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## DOH, experts bat for better eye care services

MANILA -- The Department of Health, together with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Philippine Eye Research Institute (PERI), on Wednesday pushed for the provision of comprehensive eye care services among Filipinos

under the Universal Health Care (UHC) law. DOH said vision impairment is rampant among Filipinos, citing a report from the World Health Report on Vision that an estimated 2.2 billion people suffer from vision impairment including near/

farsightedness, glaucoma, cataracts, and error refractions which decreased for the past years.

WHO Regional Adviser for Blindness, Dr. Andreas Mueller, said about 1.1 billion or more than half of those suffering

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# 'Overworked' President Duterte deserves one-week break

MANILA -- President Rodrigo Duterte deserves to take a rest for a week since he recently "overworked," Malacañang said on Wednesday.

"If you will ask me, he (Duterte) really needs to rest," Presidential Spokesperson Salvador Panelo said in a Palace press briefing when asked to confirm the President's supposed plan to have a one-week break.

This comes after erstwhile Special Assistant to the President and incumbent Senator Christopher Lawrence Go's announced on Oct. 24 that the President would go on a break for one week after his participation in the 35th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) Summit and Related Summits in Bangkok, Thailand from November 2 to 4.

The President

returned to Manila on Monday night, the same day when the 35th Asean Summit and Related Summits concluded.

Duterte skipped several events during the third and last day of the regional bloc's summit so as not to miss his 7 p.m. flight to Manila.

Prior his attendance to the Asean-related meetings in Thailand, Duterte suffered "unbearable" pain in his lower spine and pelvis

triggered by his Oct. 16 minor motorcycle accident at the compound of the Presidential Security Group in Manila. This speedy recovery, the President's fellow Asean leaders noticed that he seemed to be "overworked," Panelo said.

"May mga comment doon sa mga leaders (The leaders' comments are), 'Your president looks overworked. Don't

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## MMDA to suspend 1K bus drivers due to excessive violations

MANILA – The Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) on Tuesday said around 1,000 public utility bus (PUB) drivers may soon have their driver's licenses suspended following their excessive and repeated violation of traffic laws.

This, following an investigation made by the MMDA which found that at least 1,700 PUB drivers have recorded a minimum of 100 traffic violations since 2006.

In a press conference, MMDA general manager Arturo "Jojo" Garcia said following the probe, the MMDA will coordinate with the Land Transportation Office (LTO) to strictly enforce Republic Act (R.A.) 4136—which calls for the automatic suspension of the driver's license of a motorist found to have made the same traffic violation within the last 12 months.

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## Basic Services Caravan for Relocated Families in Maragondon

The Provincial Government of Cavite, thru the leadership of Governor Jonvic Remulla, in collaboration with the Department of the Interior and Local Government headed by OIC Provincial Director Eloisa Rozul, conducted a free basic services caravan on November 4, 2019 at Barangay Sta. Mercedes Multi-purpose hall and open grounds.

Updates from the peace and order and anti-drug abuse council meeting last September 26, 2019 facilitated by the

Provincial Planning and Development Office gave emphasis on sustaining the delivery basic services in vulnerable areas to thwart the infiltration of terrorist armed groups. This gave way to the pooling of initiative and resources of various agencies for the delivery of services to affected families living in the geographically disadvantaged communities.

Maragondon Mayor Reynaldo Rillo who has been lauded by DILG for

his proactive stance towards issues of infiltration by undesirable groups to vulnerable communities in Barangay Patungan and Pinagsanhan, made his rounds to constituents during the caravan. Mayor Rillo expressed his appreciation to Governor Remulla for the nonstop support and took the opportunity to thank all the volunteers who contributed to the success of the outreach program.

Medical, dental and technical volunteers from



the Provincial Health Office (PHO) and the Philippine Medical Association-Cavite Chapter carried out health programs including consultation, tooth extraction, family planning, immunization and awareness campaign

on dengue, non-communicable diseases and proper nutrition.

The BJMP Calabarzon Health Services Division headed by CINSPEdna Leonor donated medicines while some of their officers and those of the PNP offered

free haircut and performed dental extraction.

Aside from the free healthcare services, giveaways such as slippers and backpacks from the Office of the Provincial Governor,

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let him work too much.' 'Yun lahat ang mga comment ng mga ano doon (That's their usual comment)," the Palace official said.

"Sabi lang naman namin (We told them), 'Actually yeah, he's working very hard and at the same time he had an accident so that contributed to what you are seeing now,'" he added.

Panelo said he has yet to receive official confirmation that Duterte will take a one-week break.

He, however, assumed that the 74-year-old President just opted to "lessen his volume of work."

"Palagay ko lessen lang. Workaholic 'yun eh (I think he will just lessen the volume of his work.

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"Pag ang driver na may lisensya nagcommit ng tatlong same violation in 12 months, automatic suspended na pala ang lisensya niya (When a driver with a license commits the same violation three times in 12 months, his license is automatically suspended. That's for a) minimum one year, up to a maximum of two years," Garcia said.

Roberto Valera, LTO Field Enforcement Division chief, said excessive violators may also find their license perpetually revoked through the powers of the relevant Secretary.

