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## DOLE prepares for OFW's mandatory repatriation from Libya

MANILA — The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) is preparing for mandatory repatriation of overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) in Libya after the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) raised the alert level from 3 to 4 in the host country.

"The Alert Level was raised to (Alert Level) 4, so we will implement a mandatory repatriation," said DOLE Secretary Silvestre Bello III in an interview on Wednesday on the sidelines of the Trabaho, Negosyo, Kabuhayan (TNK)-Build Build Build-Jobs,

Jobs, Jobs fair at the Kingsborough International Convention Center in San Fernando, Pampanga.

There are 2,600 documented OFWs in Libya, most of whom are health workers.

On the other hand, (Turn to p. 2)

# PNP lauds workers for peaceful Labor Day rites

MANILA -- The Labor Day celebrations on Wednesday was so far generally peaceful, with no untoward incident reported, the Police National Police (PNP) said.

"As of midday, the PNP finds the peace and order situation nationwide to be generally peaceful and orderly, with no untoward incidents reported," said Col. Bernard Banac, PNP spokesperson.

"We support free expression of concerns from our workers in an orderly manner," he added.

In a statement sent to reporters, Banac said the PNP remains on full alert to provide security to the public.

"We laud the workers nationwide for commemorating Labor Day in an orderly and peaceful manner," Banac said.

Banac said police



officers will observe maximum tolerance

during rallies and protest actions.

"We allow them up to the point that our police will get hurt but if

they went beyond the limitation and we need to do an action, our police responds back for the safety of the general

public," he added.

He reminded the public not to join any protest rallies if it involves disturbing peace and order like vandalism and destroying of public fixtures like fences.

"We encourage a peaceful and orderly protest. We should not vandalize and destroy any public fixtures, and let's not throw our trashes on the street," he said.

Meanwhile, Maj. Gen. Guillermo Eleazar, National Capital Region Police Office Regional (Turn to p. 2)

## MMDA reimplements 'heat stroke break' policy for field personnel

QUEZON CITY, (PIA)—The Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) is reimplementing a policy that allows additional 30-minute daily "heat stroke break" to on-duty traffic enforcers and street sweepers in order to cope with the summer heat.

MMDA Chairman Danilo Lim has signed a memorandum to protect its field personnel from heat exhaustion, heat stroke and heat cramps



MMDA traffic enforcer directs traffic flow along EDSA. (Photo courtesy of MMDA)

due to severe heat wave. Under the memorandum, traffic enforcers who work in shift 5 am to 1 pm, the prescribed "heat stroke break" is from 10 am to 10:30 am or 10:30 am to

11 am; for those working from 1 pm to 9 pm shift, the break time shall be observed from 2:30 pm to 3 pm or 3 pm to 3:30 pm; and for 2 pm to 10 pm shift, the break time shall be observed from 3 pm to 3:30 pm or 3:30 pm to 4 pm.

For street sweepers who are on-duty from 6 am to 2 pm, the prescribed "heat stroke break" is from 11 am to 11:30 am or 11:30 am to 12 noon; for 7 am to 4 pm shift, they

shall observe 12 noon to 1 pm regular break time; while those working from 11 am to 7 pm shall observe 2:30 pm to 3 pm or 3 pm to 3:30 pm break time.

According to the MMDA chair, on-duty field personnel are allowed to leave their posts in shifts and take a break to allow their bodies to cool down.

"Heat stroke break shall be done alternately by those who are assigned in a particular

area to maintain visibility of traffic enforcers and street sweepers and to ensure that field operations are not hampered," said Lim.

Field personnel may also avail themselves of additional 15-minute break time in case the heat index in Metro Manila reaches 40 degrees Celsius and above.

The policy shall take effect until May 31, 2019.

## Death toll from Indonesia's floods, landslides climbs to 31

JAKARTA -- The death toll from floods and landslides in Indonesia's western Bengkulu province and the capital of Jakarta jumped to 31 on Monday, while the search for 13 missing people was underway, disaster agency officials said.

Floods and landslides have struck Bengkulu province since Friday, although the water have receded, but disaster agency official warned people to exercise caution as further torrential rains are expected.

