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Senator urges gov't to crack down on 'scam call centers'

MANILA – Senator Risa Hontiveros on Wednesday called on government agencies to track down “scam call centers” employing foreigners trafficked into the country.

Hontiveros renewed the call after an Indonesian national



Senator Risa Hontiveros (PNA file photo)

sought her help after he the country to scam his was duped to work in (Turn to p.2)

Rice importation remains an option for emergency, relief ops

MANILA – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Wednesday said the government is looking at the option of importing rice to beef up the country's supply in the event of natural calamities, such as typhoons and the El Niño weather phenomenon.

Marcos, however,

assured that the country has ample supply of the staple grain to keep the prices stable in the market.

He also dismissed the possibility of a repeat of the rice crisis in 2018.

“So, we are watching and waiting to see what the production levels are going to be after the last

planting season before the harvest, for the upcoming harvest and what will be...”

Marcos said in a media interview during an event in San Jose del Monte City.

“So ‘yun ang tinitingnan natin (That's what we are looking at). We may have to import. So that's --- we're keeping that option open,” he added.

The President said the buffer stock of the National Food

Niño phenomenon.

“So bilang tulong na rin po para maibsan ang water interruption ‘no, lalo na po sa west zone area ng Kamaynilaan na nakaka-apekto ng isang milyong kabahayan po natin, ay dinagdagan ng NWRB ang allocation sa MWSS mula po sa

NWRB approves hike in water supply allocation for MWSS

MANILA – The National Water Resources Board (NWRB) has increased the allocation for the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) for the remaining days of April to help address water interruptions.

During the Laging Handa Public Briefing aired over PTV4 on Wednesday, NWRB Executive Director Dr. Sevilla David Jr. said they recognize measures being undertaken by the MWSS to immediately address water supply issues ahead of the El



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original na 48 cubic meters per second (cms) tungo po sa 52 cms para sa buwan po ng Abril po (To help mitigate the water interruptions, especially in the west zone area of Metro Manila, which is affecting around 1 million households, the

NWRB increased the allocation to MWSS from the original of 48 cms to 52 cms for the month of April,” he said. David said the requested 52 cms allocation for next month was also conditionally approved, pending MWSS’

execution of its commitments and compliance with certain conditions related to water augmentation and conservation within this month.

Latest forecast of the Philippine Atmospheric, (Turn to p. 2)

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government is trying to figure out how to boost its buffer stock without causing the rice prices to rise during harvest season, considering that the NFA is only allowed to buy from local farmers.

Under the Department of Agriculture's (DA) 2023 supply outlook, the country's total supply is at 16.98 million metric tons (MMT), which is sufficient to cover this year's demand estimated at 15.29 MMT.

"This would leave the country with an ending balance of 1.69 MMT, which is equivalent to 45 days of buffer stock, instead of the 90-day ideal buffer stock to stabilize the price of rice," a DA briefer said.

Providing affordable food items to the grassroots

Marcos launched another outlet of the Kadiwa ng Pangulo Program in San Jose del Monte City, Bulacan to provide affordable agri-fishery commodities to consumers and a ready market for farmers and fisherfolk.

Marcos is envisioning the program as a platform to bring affordable food items to the grassroot level to manage food inflation, as well as provide more income opportunities for farmers, fisherfolk and micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs).

"Ginagawa namin ang lahat upang paramihin ang ating mga Kadiwa hanggang umabot na kahit sa malalayong lupalop at lahat ng ating mga

kababayan ay makaramdam ng kaunting ginhawa dahil nga sa pagbaba ng mga presyo ng bilingin (We are trying our best to open more Kadiwa stores so that it could reach even the farthest areas and every Filipino could at least experience a bit of relief as the prices of basic goods go down)," he said.

The President also awarded interventions amounting to PHP15.793 million for several farmers' cooperatives and associations (FCAs) in Bulacan province.

The Dulong Bayan Farmers Association based in San Jose Del Monte City received PHP5 million from the Department of Agriculture (DA)-National Rice Program for the construction of warehouse with mechanical grain dryer. It also received PHP5.5 million from the DA-National Livestock Program for the Integrated National Swine Production Initiatives for Recovery and Expansion (INSPIRE) implementation.