"We could even revoke their driver's license perpetually if it calls for that," Valera said.

Section 27 of R. A. 4136 states that: "a decision of the (LTO) Commissioner revoking or refusing the reinstatement of a license under the provisions of this Section may be appealed to the Secretary of Public Works and Communications."

Garcia said the decision for the strict enforcement of said regulation was made following talks among Department of Transportation (DOTr) Undersecretary for Road

He's workaholic)," the Palace official said.

"Most likely, he will lessen his volume of work para hindi siya masyadong pressured (so he would not be pressured that much)," Panelo added.

Duterte also attended Japanese Emperor Naruhito's enthronement rites at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo on Oct. 22, but had to return to Manila on the same day after feeling an "excruciating and searing" pain in his lower back.

On Oct. 22, the President was advised by his neurologist to limit his physical activities and take some pain relievers after he was diagnosed with "muscle spasms" or a sudden and involuntary contraction of muscles. (PNA)

Transport and Infrastructure Mark de Leon, LTO executive director Romeo Vera Cruz, Philippine National Police Highway Patrol Group (PNP-HPG) Traffic Enforcement Unit chief, Lt. Col. Emmanuel Tabuena, and other officials.

Garcia said their target is to suspend the licenses of 1,000 PUB drivers by 2020, or at least 100, depending on how long the deliberation process would take.

"They will know that this government is very serious in doing our job and pagbigay ng disiplina sa mga motorista (meting out discipline to motorists)," Garcia said.

The worst violator, Garcia said, has been cited for 533 traffic violations, consisting mostly of obstruction violations, disregarding traffic signs, and illegal loading/unloading since 2006.

A total of 446 of the violations have been paid, 82 of which applied for amnesty, and five unpaid violations.

"Merong PHP150, merong PHP500, merong PHP1,000. Malaki yan. Yung mga ganitong driver walang karapatan magkalisensya 'to (Some fines

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emergency kits from the Provincial Disaster and Risk Reduction Management Office (PDRRMO), and bath towels from DILG provided so much joy especially to the children. Some residents indulged in the free-of-charge beauty and wellness services offered by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) such as manicure, pedicure, haircut and massage therapy.

Among other services that were highly appreciated by more than 700 locals were: assistance from the Municipal Civil Registrar for PSA documents application; seeds/seedlings distribution by the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist (OPA); anti-rabies vaccination by the Office of the Provincial Veterinarian; livelihood training (dishwashing and liquid soap-making) and the feeding program from the Provincial Cooperative, Livelihood and Entrepreneurial Development Office (PCLEDO), DTI-Cavite

were worth PHP150, there's PHP500, there's PHP1,000. That's a big sum. This kind of drivers shouldn't be given a license)," Garcia said.

He admitted that negligence occurred for such motorists to incur large amounts of violations without added penalty.

"Sa dami ng concerns, hindi na napapansin yung mga ganito. Sabi ko nga sa kanila kanina, nag-meeting kami, walang may kasalanan eh. Kung baga, hindi lang napagtuunan ng pansin (Because of so many concerns, these things were neglected. Like what I said in a meeting, no one was at fault. Everyone just failed to give it the necessary attention)," Garcia said.

To ensure the enforcement of suspension following multiple violations, Valera said they will include the MMDA's traffic violations database with the LTO's suspension system.

and Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO); Philhealth Membership/Enrolment; and the advocacy program for teenagers by the Provincial Population Office.

Over-all coordination for the simultaneous conduct of activities was led by the OPG-Extension Medical and Dental Mission Team headed by Ms. Maribel Bernal together with PGC department heads of partner offices. Ms. Bernal, along with doctors from PHO led the donation of some supplies of medicines to the Punong Barangay of Pinagsanhan.

Other volunteers in attendance were personnel from the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) with their Drug Abuse Prevention and Education (DAPE) comics to help raise the public's awareness on the harmful effects of illegal drugs and how to prevent their abuse through images combined with texts.—PICAD

"We are coordinating with MMDA, through GM Garcia, para yung huli din nila, mai-include na rin namin sa aming process of suspension (so that their apprehensions will be included in our process of suspension)," Valera said. Garcia clarified that the 1,700 motorists found to have made excessive violations were only PUB drivers and that the MMDA has plans to also investigate excessive traffic violators among private motorists, and public utility jeepney drivers.

"Lahat ng lisensya na may huling more than three sa 2018 and 2019, pinapakuha ko na record namin and ipapasagot sa LTO. Inuna ko lang ang mga bus kasi sila madami (All license holders who have made more than three violations in 2018 and 2019, I'm asking for their records and be made accountable by the LTO. I put PUB drivers on top of the list because there are more of them)," Garcia said. (PNA)

**Crippling student loans contribute to Chile's protests**

Santiago-Spiraling student debt, with some loans the size of a mortgage, pricey tuition fees and a troubled education system have helped fan the flames of Chile's deadly protests.

"I don't know anymore how much I owe at this stage," said Paulina Gomez, 34, who graduated over a decade ago.

Two weeks on from the start of Chile's deadly social protests, Gomez and others gathered at one of the daily citizens' meetings taking place in Santiago to discuss crippling student debt and the hopes of many young people.

