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13 more airports to be night-rated by 2022: CAAP

MANILA -- Thirteen more commercial airports are set to be made capable of accommodating evening flights by the end of President Rodrigo Duterte's term in 2022, the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) said

on Wednesday. CAAP Director General Jim Sydiongco said 22 out of 43 commercial airports are currently night-rated. "In the years to come and through continued efforts, the CAAP endeavors to certify 13 more airports for night

operations at the airport and community growth requires," Sydiongco said in a press briefing in Malacañang.

He said night-rated airports aim to increase the operational efficiency of airports and reduce day-time flight

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Passenger volume drops by 300K due to Covid-19

MANILA -- The Philippine government's temporary travel ban imposed on mainland China, Hong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan due to the coronavirus disease (Covid-19) outbreak has seen a reduction in the number of international and domestic tourists traveling to the country, the Manila International Airport Authority (MIAA) said on Wednesday.

In a press briefing in Malacañang, MIAA General Manager Ed Monreal said the number of international

passengers from January 25 to February 17 this year decreased by 16.74 percent or 272,006 lower compared to 1,624,698 travellers recorded in the same period last year.

The number of domestic passengers also dropped by 3 percent or around 50,000 individuals in the same period, he added.

Monreal was optimistic that the partial lifting of the temporary travel ban on Hong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan would see an increase of international passengers visiting the country.

He, however, admitted that airlines are still having trouble mounting flights because their front-line crew members have to undergo 14-day quarantine procedures prescribed by the Department of Health (DOH).

"Kung ganun po ang proseso na meron pa po silang quarantine -- yung mga crew -- medyo mahihirapan sila na mag-mount ng flights dito kahit na meron temporary lifting ng mga pasahero papuntang Hong Kong (If that is the process, that crew members have to



NAIA Terminal 1 (File photo)

undergo quarantine, they will have difficulty in mounting flights here despite the partial lifting of the ban," Monreal

said. He said the airlines are slowly starting to recover after the temporary travel ban was

partially lifted. Full recovery, he said, will depend on the government's ability to

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SOCA Delivery and Cyber Safety Orientation

CYBER SAFETY ORIENTATION CUM DELIVERY OF SOCA: Carrying the tagline, "Karapatang Pambata: Patuloy na Pahalagahan at Gampanan Tungo sa Magandang Kinabukasan", the Provincial Government of Cavite through the Provincial Council for the Protection of Children in cooperation with the Inter-agency Council Against Trafficking (IACAT IV-A) and the Department of Education celebrated the 27th Provincial Children's Month on February 20, 2020 at Trece Martires City National High School. Provincial Administrator for Community Affairs Alvin S. Mojica, on behalf of Governor Juanito Victor C. Remulla, delivered the State of the Children's Report before the 150 junior high school students of

TMCNHS. The report highlighted the survival, development, protection, and participation rights of every Caviteño child through the advocacies and programs implemented by the provincial government in partnership with different local and national agencies. On the other hand, a cyber safety orientation dubbed as "Cyber Safety is My Responsibility: Orientation on Anti-Child Pornography Act and Tips on Safer Internet among Youth and Stakeholders" was also conducted. Ms. Henelyn L. Lapizar, Social Welfare Officer III, discussed topics like cyberbullying, online sex exploitation, child pornography as well as several other relevant and timely topics that the students are facing in the digital world. Likewise, she provided



awareness on proper and safe usage of internet and social media. Students had a chance to share their insights and asked questions after the orientation proper.—PICAD

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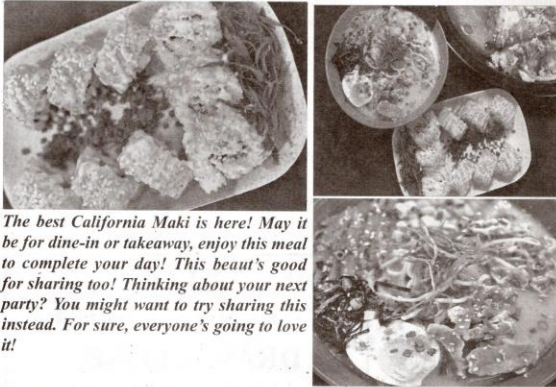
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SAKU TEPPANYUMMY-EST JAPANESE FOOD IN TOWN AT SM CITY BACOOOR FOOD COURT



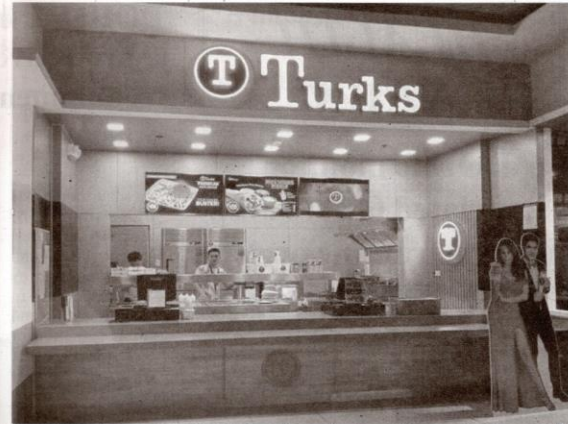
SM CITY BACOOOR, CAVITE – We all have that one moment when we crave for the warm excitement that can only be found in a Japanese ramen, the freshly cooked noodles, flavorful broth from the savory slices of meat, distinct Japanese spices, nori and a half-boiled egg. That's probably the best comfort food during gloomy days and rainy season, or the best breakfast to warm up our stomach as we start the day. Good news is, the Teppanyummiest iron griddle-cooked Japanese Cuisine is here at SM City Bacoor - Foodcourt! And, you don't need to wait in long lines because you, your family and friends can always find the best spot as your table! So that's less time for waiting, but more time for bonding as you enjoy the delightful authentic Japanese cuisine SakuTeppanyummy has in store for you for a very affordable price! So come and bring your love ones at SakuTeppanyummy – SM City Bacoor Food Court located at the 4th floor and together, taste the goodness of the best, Teppanyaki in town.



