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PBBM urges parents to vaccinate kids vs. measles, rubella, polio

MANILA – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. urged parents to have their children immunized against measles, rubella and polio.

In a video uploaded on his official Facebook page, Marcos said parents should take advantage of the Department of Health's (DOH) month-long "Chikiting Ligtas" program aimed at protecting their children from the vaccine-preventable diseases.

"Bilang mga ma-

gulang, nasa atin ang responsibilidad na proteksyunan ang ating mga anak laban sa sakit. Hangad po nating magkaroon ng ligtas na kapaligiran at malusog na pangangatagan ng bawat batang Pilipino (As parents, it is our responsibility to protect our children from any disease. Our goal is to provide a safe environment and good health for every Filipino child)," Marcos said.

"Kaya ngayong buwan ng Mayo, makiisa

po tayo sa kampanya ng Kagawaran ng Kalusugan laban sa tigdas, rubella at polio (That's why on this month of May, let us join the Department of Health's immunization campaign against measles, rubella, and polio)," he added.

The nationwide Chikiting Ligtas 2023 aims to vaccinate at least 95 percent of the total population of children aged 0 to 59 months old against polio and nine to 59 months old against

Bills to address climate change threats gain traction in House

MANILA – The House of Representatives has approved two measures that will address the ill effects of climate change through the rehabilitation and conservation of key resources.

During Monday's plenary session, a total of 268 lawmakers voted to approve on fi-

nal reading House Bill 8204, which seeks to enhance the conservation and restoration of peatlands to allow the country to manage it sustainably given their value as natural solutions to address climate change.

Speaker Martin Romualdez said peatlands, which are wet-

land ecosystems with accumulation of decomposed plant materials, have peat and permanent water logging and vegetation in the form of trees, shrubs, grasses, and mosses.

Romualdez further pointed out that these are nature-based solutions. (Turn to p. 2)



(File photo)

measles and rubella.

Marcos assured the parents that the vaccines against the contagious diseases are "free, safe and effective."



NOT A CARE. It doesn't take much for children to enjoy an afternoon together, like this bunch in Barangay Pinyahan, Quezon City on May 9, 2023. Just dipping in a makeshift pool and everything is all right in their world. (PNA photo by Joan Bondoc)

tion of the 5S strategy calls for everyone to become prime movers in controlling mos-

DOH warns public vs. illnesses due to El Niño

MANILA – The Department of Health (DOH) on Tuesday warned the public against certain illnesses that may arise due to the El Niño season.

In a message to reporters on Tuesday, the DOH reminded the public to take precautionary measures, saying that extreme weather heat, scarcity of clean water, and frequent rains could cause diseases like asthma, cholera, dengue, diarrhea, fatigue,

food poisoning, heat cramp, heat stroke, nausea, sunburn, typhoid fever, and other diseases due to consumption of food affected by red tide.

"To avoid heat stroke and exhaustion, hydrate yourself and drink water always, and refrain from going out during 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.," the DOH said.

"Wear sunglasses, sunscreen, and light clothes. Bring an umbrella whenever you have to get exposed to

the sun."

To prevent dengue, the DOH reminded the school administrations and the public to observe the 5S strategy of search and destroy mosquito breeding sites; uphold self-protection like using insect repellents; seek early consultation at the nearest health care facility; support fogging, spraying, and misting in hot spot areas; and sustain hydration.

"The implementa-

tion."

"Libre, ligtas at epektibo ang mga bakunang ito kaya wala po kayong dapat ikabahala. Magtungo lamang po

tayo sa pinakamalapit na health center o mga itinalagang vaccination site sa ating barangay (These vaccines are (Turn to p. 2)

quito population and avoiding any possible dengue deaths within the community," the DOH said.

"Our health and consultation services are available through our primary care and KonsulTayo services."

Early this month, the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) raised the El Niño alert sta- (Turn to p. 2)

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safe, free, and effective so there is nothing to worry about. Just go to the nearest health center or designated vaccination site in your village),” he said.

