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CSC issues guidelines on COVID-19 absences

QUEZON CITY, - As the Civil Service Commission (CSC) reiterates its call for government agencies and their employees to take necessary precautionary measures to prevent the spread of the coronavirus disease-2019 or COVID-19 in the

workplace, it released interim guidelines on the use of leave credits for absences due to self-quarantine and/or treatment relative to COVID-19.

CSC Memorandum Circular No. 5, series of 2020 issued yesterday provides the guidelines

for the availment of leave for public sector employees as well as ensures that precautionary measures are employed in government offices to avoid the spread of the virus in the workplace.

Public sector officials
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Palace thanks Japan for assisting Pinoys aboard Diamond Princess

MANILA — Malacañang on Wednesday thanked Japan for assisting the more than 400 Filipinos aboard MV Diamond Princess cruise ship in Yokohama, Japan who underwent the prescribed 14-day quarantine period for the coronavirus disease (Covid-19).

Presidential Spokesperson Salvador Panelo made this remark after 445 Filipino crew members and passengers of the ship safely arrived in the Philippines in two chartered flights on Tuesday and Wednesday.

"We thank the Japanese government for the assistance they gave to our countrymen and their close cooperation with Filipino officials to ensure that the needs of our kababayans have been addressed," Panelo said in a statement.

The Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) said the first plane, which brought home a total of 309 repatriates, arrived at Clark Airbase at 10:10 p.m. on Tuesday, while the second plane carrying another 136 arrived at 12:12 a.m. on Wednesday.

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HOME. The second plane carrying another 136 repatriates from Japan arrived at 12:12 a.m. on Wednesday (Feb. 26, 2020). A total of 445 repatriates, 13 members of the DFA-DOH repatriation team, and PAL crew will be isolated for 14 days at the NCC Athletes' Village. (DFA photo)

CPPOC and PADAC 1st quarter joint meeting

Members of the Cavite Provincial Peace and Order Council (CPPOC) and the Provincial Anti-Drug Abuse Council (PADAC) convened in the 1st Quarter Joint Meeting of CPPOC and PADAC at The Bayleaf Hotel in General Trias on February 21, 2020 chaired by Governor Jonvic Remulla.

During the meeting, Anti-Drug Abuse Council Markers were awarded to the cities and municipalities of the province in recognition of



their exemplary effort in the performance of duties in complementing the national government's anti-illegal drug campaign. Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-Cavite Provincial Director Lionel L. Dalope

led the awarding rites together with Governor Remulla and some mayors of awardee LGUs including Mendez Mayor Frederick Vida, GMA Mayor Walter Echevarria, Ternate Mayor Lamberto Bambao, General Emilio

Aguinaldo Mayor Nelia Angeles, Tanza Mayor Yuri Pacumio, Naic Mayor Junio Dualan and Silang Mayor Corie Poblete.

PD Dalope also congratulated the Cavite LGUs and the province for passing the 2019

Good Financial Housekeeping. Likewise, he announced the appointment of Gov. Remulla as Chairperson of the Regional Peace and Order Council.

In his message, the Governor cited the provincial government's continuing efforts to sustain peace and order in Cavite including the upcoming release of another batch of patrol vehicles for the PNP. He also mentioned the 430

M wi-fi connectivity project for Cavite targeting 20,000 access which will ultimately give way for the institution of the most comprehensive CCTV system in the entire province. He added the province is investing heavily and going after the bigger picture in line with the vision of a progressive and safer Cavite.

Updates on peace and order situation
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James' 'dream' shake lifts Lakers past Celts

Los Angeles—LeBron James delivered the go-ahead jumper with 30 seconds left to help lift the Los Angeles Lakers to a 114-112 victory over the Boston Celtics Sunday as the two decorated franchises renewed their historic rivalry.



LeBron James

"I just gave a little dream shake to the baseline and was able to open up the middle and get my fadeaway," James said.

The NBA powerhouses went down to the wire in a back-and-forth thriller in front of a crowd of almost 19,000 at the Staples Center arena.

Boston and Los Angeles have 33 championships between them and have met in the finals a record 12 times.

Both are once again title contenders, with the Lakers on top of the Western Conference standings and the Celtics in third in the Eastern Conference.

"It's just special to be part of this rivalry," James said. "We understand that this has been going on since the '50s, '60s, '70s, '80s, '90s, all the way through."

James' fadeaway shot gave the Lakers the lead for good, and

Anthony Davis sealed the win with three free throws over the final 12 seconds.

"He got to his money shot, the shot he always makes, a shot he always takes in practice and in games, and he did what he does best and made the shot."