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address Covid-19.

"What we want is definitely back to normal operations," Monreal said.

Meanwhile, he said Transport Secretary Art Tugade directed airlines to mount more flights to domestic destinations to boost tourism numbers following the expected slowdown of international arrivals.

President Rodrigo Duterte is expected to visit top local destinations to promote domestic tourism amid the Covid-19 threat, the Department of Tourism earlier said.

In 2019, Monreal said Terminals 1 to 4 of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) were able to accommodate around 47 million passengers.

To prevent the possible infection, he encouraged the public who have passengers to meet or send-off at the Manila airport terminals to refrain from coming in groups heeding the advice of health experts to avoid crowded places.

"Let us say our goodbyes at home and not go to the airport in groups when meeting a passenger. It is very hard to fight tradition, but in times like this, everyone should look out for their own safety," he said.

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congestion.

"These facilities will help decongest the country's main gateway NAIA and boost operations in our regional airports," he said.

Before Duterte assumed office in 2016, he said there were only 14 night-rated airports.

These are the Ninoy Aquino International Airport, Clark International Airport Authority, Mactan-Cebu International Airport, Davao International Airport, Kalibo

Airport authorities ordered tighter screening measures to all international airports it manages.

NAIA has two new thermal scanners each at Terminals 1, 2 and 3 to better detect passengers with high-grade fever.

Airlines vowed to impose safeguard measures to allay fears of future passengers such as aircraft disinfection, cabin air filtering, and face mask policy requirement for the flights' front line crew.

On Tuesday, the government announced the partial lifting of the temporary travel ban to allow overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) to return to Hong Kong and Macao -- China's special administrative regions.

However, OFWs will first be required to prepare a "written declaration" stating that they are aware of the risk posed by Covid-19 once they get back to their workplaces.

The temporary travel ban was partially lifted following several requests made by OFWs concerned that they may lose their jobs if they failed to resume work after their vacation leave. (By Azer Parrocha/PNA)

International Airport, Laoag International Airport, Puerto Princesa International Airport, General Santos International Airport, Zamboanga International Airport, Bacolod-Silay International Airport, Butuan Airport, Iloilo International Airport, Laguindigan Airport, and Tacloban Airport.

In 2017, the CAAP was able to night-rate four airports namely Dumaguete Airport, Legaspi Airport, Roxas Airport, and Caticlan

PGC trains Internal Quality Auditors for ISO 9001:2015

To fully grasp the requirements of ISO 9001:2015 in the context of an internal auditor, the provincial government of Cavite thru the Cavite Quality Management Office (CQMO) conducted the ISO 9001:2015 Internal Quality Audit Training at the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Legislative Building in Trece Martires City on February 11-12, 2020. The training aimed to capacitate the internal auditors for the continual improvement of the Quality Management System of the different offices of the provincial government in preparation for re-certification.

Adopting of the process approach and risk-based thinking, PGC-QMS Consultant on Operations, Mr. Antonio Santos shared valuable inputs on auditing to equip IQAs with knowledge and understanding of what objective evidence are needed to demonstrate conformance with the QMS requirements. The training also aims to prepare the internal auditors on reporting valid information, factual and value-adding audit findings.

Among the topics tackled on the first day

Airport.

Additional four were night rated in 2019 namely Panglao-Bohol Airport, Tuguegarao Airport (departure only), Naga Airport (departure only), and Cotabato Airport (departure only).

Based on the agency's estimates, the upgrading of an airport for night operation costs around PHP400 million, which consists of the construction and

were Audit Principles, Understanding the Requirements, and Initiating the Audit and Audit Preparation. Participants were also taught on how to prepare the correlation matrix and how to fill out the auditors' note.

On the second day, Audit Execution, Audit Reporting and Audit Follow-up were deliberated and a mock audit was initiated to let the internal auditors have a feel of how an audit is conducted in an organization with situational problems to test their skills in finding evidence that will support their audit reports.

Previous trainings and seminars were initiated in preparation for the external audit to be held on the second quarter of this year. On August 7-9, 2019, Internal Quality Auditors Training was also conducted at Tagaytay Haven Hotel for the new set of internal auditors. It also served as a refresher course for the senior internal auditors. Likewise, on January 21, 2020, ISO 9001:2015 Appreciation and Risk-Based Thinking Seminar was held to fully grasp the concepts of the QMS international standard. —(PICAD)

procurement of navigational facilities and equipment, as well as extension of runways.

Currently, the CAAP said it has completed a total of 120 airport projects while 166 airport projects are ongoing.

"Not necessarily airports but the number of projects in certain airports," he clarified. (By Azer Parrocha/PNA)

PH imports from China down 62% in first half of February

MANILA -- Shipments from China registered marked decline in the first 15 days of February 2020 on account of the lower production and deliveries amid the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19).

Data released by Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III to journalists on Wednesday showed that the number of twenty-foot equivalent unit (TEU) containers from China fell by 62.15 percent in the first half of this month to 11.05 compared to 29.195 during the same period last year.

Dominguez earlier said they were "concerned" on the imports data from China but cited "we believe that the slack will be taken up by the other markets."