"With interest I owe more than the total cost of the course now. It's going up every day and I had to take out a loan to pay the interest on my first loan," said Gomez, a journalist.

"At the end of the 90s, state resources proved insufficient to finance higher education," said Gonzalo Muñoz, an education specialist at Santiago's Diego Portales University.

A loan program known as CAE emerged, with bank loans to students guaranteed by the state, a financial device that has fueled student anger against Chile's "neo-liberalism".

Guillermo Jobia, a 24-year old law student who has just graduated, said he paid "the price of a house, and that was being on a scholarship."

"I still have to pay 20 million (pesos), equivalent to around \$27,000.

"I think I'll never see the end of it, unless I get a job that pays, I don't know, a salary that would be impossible

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## P46 per kilo SRP on refined sugar pushed

MANILA – Former government executives are pushing for the implementation of suggested retail price (SRP) on refined sugar in the market.

During the roundtable forum on Wednesday in Quezon City, former Sugar Regulatory Administration chief Rafael Coscolluela said that if the mill gate price of raw sugar is PHP1,500 per 50-kilogram bag, this should be sold less than PHP50 a kilo in retail, or PHP46 to PHP47.

"If mill gate prices, for example, is PHP1,500, add about PHP800 to cover the distribution cost --that means from mill gate, pass on to trader, then to broker, repacker, and finally to the retailer. Add PHP1,500 plus PHP800, that's PHP2,300, divided by 50, the price comes out to less than PHP50 per kilo retailed," he said.

Coscolluela added retail prices in excess of PHP50 imply that somebody or a group of businessmen are making more money than the sugar producers.

Former Trade and Industry Undersecretary, lawyer Vic Dimagiba said SRP should be PHP46 a kilo at the current mill gate price of raw sugar of PHP1,500 per 50-kilogram bag.

Dimagiba said if the mill gate price of raw sugar goes down, the price of sugar in the retail market should also decline.

"Pag hindi bumaba, may nagmamaniobra sa (Once it does not decline, someone manipulates in the) distribution," he added.

Dimagiba added that from the mill gate price, there is already price "unbonding" of sugar wherein only the mill gate price is moving while all

taxes and everything that goes to processing, refining, distribution, and transportation are almost fixed cost and "passed on down the line".

Meanwhile, Coscolluela believes that with the proposed trade liberalization, the sugar industry would be in "crisis" as it is not yet ready to face open competition in an uneven playing field.

He cited the Philippine sugar competing against Thailand's sugar, which is heavily subsidized by its government.

"There is no way that the Philippine sugar industry can compete against subsidies," he said.

Coscolluela thus underscored the need for the sugar industry to improve its productivity, which is the major challenge it is facing today.

"The industry is facing (an) increasing cost of production, competition from subsidized sugar, sugar substitutes like HFCS (high-fructose corn syrup), and from smuggled sugar. These are the realities that the industry is facing and it's going to be a big challenge to be able to survive under these circumstances," he said.

Over the last two months, around 250,000 MT of sugar was imported by registered traders.

Coscolluela said such imports have already caused a drop in domestic prices --more than PHP100 drop in mill gate prices of raw sugar.

"We're beginning to see the effects of import liberalization and we expect domestic prices to go down. The sad thing is mill gate prices for sugar producers are beginning to go down but retail prices of sugar are remaining at unusual high levels," he added.

## Bank exec forecasts better 2019 income

MANILA -- A ranking official of Aboitiz banking arm, Union Bank of the Philippines (UnionBank), expects a good income turnout for the bank this 2019 on sustained drop of inflation and interest rates.

In a briefing by Aboitiz officials on their third quarter 2019 performance Wednesday, UnionBank chief financial officer (CFO) Jose Emmanuel Hilado said sustained deceleration of rate of price increases bodes well for domestic interest rates.

"We expect good performance until the end of the year," he said.

After peaking at 6.7 percent in September and October last year, inflation decelerated to 0.8 percent last October, with the 10-month average at 2.6 percent, at the lower half of the government's 2-percent to 4-percent target.

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) slashed its key rates by a total of 75 basis points after hiking it by a total of 175 basis points last year to address inflation expectations.

In the first nine months this year, UnionBank and its subsidiaries registered a 40-percent increase in net income to PHP8.5 billion compared to the

PHP6.1 billion in end-September 2018.

The rise was attributed to the double-digit growth of earnings asset and trading gains.

Total assets as of last September reached PHP685.8 billion, higher than year-ago's PHP643 billion.

Total loans rose 10 percent year-on-year to PHP346.3 billion on credit card receivables, consumers' loans, small and medium enterprise (SME) banking, and commercial loans.

In a disclosure to the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE), Hilado said net interest margins in the third quarter increased by 100 basis points compared to the figures at the start of the year.

"Our digital transformation plans are ahead of schedule. We recorded solid growth across the different business segments. CitySavings also stabilized --delivering around PHP15 billion in salary loan releases and 9,000 motorcycle units during the third quarter," he said.

