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Continuous healthcare services for the community. More than 400 individuals were served during the medical mission conducted by the team from the Provincial Government of Cavite in Barangay Punta 1, Tanza last January 19, 2023.

Locals availed free medical consultation rendered by health professionals from the Provincial Health Office. Prescribed medicines and vitamins were also provided for free as part of the continuous healthcare service of the PGC.

The outreach activity was made possible through the request of Tanza Councilor Maricel Del Rosario-Morales for the benefit of her constituents. Councilor Sheryl Lyn Langit-Gervacio was also present and expressed her gratitude to the mission team for the health services provided.



Thousands of Tanza residents join PGC's Ugnayan sa Barangay program. Governor Jonvic Remulla together with Board Member Ping Remulla once again opens a bridge of communication with the residents of Tanza in another leg of Ugnayan sa Barangay held at Barangay Daang Amaya I last January 18, 2023.

The program served as the venue to bring governance closer to the people. Thousands of residents had the chance to converse their needs and current situation to the governor. In response, the governor assured them that the provincial government is acting promptly and initiating programs and projects beneficial to Caviteños.

Tanza Mayor Yuri Pacumio and Vice Mayor SM Matro with the Sanggunian Bayan members joined the Ugnayan sa Barangay team in giving hope and assistance to the locals. --- PICAD

DOH, PNAC draft strategies vs. HIV, AIDS epidemic

MANILA – The Department of Health (DOH) and the Philippine National AIDS Council (PNAC) has developed action plans to address the high number of cases of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) in the country.

During a strategic planning assembly on Friday, Health officer-in-charge Maria Rosario Vergeire said the DOH is committed to combat the discrimination and stigma associated with HIV.

“Through this strategic planning, the actions to address the HIV crisis combined with factors that fuel the epidemic such as: social and gender inequalities, stigma and discrimination, structural barriers that prevent equitable access of affected populations to prevention, treatment, and care, and challenges placed on health, non-health and community systems, will be harmonized and concretized,” she said.

DOH Undersecretary Maria Francia Laxamana, who is also the head of the department's Special Concerns Team, joined Vergeire in the planning.

The strategies formulated by the DOH and the PNAC were harmonized with the previously developed 7th AIDS Medium Term Plan, which

highlights the five strategic pillars of the master plan: Prevent, Treat, Protect, Strengthen, and Sustain.

According to DOH HIV/AIDS and ART Registry of the Philippines, a total of 12,859 HIV cases and 878 deaths were reported from January to October 2022.

Since 1984, the country has logged a total of 107,177 cases per day.

For the month of October 2022, around 1,383 confirmed HIV-positive individuals were reported. Three hundred fifty-three or 26 percent of them had an advanced HIV infection at the time of diagnosis. Of the reported cases, about 1,321 or 96 percent were males while 62 or 4 percent were females.

Around 700 or 51 percent of the cases were 25 to 34 years old at the time of the diagnosis; 395 or 29 percent are 15 to 24 years old; 242 or 18 percent are 35 to 49 years old; 40 or 3 percent are 50 years old and older; and six or less than one percent are under 15 years old.

A total of 66,041 people living with HIV are on anti-retroviral therapy as of October 2022. Of the tally, 63,662 or 96 percent were on the first line of regimen; 1,960 or 3 percent were on the second line; and 419 or 1 percent were on the third line.

“We cannot do this alone. We need the help

of all our partners and stakeholders on the ground. When we work together, our goal of ending the stigma and creating healthier communities will be ultimately achieved,” Vergeire said.

Currently, various developmental partners support PNAC and pledge to continue collaboration with the different member agencies to make HIV services more accessible.

These include the World Health Organization, Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, AIDS Health Foundation, AIDS Society of the Philippines, Positive Foundation Philippines Incorporated, Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Inc., Action Health Initiative, Pinoy Plus Advocacy Pilipinas Inc., and the Dangerous Drugs Board.

In the last quarter of 2022, the United States (US) donated PHP85 million worth of HIV viral load testing cartridges to strengthen the Philippines' HIV treatment program in observance of World AIDS Day.