He said this development will impact on Bureau of Custom's (BOC) revenues.

Dominguez further said retail sales are also down since people now limit their time outside their homes and this will affect revenues of the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR).

"But, you know, we hope that this doesn't last too long," he said.

Dominguez, however, assured the public that the government has fiscal and monetary measures in place to address any impact of the virus on the domestic economy.

"Actually overall, it's good for the country because you know we have not had any person-to-person transmission here. And I think that the Department of Health has done a very good job. And this drop in sales and revenues for us, is I believe just temporary until this coronavirus contagion is defeated," he added. (By Joann Villanueva/PNA)

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DA Chief: Innovations will fuel PH agri industrialization

QUEZON CITY. –Game changing innovations will fuel the modernization and industrialization of the country's agriculture and fishery sector.

That in a nutshell was the message of agriculture secretary William Dar during a technical meeting on the Global Innovation Index (GI) in the Philippines, held February 17, at the Philippine International Convention Center.

"Since August 2019 the DA has been pursuing innovative approaches across all our agri-fishery programs, making use of the advances in science and technology (S&T) and inclusive market-oriented development (IMOD)," said secretary Dar, during the event conducted by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

"In particular, we are focusing our efforts on empowering farmers' cooperatives and associations (FCAs) and young agri-entrepreneurs by providing them not only appropriate innovative technologies, but also needed financial support by way of a start-up capital, fund for project expansion, mentoring, or hiring of professional managers," he added.

"We are allotting an initial P3 billion to fund various innovative agri-fishery projects and agribusiness incubation enterprises for millennials, hobbyists, FCAs, and agri-preneurs," the DA chief said.

The DA recently launched the P1-billion Kapital Access for Young Agripreneurs (KAYA) loan program to attract young Filipinos, aged 18 to 30 years old, to engage in any agri-fishery project, where they can borrow start-up capital of up to P500,000, payable in five years, with zero interest.

The DA also allotted P1 billion for Agri-Negosyo loan program for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to enable them to scale up their current businesses, as they can borrow up to P15 million, payable in five years, with zero interest.

The DA is also

allocating P500 million for the Agricultural Technology Business Incubation (ATBI) program that will provide grants to Filipino millennials and agri-preneurs to translate their innovative ideas into farm and fishery products.

Finally, the DA is setting aside another P500 million for the Inclusive Agribusiness (IA) program aimed at capacitating and empowering FCAs, where they can avail of a grant for institution-building and hire professional managers who will help them run their enterprise.

"We will engage the state universities and colleges, government agencies, and business development services to mentor the beneficiaries of the KAYA, Agri Negosyo, ATBI and IA programs," Secretary Dar said.

Further, on attracting more Filipino youngsters to engage in agriculture, Secretary Dar said the DA will implement a management internship program, where it will hire top graduates-- particularly those with Latin honors-- from SUCs and private academic institutions to work at any of the DA Family agencies that fit their field of interest and academic attainment.

Finally, the DA's Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) is establishing a Young Farmers' Academy that integrates under one roof all their programs and initiatives for the youth.

Aside from Secretary Dar, the other resource persons at the DOST-WIPO technical meeting were: DOST Secretary Fortunato De La Peña; Trade Secretary Ramon Lopez; Dr. Sacha Wunsch-Vincent, of WIPO and GII; Andrew Michael Ong, WIPO director for Asia and the Pacific; NEDA Director Richard Emerson Ballester; and CHED Director Nelson Cainghag, Ambassador Evan Garcia, of the Philippine Mission to the UN and other international organizations served as moderator of the event, attended by about 100 Filipino and foreign technocrats. (DA Communications Group)

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TRECE MARTIRES CITY

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-002-20

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
Mortgagee.

-versus-

JOSEPH FEDERIS LUZANDE
Mortgagor

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 Mortgagor JOSEPH FEDERIS LUZANDE, with residence and postal addresses at # 29 Mindanao Ave., Bagong Pag-asa, Quezon City and Blk. 3, Lot 14, Ph-4, Somerset, Brgy. Navarro, Gen. Trias, Cavite, represented herein by JOSEPHINE LUZANDE ATO, with residence and postal address at #34 Silver St., Rockville Subd., San Bartolome, Novaliches Town Proper, Quezon City, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of December 10, 2019 amounts to ONE MILLION NINE HUNDRED TWENTY FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHT PESOS and 58/100 (P1,924,678.58) Philippine Currency, including interest, penalties and other charges as of said date but exclusive of all other expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on April 16, 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.
057-2016023868

Lot No. 14 Block No: 3 Plan No. Pcs-04-027806

Portion of: Lots 1677-B (LRC) Psd-61621, Lot 3041-A, 3041-B, Lot 3041-C (LRC) Psd-61609, Block 12 Pcs-04-026272 & Lot 1678, San Francisco de Malabon Estate, Decreed 4270, LRC Rec. No. 5964

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

Boundaries:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT (S)
1-2	NE	Road/Lot 6, Pcs-04-027806
2-3	SE	Lot 12, Blk. 3, Pcs-04-027806
3-4	SW	Lot 21, Blk. 3, Pcs-04-027806
4-1	NW	Lot 16, Blk. 3, Pcs-04-027806

Area: ONE HUNDRED SQUARE METERS (100), more or less

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on **April 23, 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.

Trece Martires City, February 10, 2020.

LUCIO C. ALEJO III
Sheriff IV

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Risk Management Group-Remedial Management Unit
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7899 Makati Ave., Makati City

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
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IMUS CITY, CAVITE

SPEC. PROC. CASE NO. 1819-19

IN RE: PETITION FOR JUDICIAL RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN DIVORCE DECREE.

