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DENR mulls setting up wildlife rescue centers near Taal

MANILA -- The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) is planning to put up wildlife rescue centers at its satellite offices in Batangas and nearby provinces to facilitate rescue and rehabilitation of wildlife species fleeing Taal Volcano.

"We want to bring

these centers closer to people who have saved or will rescue wild animals that migrated to communities to escape Taal Volcano's wrath, so they no longer have to travel to Manila to turn over the species," DENR Undersecretary and Deputy Spokesperson Benny Antiporda said.

Antiporda issued the statement after receiving a rescued baby Luzon scops owl (*Otus longicornis*) at the DENR Wildlife Rescue Center in Quezon City, which is being managed by the Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB).

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DOH: still no confirmed 2019-nCoV case in PH

MANILA, -- The Department of Health (DOH) today informed the public that there are still no confirmed cases of the Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in the country as it convened the first Interagency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases Meeting with the Departments of Foreign

Affairs, Local and Interior Government, Justice, Labor and Employment, Tourism, Transportation, and Information and Communications Technology.

Also among those present to discuss updates on the 2019-nCoV were representatives from attached agencies,

Philippine Overseas Employment Administration, Overseas Workers Welfare Administration, Civil Aviation Authority, Civil Aviation Board, and the Philippine Coast Guard, as well as officials from the World Health Organization (WHO).

At present, there are 2,798 confirmed cases of

the 2019-nCoV globally, 37 of which were reported in 11 countries outside of China. The current global case fatality rate of the 2019-nCoV is 2.9%, with all 80 deaths recorded in China. WHO has classified the risk level for the spread of the 2019-nCoV as very high in China, and high at the

regional and global levels.

DOH revealed that it is closely monitoring 22 Patients Under Investigation (PUIs) – 13 in Metro Manila, 3 in Western Visayas, 3 in Central Visayas, 1 in MIMAROPA, 1 in Eastern Visayas, and 1 in Northern Mindanao.

As of today, three of the PUIs have already

been discharged as their laboratory results revealed other diseases. DOH is now awaiting results for 13 PUI from the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine for screening, and 6 PUI laboratory results from the Victorian Infectious Disease Reference Laboratory for (Turn to p. 2)

DSWD sends augmentation assistance for Taal evacuees

QUEZON CITY, -- As part of its mandate to provide technical assistance and resource augmentation (TARA) to local government units (LGUs), the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) has sent augmentation assistance to LGUs responding to the needs of 109,054 families or 412,217 individuals who have been affected by the eruption of Taal Volcano as of 6 am, January 28.

To date, DSWD has so far provided a total of P13,023,728.22 worth of augmentation



assistance to the affected families. The assistance, consisting of 29,043 family food packs (FFPs), 6,360 ready-to-eat food, 1,870 sleeping kits, and 4,643 plastic mats as augmentation support based on the requests of the LGUs.

DSWD emphasized that it has enough resources to assist LGUs and respond to the needs of the affected families. The Department's Central Office (CO) and Field Offices (FOs) have a total of P910, (Turn to p. 2)

Fire Safety Education for Children in evacuation centers

The Bureau of Fire Protection-Trece Martires City in partnership with the Provincial Government of Cavite brought the House of Berong, an interactive fire safety education platform, on tour teaching about fire hazards and basic emergency response among children in evacuation sites in Alfonso on January 24, 2020. It provided not just timely fire safety information but also a form of psycho-social support for the young in the aftermath of Taal



volcano eruption.

Led by SINSP Alma Cassandra Gardose, the team of firefighters from BFP-TMC setup the House of Berong in coordination with BFP-Alfonso and the local government and taught the children some basic first aid lessons during emergency, the common fire hazards at home,

safety tips, how to extinguish fire from burning pan while cooking, and the proper way to respond in case of fire by crawling down below the smoke. They also had the chance to experience being little firefighters for a day as the team from BFP demonstrated the use of (Turn to p. 2)

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confirmation.

During the Inter-Agency Committee meeting, members resolved and agreed to ensure support for Overseas Filipinos in China, as well as comprehensive transport and quarantine plans for Overseas Filipinos from Hubei province who wish to voluntarily return to the Philippines. The Committee also agreed on proposing temporary restrictions on the issuance of visas for travelers from Hubei Province, and issuing advisories temporarily discouraging non-essential travel to China.