US Ambassador to the Philippines MaryKay Carlson said the US government is committed to working alongside the Department of Health, the community of Filipinos living with HIV, and local governments to ensure that people living with HIV have equitable access to a viral load test nationwide. (PNA)

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Manila Water investing P37.3B in wastewater masterplan

MANILA– Manila Water Company (Manila Water) is investing PHP37.3 billion for its wastewater masterplan that will help rehabilitate and protect natural waterways.

The Three-River System Wastewater Masterplan involves massive construction of wastewater treatment facilities and sewer networks across the Marikina River, San Mateo-Rodriguez and Pasig River

and Laguna Lake systems that comply with regulatory and environmental standards.

These projects are designed to collect, convey and treat wastewater generated within their respective catchment areas.

In a statement on Thursday, Manila Water said that to support the Marikina River system, the San Mateo-Rodriguez and Quezon City East

sewerage systems will cater to customers in some portions of Marikina City, San Mateo-Rodriguez, Antipolo City and eastern portions of Quezon City.

With a combined project cost of PHP10.2 billion, the two sewerage systems will serve around 129,000 residents by 2046.

The water company added the Mandaluyong West, Quezon City South and San Juan

More foreign investments needed to sustain economic growth:PBBM

MANILA – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. recently emphasized the importance of attracting more investments to sustain the growth momentum of the Philippine economy.

This, after Marcos expressed elation over the country's 7.6-

percent annual growth in 2022, exceeding the government's 6.5 to 7.5 percent growth assumption for the year and the highest after the 8.8 percent in 1976.

“We are happy to receive the news that our growth rate for the year 2022 exceeded all expectations even by

the estimates of the international financing institutions and we are holding at 7.6 percent,” Marcos said in a video message uploaded on the Presidential Communications Office's (PCO) official Facebook page.

“However, for 2023, (Turn to p.3)

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South sewerage systems will cover portions of catchments draining towards San Juan River and Pasig River systems.

The PHP20-billion project will have a capacity to treat 60 million liters, expandable to 120 million liters of wastewater per day, conveyed through a 53-kilometer sewer network.

The remaining segments of the North and South Pasig sewerage system will also be constructed to help protect the Pasig River system.

With a combined project cost of PHP2.8 billion, the sewerage systems will have treatment provisions for households in Pasig City and portions of Quezon City and Mandaluyong City and

the towns of Cainta and Taytay in Rizal province.

Up east of Metro Manila, the PHP1.6-billion Hinulugang Taktak sewerage system is already taking shape in Antipolo City.

It will treat 16 million liters of wastewater per day before releasing it into waterways.

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PH on track to achieve single-digit poverty rate: DBM chief

MANILA – The administration of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. is “on track” with its goal of reaching a single-digit poverty rate by 2028 after the Philippines' gross domestic product (GDP) grew by 7.2 percent in the fourth quarter of 2022, resulting in a 7.6 percent full-year growth.

In a press statement, Department



Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Secretary Amenah Pangandaman (File photo)

of Budget and Management (DBM) Secretary Amenah Pangandaman welcomed the country's high-growth

performance last year, which beats economic managers' target range of 6.5 to 7.5 percent GDP for the whole of 2022. (Turn to p. 2)

Tulfo eyes health rating labels on packed food products

MANILA -- Senator Raffy Tulfo on Thursday pushed for the passage of a measure seeking to mandate the use of a rating system on labels of packaged food products, in addition to the standard nutritional facts label.

In pushing for Senate Bill 1684, or the Health Rating Label Act, Tulfo said placing a Health Rating System that shows the overall nutritional profile of every packed food

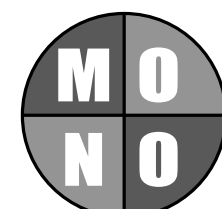
product will equip Filipinos with a better knowledge on the food they eat.

“The effects of the Covid-19 pandemic have highlighted the importance of health and wellness. This includes a comprehensive knowledge of the food individuals consume.

Undeniably, people who maintain a healthy diet will have a lower risk of serious illnesses and enjoy a better quality of life,” he said.

Citing data from the Department of Health (DOH), he noted that the leading cause of death in the Philippines are diseases of the heart, vascular system, and respiratory system, along with malignant cancers and diabetes.

“The use of a rating system on labels of packaged food products, in addition to the standard nutritional facts label, aims to arm Filipinos with the necessary information (Turn to p. 2)



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Furthermore, the water company is also set to deploy new desludging trucks and construct the Pinugay septage treatment plant to ensure continued sanitation services for the residents of the towns of Baras, Pililla, Tanay and Jala-jala in Rizal.