BEVERLY BAYADOG-SHIME, REP.
BY HER ATTORNEY-IN-FACT, ANNA MARIE ENRIQUEZ,
Petitioner.

-versus-

SEIZABURO SHIME, THE CIVIL REGISTRAR OF PASAY CITY, THE OFFICE OF THE CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL, THE OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL & THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY,
Respondents.

NOTICE OF HEARING

A verified petition has been filed in this Court by petitioner BEVERLY BAYADOG-SHIME rep. by attorney-in-fact, ANNA MARIE ENRIQUEZ seeking that after due notice and hearing, the decree of divorce obtained by Seizaburo Shime in Kashiwa City, Chiba Prefecture, Japan be recognized and enforced in the Philippines for purposes to remarry under Article 26 of the Family Code of the Philippines.

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, notice is hereby given that the same will be heard by this Court sitting at the Bulwagan ng Katarrangan, Aguinaldo Highway, Imus city, Cavite on March 5, 2020 at 1:30 in the afternoon, at the which date, hour and place, all interested persons are hereby cited to appear and to show cause, if they have any, why the said petition should not be granted.

Let this Notice be published at the expense of the petitioner in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Cavite, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, which shall be raffled by the clerk of Court of Imus City, Cavite among the accredited newspapers. A copy of this Notice, together with a copy of the petition, be furnished the Office of the solicitor General, Makati City, the Philippine Statistics Authority, the Civil Registrar of Pasay City, Metro Manila, and the City Civil Registrar of Immus, Cavite.

WITNESS, the HON. EMMANUEL S. OCSING, Assisting Judge of this Court, this 2nd day of December 2019, at Imus, Cavite.

MARIE JEAN P. MANIÑGAS
Clerk of Court V

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MR. JOSEPH FEDERIS LUZANDE
#29 Mindanao Ave., Bagong Pag-asa, Quezon City and Blk. 3, Lot 14, Ph-4, Somerset, Brgy. Navarro, Gen. Trias, Cavite

MS. JOSEPHINE LUZANDE ATO
#34 Silver St., Rockville Subd., San Bartolome, Novaliches Town Proper, Quezon City

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FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-203-19

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

JAYSON B. FLORES
Mortgagor/s,

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND, with business address at 12th Floor, JELP Business Solution Center, No. 409 Shaw Blvd., Mandaluyong City, against the Mortgagors, JAYSON B. FLORES, with residence and postal address at #2624 B. Dagupan Ext., Solis Galangalin, Tondo, Manila, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of June 4, 2019 amounts to EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY SEVEN PESOS AND 23/100 (P850,827.23), 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 April 16, 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.
057-2014059239

A parcel of land (Lot 6, Blk. 16 of the consolidation and subdivision plan Pes-04-024827, being a portion of the consolidation of Lots 2532-A-17 to 2532-22, Psd-04-041373 (AR) & Lots 2514 & 2515, San Francisco De Malabon Estate, L.R.C. Rec. No. 5964), situated in Barrio of Santiago, Municipality of Gen. Trias, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NW, along line 1-2 by Lot 9, Blk. 17; on the NE, along 2-3 by Lot 7, Blk. 16; on the SE, along line 3-4 by Road Lot 14 and on the SW, along line 4-1 by Lot 5, Blk. 16, All of the consolidation and subdivision plan. Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan xxx containing an area of FORTY TWO (42) SQUARE METERS xxx

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 23, 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.

Trece Martires City, February 10, 2020.

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Foreclosure Case No. F-007-20

EAST WEST BANKING CORPORATION,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPOUSES EDELBERTO B. PADILLA
& MARIFE G. PADILLA,
Mortgagors,

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, EAST WEST BANKING CORP., with business address at East West Corporate Center, the Beaufort, 5th Avenue cor. 23rd St., Bonifacio Global city, Taguig city against the Mortgagor/s SPOUSES EDELBERTO B. PADILLA & MARIFE G. PADILLA, both of legal age with residence and postal address at Somerset 10, Block 01, Lot 67, Gen. Trias City, Cavite and 916-C Orchids Street, Vulcan Compound, Barangay Punta, Sta. Ana Manila to satisfy he mortgage indebtedness as of December 15, 2019 amounts to ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHT THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY SEVEN PESOS and 74/100 (P1,378,727.74), Philippine Currency, including interest, penalties, and other charges as of said date but exclusive of all the other expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will set at public auction on April 16, 2020 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the main entrance of the Government Center Bldg., 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.
057-2016055251

Lot No. 67 Block: 1 Plan No. PCS-04-028446

Portion of: Lots 1730-A & 1730-B, (LRA) PSD-366255, Lot 1731-C, Fls-1320-D—Lot 3505 (FRS-04-005748), Lot 2449 (FRS-04-005172) Lot 2451-B, FLS1162-D+ Lot 3429 (FRS-04-005362) & Lot 3504, FLS-1320-D (FRS-04-005160) All of San Francisco De Malabon Estate, Decreed No. 4270; LRC Rec. No. 5934

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

Boundaries:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT (S)
1-2	SE	Lot 68, Blk. 1, Pes-04-028446
2-3	SW	Lot 102, Blk. 1, Pes-04-028446
3-4	NW	Lot 66, Blk. 1, Pes-04-028446
4-1	NE	Road Lot 8, Pes-04-028446

AREA: ONE HUNDRED SQUARE METERS (100), MORE OR LESS

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SPOUSES EDELBERTO B. PADILLA
& MARIFE G. PADILLA
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DA pushes for climate-resilient agri-fishery sector

QUEZON CITY, - The Department of Agriculture will strongly pursue climate-resilient agricultural technologies and systems to sustain productivity, ensure more incomes of farmers and fisherfolk, and ensure national food security.