"I wish to inform our kababayans that the government will take care of you whether you choose to stay or return home. For those who choose to return, you will be taken care of in a health facility for

monitoring and further medical management," Health Secretary Francisco T. Duque III said.

For Filipinos who wish to stay in China, DOH reiterates adherence to advisories and cooperation with public health activities being done by local authorities. DOH will ensure that all Filipinos in other countries will receive sufficient information and health support through telemedicine.

"I urge the public to remain vigilant. Let us continue practicing good hand hygiene, observing proper cough etiquette, maintaining distance from people manifesting flu-like symptoms, cooking food properly, and adopting healthy lifestyles," the Health Secretary concluded. (DOH)

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The baby owl, which was named "Tala," was rescued by members of the Regional Mobile Force Battalion of the National Capital Region Police Office while patrolling along the Talisay-Tanauan Road in Batangas City last January 22.

Antiporda lamented that nestlings and other young wildlife species are the most at risk during volcanic eruption since they are unable to fly and travel long distances.

"That's why putting up rescue centers at strategic DENR field offices near Taal is a must," he said.

By setting up rescue centers near areas

affected by the Taal Volcano eruption, Antiporda said the DENR could immediately respond to citizens in custody of rescued wildlife.

He also assured that the DENR is available 24/7 to respond to animal rescue situations through its hotlines and social media accounts.

"The public can reach us through our Facebook and Twitter accounts. They can also call us at pupuntahan po namin sila at ready po ang DENR 24/7," Antiporda said.

Meanwhile, BMB resident veterinarian Glenn Maguad said the rescued baby owl will be

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245,390.43 standby funds and stockpile of food and non-food items.

To further augment the resources of DSWD, the Department's FOs in different regions in the country have also provided relief augmentation to affected areas in CALABARZON. The Department's FO-National Capital Region (NCR), I, II, V, MIMAROPA, and Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) have sent FFPs and other food and non-food items for the evacuees.

Meanwhile, in order to ensure that operational and administrative concerns on the Department's disaster response are addressed, DSWD Secretary Bautista has instructed for the creation of DSWD Task Group Taal headed by Assistant Secretary Jose Antonio R. Hernandez.

Assistant Secretary Hernandez, who hails from Batangas, has been visiting various evacuation centers in different affected areas in the province to check on the condition of the evacuees and monitor the provision of assistance to them. He also met with

Batangas Governor Hermilando Mandanas and members of the Batangas Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRRMO) and CALABARZON Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (RDRRMO) on January 15 to discuss the continuous provision of assistance to the affected residents.

Likewise, on January 18, DSWD officials headed by Sec. Bautista, together with the Department's disaster teams, conducted a coordination meeting at the newly-established DSWD Command Center in Batangas City to discuss issues and concerns, and formulate corresponding actions pertaining to the Department's disaster response operations in the CALABARZON region.

The Department continuously coordinating and collaborating with concerned LGUs and other stakeholders to determine other appropriate assistance that the affected residents may need to ease their situation. (DSWD)

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

released back into the wild when it becomes an adult either at Mount Banahaw or Bataan National Park.

The Luzon scops owl

is an owl endemic to Luzon island and is one of the smallest scops owls in the country, measuring only seven inches. (PR)

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firehose and let them try using the equipment firsthand.

First stop of the fire safety caravan was at Matagbak Elementary School followed by Marahan Elementary School both in the town of Alfonso. The team from

BFP-TMC are also targeting to visit evacuation centers in other LGUs to conduct more education campaign for children.

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DOH gets confirmatory test kits for 2019-nCov

MANILA -- An official of the Department of Health (DOH) on Wednesday said the "primers" or confirmatory test kits used for persons under investigation for potential novel coronavirus (2019-nCov) have arrived in the country.

In a press briefing at the Philippine Blood Center in Quezon City, DOH Undersecretary Eric Domingo reported that the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine will no longer be sending tests for

confirmation to Australia because the reagents and the primers it ordered have arrived.

"They are now setting up the laboratory for this, and once the laboratory is set up, within 48 hours, they will be able to start running the tests for the 2019 novel coronavirus in the Philippines," Domingo said.