This massive investment in wastewater treatment facilities is anchored on Manila Water's environmental sustainability efforts which aim to reduce pollution produced in its operations.

It also aligns with

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"The report validates our country's economic strategies, and it rightfully shows that this government, headed by our President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., is on track with our Agenda for Prosperity," she said, referring to a roadmap that would address the immediate and pressing concerns of Filipinos in the near- and medium-term.

Pangandaman said the GDP growth also augurs well for the Philippines, which remains one of the fastest-growing economies in the region according to international financial institutions and private sector forecasts.

"As long as we continue to follow our economic blueprint, we are optimistic that we will achieve single-digit poverty levels and upper middle income status according to plan," she added.

Meanwhile, she also assured that the PHP5.268-trillion national budget for 2023 will continue to provide the necessary funding requirements to support the Marcos

administration's prioritization of developing climate-resilient infrastructure and aids in the rehabilitation of the environment.

Aside from upgrading its wastewater treatment services to protect natural waterways, Manila Water is also involved in the reforestation and protection of key watersheds.

It planted over 1.2 million trees through its watershed management program as of 2021. (PNA)

administration's goal of economic and social transformation. On Dec. 16 last year, Marcos signed into law the 2023 national budget that is geared towards achieving post-pandemic economic recovery.

He said the 2023 national budget will provide the government with a tool to transform the economy and carry out the needed structural changes toward realizing the administration's goals.

Pangandaman said protecting the purchasing power of average Filipinos and ensuring food security remain "top government priorities."

Aside from these, she said enacting structural reforms, improving worker productivity and committing to good governance practices, including transparency to revitalize the investment climate, would assure growth continues in 2023.

"The Economic Team remains confident and

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on the nutritional content of the food they choose to consume on a daily basis and in turn lessen their susceptibility to life-threatening diseases," said Tulfo, who has earlier raised concerns over the high sodium content of instant noodles and canned sardines.

Under SB 1684, the Health Rating System measures the overall nutritional profile of packaged food products from one (the least nutritious) to five (the most nutritious), which will be calculated based on the total energy or kilojoules (kJ), saturated fat, sodium, sugar content and fiber.

All packaged food products sold in shops like grocery stores shall implement the health rating system, except on fresh unpacked food; condiments; non-nutritive foods; single-ingredient foods not intended to be eaten on their own; alcoholic beverages; formulated products for infants and young children; and food for special medical purposes.

The bill mandates the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

optimistic about the Philippine economy under the able stewardship of President Bongbong Marcos," she said.

"With the help, trust, confidence and support of the private sector, civil society, and development partners, and with the right policies and spending priorities set in place, we are confident that achieving inclusive growth for all Filipinos is now closer at hand," she added.

In a report on Thursday, the Philippine Statistics

to serve as the regulating body to oversee the implementation of this Act.

The manufacturers of packaged food products shall calculate the health rating of their products and submit the rating to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for approval.

The Department of Health shall create an oversight committee, comprised of representatives from the DOH, Department of Trade and Industry, and the Department of Agriculture to ensure a consistent approach to the effective implementation of the Health Rating System.

Any manufacturer of packaged food products that violates any provision of this Act shall receive the following penalties: first offense, a warning shall be issued by the FDA to the company or manufacturer; on the second offense, a fine of PHP 50,000 per day; and on the third offense, the FDA shall issue an immediate suspension order for the company or manufacturer. (PNA)

Authority (PSA) announced that the GDP posted a growth of 7.2 percent in the fourth quarter of 2022, resulting in a 7.6 percent full-year growth in 2022.

The main contributors to the 4th quarter 2022 growth were wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, 8.7 percent; financial and insurance activities, 9.8 percent; and manufacturing, 4.2 percent, according to the PSA. (PNA)

Indigent senior citizens to receive 12K this year

MANILA - Some 4.1 million indigent senior citizens are entitled to receive PHP12,000 each as social pension this year under the approved PHP5.268 trillion national budget.

Senator Sonny Angara reminded on Friday that Republic Act (RA) 11916 mandates the 100 percent increase in the indigent senior citizen's monthly pension -- from PHP500 to PHP1,000.