“Huwag po nating hayaang malagay sa panganib ang ating mga anak dahil sa tigdas, sa rubella, o sa polio. Tiyakin po nating mabakunahan ang mga kabataan sa ilalim ng ating Chikiting Ligtas program (Let us save them from any harm that might be caused by measles,

rubella, or polio. Let us vaccinate them under the Chikiting Ligtas program),” Marcos added.

The Philippines ranks second in East Asia and the Pacific Region and fourth in the world in terms of countries with the highest number of children with zero vaccination doses between 2019 and 2021, according to the data from the United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund. (PNA)

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tus as it expects the weather phenomenon to emerge in June.

PAGASA said it could cause below-normal rainfall conditions and dry spells, and droughts may be experienced

in some parts of the country.

The heat in the National Capital Region and certain areas will continue to be around 40°C in the succeeding weeks, it said. (PNA)

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tion for climate change mitigation considering that they function as carbon sinks because they take in and store more carbon than they release.

“Hence, this measure will provide opportunities for the country to achieve multiple benefits for biodiversity and climate resiliency, including financing through market-based instruments and mechanisms,” he said.

The bill tasks the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), through the Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB), to lead the monitoring and overall implementation of the proposed legislation.

Under the measure, the DENR shall develop a National Peatland Conservation and Restoration Program to provide direction, support and guidance to the lo-

cal government units (LGUs) and stakeholders in the development and implementation of their local peatland conservation and restoration programs.

The program will include a mapping of peatlands in the country, and assessment of vulnerability to climate change and disaster risk management, among others.

The proposed law requires that peatlands classified as agricultural lands will be reclassified to either forest lands or national parks, upon DENR’s recommendation.

The bill also prohibits the drainage, deforestation, clearing, dumping of waste and introduction of invasive alien species in peatlands.

The chamber also overwhelmingly approved with 284 votes House Bill 7754, which seeks to reforest and re-

WHO report warns of accelerating food insecurity worldwide

NEW YORK – The World Health Organization (WHO) new report, “Grow food, not tobacco”, has recalled that around 349 million people are facing acute food insecurity, many of them in some 30 countries on the African continent, where tobacco cultivation has increased by 15 percent in the last decade.

Ahead of World No Tobacco Day on May 31, WHO deplored that 3.2 million hectares of fertile land across 124 countries are being used to grow deadly tobacco -- even in places where people are starving.

With hunger spreading worldwide and tobacco responsible for eight million deaths each year, countries should stop subsidizing tobacco crops and help farmers grow food.

According to WHO, nine of the 10 larg-

habilitate fishponds that have been abandoned or unutilized for three years.

The bill proposes to amend Section 43 of Presidential Decree 705 or the “Revised Forestry Code of the Philippines” and reduce from five years to three years the period needed to reforest unutilized or abandoned fishponds.

Romualdez said instead of remaining an idle asset, these abandoned or unutilized fishponds can be used to help in efforts to safeguard and protect the environment.

“This measure also aims to address the ill effects of climate change by actively promoting reforestation in areas that can be planted with trees,” he said.

The main objective of HB 7754 is to expedite

est tobacco cultivators are low and middle-income countries. Tobacco farming compounds these countries’ food security challenges by taking up arable land. The environment and the communities which rely on it also suffer, as the crop’s expansion drives deforestation, contamination of water sources and soil degradation.

The report also exposes the tobacco industry for trapping farmers in a vicious cycle of dependence and exaggerating the economic benefits of tobacco as a cash crop.

Dr. Rüdiger Krech, WHO Director for Health Promotion, said the crop contributes less than 1 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) in most tobacco-growing countries and that the profit go to the world’s major cigarette-mak-

the reversion of unutilized or abandoned fishponds to forest lands so that these can be “immediately rehabilitated and reforested”.

It also mandates the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to jointly set guidelines in the determination and rehabilitation of abandoned, undeveloped or underutilized fishponds covered by Fishpond Lease Agreements.

The measure was introduced by Agusan del Sur Representatives Alfelito Bascug and Eddiebong Plaza, together with Bulacan Rep. Linabelle Ruth Villarica, and was approved in the House Committee on Natural Resources chaired by Cavite Rep. Elpidio Barzaga. (PNA)



(Photo from WAM)

ers.