In Indonesia's capital of Jakarta, the floods have started receding, it said.

The death toll in the province rose to 29 on Monday, Abdul Rohman, head of data and information of the provincial disaster management agency, told Xinhua.

More than 12,000 people are taking shelters as the floods and landslides destroyed 184 houses, seven educational facilities, and 40 others infrastructure facilities, including roads, bridges, water channels and facilities in the province, said Rohman.

Tents, rubber boats, fast foods, clean waters, baby foods, bailey bridges and reconnecting

transportation are among the dire needs, he added.

The disaster has damaged transport infrastructure and cut off electricity which has hampered communication and distribution of aids to affected areas, said Sutopo Purwo Nugroho, spokesman of the national disaster management agency.

"It is difficult to reach affected-areas as all the roads to the impacted areas are totally cut off. Distribution of aids is hampered," Sutopo said.

"The people are urged to keep on alert as the rains with high intensity are expected to pour down in Indonesia," the spokesman added.

Yusuf Latief, head of communication for media of national search and rescue office, said that a search operation was conducted in the affected areas.

"The operation is prioritized in the impacted areas whose communities reported that there are people missing," he said.

"Rubber boats and other equipment are being deployed to support the mission," Yusuf said.

Indonesia has been frequently hit by floods and landslides during heavy downpours.

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Director, also assured protesters of their safety during the rally.

In a text message, Eleazar said as of 12:30 p.m., there were more or less 4,100 rallyists in Chino Roces Bridge and Liwasang Bonifacio in Manila.

"I assure that the NCRPO is always ready to secure the public from any eventuality as well as guarantee that your police force will deal with those who will conduct rallies with maximum tolerance and outmost respect for human rights. Consequently, I would like to remind the public

regarding the 'no permit, no rally' policy except for freedom parks. Protesters must follow existing laws and ordinances to ensure the successful conduct of this event," Eleazar said.

"I highly encourage the public to report any suspicious people and abnormal behavior to any policeman nearest to them or text the NCRPO hotlines, 0915-888-8181 or 0999-901-8181," he said.

A total of 8,423 police officers were deployed in Metro Manila to secure the Labor Day celebration. (PNA)

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the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) said it is still waiting for the official recommendation from the DFA as to the repatriation of Filipino workers.

POEA administrator Bernard Olalia noted that the procedures for the total deployment ban

require the official communication from the DFA to DOLE.

"After that, we will have consultation. Upon proper advice from DFA they will recommend the total deployment, and then we will have a Governing Board meeting," he said in a separate interview.

The POEA head said as of this time, they have yet to receive an official recommendation from the DFA.

On Wednesday, the DFA has raised the alert level to 4 in Libya due to fighting around the capital. Last month, the DOLE also deployed a quick response team to Tunisia to assist in repatriating Filipino workers back home. (PNA)

## Palace leaves P710 pay hike petition to wage boards

MANILA -- It is up to the wage boards to decide whether they will act on petitions to increase the daily minimum wage of private sector workers in Metro Manila and other regions, Malacañang said on Tuesday.

Presidential Spokesperson Salvador Panelo made this remark after labor group Trade Union Congress of the Philippines (TUCP) sought for a PHP710 increase in daily minimum wage for workers amid increasing costs of goods and services and the tax reform program.

"Whatever petitions they will have to file have to go through the wage board," Panelo said in a Palace briefing, a day before Labor Day (May 1).

Asked if the Palace will support a salary hike, Panelo said the it will not interfere with the decision of the wage boards.

"Ang wage board ang magde-determine niyan eh, kung kailangan o kung hindi depende sa (The wage board will determine it, if it is necessary or if it will depend on) circumstances surrounding whatever petition they have in mind,"

Panelo said.

They know their jobs," he added.

Panelo, meanwhile, said workers are free to hold protests on Labor Day to seek higher wages, better jobs, and the passage of the Security of Tenure bill.

"It's their right to protest. You can even join them. You can even join them if you feel like joining," Panelo said.

Earlier, the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) said it was unlikely that it would announce a wage increase on Labor Day.