RA 11916 or an Act Increasing the Social Pension of Indigent Senior Citizens amended RA 7432, the first Senior Citizens Act.

"Siniguro natin na mapopondohan sa 2023 budget ang pagtaas sa monthly social pension ng ating mga indigent senior citizen. Sinulong natin ang dagdag sa pension nila lalo na at ang mga lolo at lola na makikinabang dito ay wala talagang ipon o sustento galing sa kanino

man (We made sure that the increase in the social pension for our indigent senior citizens will be funded in the 2023 budget. We pushed for their additional pension, especially since they do not have any savings or financial support from anyone)," Angara said in a statement.

He said the additional social pension will help indigent senior citizens further sustain their daily subsistence and medical needs.

According to the guidelines of the Department of Social Welfare and Development, the implementing agency, eligible senior citizens should fall within the following criteria: frail, sickly or with disability; without pension from the Social Security System, Government Service Insurance System or from any sources of pension in government and private

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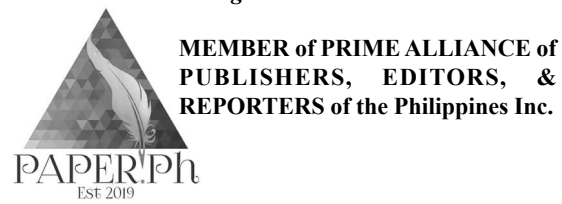
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5B people at risk from trans fats, leading to heart disease: WHO

GENEVA - Five billion people globally remain unprotected from harmful trans fats, increasing their risk of heart disease and death, said a new report by the World Health Organization (WHO) released last Monday.

Since WHO first called for the global elimination of industrially produced trans fats in 2018 with an elimination target set for 2023, population coverage of best-practice policies has increased almost six-fold.

"Trans fat has no known benefit and huge health risks that incur huge costs for health systems," said WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

"By contrast, eliminating trans fat is cost-effective and has enormous benefits for health. Put simply, trans fat is a toxic chemical that kills and should have no place in food. It's time to get rid of it once and for all."

WHO said 43 countries had implemented best-practice policies for tackling trans fats in food, with 2.8 billion people protected globally.

The report, called "Countdown to 2023 - WHO report on global trans fat elimination 2022", was published by WHO in collaboration with global health group Resolve to Save Lives.

"Despite substantial progress, this still

leaves 5 billion worldwide at risk of trans fat's devastating health impacts, with the global goal for its total elimination in 2023 remaining unattainable.

Industrially produced trans fats, or trans-fatty acids, are commonly found in packaged foods, baked goods, cooking oils and spreads.

Trans fat intake is responsible for up to 500,000 premature deaths from coronary heart disease each year around the world, according to the WHO.

"Progress in eliminating trans fat is at risk of stalling, and trans fat continues to kill people," said Tom Frieden, president of Resolve to Save Lives.

"Every government can stop these preventable deaths by passing a best-practice policy now. The days of trans fat killing people are numbered -- but governments must act to end this preventable tragedy."

Currently, nine of the 16 countries with the highest estimated proportion of coronary heart disease deaths caused by trans fat intake do not have a best-practice policy.

They are Australia, Azerbaijan, Bhutan, Ecuador, Egypt, Iran, Nepal, Pakistan and

South Korea.

WHO names a mandatory national limit of 2 grams of industrially produced trans fat per 100 grams of total fat in all foods as one of best practical alternatives.

The other is a mandatory national ban on the production or use of partially hydrogenated oils, a significant source of trans fat, as an ingredient in all foods.

While most trans fat elimination policies have been implemented in higher-income countries (mainly in the Americas and Europe), many middle-income countries are also implementing or adopting these policies.

The list of countries includes Argentina, Bangladesh, India, Paraguay, the Philippines and Ukraine.

Best-practice policies are also being considered in Mexico, Nigeria and Sri Lanka in 2023.

Nigeria would be the second and most-populous country in Africa to put a best-practice trans fat elimination policy in place.

No low-income countries have yet adopted a best-practice policy to eliminate trans fat. (Anadolu)

SAY NO TO DRUGS

Inflation, peso devaluation affect maintenance meds prices: DOH

MANILA - The prices of maintenance medicines for non-communicable diseases are affected by inflation and peso devaluation as these are also commodities in the market, a health department official said Wednesday.