"We are fortunate that the substantial improvement in margins and trading gains from favorable market conditions have converged," he added. (PNA)

Coscolluela said the "big challenge" for the government now is to find a balance on how to protect the interest of the different sectors so it could have a consistent policy environment that encourages agriculture, protects the consumer, and most importantly protects the farmer or laborer.

"If the given is we have to import anyway, what the industry is proposing is a 'calibrated, well studied'

program of importation that considers the requirements of the industrial users as they consume about 50 percent of the total domestic market, and the end users," he added.

Coscolluela said if sugar importation will be liberalized "without any consideration for domestic requirement, the cheaper imported sugar will cause the collapse of domestic prices and that will kill the sugar industry". (PNA)



**Medical and Dental Mission  
Barangay Buenavista III**

**STRENGTHENING ITS CAMPAIGN ON WELLNESS AND WELFARE SERVICES:** Recognizing the importance of good health and wellbeing of the constituents, Governor Jonvic Remulla thru the Office of the Provincial Governor-Extension remains steadfast in conducting free healthcare services to its people. Health and Sanitation Committee Chair Councilor Eleazar Grepo Deliva who was in charge in the smooth flow of the mission thanked the whole delegation of the provincial government for relentlessly showing their compassion on providing the basic health needs of their constituents. A total of 399 residents in Barangay Buenavista III received basic consultation and tooth extraction free of charge making the health care services more meaningful as it was brought closer to the locals. Volunteer doctors, dentists and other professional medical practitioners from the Provincial Health Office and the City Health Office have spent valuable time and immeasurable effort in order to cater the needs of the citizens who needed medical attention. The residents were also given free prescribed medicines and vitamins sponsored by the provincial government. The citizens of Buenavista III have also participated the counseling on proper nutrition, family planning and suitable birth spacing for mothers and were recommended to have a healthy eating habit. The event was made possible thru the support of Congressman Jonjon Ferrer, Mayor Ony Ferrer represented by his son Toby Ferrer, Vice Mayor Morit Sison, Sangguniang Panlungsod of Gen.Trias, Board Member Kerby Salazar and IPP Kyle Jassel Salazar. Members of the barangay council led by Punong Barangay Jessie Grepo, barangay health workers and barangay nutrition scholars were also in attendance who assisted the medical volunteers in facilitating the mission. —(PICAD)



**MAGALLANES LCE THANKS PGC FOR PROVIDING HEALTH ASSISTANCE:** Magallanes Mayor Jasmin Maligaya-Bautista thanked the medical and dental mission team of the Provincial Government of Cavite and 8<sup>th</sup> District Board Member Virgilio Varias for providing health assistance to her constituents on November 6, 2019. Medical practitioners from the Provincial Health Office and Municipal Health Office rendered their services which include adult and pedia consultation, dental check-up and tooth extraction to almost 400 patients. Likewise, prescribed medicines and some vitamins were also provided for free.—PICAD



**MEDICAL AND DENTAL MISSION FOR DASMARIÑEÑOS:** The Provincial Government of Cavite thru the Office of the Governor and Provincial Health Office continues to provide health care assistance to residents of the City of Dasmariñas during the medical and dental mission held at Cityhomes Resortville Covered court, Barangay Langkaan II on November 5, 2019. A total of 400 patients received free medical consultation and 33 locals underwent tooth extraction performed by the doctors and dentists from General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital and trained staff from the Office of the Governor. Medicines and vitamins were also given to the patients. The barangay council headed by Punong Barangay Fernando T. Laudato lauded Governor Jonvic Remulla for his constant support to his constituents. The locals were also very grateful to the medical team for providing needed health care services. Barangay health workers also assisted in the event. —(PICAD)



**GOVERNOR REMULLA VISITS THE LOCALS OF DASMARIÑAS:** Governor Jonvic Remulla visited the locals of the City of Dasmariñas on November 4, 2019 as part of the Ugnayan sa Barangay Program and brought the good news on fiber optic internet connection in Cavite with more than 300 kilometers of fiber optic cables spread throughout the province making it a free wi-fi zone. The governor reiterated the

importance of modernizing information technology and going with the flow of innovation which mirrors economic development in the province. A short program was facilitated with over 3000 citizens who echoed their commitment to support the projects of the provincial government. The attendees were given packs of rice in exchange of plastic bottles in line with the campaign on waste management and environmental awareness. Also present during the Ugnayan were Vice Mayor Rex Mangubat, 4<sup>th</sup> District Board Member Fulgencio "Jun" Dela Cuesta Jr., Cavite Councilors League President Nickol Austria, SK Federation President Jeg Gonzales, Langkaan 2 Punong Barangay Fernando Laudato and the city council of Dasmariñas. — (PICAD)



**UGNAYAN SA BARANGAY IN TRECE MARTIRES CITY:** Governor Jonvic Remulla brought cheer and hope to the people of Trece Martires as Ugnayan sa Barangay continues at Golden Horizon in Barangay Hugo Perez on November 5, 2019. Team Lubigan showed their support to the governor's program as Mayor Gemma Lubigan, Vice Mayor Bobby Montehermoso and the rest of the Sangguniang Panlungsod Members joined the event to communicate with the locals. Board Members Ping Remulla and Lito Langit were also in attendance which added inspiration and optimism for the Treceños. The participants received packs of rice in exchange of plastic bottles as part of the advocacy on environmental awareness and waste management. —(PICAD)