However, the board expressed openness to review the TUCP petition and see whether it could eventually grant a salary hike for minimum wage earners.

On Labor Day last year, Duterte signed an executive order (EO) banning illegal contracting or subcontracting, an act strengthened employees' security of tenure.

The President said although an EO could help "alleviate" employment problems, it is still the Congress that needs to do the work by amending the existing Labor Code. (PNA)



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EXTRA-JUDICIAL PETITION FOR  
 SALE UNDER ACT 3135 AS  
 AMENDED BY ACT 4118

F.C. CASE NO. 5740-08

BALIKATAN HOUSING FINANCE, INC.,  
 Mortgagee/Assignee,

-versus-

ROSALINAD. BATESTING,  
 Mortgagor/s,

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**NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE**

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by **BALIKATAN HOUSING FINANCE, INC.**, mortgagee/assignee with principal office at 22/F RCBC Savings Bank Corporate Center 26th and 25 Streets, Bonifacio South Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City, against **ROSALINAD. BATESTING**, with residence and postal address at 2229 Paco Roman St., Sta Ana, M. Manila and Lot 5, Blk. 38, Ph. II, Calle Pogi, Golden City Subd. Dasmariñas, bo. Salawag, Dasmariñas, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **July 29, 2008** amounts to **TWO HUNDRED FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY PESOS AND 48/100 (PHP204,370.48)** Philippine Currency, excluding interest and penalties, charges, attorney's fees, sheriff's fees and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale the undersigned Sheriff IV will sell at public auction on **JUNE 18, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.** or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the clerk of court, RTC Multiple Sala, Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Aguinaldo Highway, Imus, Cavite to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all the improvements therein, to wit:

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO.  
 T-396335**

"A parcel of land (Lot 5, Blk. 38 of the subd. plan, Psd-042106-060530, being a portion of Lot 5777-A-2, Psd-042106-057898, LRC Rec. No. ), situated in the Brgy. Salawag, Mun. of Dasmariñas, Prov. of Cavite, Is. of Luzon. Bounded on the SE., along line 1-2 by Lot 7 Blk. 38, on the SW., along line 2-3 by Rd. Lot 4; on the NW., along line 3-4 by Lot 3; & on the NE., along line 4-1 by Lot 6, both Blk. 38, all of the subd. plan. x x x containing an area of **THIRTY FIVE SQ. METERS & SIXTY THREE SQ. DEC. (35.63) 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 said date, it shall be held on **June 25, 2019** at 10:00 a.m. without prior notice.

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

Imus, Cavite, Philippines, **April 15, 2019.**

**ANSELMO P. PAGUNSAN, JR.**  
 Sheriff IV

APPROVED:

**REGALADO E. EUSEBIO**  
 Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff



**PCLEDO'S BIZ iCREATE PROGRAM DEVELOPS ENTREPRENEURIAL SKILLS:** Cavite Provincial Cooperative, Livelihood and Entrepreneurial Development Office (PCLEDO) continues to educate and equip aspiring entrepreneurs with proper knowledge as it facilitated Session 3 of BIZ iCREATE – Cavite's Responsible Entrepreneurs Aiming Toward Economic Sustainability program on April 30, 2019 at PCLEDO Training Area, CaCoDeC in Trece Martires City. DLSU-Dasmariñas Graduate School of Business Professor, Dr. Aldrin Antivola continued the discussion on Entrepreneurial Skills Development (Part 2) to twenty entrepreneur partakers. The topic dealt with operational, human resource, financial and cash flow management, communication skills, and legal aspect which can provide a significant impact on the growth and success of managing a business. He also stressed out the relevance of satisfying the needs and wants of the target market. Last two sessions which will cover the topic of Strategic Business Plan and Business Plan Preparation are scheduled on May 2 and 28, 2019, respectively. — (PICAD)



**SM Foundation's Medical and Dental Mission: Gamot para sa Kapwa held recently at SM City Dasmariñas which served for almost 1,200 patients from Dasmariñas City Cavite and nearby towns. The mission was partnered by St. Dominic College Cavite and University of Perpetual- Las Pinas. The photo shows medical consultation of the patient by SM Foundations' Dra. Bless Bertos.**