"Base po sa monitoring namin last December 2022, isang gamot po ang nakita natin, isang set ng gamot, these hypertension medicines, nagkaroon po tayo ng konting pagtaas (Based on our monitoring in December 2022, we have seen a slight price increase in a set of medicines, these hypertension medicines), which was because of the inflation and the peso devaluation,"

Department of Health (DOH) officer-in-charge Maria Rosario Vergeire said in a press briefing in Pasay City. Vergeire did not cite the brand names of the medicines. The DOH, through the Cheaper Medicines Act or Republic Act 9502, monitors the prices of medicines to ensure quality medicines are available to the public.

"Kapag tiningnan natin sa kabuuan, nagkakaroon tayo ng stable prices of our medicines and this is because of our Executive Order No. 155, kung saan naglagay tayo ng price caps, which started last March 23, 2022 kung saan sinabi ang mga gamot natin (Overall, we have stable prices of our medicines and this is because of our Executive Order 155, wherein we placed price caps starting March 23, 2022) for hypertension, for

Onion prices continue to drop as imports arrive

MANILA - The prevailing retail price of onions continued to drop on Friday as the imports arrive on schedule.

According to the Department of Agriculture (DA) Bantay Presyo (price watch), the lowest price was recorded for local white onions which are sold at PHP170 per kilogram, with its highest cost at only PHP300/kg.

Imported white onions are set at PHP250/kg to PHP260/kg, higher than the local white onions.

As the DA projected, arrivals of imported volume have helped in the market price drop.

diabetes, high cholesterol, asthma, and for COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), colorectal, lung and breast cancers, must be in our capping, regulating their prices in order to be more accessible to our fellowmen," she said.

The price caps for these medicines are still in effect and can still be regulated, she added.

"Meron din tayo nung tinatawag na MDRP, the medium drug retail price, kung saan naipapababa na natin maraming mga molecules na ito para mas maging accessible sa ating mga kababayan (We also have the MDRP, the medium drug retail price, where the prices of medicines are reduced, these molecules, to make them more accessible to the public)," she said. (PNA)

The prevailing price range of local red onions, meanwhile, is PHP240/kg to PHP350/kg, higher than the price range of imported red onions which is set at PHP200/kg to PHP250/kg.

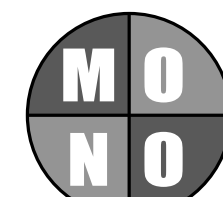
However, the Bureau of Plant Industry confirmed that imported red onions appear bigger than locally produced red onions despite being sold at a lower cost.

In a teleradio interview, DA Assistant Secretary Kristine Evangelista said they will work on bringing back the prices to peak harvest levels.

"Ang pinakamababa po na

presyo ay umabot sa mga PHP67 or a little less than PHP70 per kilo. So, 'yun po ang tinitingnan natin ngayon kung paano natin maibabalik ang ganung presyo. Although ito po ay presyo sa panahon na talagang peak of their harvest (The lowest price was as low as PHP67/kg or less than PHP70/kg. So, that's what we're looking into, how to bring back that level of price. Although this price was during the peak of harvest)," she said.

To achieve this, the DA said discussions with other layers in the entire value chain are yet to be made. (PNA)





Ugnayan sa Barangay continues in Trece Martires City. Hundreds of constituents from Barangay Cabezas and Lallana gathered and participated in another leg of provincial government's Ugnayan sa Barangay program led by Governor Jonvic C. Remulla last January 17, 2023.

Governor Remulla reported some development plans of the province that will help uplift the lives of Caviteños.

On the other hand, Seventh District Board Member Ping Remulla expressed his support and interest for the continuous improvements and progress of the barangays.

In attendance during the program were 7th District Board Member Ping Remulla, local officials of Trece Martires headed by Mayor Gemma Buendia Lubigan, Vice Mayor Bobby Montehermoso and Sangguniang Panlungsod members, together with Barangay Chairman Nestorio Sacro Colada of Cabezas and Chairwoman Cecilia Mojica Decillo of Brgy. Lallana wherein they expressed their gratitude for the continuous support provided to their constituents by the provincial government.