On the other hand, the Biyaya ng Matangtubig Irrigators Association, Inc. of Baliuag town, the Sta. Catalina Matanda Bata Irrigators Association of San Ildefonso, and the Magmarale Farmers Field School Marketing Cooperative of San Miguel each received PHP1.764 million worth of rice combine harvester from the DA-Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization. (PNA)

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fellow Indonesians.

"Sadly, right under our very noses, the Philippines is hosting its very own scam hubs," Hontiveros said as she opened the hearing of the Senate Committee on Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality.

She said large condominium buildings are being repurposed as living and working facilities for those trafficked persons forced to perform scams on hapless victims.

Hontiveros said these trafficked persons, who are now by the thousands, came from Vietnam, Cambodia, Myanmar, Indonesia, countries in Africa and countries in South Asia.

Last year, Hontiveros exposed a large-scale human trafficking operation that targeted Filipinos looking for jobs abroad. The OFWs were then forced to work as scammers in Myanmar and Cambodia.

"A humanitarian crisis is taking shape. A mass of desperate humanity. Human beings of the world are being hurt, abused and used in order to perpetrate fraud. Nananakit ng kapwa para manloko ng kapwa," (Hurting others to fool others) Hontiveros said in a statement.

At the hearing, Ridwan (not his real name), an Indonesian national, said he applied to work in the Philippines as a digital marketer and discovered later that the job was to scam fellow Indonesians to invest in fraudulent cryptocurrency investments.

He arrived in the

country on March 7. He said he was greeted by an escort who helped him and two other Indonesians seamlessly pass through the Bureau of Quarantine and the Philippine immigration counters. They were later brought to Bayport West NAIA Garden Residence.

"We were instructed to steal the identities of other people to scam targets. Our targets are our fellow Indonesians. We find them on Tinder, Facebook, and Instagram. After our targets fall in love with us, we make them invest in cryptocurrency. When we do not get victims, we will get punished," Ridwan told the committee.

He said fellow workers were electrocuted and punished severely when they failed to do their jobs.

Ridwan said he wanted to leave immediately, but he was asked to pay the PHP100,000 that the company spent to bring him to the Philippines. He left the premises on March 13.

"It is frightening that these criminal activities have been made easy by social media platforms. But it is even more frightening to hear how effortless foreigners can get into the country, with the aid of unscrupulous airport or immigration officials. This is a serious national security concern that we must urgently address. We cannot allow these syndicates to turn our country into outlaw territory," Hontiveros said. (With a report from Leonel Abasola/PNA)

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Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) shows near normal rainfall in Angat area in Norzagay, Bulacan from May to September 2023. This is expected to replenish the water in Angat Dam and will alleviate the possible brunt of the impending El Niño phenomenon in the latter part of the year.

The NWRB, along with its partners MWSS, National Irrigation Administration, PAGASA, and the National Power Corporation are continuously monitoring, evaluating and managing the water supply for Metro Manila and its adjoining provinces.

A technical working group is also

preparing contingency plans to minimize the effects of El Niño.

David also appealed to water consumers to use practical water conservation measures to ensure water supply sustainability in homes, offices, businesses and communities.

"Sa ngayon po, ayon naman po sa mga report na nari-receive natin ay nagkaroon naman po ng significant improvement doon sa supply po ng tubig partikular po sa nakakaranas po ng mga water interruption (We have received reports of significant improvement in the supply of water, particularly from those experiencing water interruption)," he added. (PNA)

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PBBM vows continuous delivery of basic goods, aid amid inflation

MANILA – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Wednesday vowed to provide Filipino consumers continuous supply of quality and safe food items being sold at the Kadiwa ng Pangulo outlets to cushion the effects of inflation.

During the Kadiwa ng Pangulo launching in San Jose del Monte, Bulacan, Marcos said the initiative will be replicated in various parts of the country, noting that these food outlets would provide consumers with fresh and affordable products, as well as provide ready market to farmers and producers.

“Kaya’t tinitiyak namin na magkaroon ng magandang supply sa susunod. Hindi na natin kailangan alalahanin na mauubos (We assure you that there will be more supply next time. There's no need to worry that products will run out),” Marcos said.

Marcos said the Kadiwa program aided micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in regaining their footing following the economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic on their businesses.