**ENHANCING TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SKILLS OF BARANGAY TANOD:** Following the training on maintaining peace and order in the community, the provincial government of Cavite led by Governor Jonvic Remulla continue to capacitate Barangay Tanods, this time on effective traffic management. On November 6, 2019, another Basic Traffic Management Seminar was conducted by the provincial government's Road Safety Division for the benefit of the Barangay Tanods in the municipalities of Carmona, Silang and General Mariano Alvarez. They were oriented on road traffic apprehensions, legitimate manners in accommodating traffic disruptions, compliant behaviors on handling obstruction on normal traffic flow and other matters pertaining to traffic management. Almost 2100 Barangay Tanods received complete traffic gears such as vest, gloves and boots which they can use while performing their duties in their respective barangay. They were also given packs of rice. Local officials of the three LGUs including Carmona Mayor Roy Loyola and Vice Mayor Cesar Ines Jr., GMA Mayor Walter Echevaria and Vice Mayor Maricel Torres, and Silang Mayor Cory Poblete joined Governor Remulla showing their commitment and strong support to the undertaking on traffic management in the whole province. Fifth District Representative Dahlia Loyola and Board Members Ivey Jayne Reyes and Alston Kevin Anarna were also in attendance, together with some councilors from the three municipalities. —(PICAD)



**PRODUCT CLINIC FOR CAVITE MSMEs:** To further enhance the products of Cavite micro entrepreneurs, the Provincial Cooperative, Livelihood and Entrepreneurial Development Office conducted the 2nd Product Clinic for Cavite MSMEs – food category on November 7, 2019 at the Cavite Cooperative Center in Trece Martires City. Ms. Liza C. Gabatan, Entrepreneurial Division Head provided the overview of the activity and pointed out that the PCLEDO is always open to help aspiring entrepreneurs to raise the quality and marketability of their products. Consultation and lecture covered Product Sensory by Ms. Ana Marie Daigan and Ms. Claire S. Malibiran, Packaging Material Evaluation by Ms Grace D. Noceja and Ms. Ray Ann Garcia Garaide, and Packaging and Label Design Evaluation by Mr. Rene Jethro Abary and Mr. Chris Johnnie France Rana, all from the Department of Science and Technology-Industrial Technology Development Institute (DOST-ITDI). During the program, the panelists evaluated some products examining their details and providing assessment to help participants make the

necessary improvements. A lecture on Guidelines on FDA's LTO and Product Registration and Orientation on Good Manufacturing Practices and Food Safety was facilitated by Ms. Gretchen Barredo, Food Safety Consultant of GSB Food and Service Consultancy. The talk included the guidelines, requirements and procedures pertaining to Licensing. Likewise, food safety hazards and the adverse effects on consumers as well as the chemistry of food, food-borne illness and its symptoms were discussed. Atty. Khervy B. Reyes, OIC, PCLEDO thanked and congratulated the 18 participants for coming to the Clinic and shared insights on how a well-developed product could lead to a long-lasting business. The awarding of Certificates of Appreciation and Participation to consultants and participants concluded the event. — (PICAD)

## US formally starts withdrawal from Paris climate convention

Washington-The United States on Monday formally notified the United Nations that it was withdrawing from the Paris climate accord, making the world's largest economy the sole outlier from the agreement.

President Donald Trump went ahead with the pullout despite mounting evidence of the reality and impact of climate change, with September the fourth month in the row with near- or record-breaking temperatures.

The United States presented its withdrawal letter to the United Nations on the first possible date under the accord negotiated by Trump's predecessor Barack Obama.

It will be officially out of the Paris accord on November 4, 2020, one day after the US election in which Trump is seeking a second term on appeals to the white working-class.

Announcing the move, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo reiterated Trump's rationale in 2017 that the accord would disadvantage US businesses.

"It was America that would suffer the straitjacket," Pompeo told the Fox Business network. "It would be quintessentially unfair to the American people and to the American workers."

Pompeo said in a statement that the United States would advocate a "realistic and pragmatic model" that included renewable energy but preserved a role for fossil fuels.

French President Emmanuel Macron, who unsuccessfully tried to persuade Trump to stay

in the accord named for his nation's capital, lamented the decision.

"We regret this and it makes the Franco-Chinese partnership on climate and biodiversity even more necessary," the French presidency said as Macron visited China, the world's largest emitter of greenhouse gases blamed for climate change.

The United States, the number-two emitter, is still planning to attend this month's COP climate negotiations in Spain, according to a State Department official.

Pompeo in his statement pointed to a 13 percent US reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from 2005 to 2017 even as the economy grew.

But Trump, who took office in 2017, has pledged to turn back environmental regulations as states such as California and New York try to take stronger action on their own.

Trump has sought to block California from setting tighter standards on car emissions and moved to let states set their own standards on existing coal-fired power plants.

Robert Menendez, the top Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said that the Trump administration has "once again thumbed its nose at our allies, turned a blind eye to the facts and further politicized the world's greatest environmental challenge."