Ugnayan sa Barangay continues in Trece Martires. Hundreds of residents gathered and participated in another leg of Ugnayan sa Barangay program held in Transville Homes Barangay San Agustin, Trece Martires City last January 19, 2023.

Governor Jonvic Remulla conveyed some plans and various development programs of the provincial government for the benefit of Caviteños.

Present at the event were 7th District Board Member Crispin Diego "Ping" Remulla, who showed gratitude for the unending support given to him by the constituents and expressed his interest for the continuous progress of the town. Local officials of Trece Martires City led by Mayor Gemma Buendia Lubigan and Vice Mayor Bobby Montehermoso, together with the Sangguniang Panlungsod members were also present and expressed their gratitude to the provincial government's support to the city.--- PICAD



Medical care for the people of Imus City. Cavite Provincial Government's medical mission team visited Brgy. Tanzang Luma III, Imus City to provide medical care for the residents in coordination with Phenomenal Leader President Mark Villanueva, Ms. Malou Prospero and the Women of Imus Association Inc. Last January 17, 2023.

Medical practitioners from Cavite PHO, led by Dr. Idgee Gabriel Bondoc and Dr. Marie April Jane B. Juanito, alongside Imus CHO, with Dr. Mary Ann Cruz and Dr. Jennifer F. Alba-Roamar, accommodated two hundred (200) patients for the free health and wellbeing consultation. Likewise, residents received prescribed medicines, vitamin supplements and hygiene kit.

Other services offered during the health outreach program were free haircut and demonstration of proper way of tooth brushing and hand washing rendered by the Rotary Club of Imus East members.

The medical mission program was made possible and successful with the support of local officials of Tanzang Luma III.



The Provincial Government of Cavite's health services benefitted the locals of Silang in another round of medical mission held at Patio Medina, Poblacion 3 last January 24, 2023 serving a total of two hundred seventy-nine (279) patients.

Medical team from General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital composed of Dr. Michael Joe Medina, John Joseph Martal, and GEAMH midwives rendered free medical consultation, assisted by the Barangay Health workers.

During the event, the local government of Silang under the leadership of Mayor Kevin A. Anarna, also sponsored other services such as legal consultation and reading comprehension for children.

That the swift do not always win the race, nor do the mighty win the battle, nor do the wise always have the food, nor do the intelligent always have the riches, nor do those with knowledge always have success, because time and unexpected events overtake them all.
Ecclesiastes 9: 11

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we still have the problem of inflation, which means there is still a problem of certain sectors of society and of the economy [which] have yet to enjoy the benefits of that growth. And that's why inflation is something that we are attending to," he added.

Marcos said his administration is expecting that the inflation rates, especially for agricultural products, will come down "within the end of the second quarter" of 2023.

Citing the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas' forecast, Marcos also hoped that the inflation level would go down to four percent by the third or fourth quarter of this year.

Marcos also expressed confidence that the country is heading in the "right direction" when it comes to realizing its bid for economic prosperity.

Attracting foreign investments, Marcos said, would sustain the country's economic growth rate and development.

"We must maintain, however, that growth rate and that is why it has become so important for us to go out and to attract investments into the Philippines because that is the only way for economic activity to increase and therefore to grow the economy," Marcos said.

"So I think that we are headed in the right direction. We still have some interventions that we will have to apply. But nonetheless, we are weathering the shocks on the international economic situation and we are starting to see that the economy is moving in

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agencies; and without any permanent source of income, compensation or financial assistance from relatives to support their basic needs.

"Close to 10 percent of all Filipinos aged 65 and above are living alone. Many are not so lucky as to have savings to get them through their

the correct direction," he added.

Last Thursday, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) reported that the country's gross domestic product (GDP) posted a growth of 7.2 percent in the fourth quarter of 2022, resulting in a 7.6 percent full-year growth.

The PSA noted that the main contributors to the fourth-quarter growth were wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles; financial and insurance activities; and manufacturing.

Among the major economic sectors, industry and services posted positive growths in the fourth quarter of 2022, with 4.8 percent and 9.8 percent, respectively, according to the PSA report.

For the full-year growth, the industries that contributed the most to the annual growth were wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles; manufacturing; and construction.

Marcos' economic team conducted its third Philippine Economic Briefing (PEB) in Europe to present the economic situation and investment opportunities in the Philippines.