James finished with 29 points, nine assists and eight rebounds, while Davis tallied a team-high 32 points and 13 rebounds as the Lakers also showed good defensive strategy late in the game.

"The more that you're in that environment of a close game, of an intense game like that, I think everybody just gets a chance to grow together," Lakers coach Frank Vogel said.

Jayson Tatum scored a career-high-tying 41 points for Boston, who have survived all season on their superior offensive

balance.

All five Boston starters scored in double figures, with Daniel Theis adding 16 points and nine rebounds and Marcus Smart registering 14 points and seven rebounds.

Gordon Hayward scored 10 points but shot zero-of-five from behind the three-point line.

Hayward flirted with a triple-double, handing out a team-high nine assists and grabbing eight rebounds.

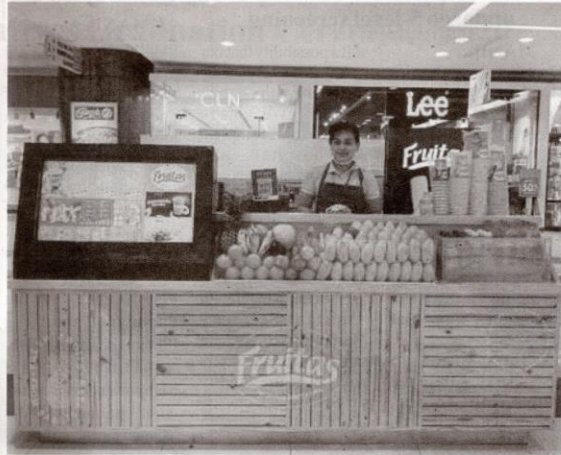
Boston was coming off a Friday's 127-117 win over Minnesota where four Celtics—Jaylen Brown, Tatum, Hayward and Theis—each scored at least 25 points.

Career high

Tatum's 41 points Sunday equalled his career-high set January 11th against New Orleans.

Eighteen of Tatum's 41 came in the third quarter, which ended with

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the teams tied 87-87.

The Celtics took a 110-108 lead with 77 seconds left in the fourth when Brown drained a three-pointer. Brown finished with 20 points against the Lakers.

Boston played without all-star guard Kemba Walker.

Elsewhere, Coby White came off the bench to score 33 points as the Chicago Bulls weathered a career-high 53-point performance from Bradley Beal to defeat the Washington Wizards 126-117.

Zach LaVine added 32 points, and Thaddeus Young finished with 25 points for the Bulls, who ended an eight-game

losing streak.

Tomas Satoransky posted a double-double against his former team with 15 points and 13 assists.

Beal shot 15 of 27 from the field, five of 11 from three point range and 18 of 20 from the free throw line for the Wizards who have lost two straight.

The Wizards loss also meant the Milwaukee Bucks clinched the

earliest playoff spot in 15 years despite not playing.

Milwaukee is 48-8 and on pace to win 70 games -- a feat accomplished only by the 1995-96 Chicago Bulls (72 wins) and the 2015-16 Golden State Warriors (73 wins).

In Toronto, Pascal Siakam scored 21 points and the Raptors led all the way to defeat the Indiana Pacers 127-81.

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Upon arrival, they were immediately brought to the Athletes' Village in New Clark City in Capas, Tarlac to undergo another 14-day quarantine period.

The Philippine Embassy in Tokyo said this is the highest number of repatriates among other foreigners on board the cruise ship.

During the 14-day quarantine procedure, 20 medical teams from the Department of Health (DOH) hospitals will manage the quarantine facility to provide appropriate health services. Patients will be checked twice a day and provided with food and basic provisions.

The group of 445 is the second batch of Filipinos the DFA brought home following the repatriation of 30 others from the virus-epicenter Wuhan City in Hubei province, China last February 9.

Earlier, DOH said that the 30 Filipinos from Wuhan have been confirmed to be negative for Covid-19 and have returned to their respective residences.

Panelo, meanwhile, expressed hope that repatriation for the second batch of Filipinos and members of the repatriation team will also run as smoothly.

At least 80 of the more than 500 Filipino crew and passengers aboard the cruise ship tested positive for Covid-19 and have been admitted to Japanese hospitals.

As of February 25, the embassy said nine crew members have been successfully treated

and discharged from the hospitals with clean bill of health.

The cruise ship has been quarantined at the Port of Yokohama since February 5, after one of its passengers tested positive for the virus. Passengers were allowed to disembark from February 19 onwards at the end of the 14-day quarantine period.

Teams from both the DFA and DOH had been on the ground at the Yokohama Port and Haneda Airport to assist in the disembarkation and the boarding of the repatriates.

Longer quarantine period

Currently, the DOH is studying the possibility of extending the prescribed Covid-19 quarantine period following reports that incubation could be much longer than the presumed 14 days.