Former vice president turned climate champion Al Gore deplored Trump's decision—but said that a new president

could re-enter the Paris accord within 30 days.

"No one person or party can stop our momentum to solve the climate crisis, but those who try will be remembered for their complacency, complicity and mendacity in attempting to sacrifice the planet for their greed," Gore said.

The Paris accord set a goal of limiting temperature rises to well within two degrees Celsius (3.6 Fahrenheit) from pre-industrial levels, a goal that scientists say is vital to check the worst damage from global warming such as increasing droughts, rising floods and intensifying storms.

Mindful of the politics at home, Obama insisted that the goals be loosely enforced, with each of the 197 signatories?from the United States to North Korea to tiny islands?choosing its own actions and informing the United Nations.

Contrary to some predictions, Trump's decision did not trigger a domino effect of withdrawals by countries such as Brazil and Australia.

Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro, an ideological ally of Trump, has belittled environmentalists but has held off on threats to withdraw from the Paris accord, with the European Union requiring adherence as a condition for a major trade deal.

Trump has cast the climate accord as elitist, saying when announcing his decision that he was "elected to represent the citizens of Pittsburgh, not Paris."

But a Washington Post poll last month found that even in his own party



**SKIN DISEASE DETECTION AND PREVENTION CARAVAN GOES TO CAVITE CITY:** Continuing the advocacy to raise awareness on different skin diseases and its prevention, the Provincial Health Office thru Provincial National Leprosy Control Program Coordinator Haydelisa Maderazo conducted another Skin Disease Detection and Prevention Caravan, this time, in Cavite City on November 7, 2019. With the assistance of Cavite City Health Office headed by Dr. Lino Antonio S. Barron, City Health Officer, the caravan treated almost 200 patients who were also given prescribed medicines and vitamins to boost their immune system. Likewise, Ms. Maderazo lectured on different types of skin diseases, its prevention as well as tips on proper skincare and hygiene. The health event was conducted in partnership with the Department of Health IV-A – National Leprosy Control Program.—PICAD

## Death toll from Iraqi protests climbs to 254: UN

ISTANBUL -- At least 254 people have so far lost their lives amid anti-government protests in Iraq that started early October, said a report issued by the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) on Tuesday.

The report, titled "Demonstrations in Iraq: update, 25 October - 4 November 2019", said a total of 97 protestors were killed amid the second wave of demonstrations storming the capital Baghdad and the central and southern territories of the country.

Stressing that UNAMI has found serious human rights violations and abuses during the protests, the report underscored that

thousands of other protestors were also injured.

The report attributed at least 16 deaths -- and many serious injuries -- to demonstrators being hit by tear gas canisters.

"There is no justification for security forces to fire tear gas canisters or sound and flash devices directly at unarmed demonstrators," said Danielle Bell, chief of the UNAMI Human Rights Office.

The UN's earlier report covering the first wave of protests in Iraq had said a total of 157 protestors were killed and 5,494 others were wounded.

Iraqi protests

he faces growing opposition on the issue, with 60 percent of Republicans agreeing with the scientific consensus that human activity is causing climate change.

Former New York

mayor Mike Bloomberg, who has used his fortune to push for action on climate change, vowed to put the issue front and center in next year's election.

Iraq has been rocked by a second wave of protests that began on October 25 against deep-seated corruption, unemployment, and lack of basic services.

Anger has been building in Iraq in recent years due to rising unemployment and rampant corruption. Many people in the country have limited access to basic services, such as electricity and clean water.

According to World Bank figures, Iraq's youth unemployment is about 25 percent. It is also ranked the 12th most-corrupt country in the world by several transparency organizations. (Anadolu)

"Until then, we will continue to fight the climate crisis with the urgency required, city by city and state by state. We can't afford to wait."

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from eye vision problem can be treated, while vision loss can be prevented.

"That's why WHO is very dedicated to this issue because so much of blindness and vision loss is unnecessary if we treat people, if we find it early enough and treat them appropriately we can stop people from going blind in most cases," Mueller said.

"The problem is that most people (who) have vision problems are older people. Mainly, older people develop cataracts or needing reading glasses and other adult problems that can cause vision loss," he added.

Mueller said the whole health system, including doctors, nurses, and barangay health workers, can be part in the provision of eye care among people who possibly suffer from eye impairment.

"The whole health system can be better trained and featured across the whole health system. There's a need to be someone who's available, understands eye care and could identify the vision problem subject to the referral," he added.

Meanwhile, PERI Director, Dr. Leo Cubillan, said the DOH is pushing eye health through a primary care provider network that will be institutionalized under the UHC to further cater comprehensive eye services to the people.

"With this burden of disease in the country, it becomes relevant to look into what programs the DOH has and maybe we want to see what the world is working on in terms of their World Vision report," Cubillan said.

**Visual impairment**

Cubillan also cited the findings in the 2018 Philippine Eye Disease Study that cataract remains the main cause of the visual impairment in the Philippines, while glaucoma and diabetic retinopathy were present among patients with no visual impairment.