“Kaya’t binibigyan natin ng pagkakataon ang ating mga MSMEs, binibigyan natin sila ng isang lugar, isang palengke, isang merkado kung saan sila makapunta para naman maibenta nila ang kanilang mga produkto (We are giving MSMEs the opportunity -- a single place or market where they could sell their products),” he said.

Kadiwa is a market linkage facilitation program of the Department of Agriculture (DA) that aims at making products



FOOD SUPPLY. President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. leads the launching of the Kadiwa ng Pangulo in San Jose del Monte, Bulacan on Wednesday (April 19, 2023). In his speech, the President vowed continuous supply of quality and safe food items in Kadiwa outlets to cushion the impact of inflation. (Photo courtesy of Office of the President)

such as rice, fish, poultry and livestock, fruits and vegetables and other basic commodities accessible, available and affordable to the poor.

The program also seeks to establish an additional market for small farmers and fisherfolk to sell their products and increase their income and ensure a stable price and supply of food and other basic commodities within poor areas.

To date, Kadiwa total sales have reached to more than PHP415 million, benefitting farmers, fisherfolk and other businesses.

It also said the program has so far benefitted more than 1 million families and 26,000 farmers and fishermen.

More aid to Filipinos reeling from effects of Covid-19

Marcos also noted that the government is also finding ways to extend assistance to Filipinos who are still recovering from the Covid-19 pandemic, as well as those reeling from rising inflation.

Aside from the Kadiwa launch, Marcos also led the distribution of

various forms of aid to residents of San Jose del Monte, Bulacan.

“Ang pamahalaan ay ginagawa ang lahat upang tulungan ang ating mga kababayan, upang tulungan ang ating mga maliliit na negosyante, upang tulungan ang lahat ng nangangailangan, na kahit papaano ay talagang naabutan nung ekonomiya ng pandemya, ay nalugi na, nagsara na ‘yung mga kanilang negosyo, walang mahanap na trabaho (The government is doing its best to help Filipinos, small businesses and those in need who were hardest hit by the economic impact of the pandemic. They went bankrupt, had to shut down their businesses and lost their jobs),” the President said in his speech at the convention center in San Jose del Monte City.

Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Secretary Rex Gatchalian joined the President during the rollout of the Kadiwa ng Pangulo in San Jose Del Monte City.

During the event, five Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP) associations from DSWD



PGC extends health services to the locals of Dasmariñas. The Provincial Government of Cavite’s medical mission was successfully held in Brgy. San Miguel I, City of Dasmariñas recently through the collaboration of the Office of the Provincial Governor-Extension and the Provincial Health Office. A total of 269 patients benefitted from the services provided by the medical team.

Composing the medical team were skilled doctors from General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital, Dr. John Erwyn Dayret, Dr. John Christian V. Ascaño, and medical staff from Cavite Collaboration Center for Public Health. The team provided medical consultations and check-ups and distributed free medicine and vitamins supplements.

The mission was requested by Barangay Chairman Virgilio H. Ortega in partnership with Agila ng Dasma Matikas Eagles Club headed by Mark E. Abia. The activity was also assisted by Sanggunian Kabataan Chairman Lucky Michael R. Ortalla, Brgy. Kagawad Felipe Tallo, Mark Rey P. Briones, and the barangay health workers.--- PICAD

Central Luzon field office distributed various products such as bags, belts, wallets and various food delicacies, among others.

Marcos and Gatchalian also led the distribution of PHP5,000 cash assistance and food packs from DSWD to over 480 recipients identified by the LGU of San Jose del Monte City.

The DSWD likewise launched the food-for-work-program, wherein beneficiaries will be engaged in community service in exchange for the provision of food packs.

Marcos said the administration will also be focusing on generating not just jobs, but decent and quality work for Filipinos.

Upon his arrival at the convention center, Marcos personally turned over three combine harvesters to the Biyaya ng Matangtubig Irrigators, Sta. Catalina

Matanda Bata Irrigators, and Magmarale Farmers’ Field School.

Marcos also handed over 10 Negokarts, worth PHP30,000 each, and three sari-sari store packages worth PHP20,000 each to identified beneficiaries during the event.

Various government agencies, such as the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), gave livelihood assistance worth PHP1 million to 50 members of a local coffee farmers’ group in the area.