Chinese authorities confirmed that a 70-year-old man in China's Hubei Province was infected with Covid-19 but did not show symptoms until 27 days later.

Health Assistant Secretary Maria Rosario Vergeire acknowledged that the incubation period varies from person to person, but the 0 to 14 day-quarantine period "is still valid as of this time."

She said the DOH could revise its guidelines based on experiences and recommendations from the World Health Organization and the US Center for Disease Control. (By Azer Parrocha/PNA)

**DRAW CLOSE TO GOD AND HE
WILL DRAW CLOSE
TO YOU
James 4:8**

Coop iCreate Ladderized Training for Cooperatives Graduation Ceremony 2020

Coop iCreate, a successful ladderized training for cooperatives provided by the Provincial Cooperative, Livelihood and Entrepreneurial Development Office (PCLEDO) reached its culmination when 12 participating coops finished the last session and graduated with flying colors recently at Aqua Mira Hotel and Resort, Saddle and Clubs Leisure Park, Tanza, Cavite. The training aims to identify potential entrepreneurs and provide them with comprehensive support to establish and operate a competitive, profitable and sustainable business.

The participants were partnered with the business coaches who later paneled them in the Business Plan Presentation and recommended some strategies to improve



participants' business plan. Panelists included Mr. Zandro Catacutan, Faculty Researcher, CvSU Main Campus; Mr. Alan G. Reclusado, Owner, Aqua 4a and Reclusado Marketing; Mr. Reginold Delos Reyes, AVP, New Business, MBS Solve Insurance Agency; Mr. Rod Steven O. Vasquez, Managing Partner, AQubic, Co. & Supprin Co.; Ms. Rowena S. Fruto, Provincial Cooperative Development Specialist, CDA Region 4A and Mr.

Oliver N. Getalla Cooperative Development Specialist 2, CDA Region 4A.

Ms. Liza Gabatan, PCLEDO Entrepreneurial Division Head warmly congratulated the graduates while Atty. Khervy B. Reyes, Officer-in-Charge, gave his short message of congratulations and cited the continuous support of the provincial government for cooperatives' growth through their office. He assured that another batch of trainees will undergo the same program. Dr Aldrin P.

Antivola, Co-op iCreate Resource Person was grateful for the success of the training and encouraged the graduates to use what they have learned, to be determined and have the spirit of success.

The awarding of certificates of appreciation to resource speaker and business coaches and certificates of completion to attendees concluded the event. A special award was also given to CAFFMACO who bagged the Best Business Plan coached by Mr. Zandro Catacutan. — (PICAD)

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including police operations and accomplishments were reported by Provincial Director PCOL Marlon Santos of the Cavite Provincial Police Office. Internal security issues were presented by Col. Alex Santos Rillera, Commanding Officer of the 202nd Infantry Brigade emphasizing that indigenous people, labor sector and the youth remains the sources of recruits of the NPA. Meanwhile, road clearing status was explained by DILG PD Lionel Dalope, focusing on the Memo Circular-2020-036 which prohibits tricycles, pedicabs, and motorized pedicabs from operating on national highways to ensure the safety of the people.

Ms. Eloisa Rozul of the Provincial Disaster Risk and Reduction Management Office (PDRMO) shared some updates on Taal Volcano

Eruption while a report on the Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) was delivered by Dr. Nelson Soriano, Provincial Epidemiologist, Executive Order NO 5-Series 2020 - An Order Adopting the Cash Budgeting System in the Provincial Government of Cavite was shortly clarified by Mr. Alisxandre Joshua Babaaan of the Provincial Planning and Development Office.

Also present during the meeting were GMA Vice Mayor Maricel Torres, City of Dasmariñas Vice Mayor Rex Mangubat, Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) - Cavite Provincial Officer Billy Viray, heads and representatives from different offices in the provincial government and LGUs, and members of AFP, PNP, PDEA, and DILG. — (PICAD)

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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.**

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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-

MR. JOSEPH FEDERIS LUZANDE
#29 Mindanao Ave., Bagong Pag-asa, Quezon City and
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**DOH led signing of IRR for
Malasakit Center Act**

MANILA, -- The Department of Health (DOH), led by Secretary Francisco T. Duque III together with representatives from the Department of Social Welfare and Development, Philippine Health Insurance Company, and Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, signed the Implementing Rules and Regulations for RA 11463, also known as the Malasakit Center Act.

The law, championed by Senator Christopher Lawrence "Bong" Go and Congresswoman Angelina "Helen" Tan, complements the DOH's Universal Health Care (UHC) Program by ensuring all DOH hospitals, identified LGU hospitals, and the Philippine General Hospital (PGH) adopt and implement the Malasakit Program, which assures that patients are provided financial assistance and treated with compassion, dignity, respect, and malasakit.