"Extreme weather, widely considered as the 'new normal,' has already and will continue to impact on the country's agriculture and fishery sector, and national food security," said agriculture secretary William D. Dar.

"Hence, since August 5, when we assumed office, I have instructed all Department of Agriculture agencies to do away with the business as usual attitude, and asked them to level up," said the DA chief.

The "DA Family" includes regional field offices (RFOs), bureaus, attached agencies and corporations, commodity banner programs, DA-OSEC services and other units, and foreign- and locally-funded projects.

"All members of the DA Family should adapt to our 'new thinking for agriculture' and imbibe the eight paradigms to attain our vision of a food-secure Philippines with prosperous farmers and fisherfolk," said Secretary Dar.

"Further, they should adjust and transform in order to level up climate-resilient agriculture," he added, citing that the DA-Systems Wide Climate Change Office (DASWCCO) will conduct a workshop tomorrow, February 18, in Quezon City.

Early this year, he ordered the expansion and upscaling of the DA Adaptation and Mitigation Initiatives in Agriculture (AMIA) strategy to municipal, provincial and regional levels to test climate-resilient agriculture programs.

"We need science-based and evidence-based options and actions that we can easily provide to all our stakeholders. The creation of more AMIA villages is one of the strategies that the DA is adopting to address the challenges of climate change," he said.

AMIA villages are where climate-resilient agricultural programs are pilot-tested. Data collected from these villages will be used for scaling-up in areas with compatible profiles.

"In all, we should provide farmers and fisherfolk and LGUS weather information and advisories to optimize production and minimize losses," he said.

"The DA-RFOs should learn from the success of DA-RFO5 or Bicol region, as it has perfected the Climate-resilient agriculture," he

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SSS welcomes newest members of the Social Security Commission

QUEZON CITY, -- former legislator of the State-run pension fund Social Security System (SSS) welcomes the appointment of (Ret.) Judge Manuel L. Argel, Jr. and Bai Norhata Macatbar-Alonto as the newest members of the Social Security Commission (SSC), the highest policy-making body of the Social Security System.

Argel took his Oath of Office on 24 September 2019 while Alonto took hers last 13 December 2019. They are representing the Employers' and Workers' Groups of the SSC, respectively.

Both armed with notable experience in public service, the two commissioners will share in the responsibility of providing policy directions, monitoring and overseeing SSS management actions, among other duties as stated under the Republic Act No. 11199 or the Social Security Act of 2018.

Prior to his appointment, Argel practiced law in the private sector for 20 years before being appointed as a Regional Trial Court Judge for Laoag City where he served for another 20 years until his retirement in 2015.

He was accredited as a Voluntary Labor Arbitrator of the National Conciliation and Mediation Board, the arbitration arm of the Department of Labor and Employment, while in private practice in 1995.

Aside from his extensive experience in the judicial branch, Argel has also served the legislative branch when he was elected in 1980 as a member of the Sangguniang Bayan of Vigan.

He was given the Legislator's Award by the City Government of Vigan in 2008 in recognition of his accomplishments as a

Argel holds a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy degree and Bachelor of Laws degree from San Beda University.

On the other hand, Alonto, a degree holder of Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the Philippine Women's University and Master of Arts in Psychology from the University of the Philippines, began her professional career as a guidance counselor and college instructor for the Mindanao State University.

Before joining the SSS, she served as Presidential Assistant for Muslim Mindanao, Commissioner of the Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor, Board Member of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao Social Fund Board and Bataan Shipyard and Engineering Corporation, and Executive Assistant V and Focal Person for foreign-assisted development programs for the Bangsamoro of the Mindanao Development Authority.

Apart from being a Social Security Commissioner, Alonto is currently the Regional Governor of the National Council of Women in the Philippines.

Argel and Alonto will join Secretary of Finance Carlos G. Dominguez III (Chairperson), SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Aurora C. Ignacio (Vice-Chairperson), Secretary of Labor and Employment Silvestre H. Bello III (ex-officio member), and Commissioners Diana Pardo-Aguilar, Anita Bumpus-Quitain, Michael G. Regino and Ricardo L. Moldez in the SSC. (SSS)

CHED supports DOTr Railway Institute

QUEZON CITY, - The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) fully supports the Department of Transportation (DOTr) Philippine Railway Institute (PRI) by providing incentives for continuing education for the personnel that will run the railway sector and developing university-university linkages in railway research and development.

CHED Chairman J. Prospero E. De Vera III recently sat down with DOTr Secretary Arthur P. Tugade, representatives of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and officials of the PRI at the Crown Plaza, Ortigas, Pasig City to discuss how the Commission can be part of the Expanded Scope of the DOTr PRI which now includes Sustainable Railway Development, Regulatory and Management Regimes and Trusted Operator and Sound Environment.

The PRI was created by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte under Executive Order No. 96 to serve as a research and training center under the DOTr. This is in response to the urgent need to develop the human resource capacities of railway personnel to ensure their availability and competence and guarantee their compliance with generally accepted standards of practice, as well as the rules and regulations pertaining to the safety, operation, and maintenance of railways. The PRI will handle the planning, implementation, and regulation of development efforts for personnel in the railway sector.