Earlier, Domingo said processing time on identifying whether a person is positive of the virus would be shorter by two to three days with

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HEALTH NEWS

WHO declares 2019 n-CoV public health emergency of int'l concern

MANILA -- The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared the new coronavirus (2019-nCoV) outbreak a public health emergency of international concern.

In a statement on Thursday, January 30, the WHO said its committee agreed that "the outbreak now meets the criteria for a public health emergency of international concern" and it proposed advice as temporary recommendations.

WHO defined a public health emergency of international concern as "an extraordinary event" constituting a "public health risk to other States through the international spread of disease and to potentially require a coordinated international response."

Representatives of the Ministry of Health of the People's Republic of China reported there are now 7,711 confirmed cases and 12,167 suspected cases in the country.

Of the confirmed cases, 1,370 are severe cases while 170 led to death.

About 124 people have recovered and have been discharged from hospitals.

Meanwhile, the WHO Secretariat reported that there are now 82 cases in 18 countries.

Only seven of these cases had no history of travel in China.

While there have been no deaths, one of the cases is severe.

It also reported about human-to-human transmission in three countries outside China.

"The committee believes that it is still possible to interrupt virus

spread, provided that countries put in place strong measures to detect disease early, isolate and treat cases, trace contacts, and promote social distancing measures commensurate with the risk," the WHO said, adding that strategic goals and measures are important as the situation evolves.

To rule out the ongoing hidden transmission, the WHO said its committee reiterated the importance of studying the possible source and the need for enhanced surveillance in regions outside Hubei, including pathogen genomic sequencing, to understand whether local cycles of transmission are occurring.

It also advised China to ensure the resilience of the health system and protect the health workforce, shares full data on all human cases and strengthen the efforts to identify a zoonotic source of the outbreak, and particularly the potential for ongoing circulation.

"Conduct exit screening at international airports and ports, with the aim of early detection of symptomatic travelers for further evaluation and treatment, while minimizing interference with international traffic," it added.

As international exportation of cases has begun, the WHO committee advised all countries should be prepared for containment - active surveillance, early detection, isolation, and case management, contact tracing and prevention of the onward spread of 2019-nCoV infection - and to share full data with the organization.

Outpour of support for Taal volcano affected families

After the eruption of Taal volcano on January 12 that left a huge number of displaced families and communities from Batangas, all forms of help began to come in from the government, the non-government and the private sector. In the Provincial Government of Cavite, call for donations has been answered in heaps with the continuous outpour of donations for the evacuees who have fled in different cities and municipalities of Cavite. Governor Remulla openly expressed his desire to help the residents from the neighboring province of Batangas. This, amidst the fact that even residents of several

LGUs in Cavite were also affected and remain at risk especially during the height of volcanic activities where some areas fall within the 14-kilometer danger zone. His assurance is that the province will not turn its back on anyone during this time of crisis and made sure that all necessary actions were undertaken to facilitate response operations.

Organizations began pooling their resources to extend the much-needed aid for the victims who have left everything behind in the fear of imminent danger, taking only what's within arm's reach and most valuable, their loved ones.

With the passage of Sangguniang Panlalawigan Resolution No. 1390-2020, the

"Evidence has shown that restricting the movement of people and goods during public health emergencies may be ineffective and may divert resources from other interventions. Further, restrictions may interrupt needed aid and



PGC was able to accept donations in cash and in kind, all of which are accounted for, properly received, stored, distributed and prepositioned for release.

Among the early sponsors who handed over their donations of assorted goods to the provincial government were members of the Federation of Cavite Filipino Chinese Business Club, Inc., the Philippine Harmonious Grand Mason South Luzon Chapter, PICPA Cavite Chapter, the Rebisco Group of Companies with loads of handy pack crackers and the Knights of Columbus Labrador Council 7665 with assorted goods and purified water. Also donating assorted goods were the Anvil Business Club, Maynilad Water Services Inc. with goods and water, and the City Government of Navotas while the UNICEF donated Early Childhood Care and Development kits.