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SECURITY BANK CORPORATION,  
*Mortgagee*

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SPS. BETBET C. SANTOS & JAIME N. SANTOS  
*Mortgagors,*

x-----x

#### NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by **SECURITY BANK CORPORATION**, with principal office address at Security Bank Center, 6775 Ayala Ave., Makati City against **SPS. BETBET C. SANTOS & JAIME N. SANTOS** with residence and postal address at Blk. 12, Lot 53, Lancaster Village Ph. 2, Alapan 2-C, Imus, Cavite/Blk. 13, Lot 23, Hauskon Homes, Julugan, Tanza, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of January 31, 2019 amounts to **ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY ONE PESOS AND 40/100 (Php1,628,371.40)** Philippine Currency, including interest and penalty charges but excluding attorney's fees, sheriff's fees and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff IV will sell at public auction on **MAY 28, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.** or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the clerk of court, RTC Multiple Sala, Bulwagan Ng Katarungan, Aguinaldo Highway, Imus, Cavite, to the highest bidder for cash and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all the improvements therein, to wit:

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO.  
057-2015038787**

A parcel of land (Lot 53, Blk. 12 of the consolidation and subdivision plan, Pcs-04-026192 being a portion of the cons.-Lots 1633, Imus estate (RS-04-004080) 1634-A & 1634-B, Psd-04-034916; 1635, Imus estate, (RS-042109-001771); 1636-B, Psd-04-082041 & Lot 2 Pcs -04-020912) situated in the Barangay Alapan 2-C, Municipality of Imus, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NW., Alang line 1-2, by Lot 44, Blk. 12; on the NE; along line 2-3, by Lot 52, Blk. 12; on the SE & SW., along line 3-4-5- by road Lot 27; on the SW., along line 5-6 by road Lot 28, and on the SW., along line 6-1 by, Lot 54, Blk. 12 all of the consolidation and subdivision plan. Beginning at a pt. marked "1" x x x x containing an area of **NINETY FIVE SQ. METERS & FIFTY SQ. DECIMETERS (95.50) x x x**

All sealed bid must be submitted to the undersigned on the stated time and date.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **June 4, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.** without prior notice.

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

## DoT invites the public to visit Museo de Intramuros

MANILA, May 1 - As the Philippines celebrate National Heritage Month this May, the Department of Tourism (DOT) invites the public to explore and learn about Philippine culture and history by visiting Museo de Intramuros in Manila.

Managed by the Intramuros Administration (IA), Museo de Intramuros is located in two important reconstructions inside the walled city: the San Ignacio Church and the Mission House of the Society of Jesus. The museum was designed to house the period art collections of IA that includes ecclesiastical art, furniture, vestments, and textiles and other artifacts.

Museo de Intramuros' official opening, which took place on April 29, 2019, was among the highlights of the Intramuros Administration's 40th anniversary as an institution.

The current in-house

exhibition presents the story of the evangelization of the Philippines from the perspective of the Filipinos. It explores changes in the "Filipino" psyche as colonization introduced a new religion and culture to the natives.

With the display of religious images belonging to the IA collection, the exhibition is able to highlight Filipino artistry and craftsmanship that developed from the merging of the indigenous and the foreign.

Curated by Dr. Esperanza Gatbonton, Gino Gonzales, Dr. Cecilia dela Paz, Santiago Pilar and Martin Tinio, the exhibition has six components: (1) The Immaculate Conception, (2) The Religious Order, (3) The Patronato Real and the establishment of Parishes, (4) Religious Colonial Paintings, (5) The establishment of a parish and sacred vessels, and (6) The Indio Response.

In her 1981 book *Philippine Religious Imagey*, co-curator Dr. Gatbonton wrote, "This



*Tourism Secretary Romulo-Puyat with the curatorial consultants and pioneer champions of the Intramuros district.*

collection of the Intramuros Administration is extremely valuable because it represents the first real attempt to collect and preserve within the Philippines an important aspect of the country's cultural heritage.