The program directs said facilities to establish, operate, and maintain Malasakit Centers to harmonize the provision of financial assistance from government agencies. Currently, there are 63 Malasakit Centers

nationwide with 26 centers in DOH hospitals, 36 centers in LGU-operated hospitals, and one in PGH that were established with the help of the Office of the Presidential Assistant for the Visayas.

"The establishment of a Malasakit Center in public hospitals ensures every Filipino is protected from financial risks and given assistance under a one-stop shop," Health Secretary Francisco T. Duque III explained.

The Malasakit Program of DOH also follows the Strategic Framework on the Adoption of Integrated People-Centered Health Services wherein all health facilities shall ensure appropriate infrastructure and processes, promote patient engagement and empowerment, and develop hospital organizational cultures geared towards the welfare of the patient.

"Each Juan and Juana deserves to be treated with dignity and compassion, especially at their most vulnerable conditions. The goals of UHC are within reach, but requires the concerted efforts of all sectors and stakeholders to make it happen," Duque concluded.

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

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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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FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-203-19

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

JAYSON B. FLORES
Mortgagor/s,

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

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TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO.
057-2014059239

A parcel of land (Lot 6, Blk. 16 of the consolidation and subdivision plan Pcs-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

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EAST WEST BANKING CORPORATION,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

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

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TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO.
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Lot No. 67 Block: 1 Plan No. PCS-04-028446

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and employees, whether permanent, temporary, provisional, substitute, coterminous, casual, contractual, or fixed term who feel sick with COVID-19 like symptoms or have been exposed to persons infected with the virus, are directed to immediately inform their supervisor, voluntarily seek immediate medical attention, and/or go on self-quarantine upon the advice and certification of a licensed physician.

Moreover, government workers who have history of travel from China and its Special Administrative Regions (Macau and Hongkong) as well as from other countries declared or identified by competent Philippine authorities prior to and after the issuance of CSC.M.C. No. 5, s. 2020 must ensure that they have submitted themselves to "self-quarantine" in their homes or any appropriate health facility for 14 calendar days upon arrival in the Philippines. They shall not report back to work unless the self-quarantine period has elapsed or they are issued with a clearance as being fit to go back to work by proper health authorities.

The absences relative to the prescribed 14-day self-quarantine of government officials and employees with history of travel to COVID-19 restricted countries, as well as of frontline service providers such as but not limited to public health workers, immigration officers, and consular officers who are directed to go on self-quarantine, will not be deducted from the earned leave credits. However, after the self-quarantine period has elapsed or the official/employee is diagnosed with COVID-19 during the 14-day period, the absences shall be charged from their sick leave

credits.

For public officials and employees who have to take care of family members positive with COVID-19, absence from work shall be charged against their sick leave credits.

For government workers whose period of self-quarantine after recent travel, whether official or personal, was deducted against their leave credits prior to the issuance of the guidelines, they can request to have their leave credits restored.

To report back to work, a medical certificate should be submitted to the agency's Human Resource (HR) unit, issued by either a government or private physician that the employee has undertaken the prescribed 14-day quarantine, or if suspected/diagnosed with COVID-19, is issued with a clearance as being fit to go back to work.

If the government worker has exhausted the sick leave credits, Section 56 of the Omnibus Rules on Leave will apply to allow the use of vacation leave credits. In case that both vacation and sick leave credits have been consumed, the employee may apply for sick leave of absence without pay.

Agency heads are directed to ensure that the guidelines set under CSC M.C. No. 5, s. 2020 are enforced in the agency and all precautionary measures are observed to avert the occurrence of COVID-19 in public sector workplaces.

The guidelines issued by the CSC on COVID-19 related absences is applicable for the duration of the Public Health Emergency of International Concern until such medical condition has been lifted by the proper health authorities. (CSC)

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Curfew call in New Delhi after 20 die in sectarian clashes

New Delhi-Riot police patrolled the streets of India's capital on Wednesday and the city's leader called for a curfew following battles between Hindus and Muslims that claimed at least 20 lives.

The two days of unrest, which has seen clashes between mobs armed with swords and guns, is the worst sectarian violence seen in Delhi in decades.

The clashes come amid worsening religious tensions following a citizenship law that critics say is part of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Hindu nationalist agenda.

Delhi's chief minister, Arvind Kejriwal, called Wednesday for the army to be deployed and for a curfew to be imposed over flash point northeastern districts.

"Police, despite all its efforts, [are] unable to control situation and instill confidence," Kejriwal tweeted on Wednesday morning.