WHO, along with the UN’s Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Food Program (WFP), have joined forces around the Tobacco Free Farms initiative to help thousands of farmers in countries like Kenya and Zambia to grow sustainable food crops instead of

tobacco.

The program provides farmers with microcredit lending to pay off their debts with tobacco companies, knowledge and training to grow alternative crops, and a market for their harvest, thanks to WFP’s local procurement initiatives. (WAM)

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The one walking with the wise will become wise, But the one who has dealings with the stupid will fare badly.
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EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF
REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT
3135 AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118

FC Case No. 17831-23

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
(PAG-IBIG FUND),

Mortgagee,

-versus-

CHRISTIANA MARIE PUNZALAN
MAGDAEL represented by her
Atty-in-fact LETICIA C. PUNZALAN

Mortgagors,

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as PAG-IBIG Fund), mortgagee, with principal office at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against CHRISTIANA MARIE PUNZALAN MAGDAEL represented by her Atty-in-fact LETICIA C. PUNZALAN, with residence and postal address at Blk. 4 Lot 7 Barcelona Drive, Barcelona Phase I, Buhay na Tubig, Imus, Cavite and/or Lot 7 Blk. 4 Camella Homes Barcelona Subd. Ph. I, Tanzang Luma, Imus, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of March 13, 2023 amounts to ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED THIRTY SEVEN THOUSAND THIRTY PESOS and 15/100 (P1,237,030.15) 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 **July 4, 2023** at 10:00 a.m. or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC- Imus, Bulwagan Ng Katarungan, Aguinaldo 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. 057-2018063885**

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 7, BLK. 4 OF THE SUBD. PLAN. PSD-042109-062796, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 5467-D, (LRA) PSD-349661, LRC REC. NO.), SITUATED IN BO. OF TANZANG LUMA, MUN. OF IMUS, PROV. OF CAVITE. BOUNDED ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 1-2 LOT 45, BLK. 4; ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 8, BLK. 4; ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY ROAD LOT 4; ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 6, BLK. 4, ALL OF THE SUBD. PLAN. x x x CONTAINING AN AREA OF FIFTY (50) SQUARE METERS. 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 **July 11, 2023** 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, March 29, 2023

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Brgy. San Agustin I, Dasmariñas City witnessed a successful medical mission recently as the team from the Office of the Provincial Governor and the dedicated Kagawads of the barangay joined forces to provide essential healthcare services. The event catered to a total of 283 children and adult patients who received free medical consultations and medications.

The medical mission not only provided much-needed medical attention but also served as a platform for fostering a sense of community and promoting health awareness. The collaboration between the team from the provincial governor's office and the barangay officials showcased the power of unity and cooperation in achieving common goal.--- PICAD



Remarkable Medical Mission in the constituents of Dasmariñas.

Recently, Cavite provincial government's medical mission spearheaded by the Office of the Provincial Governor-Extension and the Provincial Health Office touched the lives of the 234 beneficiaries from Brgy. Luzviminda 1, City of Dasmariñas, who received free medical consultation, maintenance medicines, and vitamin C supplements.

The dedicated healthcare professionals of General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital led by Dr. Michael Joe D. Medina and Dr. Ariana Coleen M. Colobong, with the assistance of Carsigma District Hospital team headed by Dr. Maria Imelda Simon, rendered free medical consultation to patients during the mission.

For the safety of everyone, screening process and antigen swab testing to selected patients were done prior to consultation.

The success of the medical mission would not have been possible without the active support and involvement of Brgy. Chairman Benjamin M. Marcha Jr., who played a vital role in ensuring the smooth execution of the event. The dedication and commitment of the barangay officials and Barangay Health Workers were also instrumental in reaching out to the beneficiaries and facilitating their participation. Many beneficiaries expressed their great appreciation for the conducted medical mission.



Residents of Barangay Bucal in Tanza, Cavite received free healthcare services on May 18, 2023 as the Medical Mission Team of the Office of the Provincial Governor organized another successful program. At the request of Barangay Captain Angelito S. Santos, doctors and medical staff from General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital joined forces to provide free consultations and check-ups to the community.