Based on the inter-agency discussions, CHED support will focus on the following areas:

1. Developing a system of credits in order that the certification trainings of PRI can be converted into academic units that can be used in

graduate studies and continuing professional education;

2. Reviewing the content and outcomes contained in the PRI certificate program and imbedding these into the existing engineering curricula and/or elective subjects in order for students to learn about railways engineering while they are at the university level;

3. Mobilizing top engineering higher education institutions (HEIs) colleges and universities to provide experts who can act as trainers in the PRI certificate

program and developing university-to-university linkages between Philippine and Japanese universities for joint research and development projects on railway development.

"CHED would like to thank DOTr Secretary Art Tugade for his leadership in establishing the DOTr PRI and for inviting CHED to be part of this initiative to develop the manpower needed in running our railway system. More importantly, the Commission lauds the initiative of Secretary Tugade in expanding the scope of PRI's work to include research and development so that top Philippine universities can link with Japanese universities to do researches that will address problems in railway development," De Vera said.

According to De Vera, CHED will make sure that PRI will be able to harness the expertise of top HEIs, such as the University of the Philippines, Mindanao State University, Batangas State University, Mapua University, and the Technological Institute of the Philippines in the development of railway

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Information Service (CIS) model to generate weather and climate farm and fishing advisories," he added.

"It has helped stakeholders in the Bicol region in planning their farm and fishing activities, and guiding them in their decision-making to avoid losses in farm inputs and crop damage," he said.

"The DA-RFO5 CIS, as well as other working models, should be made available to all regions, municipalities and barangays," he added.

Meanwhile, he recently renamed the DASWCCO to Climate Resilient Agriculture Office (CRAO) that will provide strategic direction and oversight in the mobilization of resources and capacities towards achieving the DA's climate change agenda.

The DA-CRAO is headed by director Alicia Ilaga of the Agriculture Credit Policy Council (ACPC), in a concurrent capacity.

Secretary Dar said Ilaga's 22-year experience in formulation, implementation and oversight of agricultural policies on credit and livelihood, biotechnology and climate change would help CRAO in overseeing the provision of well-planned, coordinated and responsive support services in the establishment and expansion of the AMIA strategy.

He instructed all DA family agencies to provide the necessary support to CRAO - including

technical, infrastructure, research and development, financing, insurance, marketing and extension services.

In particular, the DA chief issued the following instructions:

- DA-PhilRice to provide farmers climate-resilient seed varieties to make them more productive and competitive;

- DA-PhilMech to provide farmers' cooperatives and associations (FCAs) post-harvest facilities and other farm machineries to improve the coping ability of vulnerable communities;

- DA-ACPC to develop adaptation financing packages to suit the needs of vulnerable farmers, within and outside AMIA areas; and
- DA-PCIC to insure beneficiaries and compensate them if and when the government's adaptation interventions fail.

"It is high time for the PCIC to study and reformulate, if not develop totally new insurance packages, to cope with the changing times," he said.

Also, the climate change initiatives should include clustering and consolidation of small and medium-sized farms to attain economies of scale, he added.

"This will give our farmers greater bargaining power rather than be disadvantaged by unscrupulous traders," he concluded. (DA Communications Group)

personnel capability and in research and development.

The meeting is a third of a series of coordination meetings between the DOTr and officials from Japan International Cooperation Agency

(JICA), Embassy of Japan and the Philippine National Railways (PNR). JICA is the funding partner of DOTr and provider of technical assistance in the establishment of the PRI. (CHED)

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF
REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER
ACT 3135 AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118

F.C. No. 16963-20

SECURITY BANK CORPORATION,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

GEORGINA DE LEON DAVID for herself and as
Atty-in-fact of her husband ROLAND FEXEL DAVID,
Mortgagors,

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by SECURITY BANK CORPORATION, Mortgagee, with principal place of business at Security Bank Centre, 6776, Ayala Avenue, Makati City against GEORGINA DE LEON DAVID for herself and as Atty-in-fact of her husband ROLAND FEXEL DAVID, mortgagors with residence and postal address at Lots 3 and 5 Block 20 Pacific Woods, Barangay Carsadang Bago, Imus, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of January 6, 2020 amounts to FOUR MILLION THIRTY TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY FOUR PESOS & 87/100 (Php 4,032,724.87), Philippine Currency including interest and penalties, but excluding attorney's fees, sheriff's fees and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned will sell at public auction on April 28, 2020 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the main Entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC Multiple Sala, Aguinaldo Highway, Imus, Cavite to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all improvements therein, to wit:

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO.
057-2012034807**

"A parcel of land (Lot 5, Blk. 20 of the cons.-subd. plan Pcs-04-017048, being a portion of the cons. of Blk. 10-A; Lots 1-20, Blk. 10; Lots 1-22, Blk. 11; Lots 1-9 Blk. 11-A; Lots 1-37, Blk. 12; Lots 1-7, Blk. 13; Lots 1-13, Blk. 14; Lots 1-9, Blk. 15; Lots 1-5, Blk. 16; Lots 1-34 & 36, Blk. 17; Lots 1-27 & 29-31, Blk. 18; Lots 1-10, Blk. 19; Lots 1-17, Blk. 20; Lots 1-5, Blk. 21; Blk. 22; Lots 1-7, Blk. 23; Lots 1-19, Blk. 24; Lots 1-4, Blk. 25; Lots 1-10, Blk. 26; Lots 1-13, Blk. 27; road Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, -A, 7-A, 8-A, 14-A, 14-B, 14-C, 14-D, 15, 15-A, 16 16-A, 17-A, 17-B, 17-C, 17-D, 18; 19, 20, 21, 22 & 23; all of Pcs-04-014096; L.R.C. Rec. no.) situated in the Brgy. Of Carsadang Bago, Mun. of Imus, Prov. of Cavite, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the N. Along line 1-2 by Road Lot 13 (8.00 M. Wide); on the E. Along line 2-3 by Lot 3, Blk. 20; on the S. Along line 1-2 by Road Lot 13 (8.00 M. Wide); on the E. along line 2-3 by Lot 3, Blk. 20; on the S. Along line 3-4 by Lot 6; Blk. 20; and on the W. Along line 4-1 by Lot 7, Blk. 20; all of the cons.-subd. plan xxx containing an area of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) SQUARE METERS"xxx

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on May 5, 2020 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning without further notice.

Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said properties and encumbrance therein if any there be.

Imus, Cavite, Philippines, February 6, 2020.

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Strong BIR performance to help gov't achieve anti-poverty goals

MANILA, -- Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III said Tuesday the sustained robust tax collections and vigorous implementation of administrative reforms by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) will help the country achieve its goal of eradicating extreme poverty within one generation.

President Duterte's 2016 campaign promise of effecting real change has become doable now that the BIR, which breached the P2-trillion mark in tax collections last year, has been helping raise enough revenues for the government to spend big on infrastructure and social services to realize the goal of improving the lives of all law-abiding Filipinos, Dominguez said.

The BIR raised P2.18 trillion in revenues in 2019, which is an 11.3 percent improvement over the 2018 figure and resulted in the Philippines raising its tax effort to 15.1 percent of gross domestic product (GDP), its best rate in 22 years, he noted.

Dominguez said he is confident the BIR's performance this year will continue to improve under the leadership of BIR Commissioner Caesar Dulay this coming tax season, given the passage and implementation of the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) Law,

the Tax Amnesty Act, and the recently signed laws increasing excise taxes on alcohol, tobacco and vapor (vaping) products and e-cigarettes.

These revenue collection efforts will be supported by the BIR's digitalization efforts and other administrative reforms to widen the tax base and simplify the process of tax collection, he said.

"Clearly, the BIR is the spear point in our nation's progress. So, as you go out there, building partnerships with our taxpayers in the framework of a dynamic modern tax system, remember that you are not just producing revenues. You are creating a better future for this country," Dominguez said during the kick-off ceremonies of the bureau's National Tax Campaign at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC) in Pasay City.

He said the BIR "is gifted with talented professionals who know how to get the job done."

"I trust that the Bureau will once more overshoot its targets with the able leadership of Commissioner Billy Dulay and the landmark reforms we are putting in place in how we do taxation. I also expect you to intensify your efforts against tax evaders, and widen the taxpayer base," he added.

Dominguez said improved revenue collections and tax administration have enabled the government to invest more in modernizing the nation's logistics backbone, with public spending on infrastructure in 2018 rising to above 5 percent of the gross domestic product (GDP)--the highest it has ever been and double the average infrastructure spending as a percentage of GDP for the last 50 years.

He pointed out that infrastructure investments and expanded social programs are the drivers of economic growth, which is why despite slower global growth and other lingering external risks, the government expects the country's internally driven GDP expansion this year to be between the 6.5 and 7.5 percent range.

Over the next two years, Dominguez said the Duterte administration plans on investing up to 7 percent of GDP in infrastructure modernization to allow the country to be at par with the more dynamic economies of the region.

"Much like in history, our government cannot do this alone. We all have a part to play. On the one hand, the government has to collect sufficient revenues for its projects. On the other hand, the taxpaying public has the important duty of ensuring that our country moves forward through their prompt and correct payment of taxes," he said.

Dominguez said the rapid growth of the last three years, made possible by reliable revenue flows, brought down our poverty incidence from 23.3 percent in 2015 to just 16.6 percent in 2018.

A stronger economy, reduced poverty incidence, higher

spending on infrastructure and social development, and better-quality government services that all aim to provide a better, decent, and comfortable life for all law-abiding Filipinos is what the Duterte administration meant in delivering on its promise of real change, Dominguez said.

"In three years, a total of 5.9 million Filipinos lifted themselves out of poverty. We are actually ahead of schedule in this regard. We are definitely on our way to overperforming on our self-imposed target of bringing down poverty incidence to 14 percent or lower by 2022 and eradicating extreme poverty in our country within one generation," Dominguez said.

He said rapid economic expansion likewise brought down unemployment levels to historic lows, while the additional taxes collected enabled Government to fund free tertiary level education for the youth as well as its Universal Health Care (UHC) program.

Dominguez said international credit rating agencies attest to the Philippines' strong fiscal discipline by upgrading the country's credit ratings to BBB plus.

"This is the highest rating the country has ever achieved. Take note that we are not resting on our laurels. We are aspiring to gain an "A" level ratings before President Duterte ends his term," he said.

Rapid economic growth in the last three years also brought the country to the threshold of an upper middle-income country, a feat that the Duterte administration is looking to achieve this year.

"All these are doable. The sustained strong performance of BIR will bring us there," Dominguez said. (DOF)

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DOH to monitor repatriated OFWs even after quarantine period

MANILA -- The Department of Health (DOH) will continue monitoring the health condition of Filipinos repatriated from Wuhan, China even after they have completed the 14-day quarantine period, a health official said Wednesday.

DOH Assistant Secretary Maria Rosario Vergere, in a press briefing at the DOH main office, reported the 49 Filipinos quarantined at the Athlete's Village in the New Clark City in Tarlac are asymptomatic -- no signs and symptoms of the coronavirus disease 2019.

