THE
PHILIPPINES AND DEPARTMENT OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS,**

x-----x

ORDER

Finding the Motion to Admit Amended Petition to be well-taken, the same is hereby granted.

Petitioner is directed to serve a copy of the Amended Petition to the respondents thru the Office of the Solicitor General.

Also, Petitioner is directed to cause the publication of the Amended Petition pursuant to Rule 108 of the Rules of Court.

Meanwhile, set the hearing of this case on 7 June 2019 at 8:30 in the morning.

SO ORDERED.

22 February 2019, City of Imus, Cavite.

MARY CHARLENE V. HERNANDEZ-AZURA
Executive Judge/Acting Presiding Judge

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***Ang kayamanan ng mayaman ang
proteksiyon niya; Gaya iyon ng
matibay na pader sa imahinasyon
niya. (Kawikaan 18:11)***

MS. ARLYN DENNY TAN DECHAVEZ
500 Blk. 1, Lot 37 Belvedere Towne, III Pasong Kawayan
II, Gen. Trias, Cavite

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FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
BRANCH 23
TRECE MARTIRES CITY

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-080-19

EAST-WEST BANKING CORPORATION,
Mortgagee,
-versus-

SPS. RENE G. VILLALUNA and
ROWENA S. VILLALUNA,
Mortgagor/s,

x-----x

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Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, **EAST-WEST BANKING CORPORATION**, with business address at East-West Corporate Center, The Beaufort, 5th Ave., cor. 23rd St., Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City against the Mortgagor/s, **ROWENA S. VILLALUNA signing for herself and as Atty-in-Fact RENE G. VILLALUNA**, with residence and postal addresses at Blk. 02, Lot 12, Kensington 17, Brgy. Navarro, Gen. Trias, Cavite and/or 637 Santo Niño St., Old Sta. Mesa, Manila to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of February 15, 2019 amounts to **ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED TWENTY NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIXTY NINE PESOS AND 85/100 (P1,329,269.85)** Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest and penalty charges as of said date but excluding the foreclosure and other necessary expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **August 19, 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:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE TO TITLE NO.
057-2017041559

Lot No. 12 Block No: 2 Plan No. Pcs-04-028598
Portion of: the cons/subd of Lots 1698 (RS-04-001799) Lot 1699 (RS-04-003884), Lot 1701 (FRS-04-005313) all of San Francisco de Malabon Estate, & Lot 1726-A, Lot 1726-B, Lot 1726-C, Psd-04-098877, Decree No. 4270, LRC Rec. No. 5964

Location: Barangay of Navarro, Municipality of Gen. Trias, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon

Boundaries:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOTS (S)
1-2	SE	Lot 10, Block 2, Pcs-04-028598
2-3	SW	Road Lot 11, Pcs-04-028598
3-4	NW	Lot 14, Block 2, Pcs-04-028598
4-1	NE	Lot 11, Block 2, Pcs-04-028598

Area: FIFTY SQUARE METERS (50), more or less

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

In the event the public auction not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on **September 2, 2019** without further notice.

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

Trece Martires City, **July 1, 2019**

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINE
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
BRANCH 23
TRECE MARTIRES CITY

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-081-19

EAST-WEST BANKING CORPORATION,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPS. SARAH ORQUE PASCUA AND
SONNY BOY JUAN PASCUA
(a.k.a. SONNY BOY SAN JUAN PASCUA),
Mortgagor/s,

x-----x

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MS. MARYLOU S. SUDAYAN
Blk. 09, Lot 02, Somerset 14, Brgy. Navarro, Gen. Trias, Cavite
and/or Unit 506 Building No. 1 MRB C'5, Taguig City
and/or
Ground Floor & 2nd Floor Bloomingdale Building, 205 Salcedo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City

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the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO.
057-2016036491

Lot No. 45 Block No: 5 Plan No. Psd-04-227769

Portion of: Block 10, Pcs-04-027725, Decreed No. 4270, LRC Rec No. 5964

Location: Barangay of Navarro, Municipality of Gen. Trias, Province of Cavite. Island of Luzon

Boundaries:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT (S)
1-2	SW	Lot 46, Block 5, Psd-04-227769
2-3	NW	Lot 43, Block 5, Psd-04-227769
3-4	NE	Road Lot 3, Psd-04-227769
4-1	SE	Lot 47, Block 5, Psd-04-227769

Area: FIFTY SQUARE METERS (50) more or less

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of Jehovah that
makes one rich,
And He adds no pain
with it.
Proverbs 10:22*

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Hong Kong police arrest five after night of clashes

Hong Kong-Five people were arrested during overnight clashes in Hong Kong between riot officers and anti-government protesters, police said Monday, as the political violence rocking the international hub shows no sign of abating.