The full list of donors are as follows:

- Metro Water Trading Corp.
- Atty. Maan Sumagui
- Federation of Cavite Filipino Chinese Business Club, Inc.
- Philippine Harmonious Grand Mason South Luzon Chapter
- Jill Ramos
- PICP Cavite Chapter
- CFP Strategic Transaction Advisors Inc.
- Registry of Deeds-Cavite
- Rebisco Group of Companies
- City of Imus Cooperative Development Council
- Makati Development Corp./ Ayala Corp.
- WOMASOL Inc. & AUSTRALIAN
- Knights of Columbus Labrador Council 7665
- Ministry of Altar Servers
- Anvil Business Club Inc.
- Margaretha Home for the Blind Inc.
- Koldstor Centre Philippines Inc.
- PEMSEA
- Maynilad Water Services Inc.
- City Government of Navotas
- Municipal Treasurers, Provincial Treasurer & Municipal/City Assessors
- UNICEF
- Anonymous donor
- Donations endorsed by PDRRMO

Cavite provincial government extends its sincerest gratitude to all who have reached out and offered whatever they can to help those who are in need. The goods that were donated will go a long way in providing the affected families some basic necessities while they are coping with the aftermath of Taal volcano eruption. These acts of kindness restore their faith that they can rebuild again after the tragedy and fuel their hope for better days to come.

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technical support, may disrupt businesses and may have negative effects on the economies of countries affected by the emergencies," the WHO said.

It advised the global community to demonstrate solidarity and

cooperation in supporting each other on the identification of the source of this new virus, its full potential for human-to-human transmission, preparedness for potential importation of cases, and research for developing necessary treatment.

"Provide support to low- and middle-income countries to enable their response to this event, as well as to facilitate access to diagnostics, potential vaccines, and therapeutics," it added. (PNA By Ma. Teresa Montemayo)

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FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-281-19

BDO UNIBANK, INC.
Mortgagee,
-versus-

**SPS. RONING CRUZ SANTOS
AND ELSIE NARISMA SANTOS**
Mortgagors,

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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 Mortgagee, **BDO UNIBANK, INC.**, with business address at BDO Corporate Center, 7899 Makati Avenue, Makati City against the Mortgagors, **SPS. RONING CRUZ SANTOS AND ELSIE NARISMA SANTOS**, with residence and postal address at Unit 5, Bldg. 1, Salem Complex, Domestic Rd., Malibay, Pasay City; and/or Block 3, Lot 22, Phase 5, Manchester, Brgy. Navarro, General Trias, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of September 2, 2019 amounts to **THREE MILLION SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY PESOS AND 34/100 (P3,682,660.34)**, Philippine Currency, including interest, penalties and other charges as of said date but exclusive of all other expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will set at public auction on **March 26, 2020** 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. 057-2016052641

Lot No. 22 Block No. 3 Plan No. Pcs-04-028181
Portion of: Lot 1706-O, Bsd-04-002033 (OLT); Road Lot 17, Pcs-04-028064; Lot 2, Block 11, Psd-04-228261; Block 10 & Block 11, Pcs-04-028155; Decreed No. 4270, LRC Record No. 5964 & CLOA

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

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LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	NW	Lot 21, Block 3, Pcs-04-028181
2-3	NE	Lot 88, Block 3, Pcs-04-028181
3-4	SE	Lot 27, Block 3, Pcs-04-028181
4-5	SW	Lot 23, Block 3, Pcs-04-028181
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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 and time, it shall be held on **April 2, 2020** 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.

DOH confirms 1st nCoV case in PH

MANILA -- Health Secretary Francisco Duque III on Thursday confirmed a 38-year-old Chinese female is the first case of the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in the country.

In a press briefing, Duque said the laboratory results of the patient arrived on Thursday from the Victorian Infectious Disease Reference Laboratory in Melbourne, Australia.

"The confirmed case arrived in the Philippines from Wuhan, China via Hong Kong last Jan. 21, 2020. The patient sought to consult and was admitted to one of the country's government hospitals last January 25 after experiencing mild cough," Duque added.

Duque reported that the patient is "currently asymptomatic with no fever and no signs and symptoms of any illness".

Citing that the first nCov case in the country has been detected because of the Department of Health

(DOH)'s strong surveillance, Duque assured the public that DOH is on top of the situation and is in close coordination with the other government agencies and the World Health Organization.

"We are working closely with the hospital where the patient is admitted and have activated the Incident Command System of the said hospital for appropriate management, specifically infection control, case management, and containment. We're also implementing measures to protect health staff providing care to those patients," he added.

To date, the DOH has recorded a total of 29 persons under investigation (PUIs) - 18 in Metro Manila, four in Central Visayas, three in Western Visayas, one in Mimaropa (Mindoro, Marinduque, Romblon, Palawan), one in Eastern Visayas, one in Northern Mindanao, and one in Davao.