Tourism Secretary Romulo-Puyat with the curatorial consultants and pioneer champions of the Intramuros district "The collection affords the viewer a panorama of the various styles and enables him to compare them with the artifacts done abroad in the same medium. We, Filipinos, have always tended to accept that we were the passive receiver of artistic stimuli from abroad. This collection proves that the Philippines was as much a giver."

At the museum's opening, DOT Secretary and Chairperson of the IA Board of Administrators, Bernadette Romulo-Puyat said, "IA's dedication in ensuring that the tangible treasures that immortalize our

history are now accessible to the public is commendable."

She congratulated IA Administrator Guiller Asido and the cultural workers behind the museum and added, "This project, rooted in passion and a deep love of country, must be emulated and replicated."

"The Department of Tourism will be investing in the promotion of cultural tourism in the years to come. We're doing it not just because we need to expand our tourism products, engage a specific market and increase revenue. Cultural tourism is telling the world our narrative. It is also a platform to ensure that our heritage structures and objects such as these will be preserved and enjoyed by our progeny," Puyat said.

The Intramuros Administration is an attached agency of the DOT in-charge of the restoration, development, and promotion of the historic walled city of Intramuros. (DOT)

Imus, Cavite, Philippines, April 10, 2019.

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

## Sumitomo-MHI-TESP takes over MRT-3 rehab

MANILA – Sumitomo Corporation, its technical partner, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries (MHI), and MHI's fully-owned Philippine subsidiary, TES Philippines (TESP), formally took over on Wednesday the reins of the comprehensive rehabilitation and maintenance of the Metro Rail Transit 3 (MRT-3).

This, after the MRT-3 Maintenance Transition Team (MTT) handed over the task to the private contractor in a ceremony on Tuesday at the MRT-3 Depot in Quezon City.

Starting Wednesday, Sumitomo-MHI-TESP will handle all rehabilitation and maintenance works for MRT-3 to restore the railway system back to its original design condition.

During the ceremony, the MTT formalized the transfer of documents to Sumitomo-MHI-TESP as the new rehabilitation and maintenance service provider for the railway line.

Department of Transportation (DOTr) Secretary Arthur P. Tugade congratulated the official turnover to Sumitomo-MHI-TESP, noting that the strong partnership between the Philippines and Japan will result in much-improved operations and services for the passengers of MRT-3.

“As we celebrate today’s milestone, let us remember that there is still a lot of work ahead of us. We aim to restore the MRT-3 – currently our main mass transit – to its high-grade design condition, in the hope that we can look to the future and improve on its

infrastructure,” Tugade said.

The hand-over ceremony for the rehabilitation and maintenance works was led by DOTr Undersecretary for Railways Timothy John Batan, together with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Chief Representative Yoshio Wada, MRT-3 General Manager Rodolfo Garcia, MRT-3 Director for Operations and Maintenance Transition Team Head Michael Capati, Sumitomo Infrastructure Department Director and General Manager Masanori Honda, MHI Engineering Project Manager Koji Nishiyama, and TESP Chairman Kiyoshi Morita.

### Japanese railway expertise

Under the MRT-3 Rehabilitation Project, Sumitomo-MHI-TESP will undertake the overhaul of all of MRT-3's 72 Light Rail Vehicles (LRVs), replace all mainline tracks, rehabilitate power and overhead catenary systems, upgrade signaling, communications and CCTV systems, and repair all of MRT-3's escalators and elevators, among other system repairs and improvements.

As the original designer, builder, and maintenance provider of the MRT-3 for 12 years, Sumitomo-MHI-TESP brings with it an extensive track record in railway engineering, construction, and maintenance, and is best fit for the challenging task of restoring MRT-3 to its

design condition.

As early as end-2018, Sumitomo-MHI-TESP has already conducted advance transition works for the rehabilitation project.

In February 2019, ahead of receiving any advance payment, it began procurement of tracks, train parts, and other necessary components for the comprehensive rehabilitation and maintenance of MRT-3.

The project will last for 43 months, with rehabilitation works slated for completion within the first 26 months.