"Army [should] be called in and curfew imposed."

The clashes began on Monday between people

supporting and opposing the citizenship law, then descended into pitched battles between the mobs.

Twenty people died and nearly 200 others were wounded in the first two days of violence, the director of the hospital where people were taken, told AFP on Wednesday.

Sixty people had suffered gunshot wounds, according to the director, Sunil Kumar.

The area is home to mostly poorer economic migrants living in many shanty neighborhoods, and some fled on Wednesday ahead of more expected clashes.

"People are killing [each other]. Bullets are being fired here," a tailor in the Jaffrabad area told AFP, adding that he was returning home to his village in northern Uttar Pradesh state.

"There is no work... It is better to leave than to stick around here. Why would we want to die here?"

On Wednesday morning AFP saw people cleaning out the blackened and trashed

interior of a mosque in the Ashok Nagar area burned out during the violence.

A video circulated on social media and verified by AFP showed men ripping off the muezzin's loudspeaker on top of the mosque's minaret and placing a Hindu religious flag and an Indian flag.

The new citizenship law has raised worries abroad that Modi wants to remould secular India into a Hindu nation while marginalizing the country's 200 million Muslims, a claim he denies.

The law expedites the citizenship applications for persecuted minorities from India's three Muslim-majority neighboring countries, but not if they are Muslim.

The flare-up in violence occurred as US President Donald Trump visited India and held talks with Modi in Delhi on Tuesday.

But Trump left as scheduled on Tuesday and his visit was not visibly interrupted by the violence.

Chile music festival riot fuels fear of a broader return to violence

Santiago - Chile's President Sebastian Pinera on Monday condemned rioting that disrupted the opening of Latin America's biggest music festival amid fears of a broader return to violence next month in the troubled South American country.

Authorities said 23 police officers were injured in clashes when rioters looted around 30 stores, torched vehicles and forced the evacuation of a hotel in the coastal resort of Vina del Mar.

Smaller clashes occurred Monday night outside the festival grounds.

"Chile has already had too much violence," Pinera said after a cabinet meeting Monday, his first since returning from vacation.

"We need to ensure public order and live in peace to have a plebiscite that is democratic, clean and transparent," he said, referring to an April 26 referendum to update the dictatorship-era constitution.

"The time has come for a great agreement for democracy, against violence and for peace," the president said.

The referendum was one of several concessions made by conservative Pinera to quell a four-month wave of protests over economic inequality that ignited across Chile in

October.

The Vina del Mar festival was a tentative return to normality after an atmosphere of violence forced the government to cancel several other major events, including November's COP 25 climate change conference.

Instead, thousands of protesters armed with stones, sticks and Molotov cocktails clashed with police near the festival venue, a resort about 120 kilometers (75 miles) west of Santiago.

Riot police, backed by a helicopter and a balloon with surveillance cameras, drove back the protesters with water cannon and tear gas.

After failing to get into the festival grounds, protesters attacked nearby shops and the renowned O'Higgins Hotel, forcing the evacuation of the guests, who included some of the artists scheduled to perform at the festival.

"Yesterday, Vina del Mar was brutally attacked by criminals. I have called on the interior ministry to ensure the safety of the city," said mayor Virginia Reginato, as authorities said security would be beefed up for the rest of the festival.

Grammy-winner Ricky Martin opened the show. After a two-hour set, he asked Chileans not to remain silent and to demand what they

deserve with "love and peace."

"That (Chileans) express themselves, that they demand the basics, human rights, is basic, we don't ask for anything. I am with you Chile, never silent, always with love and peace," said the 48-year-old Puerto Rican singer.

With the annual Vina del Mar festival something of a test for social mood after a lull in the protests, authorities fear a new round of protests next month when the summer holiday season ends.

Protest organizers have circulated a calendar of marches, including March 8, International Women's Day, and March 29, when Chileans commemorate the deaths of two brothers murdered by the Pinochet dictatorship.

Pinera himself sounded a note of apprehension Saturday on Twitter, even before the latest violence.

"March: will it be a month of agreements or violence? Many people are anticipating a violent March," wrote the under-fire president, whose public disapproval rating has soared to 83 percent.

"The government has prepared to safeguard public order and promote a March of agreements."

"Agreements and non-violence is the way."

South Korea's birth rate hits all-time low

Seoul-South Korea's birth rate hit a new low Wednesday as authorities announced barely 300,000 babies were born last year in the nation of 51 million people.

The country has one of the world's longest life expectancies and one of its lowest birthrates, a combination that presents a looming demographic

disaster. A total of 303,100 babies were born in 2019, Statistics Korea said, down 7.3 percent from the previous year.