A total of 270 patients from Barangay Bucal had the opportunity to avail themselves of the free consultations and medicines provided during the Medical Mission Program. They, in turn, expressed their gratitude for the activity, which not only offered immediate healthcare assistance but also highlighted the importance of collaboration between government and healthcare institutions.

The event served as a reminder that collective efforts can make a tangible difference in providing vital healthcare support to those in need.



Hundreds of job seekers from the City of Dasmariñas and nearby cities and municipalities gathered in the mega job fair caravan dubbed as "Trabaho sa Kabataang Kabitenyo" at the SM City Dasmariñas Event Center recently. The job fair was organized by the Sangguniang Kabataan Provincial Federation in partnership with the Office of the Provincial Governor-Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPG-OP-PESM), City Public Employment Service Office and various companies and organizations, with the aim of providing employment opportunities to Caviteños.

The job fair caravan was participated by more than sixty (60) companies and industries. The event started early in the morning and continued throughout the day, with job seekers taking advantage of the employment opportunities.

The caravan also included NBI and PhilHealth processing, which are important pre-requisites for securing employment.

In attendance during the event were SKPF President Tom Carlo M. Ardemer, OPG-OP-PESM head Ms. Rizalie P. Enero, City of Dasmariñas local officials headed by Vice Mayor Rex Mangubat and some Sangguniang Panlungsod members who also expressed their utmost gratitude to the organizers for the services provided to Caviteño job seekers. ---PICAD

House passes salt industry dev't, agri info system bills

MANILA – The House of Representatives on Monday approved on the third and final reading a bill seeking to revitalize the Philippine salt industry and another measure establishing an online agriculture information system (AIS) throughout the country.

With 287 affirmative votes, the House passed House Bill (HB) 8278, or the proposed Philippine Salt Industry Development Act, that is listed by the Legislative Executive Development Advisory Council (LEDAC) as one of the priority legislations of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.

“The significance of the salt industry hasn’t been lost on our President and concurrent Department of Agriculture (DA) chief Ferdinand Marcos Jr. He knows that we need to correct the sad irony that the country imports nearly 550,000 metric tons (MT) or 93 percent of its requirement for salt. This is indeed a sin,” Speaker Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez said in a statement.

The bill has been described by its authors as a whole-of-nation, whole-of-society and whole-of-government approach as it seeks to revitalize the salt industry.

Under the measure, the government shall provide support through appropriate technology and research, as well as adequate financial, production, marketing and other support services, in order to revitalize the salt industry, attain increased income for salt farmers and salt producers, achieve salt self-sufficiency, and become a net exporter of salt.

HB 7828 provides



(File photo)

that salt -- whether unprocessed or processed -- is hereby classified as a basic agricultural product with all its necessary legal and regulatory implications.

The DA shall also ensure that salt is a priority commodity to be produced locally in areas or regions identified in proposed law, as well as in the development plan for the salt industry.

The measure establishes the Philippine Salt Industry Development Roadmap (PSIDR) which shall include programs, projects, interventions and incentives for the development and management, research, processing, utilization, modernization and business development and commercialization of Philippine salt.

HB 7828 also creates the Philippine Salt Industry Development Council (PSIDC) to ensure the unified and integrated implementation of the PSIDR and accelerate the modernization and industrialization of the Philippine salt industry.

The PSIDC is tasked to formulate the PSIDR containing the short-term, medium-term, and long-term development plan; identify specific and priority programs and projects in support of, and in line with the Roadmap; provide development funds, technical assis-

tance, and equipment to salt farmers and the industry; and identify sources of financing and facilitate credit windows with government banks and the Agricultural Credit Policy Council to expand the salt industry development.

Through the DA-Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), the PSIDC will put up new small scale artisanal salt farms; increase production of local salt by increasing land area devoted to salt and improving farm productivity; institutionalize capacity building for salt farmers through the Agricultural Training Institute; strengthen market linkage and promotion of Philippine salt; and conduct continuing research and development (R&D) on innovation and modernization of the salt industry; among others.