The DOLE through its Integrated Livelihood Program also extended PHP4.7 million worth of assistance to 946 beneficiaries under its Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged Workers Program (TUPAD).

Meanwhile, the DA also awarded certificates for the construction of a warehouse with

mechanical grain dryer worth PHP5 million and Integrated Swine Production Initiatives for Recovery and Expansion worth PHP5.5 million to the Dulong Bayan Farmers’ Association.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development likewise distributed food packs worth PHP5,000 each to the residents under its Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation program while the Department of Trade and Industry provided loan assistance worth PHP3.4 million under its RISE UP Loan Program to selected beneficiaries.

During the event, the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority also provided residents in the area free training and assessment and distributed starter toolkits for shielded arc welding. (with reports from Zaldy De Layola/PNA)

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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Branch 90
DASMARIÑAS CITY, CAVITE

File No. FC-DC-0603-23
EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE
UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED
BY ACT 4118

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
(Otherwise known as PAG-IBIG Fund),
Petitioner/Mortgagee,

-versus-

JOEL D. DELOS SANTOS MARRIED TO
NYMPHA S. DELOS SANTOS,
Respondent/Mortgagor,

X-----X

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118 filed by the petitioner/mortgagee, **HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (Otherwise known as PAG-IBIG FUND)**, a government financial institution duly organized and existing under and by virtue of Republic Act No. 9679, with postal address at The Petron Mega Plaza Building No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City against respondents/ mortgagors, **JOEL D. DELOS SANTOS MARRIED TO NYMPHA S. DELOS SANTOS** with postal address at (1) Block 11 Lot 6, Cherry Homes Subd., Phase I, Mambog I, Bacoor, Cavite; (2) Lot 12 Block 5, Dasmariñas Townsville, Sabang, Dasmariñas City, Cavite and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of MARCH 13, 2023 amounts to **ONE MILLION THIRTY ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE PESOS AND 96/100 (Php 1,031,355.96)**, exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **May 23, 2023** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in the Court Room of Branch 90, Regional Trial Court, Ground Floor, Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Building, Congressional Road, Buro I, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite to the highest bidder and for CASH or CERTIFIED CHECK, in Philippine currency, the following described real property together with all the buildings and other improvements existing thereon, to wit:

**Transfer Certificate of Title
No.T-1225336**

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in the Mun. of Dasmariñas Prov. of Cavite bounded and described as follows;

A parcel of land (Lot 12 Blk. 5, of the xxxxxx plan, Pcs-04-018926, being a portion of the xxxxxx, of Lots 1 to 21, Blk. 1, Lots 1 to 13, Blk. 2, Lots 1 to 24, Blk. 3 Lots 1 to 84, Blk. 4, Lots 1 to 25, Blk. 5, Lots 1 to 31, Blk 6, Lots 1 to 27, Blk. 7, Lots 1 to 9, Blk. 8, Lots 1 to 6, Blk. 9, Lots 1 to 8, Blk. 10, Lots 1-20 19, Blk. 11, Lots 1 to 8, Blk. 12, Lots 1 to 28, Blk. 13, Lots 1 to 17 Blk. 18, Lots 1 to 7, Blk. 19, Alley Lots 1, 2, 4, 3 Road Lots 1 to 15, all of Psd-04-034310, LRC Rec. No. 8843), situated in the Barrio of Sabang, Mun. of Dasmariñas, Prov. of Cavite, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NW., along line 1-2 by Lot 11, Blk. 5; on the NE., along line 2-3 by Road Lot 4 (8.00 m. wide); on the SE., along line 3-4 by Lot 13; on the SW., along line 4-1 by Lot 2, both of Blk. 5; all of the cons-subd. plan. Beginning at a pt. marked "1" on plan, being N. 41 deg. 43'E., 293.09 m. xxxx Mon. 140. Imus Estate; thence N.