It is expected that the MRT-3 Rehabilitation Project will increase the number of operating trains during peak hours from 15 to 20, double operating speed from 30 to 60 kilometers per hour, and cut by half the time between trains from 7-10 minutes to 3.5 minutes.

Wada said Sumitomo-MHI-TESP is ready to begin maintenance works to provide efficient and reliable service as well as comfort to commuters.

“Railway networks symbolize progress, and mark a significant chapter in every country’s development history. Through Japanese technology and standards that Sumitomo Corporation, with support from Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, will share, we are confident that this railway line will become safer and more reliable,” he said.

### MTT members lauded

At the hand-over ceremony, MTT members were also recognized for their efforts to tide over the maintenance of the MRT-

## SSS pension loan disbursements jumps by 54% due to policy enhancements

QUEZON CITY, May 1 -- In early March, SSS relaxed its guidelines for more than 1.2 million retiree pensioners so that those who are receiving their monthly pension even for just a month, is already qualified to avail of the SSS pension loan. In the old rule, a retiree-pensioner must be receiving his monthly pension for at least six months to qualify for the pension loan.

Further, with the new guidelines for PLP application, other government-issued identification cards aside from the Social Security card (SS card) or Unified Multi-Purpose Identification (UMID) card may now be used as a form of identification.

The following are acceptable identification cards: Alien Certificate of Registration issued by Bureau of Immigration; Driver’s License issued by Land Transportation Office; Firearm Registration, License to Own and Process Firearms, and Permit to Carry Firearms Outside of Residence from the Philippine National Police; National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) Clearance; Passport; Postal Identity Card, Seafarer’s Identification and Record Book (Seaman’s Book); and Voter’s ID Card.

3 pending the recent mobilization of MRT-3's new maintenance service provider.

The MTT was the first government-based maintenance team for the MRT-3 since it started operations in 1999 as maintenance of the said rail line had always been outsourced to a third party private provider.

Under the MTT supervision, unloading incidents in 2018 dropped to 74, with only 10 incidents occurring in the

In the absence of a primary ID card/document, the applicant shall present and submit any two valid ID cards bearing a signature and a photo of the applicant.

As of end-March, SSS pension loan releases reached P788.664 million to more than 32,872 retiree pensioners. Among the 166 branches receiving PLP applications, Bacolod branch approved the most number of PLP applications at 2,240 and released more than P47.16 million. Diliman branch, on the other, released the highest amount of pension loans amounting to P48.08 million to more than 1,861 pensioners for the said period.

The top three branches with the most number of approved PLP applications were Victorias branch in Bacolod; Cebu branch; and Bago branch.

PLP was launched in September last year in celebration of the 61st anniversary of the pension fund and was intended to be offered to retiree pensioners for a period of one year only. But now, PLP has become a permanent loan facility of SSS under Republic Act

11199 or the Social Security Act of 2019 which took effect last March 2019.

With only 10 percent interest per annum, PLP offers lower interest rate compared with high-interest loan offerings of some financial institutions.?

Meanwhile, Ignacio cautioned pensioners from dealing with fixers. “Some of our branches received reports that pensioners were asked to pay as much as P2,500 as commission for the processing of their loan application with SSS. This has to stop. SSS does not charge processing fees for its pension loan application. Those who want to avail of the pension loan must personally apply in our branch offices nationwide. Avoid transacting with fixers who promise to hasten your loan application but would take a pay cut from your loan proceeds,” she said.

“In view of the stringent rules of the Data Privacy Law, we would like to stress that SSS employees or officials are precluded from extracting information of pensioners through any social media platform like Facebook and Twitter,” Ignacio added. (SSS)

first quarter of 2019 – a huge improvement from the annual average of 429 unloading incidents from 2012 to 2017.

“We express our deepest appreciation to the men and women of the MRT-3 who have exerted unimaginable efforts, who have worked at the most ungodly of hours, and who have beaten all the odds just to keep the MRT-3

running safely and reliably this last year and a half, while we work in parallel to get to this handover ceremony to Sumitomo-MHI-TESP,” Batan said.