The country's fertility rate, the number of children a woman is expected to have in her lifetime, dropped to 0.92, the second consecutive year it was under one, and far below the 2.1

needed to keep a population stable.

South Korean women have increasingly rejected motherhood in the face of heavy childcare burdens and associated career setbacks in a country where a thick glass ceiling still endures, along with traditional social values.

The government has spent more than 180

trillion won (\$148 billion) since 2006 to boost birth rates but the population is projected to fall to 39 million in 2067 when the median age will be 62.

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'Sin' tax collections almost double to P269.1-B in 2019

MANILA, Feb. 24--Excise tax collections from so-called 'sin' products now redefined to include sweetened beverages (SBs) have raised a total of P269.1 billion in revenues in 2019, which is almost double the P143.5 billion collected from alcoholic drinks and cigarettes in 2015, the year prior to the assumption of President Duterte in office, according to data from the Department of Finance (DOF).

Finance Undersecretary Karl Kendrick Chua said that this year, DOF estimates show that the government would be able to raise around P332.3 billion from 'sin' taxes, given that [1] 'sin' products will also cover electronic cigarettes such as heated tobacco products (HTPs) and vapor (vaping) products, and [2] there are further increases in the excise taxes on alcohol and tobacco products.

'Sin' tax collections will be primarily used to augment funding for the implementation of the Universal Health Care (UHC) program, which starts this year. This program aims to provide affordable access to inpatient and outpatient services to all Filipinos, especially low-income families--in step with the ultimate goal of President Duterte to provide a decent life to every Filipino.

Higher 'sin' taxes also aim to deter the consumption of unhealthy products to help lower healthcare costs and promote a healthy citizenry.

"In 2015, the total revenues from 'sin' products was P143.5 billion. Last year, in 2019, the total was P269.1 billion or 87.5 percent more. Starting 2020, 'sin' taxes now include the collection of excise taxes on tobacco, alcohol, sweetened beverage and

e-cigarette products," said Chua in his report to Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III during a recent DOF Executive Committee (Execom) meeting.

Dominguez said at the Execom meeting that the Duterte administration has made history because it is the first government to have pushed more than one 'sin' tax hike bill in the Congress during its term.

Chua said the 2020 revenue estimate of P332.3 billion from 'sin' products represent a 131.6 percent increase from the 2015 collection.

By 2024, conservative DOF estimates show that the government would be able to collect about P480 billion. "This is a low-end projection," Chua said.

The new set of 'sin' taxes comprise Package 2 plus of its Comprehensive Tax Reform Program (CTRP), which the state economic team is pushing to make the taxation system simpler and fairer for all Filipinos and at the same time raise sufficient funds for President Duterte's high--and inclusive--growth agenda anchored on an unprecedented level of investments in infrastructure and human capital development.

Republic Act (RA) No. 11346 or the Tobacco Tax Reform that was signed into law in July 2019 increased excise taxes on tobacco products to P45 per pack starting this year and P5 per pack thereafter until the rate reaches P60 per pack in 2023. Starting 2024, the tax rate will be increased by 5 percent each year.

This law also introduced a new tax on e-cigarettes such as HTPs and vapor products.

RA 11346 is expected to raise P14.9 billion this year and P125.8 billion by 2024 from cigarettes

alone, Chua said.

Last January 22, 2020, President Rodrigo Duterte signed into law RA 11467, which further increases excise taxes on alcohol, HTPs and vapor products, and is expected to raise an initial P22.2 billion this year.

Over a five-year period from 2020 to 2024, the DOF estimates revenues totaling P137.2 billion from this law.

Chua said RA 11467 earmarks 60 percent of revenues collected from the excise taxes on alcohol products and e-cigarettes to the UHC, while 20 percent will be spent for medical assistance and health facilities.

The remaining 20 percent will go to programs that will help the government fulfill its commitments under the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

It also includes a provision exempting the sale and importation of all prescription medicines for high cholesterol, diabetes and hypertension from the value-added tax (VAT). This VAT exemption would then be extended to include medicines for mental illness, cancer, kidney diseases, and tuberculosis by 2023.

Chua said the DOF is studying the revenue impact of these VAT exemptions as preliminary data suggests the projected revenue loss from this tax break can reach P5.2 billion during the first year of implementation or a total of P35.1 billion by the end of 2024. With this, the net incremental revenue of the bill is P17.1 billion in 2020, and a total of P102.1 billion by 2024.

For fermented liquors, a specific tax of P35 per liter will be imposed in 2020, which will subsequently increase by P2 per liter per year until it reaches P43 per liter in

Red Cross encourages Taal eruption evacuees in Ibaan, Batangas to work together, foster spirit of volunteerism

BATANGAS, -- Philippine Red Cross (PRC) Chairman and CEO Sen. Richard J. Gordon, led the distribution of relief goods for evacuees in Ibaan, Batangas who were affected by the eruption of Taal volcano in January.