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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BRANCH 21
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EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF
REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER
ACT 3135 AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118

FC Case No. 17705-22

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
(otherwise known as PAG-IBIG Fund),
Mortgagee,

-versus-

TEOFISTA S. DE GUZMAN married
to ROMEO O. DE GUZMAN,
Mortgagors,

X-----X

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by **HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (othersie known as PAG-IBIG FUND)**, mortgagee, with principal place of business at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City 1200, against **TEOFISTA S. DE GUZMAN married to ROMEO O. DE GUZMAN**, mortgagors, with residential and postal address

52 deg. 14'E., 12.50 m. to pt. 2; thence S. 37 deg. 46'E., 8.00 m. to pt. 31 thence S. 52 deg. 14'W., 12.50 m. to pt. 4; thence N. 37 deg. 46'W., 8.00 m. to pt. of beginning, containing on area of **ONE HUNDRED (100) SQ. METERS.**

Prospective buyers and/or bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of the said real property and the encumbrance thereon, if there be any.

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

In the event that the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on **June 6, 2023**, at the same time and place without further notice.

Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite, April 17, 2023.

ARLYN P. BARCELON
Sheriff IV

ATTY. MARCELA L. BAYBAY
Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

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at Lot 20 Block 7 Greenplace Homes 2, Brgy. Malagasang II-A, Imus, Cavite and Susano Road, Deparo, Caloocan City, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of October 28, 2022 amounts to **ONE HUNDRED SIXTY NINE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY ONE PESOS & 48/100 (P169,721.48)** 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 **May 9, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.**, or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC-Imus Hall of Justice, 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. 057-2015048254

"A parcel of land (Lot 20 Blk. 7 of the cons. and subd. plan, Pcs-04-024955, being a portion of the cons. of Lots 184-A, Psd-28429 & 1845A-2, (LRC) Psd-223425, L.R.C. Record No. 8843), situated in Brgy. of Malagasang-2, Mun. of Imus, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NE., along line 1-2 by Lot 18, Blk. 7; on the SE., along line 2-3 by Road Lot 7; on the SW., along line 3-4 by Lot 22, Blk.7 and on the NW., along line 4-1 by Lot 19, Blk. 7 all of the cons. and subd. plan.xxx containing an area of THIRTY SIX (36) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS.x x x"

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 16, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.** without further notice.

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

Imus, Cavite, March 31, 2023.

WILMAR M. DE VILLA
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ERRATUM

This is to correct the error made in the publication Notice of Sheriff's Sale filed by the petitioner/mortgagee, **HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (PAG-IBIG FUND)** versus **VIC RICHARD RAMOS LOPEZ**, represented by his **Attorney-in-fact, Lilibeth Ilagan Lopez, married to LILIBETH I. LOPEZ** Respondent/Mortgagor, **should be LILIBETH I. LOPEZ.**

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**Pride is before a crash,
and a haughty spirit
before stumbling**
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PSWDO holds consultation dialogue on programs and services for older persons

The Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO) in partnership with the National Commission of Senior Citizens (NCSC) conducted a one-day Consultation Dialogue on Programs and Services for Older Persons recently at the Cavite Collaboration Center for Public Health Auditorium, Trece Martires City. Heads and representatives from the Office of Senior Citizens Affairs, senior citizen officers from all the 23 local government units of Cavite as well as the City and Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officers were present in the event.

The consultation dialogue formally started through the acknowledgement of participants done by Mr. Ciriaco S. Angeles, Regional and Provincial Federation of Senior Citizen President, immediately followed by the messages of Provincial Administration for Community Affairs Alvin S. Mojica and Board Member Romel R. Enriquez, Chair-Committee on Social Services, Family, Women, Children and Elderly. They both stressed that the consultation dialogue will be a great help to formulate programs for the elderly and assured that the provincial government will support the undertakings.



Mr. Jarryd Bello represented Vice Governor Athena Bryana D. Tolentino and relayed her message emphasizing the importance of providing programs and services that cater to the needs of older persons, as they are essential part of society.

NCSC Commissioner Ricardo Rainier S. Cruz III's discussion focused on the transition, gaps and challenges in the implementation of programs and services for older persons which were all previously undertaken by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD). Among the programs mentioned are the distribution of social pension and registration of senior citizens (online and offline) and emphasized the proposal to rationalize the selection of indigent senior citizens.

Republic Act 11350 or the National Commission for Senior Citizens Act was highlighted in the presentation of Commissioner Reymar R. Mansilungan along with other legislations implemented to ensure

the welfare of senior citizens. This law which created the NCSC under the Office of the President mandates the commission to ensure the full implementation of laws, policies, and programs of the government on senior citizens, review and conduct related studies, and recommend policy to Congress and the President. It abolishes the National Coordinating and Monitoring Board created under RA 9994 and transfers related functions from the DSWD to NCSC.