Of the total number, 23 PUIs are currently admitted, five have been discharged but are still under strict monitoring and one mortality.

"The DOH is also in close coordination with the Inter-agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases which includes representatives from departments of foreign affairs, interior and local government, labor and employment, tourism, transportation, and information technology," Duque said.

Duque added that the task force will convene a high-level meeting on January 31 to discuss the first confirmed nCov case in the country and other developments on the case.

Duque assured the public that the DOH's health facilities are equipped and prepared to receive and care for PUIs and confirmed 2019-nCov cases.

"The Bureau of Quarantine remains on high alert and is in constant coordination with authorities from all ports of entries for stricter surveillance," he said.

Meanwhile, DOH Epidemiology Bureau director Ferchito Avelino



Health Secretary Francisco Duque III

said they have already requested for the flight details of the patient.

"Kung saan pumunta, tinitingnan na natin 'yun (The places she's been to, we'll check on them). We're looking at the places they have been to in Cebu and Dumaguete as part of the contact tracing," Avelino said.

Avelino added that they will apply the "rule of four" once they are able to get the patient's flight details.

"We need to identify the four passengers in front, four passengers at the back, four passengers at both sides, and we'll contact these passengers and advise them accordingly. For the community, we're looking at the establishment where they stayed and advise the establishment owners to identify the employees that have been in contact with the patient and do the mandatory quarantine," he said. (PNA By Ma. Teresa Montemayo)

Trece Martires City, January 14, 2020.

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ERRATUM

This is to correct the error made in the publication of Notice of Extra-Judicial Sale filed by **PHILIPPINE SAVINGS BANK**, against **VANESSA F. FIGURA** represented by her Atty-in-Fact **AZENITH CHERYL F. GABOTERO**, in the eight line of the Notice of Extra-Judicial Sale **Pontecelli Hills** should be **Ponticelli Hills**.

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MEDICAL MISSION FOR INDANG RESIDENTS: Continuously providing the health care needs of the people, the Provincial Government through the OPG-Extension Office and the Provincial Health Office conducted another medical mission at Barangay Guyam Munti in the municipality of Indang recently. Ninety-five children, 88 adults and 10 senior citizens received free consultation performed by medical professionals from General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital. Free prescribed medicines and vitamins were also given to the patients. Punong Barangay Marcelino Roderno Cruzada and his constituents expressed their gratefulness to Gov. Jonvic Remulla through the medical mission team for granting their health care needs. —(PICAD)



MEDICAL SERVICES FOR SILANG RESIDENTS: Almost 300 residents of Silang availed free medical services brought by the Provincial Government of Cavite through the OPG-Extension and Provincial Health Office at Risen Christ Catholic Church in Brgy. Narra 3 on January 24, 2020. Dentists from Dasmariñas Dental Circle rendered their services for free to some 31 dental patients who underwent tooth extraction while some 239 patients had medical checkup and consultation with the medical professionals from Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital. Fifth District Board Member Kevin Anarna and Knight of Columbus Council 15549 who requested the health activity expressed their gratitude to the provincial government as well as to the mission team for providing free healthcare services to their constituents. — PICAD



TRECENOS AVAILED FREE HEALTHCARE SERVICES: On January 28, 2020, another leg of medical and dental mission was conducted at Capitol Hills Executive Subdivision Village 2 in Brgy. Lapidario, Trece Martires City wherein more than 500 locals availed the free healthcare services sponsored by the Provincial Health Office in partnership with the local government of Trece Martires City. The mission team headed by the OPG-Extension and Provincial Health Office in cooperation with the City Health Office rendered free medical consultation, dental check-up and tooth extraction. Likewise, Multilab Diagnostics and Healthcare Services provided free random blood sugar testing to some 58 patients while 31 residents availed the ECG. The health activity was made possible with the request of Capitol Hills Executive Subdivision Village 2 Homeowners Association through its president, Mr. Wilfredo Salvador and with the assistance of Inocencio Paramedic and Rescue Volunteers (IPARV), barangay officials, barangay health workers and barangay nutrition scholars. Moreover, Mayor Gemma Lubigan, Vice Mayor Bobby Montehermoso together with the Sangguniang Panglungsod Members were present and expressed their gratefulness to the provincial government for always providing health care assistance to Trecenos. — (PICAD)