To prevent eye diseases among Filipinos, PERI said it has

spearheaded the National Vision Screening Program (NVSP) with the DOH and the Department of Education (DepEd) to screen all kindergarten pupils entering the Filipino schools' system at age 5 to 6 years old to detect errors of refraction and amblyopia.

"The development of error of refraction is multifactorial, and it's a coincidence that if you look at the kindergartens, around 10 percent of them actually could not read what's on the blackboard. That's the reason why President Duterte signed into law [the mandatory eye screening] for all the kindergarten pupils on July 31, 2019," he said.

**Responsive eye care**

The DOH said it is eyeing to capacitate health facilities responsive to the delivery of appropriate eye care services among Filipinos.

Dr. Maria Sylvia Uy, head of DOH's Prevention of Blindness Program, said the agency is working with PhilHealth to include eye care in the coverage of health services.

"According to Philhealth, so far, the resources cannot be able to supply needed eyeglasses to all Filipinos, that's why we chose to prioritize the kindergartens and senior citizen," she said.

Uy said visual impairment has a negative impact on academic performances of the pupils while senior citizens are prone to accidents that there is a need to improve their eye sights.

"It has to be integrated within the local health system so that in the rural health unit, the services are there bringing easy access and referrals to the ophthalmic specialty centers to prevent eye problems," he said.

He also said the ratio of ophthalmologists in the country is insufficient, however added that they "are training health workers while the DOH is working in several areas in the country to equip the government hospitals to eye care

**Solon proposes mandatory civil conscription in disaster response**

MANILA--Senator Francis Tolentino on Tuesday pushed for the passage of a measure that would require the mandatory civil conscription for disaster and humanitarian service.

In his sponsorship speech delivered during the plenary session, Tolentino stressed that a ready and able body of professionals be equipped to be called upon to render aid in emergency situations to enable communities to quickly respond to such calamities.

Tolentino filed Senate Bill 1129 in the wake of a series of strong earthquakes that have affected millions of Filipinos in Mindanao.

"I rise today, urging you all that we must exert all efforts to address against these calamities, both natural and man-made, to save not only our lives but that of our children and the future generations," Tolentino said.

"The bill, entitled the Civil Conscription Act... will require the mandatory service of professionals, such as doctors, nurses, and engineers, in the aftermath of calamities and disasters," he added.

Under the bill, professionals, such as structural engineers and licensed medical personnel, may be called upon by the Armed Forces of the Philippines, to render mandatory civil service and humanitarian purposes in times of disasters and calamities in

services."

Uy added that the DOH is currently involving the local chief executives of local governments in the community health care program.

"They are encouraged to be part of the community health care team wherein they could draft local ordinances or a resolution to support the program. That means they

order to aid in humanitarian efforts and post-disaster rehabilitation through a system of recruitment for a limited period.

The senator also urged his colleagues to fast-track the passage of a bill creating the Department of Disaster Management.

"It is hereby proposed that the new Department of Disaster Management be created to serve as the lead agency for all disasters and rehabilitation management programs, policies and activities in the country. Among its thrusts will be the immediate or quick rehabilitation of affected areas," he said.

He noted that post-disaster rehabilitation, recovery, and reconstruction are major challenges not only in terms of costs but also in securing consensus among stakeholders of what constitutes "building back better".

He stressed the need to design post-disaster physical infrastructure and socio-economic systems to adequately withstand the very real possibility of another mega-disaster.

"A credible Post Disaster Needs Assessment and a comprehensive Recovery and Rehabilitation Plan are critical in order to restore and improve the facilities, livelihood, living conditions and organizational capacities of the affected communities," he added. (PNA)

allocated funds for the programs including the provision of eyeglasses and capacitate local hospitals [even cataract surgeries] which is prevalent among us," Uy said.

Uy added that under the UHC, the service delivery network requires to address health care problems from the local government to the national level. (PNA)

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here."

Most young Chileans work during their studies in low-paid jobs which don't provide enough income to pay off their debts. Chile's minimum monthly wage amounts to \$420.

Gunther Birchmeier, 30, worked as "a waiter, or in a supermarket at night or at weekends" to earn his \$550 monthly tuition fees. But he couldn't keep it up. Eventually, "the university blocked me and I couldn't continue studying."

Birchmeier says he has been repaying student debt for the past five years, "and I still have 15 left."

"You have to take the whole issue of interest into account," said Birchmeier. "They lent me 10 million (pesos, around \$13,300) and I'm paying back about 20 million, 100 percent more."

Birchmeier, who works in a cybersecurity company, has no savings. "I'm stuck. If I get fired, I have nothing."

Gomez says she feels harassed by a constant stream of letters and phone calls from debt collectors, "even at work."

"I'm not paying currently. I don't have the cash." The interest alone "is now 5 million pesos" around \$6,700. "The politicians of this country must give us a definitive solution to end this anguish, because it is anguish to have to deprive yourself of other things in order to pay for this. It's never-ending."

The next generation is what worries Gomez

now, particularly the challenges facing her 10-year-old son.

"Public education in Chile is horrible. There are 40 per class. Only one teacher. We'll have to tighten our belts to send him to a private school."