As he speaks with the evacuees, Gordon shared his experiences during the devastating eruption of Mt. Pinatubo that happened in June 1991 and inspired them not to lose hope and continue having the fighting spirit to carry on.

"Ako, katulad ninyo, nagibaan din ako sa Pinatubo. 'Yung bahay ng nanay ko, nagiba, so, we didn't have any home after Pinatubo. Marami sa aming mga kababayan, wala rin. Ang sabi ko noong araw, 'Fight on, Olongapo!' Ngayon, nakikita ko, ang Batangas, magiting, Hindi bale ng mawala ang yaman, huwag lang mawala ang yabang! Ang yabang ay 'yung fighting spirit na talagang hindi tayo nawawalan ng loob,'" he said.

Gordon was Olongapo City's mayor when the eruption took place. After the incident, he mobilized his



constituents to volunteer instead of being disheartened.

"Ngayon, gusto rin naming kayong matutong maging Red Cross sa pagyo-volunteer. Dapat may kusang loob, malasakit at kapwa-tao. 'Yon lang ang kailangan,'" he stated as he encourages the evacuees to work together until they are able to get back on their feet.

Gordon also hopes that the PRC can be able to provide homes for the victims of the eruption like what they did for typhoon Yolanda victims in 2013, where the PRC provided 81,000 shelters.

In Ibaan, the PRC established a Tent City in Barangay Malainan one month after the recent eruption of Taal. Tents were built on a 7,000 square meters land that was provided by the local government. The project was made possible with the help of

the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO) and the Spanish Red Cross.

During his visit at the evacuation center, Gordon distributed non-food items such as tarpaulins, mosquito nets, jerry cans and hygiene kits containing shampoo and conditioner, bath soap, and toothbrush and toothpaste, among others.

"Gusto kong malaman ninyo, mayroon tayong shared vision, shared values, shared triumphs, shared suffering. Marami tayong naging vulnerable, wala tayong laban, pero sabay-sabay tayong nagbubuhay sa hirap at ginhawa; bawat oras, sama-sama sa hirap at ginhawa. At palagay ko, kapag nakabangon tayong lahat, mas maganda pa ang buhay natin," Gordon said. (PRC)

2024. Thereafter, the rate will increase by 6 percent every year.

Distilled spirits will be taxed with a 22 percent ad valorem tax on top of a specific tax of P42 per proof liter in 2020, which will increase to P47 per proof liter in 2021, P52 per proof liter in 2022, P59 per proof liter in 2023 and P66 per proof liter in 2024. Thereafter, the rate will increase by 6 percent every year.

Alcopops will be

taxed similar to the rates for distilled spirits.

For wines, both still and sparkling, the specific tax is at P50 per liter in 2020, and will increase by 6 percent yearly thereafter.

HTPs will be taxed P25 per pack in 2020, P27.50 in 2021, P30 in 2022, P32.50 in 2023, and 5 percent yearly thereafter.

A tax of P45 per 10 milliliter of conventional freebase vapor products

will be imposed in 2020, P50 in 2021, P55 in 2022, P60 in 2023. Thereafter, the rate will increase by 5 percent every year.

For salt nicotine vapor products, the tax of P37 per millimeter will be imposed on the first year, and additional P5 per ml per year until the rate reaches P52 per ml in 2024. Thereafter, the tax will be increased by 5 percent every year. (DOF)

Pinoy crew of virus-hit cruise ship undergo 5-level screening

MANILA – Department of Health (DOH) Secretary Francisco Duque III on Wednesday said the repatriated overseas Filipinos (OFs) -- 440 crew members and five tourists -- from M/V Diamond Princess Cruise Ship from Japan have to undergo five levels of screening for fever and respiratory signs and symptoms.

"First, prior to disembarking from the cruise ship; second, before boarding the bus to Haneda airport; third, during the flight; fourth, upon landing at Clark Air Base; and fifth, upon arrival at the quarantine facility," Duque said in a press briefing held at the DOH main office in Manila.

He added that all of the OFs were asymptomatic throughout the flight and were transferred directly to the quarantine facility.

"All quarantined individuals will be assessed twice daily, once via telemedicine and another assessment through actual physical examination. They will be provided with food, hygiene kits, and appropriate health services," Duque said.

The DOH prepared an ambulance team on standby 24/7 to conduct hospital referrals as the DOH hospitals in Central Luzon prepared to accommodate those who may manifest respiratory symptoms or fever.