On the other hand, Ms. Jhoana M. Nodora of DSWD-Region IVA discussed the updates of the programs and services for senior citizens offered by their agency. Services include social pension for indigent senior citizens, centenarians and assistance to older persons.

An open forum was facilitated after the talk where participants were able to raise their issues and concerns which were addressed by the commissioners from NCSC and Ms. Nodora of DSWD-Region IVA.--- PICAD

THE FIRST EVER SUMMER MANILA FILM FESTIVAL AT SM CINEMAS

Calling all movie enthusiasts!

Last April 8, the first ever Summer Metro Manila Film Festival takes place at SM Cinemas film lovers will surely enjoy! The festival showcases a wide variety of our own local films, making it a must-see event for movie lovers in the Philippines.

The festival runs until April 18, providing ample opportunity for audiences to catch their favorite films. The event is a collaborative effort between SM Cinemas and local film industry partners, who work together to curate a diverse selection of films that cater to the interests and preferences of all movie-goers.

The eight official entries for the Summer MMFF are: Apag starring Coco Martin, Lito Lapid, Jaclyn Jose and Gladys Reyes; Singlebells starring Aljur Abrenica, Alex Gonzaga and Angeline Quinto; About Us but not About Us starring Romnick Sarmienta and Elijah Canlas; Kahit Maputi na Ang Buhok Ko starring RK Bagatsing and Meg Imperial; Unravel A Swiss Side Love Story starring Gerald Anderson and Kylie Padilla; Here Comes the Groom, starring Enchong Dee, Kempee de Leon, Awra Briguela, Xilhouete, Maris Racal and Kaladkaren; Yung Libro sa Napanuod Ko, starring Yoo Min-Gon and Bela Padilla; and Love You Long Time, starring Carlo Aquino and Eisel Serrano.

Overall, the Summer Metro Manila Film Festival is a must-see event for movie nationwide. With its diverse selection of films, special events and activities, and celebration of Philippine cinema, the festival is a true celebration of the art of filmmaking. Whether you're a casual moviegoer or a die-hard film fan, there's something for everyone at the Summer Manila Film Fest.

Don't miss to watch the Summer Metro Manila Film Festival until April 18 at SM Cinemas nationwide!

*The wealth of the rich is his fortified city;
It is like a protective wall in his imagination
(Proverbs 18:11)*

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Cavite Provincial Government and Solo Parents Association of Mendez collaborate for a successful medical mission program



With its commitment to provide accessible medical care to Mendezeños, the Provincial Government of Cavite, in coordination with the Solo Parents Association of Mendez (SPAM), carried out a medical mission program at Mendez Municipal Plaza recently. The event aimed to provide free medical services to the residents of Mendez who may not have access to basic healthcare facilities.

Dr. Idgee Gabriel B. Bondoc and Dr. Bryan Ross F. Villa led the Cavite Provincial Health Office team in attending to the basic medical needs of the patients through consultations, check-ups and health counseling. They ensured that each patient received the best possible care.

The team from the Office of the Provincial Governor–Extension, headed by Ms. Charlene Ann P. Samala, alongside BHWs and SPAM members greatly contributed to the activity by ensuring the smooth flow of the services. OPG–Extension staff also gave out free prescribed medicines and vitamin supplements to the locals.

Likewise, the Provincial Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit team rendered antigen swab testing, while the Provincial Government – Environment and Natural Resources Office staff ensured the sanitation of the venue.

As the program concluded, Ms. Charity A. Pereña, SPAM President, shared the humble beginning of their association and their initiative to facilitate a health outreach program in order to give the residents, especially the solo parents and their families, access to the healthcare services. She, then, expressed her appreciation to the PGC for graciously extending their services to the community, making the health outreach program possible.

Ms. Sonia Mendoza together with Mendez Chief of Staff, Mr. Ronald Perey, and Mendez Councilors, Hon. Ruby Lita Bay-Remigio and Hon. Alexander S. Ocampo, visited the venue and showed their support to the event.

Through the collaborative effort of everyone, the medical mission was a clear success serving a total of two hundred sixty (260) beneficiaries.

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