"They include the medical team and the plane crew, except for a 38-year-old pregnant woman who had high blood pressure and 'pamamanas,' so she was brought to the referral hospital with her husband who's also quarantined in the facility," Vergere said.

The DOH is looking into the completion of the

14-day quarantine period by Saturday.

Vergere added the government will take them home to their respective provinces after the quarantine period.

"Some already have signified na susunduin sila ng mga kamag-anak nila (that their relatives will fetch them). They'll still be monitored, bibigyan pa rin natin ng accountability ang ating (we'll still give accountability to our) regional offices to monitor their conditions for the next two weeks, so we'll know any symptom that they might be exhibiting," she said.

On Feb. 19, about 29 adults and one infant arrived in the country from Wuhan, China, the epicenter of the coronavirus disease 2019 outbreak and were placed under a 14-day quarantine period to ensure they're negative of the disease. (By Ma. Teresa Montemayor/PNA)

Apple to miss revenue target due to coronavirus

ISTANBUL -- The smart-device giant Apple announced that its revenues are expected to underperform in the first three months of 2020 due to the coronavirus outbreak in China.

Following the epidemic, Apple was forced to close its plants and several stores in the virus-hit country and this situation will constrain global iPhone supply temporarily, the firm said late Monday.

Apple posted USD91.8 billion revenue in the October-December period and forecast USD63-67 billion revenue in the first three months of 2020.

"Work is starting to resume around the country, but we are experiencing a slower return to normal conditions than we had anticipated," Apple noted.

Besides a narrowed global supply, iPhone

DOH: We have enough protective personal equipment, test kits

MANILA -- The Department of Health (DOH) assured on Wednesday that it has enough stocks of protective personal equipment (PPEs) and test kits to be used by healthcare workers in quarantine facilities and persons under investigation (PUIs) for possible coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-2019) infection.

"Our stocks, logistics, may mga dumarating pa from our partners, may mga nagbibigay ng donasyon ng PPEs like the World Health Organization (WHO), nakapagbigay na rin ang Office of the President ng supply ng (we continue to receive [stocks] from our partners, like donations of PPEs from WHO, the OP also gave supply of) masks," Health Assistant Secretary Maria Rosario Vergere said in a press briefing at the DOH main office.

Earlier, the DOH reported that the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) has enough testing kits to last the current Covid-19 episode.

"The RITM has 1,500 kits, more than enough for the current PUIs, and fresh shipment of 1,500 kits from the World Health Organization will arrive in the coming days, bringing to 3,000 the total of test kits on standby," the DOH said.

Vergere added the DOH is preparing for the eventuality that Covid-19 cases in the country would go up.

"Na-grant na po tayo ng (We've been granted a) supplemental budget and most of this budget goes to our personal protective equipment for our healthcare workers," she said.

As of 12 noon of February 19, the DOH reported only 135 PUIs are admitted in various health facilities nationwide and a total of 401 PUIs have been discharged as they tested negative for the disease.

Meanwhile, the WHO reported there are 74,185 confirmed cases and more than 2,000 deaths in China.

It added there are more than 800 confirmed cases and three deaths outside China. (PNA)

sales were also affected by the novel coronavirus as the demand for Apple devices decreased in China due to closed stores.

Apple said: "As a result, we do not expect to meet the revenue guidance we provided for the March quarter due to two main factors."

The firm underlined that it reopens its stores gradually.

The effects of device supply shortages will be temporary on the firm's global revenues, it added.

The virus, which was

first detected in December in the city of Wuhan, the capital of central Hubei province, has caused over 1,800 deaths so far, with more than 72,000 confirmed cases.

After the fatal disease, Chinese New Year vacation was extended from Jan. 30 to mid-February in several cities.

The World Health Organization declared the outbreak international health emergency. (Anadolu)

MRT-7 underground construction to continue: DOTr

MANILA -- The Department of Transportation (DOTr) clarified on Wednesday the underground construction for the Metro Rail Transit Line 7 (MRT-7) station at the Quezon Memorial Circle (QMC) is not affected by the cease and desist order issued by the Quezon City government.

In a message, DOTr Assistant Secretary Goddess Hope Libiran said the temporary order issued by Quezon City Mayor Joy Belmonte concerned only the rail line's above-ground construction.

"We understand that the concern is about the above-ground structure and that the construction of underground areas may proceed," Libiran said.

She said the DOTr would discuss the matter immediately with the local government of Quezon City to find a "win-win solution."

In a statement released on Monday, Belmonte said the temporary suspension order against the construction of the MRT-7 station was issued after historians and environmentalists decried its effects on the national heritage park.

She called for a review of the project after it was found that it exceeded the agreed area for its construction.

"Based on the project's permit and clearance, the contractor indicated 4,997 square meters as its floor area. However, the proposed floor area is more than five times the approved figure," Belmonte said.

She added that the National Historical Commission of the Philippines, the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, and the descendants of the late Manuel L. Quezon -- the Quezon-Avanceña family -- must be given a say on the matter due to its status as a symbol of national heritage.

As of January 15, the DOTr said the construction of the MRT-7 was 50.69 percent complete -- civil works of nine out of its 14 stations underway, 108 of its train cars built, and installation of tracks ongoing.

Once operational, the MRT-7 is expected to service 300,000 to 850,000 passengers daily, with room for expansion to accommodate an increase in ridership.

The rail line, connected to the Light Rail Transit Line 1 (LRT-1), MRT-3, and the Metro Manila Subway through the Common Station currently under construction in North Avenue, is expected to be partially operational by 2021. (By Raymond Carl Dela Cruz/PNA)

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James 4:8