The Provincial Cooperative, Livelihood and Entrepreneurial Development Office continues the conduct of i-Create Coop, a Ladderized Training for Cooperatives (LTC) on January 23-24, 2020 at the Cavite Cooperative Development Center, Trece Martires City, Cavite. The training aims to identify potential entrepreneurs and provide them with comprehensive support to enhance their entrepreneurial skills and competencies to establish and operate a profitable competitive business on a sustainable basis. In their third session, Dr. Aldrin P. Antivola, Business Efficiency Advisor/Organization Therapist provided the participants the second part of Entrepreneurial Skills Development which includes Operational Management, HR Management, Communication Skills, Financial Management, Cash Flow Management and Legal inputs. Meanwhile, session four about Strategic Business Plan covered the topics Strategic Business Planning (Workshop/Writeshop) and Endorsement and Partnering with Business Coaches/Hands-on Entrepreneurs and Accountants for Preparation of their Pro-Forma Financial Statements. Succeeding lessons will be covered until the last day of the training on February 18, 2020 for the 30 participants from 15 cooperatives. —(PICAD)

PGC Opens Door for Donations

With the increasing number of evacuees in Cavite following the Taal Volcano eruption, the Provincial Government has opened its doors for donations to help the displaced families from Batangas who fled to different municipalities and cities in Cavite to find temporary shelter and ensure their safety.

Metrobank Foundation Incorporated through its Executive Director, Mr. Nick Torres, together with Metrobank Cavite Area Head Ms. Dianne Sierra, and Metrobank Cavite Purple Hearts Club Chapter President Ms. Mira Ordoñez immediately responded to the call for donations and brought various relief goods to evacuation areas in Alfonso, Mendez and the City of Dasmariñas for the displaced families from Batangas.

The team from Metrobank, as accompanied and assisted by the representatives of PGC distributed relief goods such as food supplies, clothes, hygiene kits, blankets and mats to the 257 evacuee families in



Mendez. Afterwards, they proceeded to Alfonso and distributed mats and blankets to 375 families in Alfonso Central School, 55 families in Alfonso Covered Court, 48 families in Matagbak Elementary School and 98 families in Marahan Elementary School, with a total of 576 families as recipients. Finally, in Barangay San isidro Labrador 2 and Barangay San Manuel 2, City of Dasmariñas, there were still 67 sets of blankets and mats distributed to the evacuees.

Metrobank Foundation Incorporated, the corporate social responsibility arm of Metrobank has been undertaking a wide array of social development

programs in key sectors such as education, visual arts and health care. Furthermore, the Purple Hearts Club also known as Gintong Puso ng mga Carerubins, with its various chapters in different areas, has compassionately reached out to indigent communities and provided social welfare assistance for the people.

In behalf of the evacuees, the representatives of the Provincial Government of Cavite as well as the local officials of Mendez, Alfonso and the City of Dasmariñas expressed their gratefulness to the Metrobankers led by its Foundation's Executive Director, Mr. Torres for this very noble activity.

- Provincial Information and Community Affairs Department

Nutrition status of evacuees in Cavite, a main priority of the health office

Cavite Provincial Health Office called for a meeting of the provincial nutrition cluster and all the city/municipal nutrition action officers in Cavite on January 23, 2020 at the Cavite Collaboration Center for Public Health, Trece Martires City to assess the situation particularly the nutrition status of the evacuees affected by the Taal Volcano Eruption in evacuation centers and those fostered by relatives in order to synchronize the actions of the national, the regional, provincial down to the city and municipal nutrition councils

Dr. Nelson Soriano, head of the Provincial Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit reported the immediate response conducted by the Provincial Health Office through rapid health assessment and needs analysis in evacuation sites and in communities where evacuees are fostered by their relatives. They have provided Vitamin A supplementation and immunization among children aged 0 – 59 months, deworming, onsite health checkup,

held on January 27 in Magallanes at Julie's & Nene's Resort and Farm in Brgy. Medina conducting site inspection and animal checkup and donated dog food, vitamins, antibiotics, disinfectant and animal treats. A follow up visitation was done at Mr. Paredes' shelter where they also donated disinfectants. Partners who joined the PVO in the recent vet missions were from the Cavite Veterinary



conducted medical and dental missions, anti-dengue misting, among others. Dr. Soriano stressed some vital provisions that need to be established in evacuation areas including breastfeeding area, isolation room and quarantine area to prevent any possible transmission of communicable disease, availability of onsite medical services for early diagnosis and treatment of medical conditions, couple's room, adequate comfort rooms, clean water facility and the likes. He also noted several cases observed during surveillance like hypertension, diabetes and respiratory health problems and continuously monitoring to provide the necessary interventions.