The sense of crisis around Chile's education system has emerged during every social conflict since the end of the Pinochet regime in 1990. Chile's largest student demonstrations for decades, the "Penguin Revolution" -- so called because of the students' dark blue and white uniforms -- took place in 2006.

"The difficulties we see now mainly affect young people who have finished their studies in the last 15 years," said Munoz, the education expert.

"The youngsters of today will have different conditions" he said. "The Bachelet system has changed the situation."

In 2015, during her second term, then-president Michelle Bachelet allowed Chile's poorest to have free access to university with a landmark education reform, though the high postgraduate debt burden still remains for many Chileans.

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

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**Mang Domeng's Bibingka at SM City Molino Lower Ground Floor**

**SM CITY MOLINO, CAVITE** - Something deliciously Filipino is waiting for you at SM City Molino Lower Ground Floor. What started as a family cooking tradition for several years ago became a well-loved Filipino family comfort food to many. Mang Domeng's Bibingka is always prepared in a traditional manner, just like when their family members cook and sell it just outside their house. Since then, their family recipe was passed through generations and in 2016, the product was introduced to the market and immediately became a big hit.

**Mang Domeng's bibingka has a very traditional distinct taste only they can offer. This is the perfect pasalubong for your mom and aunts, and the whole family to enjoy while bonding. So go, grab and enjoy the taste of home at Mang Domeng's Bibingka at SM City Molino Lower Ground Floor.**

## Filipino fencers eyeing four golds in SEA Games

MANILA -- The Philippine fencing team to the 30th SEA Games hosted by the Philippines later this month will not settle for anything less than winning the overall title on home soil.

The last time the Philippines hosted the biennial event in 2005, the local fencers were overall champions with five gold, five silver and a couple of bronze medals.

"That's our aim. We are targeting three to four golds. We want all our

fencers to win medals. If not the gold, then a silver or bronze," said head coach Rolando Canlas Jr. in Tuesday's Philippine Sports Writers Association (PSA) Forum at the Amelie Hotel in Manila.

Fencing in this year's SEA Games will be staged at the World Trade Center in Pasay City from Dec. 3 to 8. A total of 12 gold medals will be disputed among fencers from nine competing countries —

men's and women's individual and team events in foil, epee and sabre.

Canlas, a gold and bronze medalist in 2005, is confident that the 24-member national team can deliver.

"With help from the Philippine Sports Commission, they were provided with everything from foreign exposure, foreign coach, nutrition, conditioning and sports psychology. They are all excited," he added.

## LOOK WHO'S SCROLLING AT SM CITY BACOOR!



**Ice Trolls at the 3rd Level of SM City Bacoor**

**SM CITY BACOOR, CAVITE** - Who says Ice Cream can't be more fun? Bangkok's famous Scrolled Ice Cream is here at SM City Bacoor, disguised in Witty Names of your favorite Celebrities! Enjoy watching how these creamy goodness are frozen in a cold plate and scraped into trolls, added up with lots of flavorful toppings just for you! Try their best sellers; Dingdong Dan "Teas" (Matcha flavored) scrolled ice cream with the perfectly earthy bittersweet flavor and James "Ferre" Reid (Nutella) scrolled ice cream which is perfectly sweet to cheer you up. But if you wanna go basic, try their "Choco" Martin (Chocolate) or Enchong Dee "Caffe" (Mocha) Ice Cream, perfect starters for those who want their sweet cravings satisfied. But if you want to add up some some twists and level ups, try their Premium Flavors: Vice "Mangga" (Mango), "Alden "Berry" Chards (Strawberry), Sam "Milky" (Biscoff), Daniel "Pastillas" (Ube), Cookies Quen Cream (Oreo Ice Cream), and Papa "Pea" (Choco Banana) Ice Cream. So stroll and scroll at Ice Trolls at the 3rd Level of SM City Bacoor!

The country's top fencers, including Noelito Jose Jr., Nathaniel Perez, CJ Concepcion, Nicole Cortey and reigning Asian Under-23 champion Samantha Catantan graced the forum presented by San Miguel Corp., Braska Restaurant, Amelie Hotel and PAGCOR.

In the 2015 SEA Games, the Filipinos failed to win a gold, settling for a handful of silver medals. In 2017, they marked their return to the top with a gold,

three silvers and two bronzes. Canlas said full support from the government and top fencing officials led by Ormoc City Mayor Richard Gomez and Celso Dayrit has given the fencers enough motivation to deliver the gold.

They vied in major overseas competitions prior to this SEA Games, including Asian and World championships, and underwent intensive training in South Korea

from Sept. 3 to Oct. 3. They will vie in the Taiwan Open from Nov. 14 to 18 in time for the SEA Games scheduled Nov. 30 to Dec. 11.

"They really improved a lot. The confidence level is very high. When we compete overseas, even the Koreans are now taking videos of our fencers," said Canlas, noting that Catantan won the gold in the recent Asian Under-23 by beating two Koreans along the way. (PR)

**Ang kayamanan ng mayaman ang proteksiyon niya; Gaya iyon ng matibay na pader sa imahinasyon niya.**

**(Kawikaan 18:11)**