"As observed in other countries, there is

still a possibility that our nationals may eventually test positive upon their return. We have prepared and equipped our hospitals and laboratory facilities, and allocated all necessary resources and personal protective equipment should this happen," Duque said.

For her part, Health Assistant Secretary Maria Rosario Vergeire said the health workers will be in the facility round the clock.

"They are going to stay with the patients all throughout the 14-day quarantine period. So, minimal exposure, that is our objective to prevent them from potentially spreading the disease," Vergeire said in response to a concern that the health workers may become carriers of the disease to their families and in the community.

Duque said the DOH is continuously monitoring the situation and will update its 14-day prescribed quarantine procedure based on evidence and new developments.

"We have placed measures for the appropriate isolation and management of individuals who may eventually test positive for Covid-19 to contain transmission. We are ready to address any possible scenario. Our priority is always the welfare of our kababayans," he added. (By Ma. Teresa Montemayor/PNA)

Private company inks deal to employ 4Ps beneficiaries

MANILA -- A manpower agency on Wednesday signed a memorandum of understanding with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) to provide jobs for self-sufficient beneficiaries of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps).

Starboard Manpower Services Inc. chief operating officer Manuel Gorobat, Jr. said he is looking forward to hiring at least 100 4Ps graduates per month.

"The project will open opportunities for many who are less fortunate. By giving them employment, they uplift the quality of their lives and become good providers for their families," Gorobat said in an interview at the sidelines of the ceremony in Intramuros, Manila.

Starboard Inc. will conduct free training programs to qualified 4Ps beneficiaries to equip them with the necessary skills and knowledge in performing their jobs.

The manpower agency will also assist and endorse qualified trainees to their partner-employers for possible employment locally and abroad.

Under the memorandum, the DSWD will certify 4Ps beneficiaries qualified for the training and employment.

The department has identified 385,000 self-sufficient beneficiaries who are qualified for the program.

Getting out of poverty

The DSWD partners with various organizations to ensure that appropriate assistance is given to 4Ps beneficiaries towards improving their well-being thus enabling them to eventually transition out of poverty.

DSWD Secretary Rolando Bautista said the program is only one of the whole-of-government-approach of convergence and complementation services to achieve Ambisyon Natin 2040's goal of a "matatag, maginhawa, at panatag na buhay" (strongly rooted, comfortable, and secure life) for every Filipino.

"This partnership is a realization sa patunay ng malasakit, sa mahihirap (genuine care for the poor) seeking employment and DSWD is looking forward to cooperate with DOLE to pursue this," he added.

DOLE will provide technical assistance to DSWD and Starboard Inc. regarding employment facilitation through the convergence of programs and services that focus on the enhancement of operational efficiency and strengthening of inter-agency partnership.

Social Welfare and Development Undersecretary Aimee Torre Franca Neri said these efforts are a result of the 4Ps Law or Republic Act 11310 that stated the seven-year maximum period for beneficiaries to stay in the poverty reduction program.

"We have to prepare them before they exit



EMPLOYMENT FOR 4Ps BENEFICIARIES.

As part of the efforts to help Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) beneficiaries graduate from poverty, the government inks a memorandum of understanding with a manpower agency to hire the qualified beneficiaries, in Intramuros, Manila on Wednesday (Feb. 26, 2020). From left are Labor and Employment Secretary Silvestre Bello III, Social Welfare and Development Secretary Rolando Bautista, and Starboard Inc. chief operating officer Manuel Gorobat Jr. (PNA photo by Christine Cudis)

So, when they exit from the program, [they are already] financially independent because the children in the family are already employed to jobs that are secured," she added.

The new law states that the national poverty reduction strategy and human capital program provides conditional cash transfer program to poor households for a maximum period of seven years to improve the health, education, and nutrition aspect of their lives.

The National Advisory Council (NAC) may recommend a longer period under exceptional circumstances.

During the ceremony, 11 beneficiaries who passed the initial screening of Starboard Inc. expressed their gratitude to the government for the job assistance.

They are also the batch that will pilot-test the program before it will be implemented

nationwide.

Ivan Royette Montilla, 19, among the beneficiaries from Batasan Hills in Quezon City, said he previously only worked for a part-time job as a dining staff with no promise of regularization.

Already passed as a full-time employee in VICMA Marketing through Starboard complete with Philhealth, SSS, and PAG-IBIG benefits. I can now provide for my family and especially for my siblings," Montilla said, adding that this employment will help him save up so he can get a degree in culinary arts and hopefully work abroad.

"There's a bigger chance now that I can study culinary and work abroad in the future. I can support my family better by then. My gratitude goes to all the efforts of the government to help us," he said. (By Christine Cudis/PNA)

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