The PEB Europe leg covers Frankfurt in Germany and London in the United Kingdom.

During the PEB's London leg on Thursday, Budget Secretary Ameh Pangandaman encouraged more European investors to invest in the country, assuring them that the Philippines is "on track" to achieve its economic agenda. (PNA)

twilight years and there are a lot more who have no relatives who will take care of them," Angara said.

First introduced in 2010, the social pension for indigent senior citizens was an additional government assistance under RA 9994 or the Expanded Senior

Climate hazards cause irreversible damage on economy

MANILA – Damage brought about by natural disasters harm livelihood and economy, with billions in losses that could have been used to finance health and social welfare programs.

Senate President Pro Tempore Loren Legarda said Tuesday that the Philippines is among the vulnerable nations that is entitled to financial support through the 2015 Paris Agreement on the effects of climate change.

The country is also a beneficiary under the global Green Climate Fund (GCF), created to serve the Paris Agreement and Kyoto Protocol that aims to provide funding for climate mitigation and adaptation of developing countries.

The Kyoto Protocol, adopted in 1997, operationalizes the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change by committing industrialized countries and economies in transition to limit and reduce greenhouse gases emissions.

While these grants benefit the Philippines, Legarda emphasized that a whole of nation approach is vital in addressing the dire global climate crisis.

"The loss and damage fund cannot bring back what we have lost in terms of lives, livelihoods, assets and opportunities, but just like post war reparations, these will help get us on an appropriate

development track," she said in a news release.

Legarda pointed out that climate finance is needed to build defenses, safeguard every Filipino from climate impacts, and shift the economy and society "towards low-carbon development and growth that would mitigate global warming and the intensity of climate change."

In November last year, the Philippines joined the High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People which aims to protect at least 30 percent of the world's land and ocean through increased public and private financing.

"Hindi lang tayo dapat umasa sa isang grant gaya ng (We shouldn't just rely on the) GCF. There should be a whole of government, whole of nation approach in addressing the climate crisis," she said. "These few grants will not change the scenario."

She said local governments must master early warning systems, evacuation and geohazard mapping, among others.

Legarda also urged her colleagues to recognize their critical roles in dealing with the global climate emergency.

"Let's not waste this opportunity to do good, to do what is right and in all our endeavors, imagine a different future past the twin crisis of climate and biodiversity collapse," Legarda said. (PNA)

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-versus-**

**MARIAM DIOKNO MIMBALAWAG,
Mortgagor,**

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by **BDO UNIBANK, INC.**, mortgagee, with office address at BDO Towers Valero, 8741 Pase de Roxas, Makati City, against **MARIAM DIOKNO MIMBALAWAG**, with residence and postal address at #3 Mananili St., Signal Village, Nichols-Mckinley, Taguig City and/or Blk. 8 Lot 06 Ph. 5, Lancaster Residences, Brgy. Alapan 2-A, Imus, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of October 28, 2022 amounts to **ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED THIRTY SIX THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FOURTEEN PESOS AND 57/100 (P1,236,614.57)** Philippine Currency, including interest and penalty charges but excluding attorney's fees, sheriff's fees and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff IV will sell at public auction on **February 21, 2023** at 10:00 a.m. or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC Multiple Sala, Bulwagan Ng Katarrangan, Aguineldo Highway, Imus, Cavite, to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all the improvements therein, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2016013962

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 6, BLK. 8, OF THE CONS. AND SUBD. PLAN, PCS-04-025430, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONS. OF LOTS 1629 & 1690) IMUS ESTATE, L.R.C. REC. NO. 8843) SITUATED IN THE BRGY. OF ALAPAN 2, MUN. OF IMUS, PROV. OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON, BOUNDED ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 5 BLK. 8, ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 4 BLK. 8; ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY ROAD LOT 10; AND ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 8 BLK. 8, ALL OF THE CONS. AND SUBD. PLAN, x x x CONTAINING AN AREA OF FORTY (40) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, x x x"

All sealed bid 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 **February 28, 2023** at 10:00 a.m. without prior notice.

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

Imus, Cavite, Philippines, November 29, 2022.

**ISRAEL S. MEDINA
Sheriff IV**

APPROVED:

**ARMIE A. FRANCISCO
Clerk of Court VI**

Copy Furnished:

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