Nutrition action officers of the different cities and municipalities also reported on the situation of evacuees in their localities and the actions that have been undertaken by the LGUs. Aside from the health and

Medical Association (CAVMA) and the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences (CVMBS) – Cavite State University. - Provincial Information and Community Affairs Department with reports from Dr. May Magno (PVO)

nutritional status assessment, they also help setup mother and baby-friendly spaces, advocated breastfeeding and information dissemination on the ban of infant formula for donations, prepositioned supplies of ready to use supplementary food and continuously monitor the nutrition status especially of children and pregnant or lactating mothers.

Cluster members from the International Institute for Rural Reconstruction Ms. Kirstein Itliong and Ms. Camille Valdemoro explored the possibility of setting up community kitchen in evacuation areas and setting up of Mother-Baby-friendly and Mother-Baby spaces in partnership with their organization and other donors that may be tapped.

Ms. Carina Santiago, Regional Nutrition Cluster Head summed up the agreements that were made during the meeting including the provision of nutrition supplements and nutrition services, daily submission of reports to the province, relaying of needs to the regional office for linkage and provision and information campaign on EO 51 on the ban of infant formula for donation through the Department of Education. Provincial Information and Community Affairs Department

Continuing care for rescued animals

More animals are receiving the needed treatment and care on their way to recovery from the effects of Taal volcano eruption with the continuing inter-agency veterinary mission headed by the Provincial Veterinary Office (PVO). Led by the team of Dr. May Magno, Provincial Veterinarian, volunteers join hands to assist private shelters looking after the welfare of rescued animals and pets while under foster care.

On January 24, two teams were dispatched to conduct veterinary mission in Silang, Magallanes and the City



of Dasmariñas. In Silang, they visited Pam's Shelter, Wagging Tails Rehab and Sanctuary, Philippine Animal Rescue Advocate, Eden for the Furangels Rescue Shelter, and a private residence in the City of Dasmariñas. They conducted health

assessment and treatment, anti-rabies vaccination and provided dog food. In Magallanes, they visited a private shelter owned by Mr. Edsel Paredes where they treated dogs, provided vitamin supplements and anti-rabies vaccination.

Another mission was

National Dental Health Month celebration calls for unity to promote oral health

MAKATI CITY, -- The 16th National Dental Health Month (NDHM) opening ceremonies held on Sunday, January 26 at Quirino Grandstand, Manila marked the start of the month-long celebration with the theme "Unite for Mouth Health". Dr. Stephen B. Almonte, Magilas President together with the officers and executive board also came up with "Collaborate towards Dynamic Professionalism" as a sub-theme for the event.

To jumpstart the celebration, various participants and runners joined the early morning Aqua Run: Run for Oral

Health and other fun activities that mainly highlight the importance of water.

The program also included the ceremonial unveiling of the digital billboard and the launching of oral awareness video to open the National Dental Health Month. There were also other surprise activities for all the participants.

Moreover, Chair Dr. Nathan Dacuan named NDHM opening activities as the "Asian Invasion" to showcase collaboration of two or more Asian countries culture, heritage and dances.

Culminating the activity included contests on "Chant for Smiles" and Inter-Dental School Hiphop Dance Contest which was participated by different regional dental chapters as well as dental students from different universities.

This year's celebration was graced by Manila City Vice Mayor Dr. Maria Sheilah Lacuna-Pangan. In the event, she addressed her great appreciation to all dentists, students, dental professionals and community health workers nationwide.