The city has been plunged into its worst crisis in recent history following a month of huge marches as well as separate violent confrontations with police involving a minority of hardcore protesters.

The rallies were sparked by a now-suspended law that would have allowed extraditions to mainland China, but have since morphed into a wider movement calling for democratic reforms and a halt to sliding freedoms in the semi-autonomous territory.

Sunday night saw fresh political violence break out in the district of Mongkok as police baton-charged small groups of masked, largely young protesters who were walking along roads and refused to disperse following another massive, peaceful rally earlier in the day.

In a statement issued early Monday morning, police said the group were taking part in an "unlawful assembly" and had been warned that officers would take action.

"Some protesters resisted and police arrested five persons for assaulting a police officer and obstructing a police officer in the execution of duties," the statement said.

Activists hit out at the police tactics, saying the

protesters in Mongkok had remained peaceful as they made their way home and that violence was started by a shield wall of riot officers that had blocked the crowd's path.

"HKers joined rally peacefully... against extradition bill result in being beaten and assaulted by HK Police," democracy activist Joshua Wong wrote in a tweet accompanying pictures of at least two protesters with bleeding head wounds.

"Just another example of excessive force used by the police," he added in another tweet.

Public anger has soared against the city's pro-Beijing leaders and its police force after officers used tear gas and rubber bullets to disperse protesters outside parliament last month.

Since then the chaos has only escalated. Last Monday, anger peaked as hundreds of youth-led demonstrators successfully stormed and trashed the city's parliament.

Those unprecedented scenes?and renewed huge marches?have failed to persuade the government, whose sole concession so far has been to suspend the loathed extradition bill.

Protesters are demanding the bill be scrapped entirely, an independent inquiry into police use of tear gas and rubber bullets, amnesty for those arrested, and for the city's unelected leader Carrie Lam to step down.

They have also

demanding authorities stop characterizing protesters as "rioters", a definition that carries much steeper jail terms.

Beijing has thrown its full support behind the embattled Lam, calling on Hong Kong police to pursue anyone involved in the parliament storming and other clashes.

Despite repeated requests, police have not released a breakdown of how many people have been detained in the last month of protests.

A tally kept by AFP

THE SM STORE LUGGAGE BOY BAGS WDSF AWARD

The SM Store sales associate Christian "Xian" Tecson was named 1st Runner-Up in the 'World's Best Sales Associate at a Department Store' category during the recently concluded World Department Store Forum 2019 held at the Ritz-Carlton Tokyo.

Known as the SM's Luggage Boy, Christian, or Xian to many, currently works as a Sales Associate under the Luggage Department of The SM Store Lipa. He has attracted much attention by infusing creativity, fun and innate customer interface in his work with his gasp-out-loud technique in selling

shows at least 72 people have been arrested but it is not clear how many have been charged.

luggage.

Xian does creative selling through info-tainment where he's able to explain technical product features in the most entertaining and captivating way. What's more interesting about his creative selling approach is the way he incorporates dance skills including his trademark "split" in his routine which is now known the "Zipper Dance".

Last July 2018, he has gone viral in social media after one of his customers uploaded a video of him on Facebook while he explains and demonstrates the features and durability of the luggage he was

vending that time. This was featured in different platforms including 4 local television networks, 9 local broadsheets and digital website pages. SM's Luggage Boy went global as international broadcasts including Korea's SBS News and Australia's ABC News picked up his story.

Xian also became The SM Store's Customer Service Rewards National Champion in 2018, a rewards program that aims to recognize all frontline service providers of The SM Store who consistently deliver exceptional shopping experience.



SM Luggage Boy Xian Tecson's trademark "split" reaches Tokyo.



Xian's info-tainment selling approach incorporates dance skills while explaining the technical product features.



The SM Store Sales Associate Christian "Xian" Tecson was named 1st Runner-Up in the 'World's Best Sales Associate at a Department Store' category during the recent World Department Store Forum 2019 held at Ritz-Carlton Tokyo. Known as SM's Luggage Boy, Tecson's passion, skills and unique creative selling info-tainment techniques went viral last year. Shown in photo with their trophies are The SM Store Christian Tecson (center), The SM Store SVP – Business Unit Head for Shoes, Bags and Accessories Aldwin Co (left), and IGDS President Paolo De Cesare.



SM Luggage Boy Xian Tecson's trademark "split", now known as the "Zipper Dance" is part of his info-tainment selling approach that became viral in social media.