Meanwhile, Garcia said: “It is time for us to honor the people who willingly gave themselves to reach our objectives in maintaining the MRT-3. Before we jump into the next chapter, it is just right to commend and salute them for a job well done.” (DOTr PR)

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## Sixers down Raptors, level series; Nuggets rip Blazers

Los Angeles—Jimmy Butler scored 30 points as the Philadelphia 76ers turned the tables on the Raptors in Toronto on Monday with a 94-89 victory that knotted their NBA playoff series at one game each.

Sixers down Raptors, level series; Nuggets rip Blazers

The 76ers, beaten 108-95 in the Eastern Conference second-round series opener, thwarted the Raptors' second-half comeback bid, notching their first win in Toronto since November 2012 to head home for game three on Thursday all square.

Butler added 11 rebounds and handed out five assists for the Sixers, who led 51-38 at halftime despite 13 first-half turnovers.

The Raptors, who trailed by as many as 19 in the first half, closed the deficit to 61-60 late in the third quarter.

But they missed six of their first seven shots in the final period and the 76ers held on for the win.

Butler scored 12 of his 30 points in the fourth quarter. That included a three-pointer off an assist from center Joel Embiid that put the Sixers up 88-81 with 2:14 to play.

"My team had a lot of

faith in me tonight," said Butler, who scored just 10 points in game one. "I told them I had to come out and redeem myself.

"More than anything we got back, we guarded," Butler added, saying defense would be key going forward in the series.

"When we let our defense dictate our offense we're such a great team," he said. "We can't let it be the other way around."

Sixers coach Brett Brown praised Butler as the team's "rock."

"That was James Butler," Brown said. "That was the adult in the gym."

Embiid, battling a stomach ailment as well as the nagging knee pain that troubled him in the first round, scored just two baskets. The second couldn't have been better timed as he drove to bank in a shot that put the 76ers up 92-89 with 24.3 seconds remaining.

Toronto's Danny Green then missed a potential game-tying three-pointer and Philadelphia's Tobias Harris grabbed the rebound.

Harris was fouled and sealed the win with two free throws.

Toronto's Kawhi

Leonard led all scorers with 35 points. Pascal Siakam added 21 and Kyle Lowry scored 20.

But the five total points for Toronto's reserves were dwarfed by the production of Philadelphia's bench: 13 points from James Ennis, 10 from Greg Monroe and three from Jonah Bolden.

### Jokic leads Nuggets

The Denver Nuggets, two days removed from their first-round, game-seven victory over the San Antonio Spurs, opened their Western Conference second-round series with a 121-113 home victory over the Portland Trail Blazers.

Serbian center Nikola Jokic scored 37 points, pulled down nine rebounds, handed out six assists and blocked two shots.

Both teams came out firing, the Trail Blazers connecting on 63.6 percent of their first-quarter shots and Denver making 61.9 percent of their shots as the first period ended tied 32-32.

Denver, up 58-55 at halftime, pulled away after the break, taking a 93-84 lead into the final period.

Portland, led by 39 points from All-Star guard Damian Lillard, trimmed a 12-point deficit to 101-96



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*Kawhi Leonard (2) of the Toronto Raptors handles the ball against Jimmy Butler of the Philadelphia 76ers during Game Two of the Eastern Conference Semifinals of the 2019 NBA Playoffs at the Scotiabank Arena in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. AFP*

with 8:02 left in the game.

Denver responded with an 8-0 scoring run, ignited by Mason Plumlee's dunk.

Portland's CJ McCollum was then whistled for a flagrant foul when he caught a driving Jokic in the face, and the Serbian made both free throws.

Plumlee then

slammed home a miss by teammate Malik Beasley and Beasley rebounded another miss and made a layup as the Nuggets seized a 109-96 lead with 6:11 left to play.

Denver were in control from there, although Jokic and coach Mike Malone said they had plenty of room for improvement before they host game two on

Wednesday.

"We kind of went into the game a little sloppy, slow, we didn't play a lot of defense," Jokic said.

Malone also felt the Nuggets were lacking defensively, especially in the early going.

"We got the win, and when you know you haven't played your best basketball that's a good feeling," Malone said.

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