This annual observance started in

1951 as National Dental Health Week but in February 24, 2004, it was expanded into a month-long celebration pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 559. The observance led by the Philippine Dental Association, aims to strengthen public awareness on the importance of the good oral health. This is also to encourage dentists, students, government agencies, and professional organizations to reach out to more people with no access to dental services especially those who are in countryside. (PDA)

DSWD, partners to lead observance of 2020 Adoption Consciousness Celebration

QUEZON CITY, -- To celebrate the unconditional love between parents and their adopted children, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), in partnership with different national government agencies (NGAs), child-placement institutions, and child-caring institutions will lead the observance of the 2020 Adoption Consciousness Celebration (ACC) on February 1 to 9.

With the theme, "Pagmamahal Palaganapin, Legal na Pag-aampon Ating Gawin! (Spread Unconditional Love through Legal Adoption)," the week-long celebration aims to promote legal adoption as an expression of unconditional love and support to abandoned, neglected, and surrendered children.

The theme also encourages families to undergo legal adoption in order to protect the welfare of adopted children. The legal adoption process will also ensure the safety, security, and best interest of the adoptive children.

2020 ACC Activities

To commence the celebration, DSWD and members of the National Organizing Committee (NOC) of the 2020 ACC will hold a motorcade

from Quirino Grandstand to Quezon City Memorial Circle on February 1. It will be followed by a gathering of adoptive families and a media forum at Quezon City Experience Hall with DSWD officials, representatives from the Judiciary and the Department of Justice (DOJ), and adoptive parents.

Among the topics that will be discussed during the media forum are updates on the implementation of Republic Act No. 11222 or the "Simulated Birth Rectification Act," warnings on the birth simulation and social media pages facilitating illegal adoption, and information on pending laws related to legal adoption.

The Department, with members of the Association of Child Caring Agencies of the Philippines (ACCAP) will also open Adoption Help Desks on selected malls and churches around the country on February 8 and 9.

DSWD invites the public to join the celebration and promote the legal adoption advocacy in social media through the hashtags, "#adoptionislove" and "#legaladoption" this February. (DSWD)

US says more troops injured in Iran missile strikes

WASHINGTON -- The Pentagon on Tuesday raised the number of troops diagnosed with traumatic brain injuries caused by Iranian ballistic missile strikes this month on an Iraqi air base.

"As of today, 50 US service members have been diagnosed with TBI," Defense Department spokesman, Lt. Col. Thomas Campbell said in a statement, referring to traumatic brain injury.

Of them, 31 were treated in Iraq and returned to duty, including 16 of the additional service members who have been diagnosed since the previous report, said Campbell

"Eighteen service members have been transported to Germany for further evaluation and



treatment," he added.

Last week, the Pentagon put the number of injured at 34.

US President Donald Trump initially said no US troops were injured in the Jan. 8 missile attacks, which Iran carried out in retaliation for the US assassination of its top general for regional operations, Qassem Soleimani.

But the casualty toll

was updated by the Pentagon days later when it said on Jan. 17 that 11 service members had been diagnosed with traumatic brain injuries.

Addressing reporters in Davos, Switzerland earlier this week, Trump said he "heard that they had headaches, and a couple of other things," calling the injuries "not very serious."

"I don't consider them very serious injuries

relative to other injuries that I've seen," he said. "I do not consider that to be bad injuries. No."

Soleimani was killed in a US drone strike near Baghdad International Airport, putting Washington and Tehran on the brink of war, but each side has talked down the possibility of further escalation following Iran's retaliation. (Anadolu)

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the use of such kits.

"Matatanggal ang (What will be removed is the) travel or referral time, every time we need to send a specimen to Australia, it takes us about two days before we arrange it with a courier and for the government of Australia, because we're transporting potentially infectious materials so clearance takes time," he added.

Domingo said there are six pending

confirmatory testing results that were sent to Australia which the DOH expects to arrive on Thursday or Friday.

He added there are no confirmed cases of the virus nationwide but 23 persons are under close surveillance in local health facilities for possible 2019-nCoV infection while four others have been discharged as they tested negative for the virus. (PNA By Ma. Teresa Montemayor)

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A large red advertisement for a '3-day SALE' from February 14-15-16. The text '3-day SALE' is written in large, stylized white letters. To the right, 'FEB 14-15-16' is written in white. A circular badge says '70% OFF'. Below, there is an image of a Suzuki motorcycle and the Suzuki logo. The text 'DRAW AND GET A CHANCE TO WIN 1 OF 3 SUZUKI MOTORBIKE SPORT MOTORCYCLES!' is written in white. The SM City Bacoor logo is in the bottom right corner.

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