The measure also mandates the utilization of public lands previously intended for fishpond development and those with existing fishpond lease agreements.

It also requires that all salt produced or manufactured in the Philippines for export shall be labeled as “Made in the Philippines” in a prominent and conspicuous manner on the product, its packaging and accompanying documentation.

The measure likewise

Maynilad earmarks over P10B for pipe replacements

MANILA – Maynilad Water Services Inc. (Maynilad) has allotted more than PHP10 billion for pipe replacement projects from 2023 to 2027, to be done in various portions of its concession areas.

Maynilad, in a press release on Tuesday, said it is replacing a total of 477.2 kilometers of old, leaky pipes over the next five years, in line with its program to upgrade the distribution system and reduce water losses.

“When we took over Maynilad in 2007, the pipe network we inherited included the

oldest water system in Asia. We are committed to upgrading our network for the benefit of our customers,” Maynilad chief operating officer Randolph Estrellado said.

Once completed, this will bring the total length of pipes replaced within the West Zone to 3,643 kilometers, which is 78 percent of the distribution system that the water firm inherited upon re-privatization in 2007.

From January to April 2023, pipe replacements completed were in the cities

of Caloocan, Quezon, Malabon, Navotas, Valenzuela, Manila, Pasay, Paranaque, Imus and Muntinlupa.

These activities are being fasttracked so the water firm can recover more water supply in preparation for the El Niño weather phenomenon.

For 2023 alone, Maynilad earmarked almost PHP4 billion for its Non-Revenue Water (NRW) Management Program, which is a 25 percent increase from its NRW capital expenditure of PHP3.2 billion in 2022. (PNA)

mandates that no person shall import salt without securing the appropriate authorizations from the Department of Health’s Food and Drug Administration and the DA-BFAR for food grade salt; and from the DA-BFAR for industrial salt.

House Bill 7942

Voting 280-0 with no abstentions, HB 7942, or the Agriculture Information System Act also hurdled the plenary with an end view of creating a wider range of market linkages among farmers and agricultural buyers.

It mandates all cities and municipalities to establish an AIS which shall serve as a dynamic online computer database where information on then demand for specific agricultural and fisheries commodities is gathered and uploaded simultaneously with the production data from farmers in every barangay.

The AIS shall merge and synchronize ag-

ricultural data from different sources into a cohesive database designed to facilitate linkages from place of origin to local and, ultimately, global markets.

The AIS shall be integrated with the existing systems of the Department of Agriculture.

All cities and municipalities shall encourage and facilitate the free registration of farmers, fisherfolk, as well as buyers transacting within their respective areas in the AIS.

Romualdez said once enacted into law, HB 7942 could pave the way for the full development

of the agriculture sector and the attainment of national food security through data-driven science and technology, planning and distribution of resources.

“Improving, developing and modernizing the farming and fisheries sector is important to us because this area of the economy is one of the country’s largest employers. Millions of our kababayan (countrymen) and their families depend on it. Farming and fishing are their sources of livelihood and income,” he said. (PNA)

ERRATUM

This is to correct the error made in the publication Notice of Extra-Judicial Sale filed by **HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (PAG-IBIG FUND)** against **LOLITA G. MARTINEZ married to BENITO G. MARTINEZ** in the sixth line of Notice of Extra-Judicial Sale **BENITO C. MARTINEZ should be BENITO G. MARTINEZ.**

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LOCAL FARMERS IN CALABARZON TO RECEIVE TRAINING ON MODERN FARMING TECHNIQUES



SM FOUNDATION



KSK-SAP farmers and partners from San Pablo City, Laguna.

SM Foundation, Inc. (SMFI) has taken another step in its mission to enhance the agriculture and entrepreneurial skills of farmers. The organization recently launched the Kabalikat sa Kabuhayan on Sustainable Agriculture Program (KSK-SAP) across various locations in Calabarzon.

Beginning with its launch in Padre Garcia, Batangas on April 13, 2023, the program has since been extended to Silang, Cavite, Batangas City, San Pablo, Laguna, and Calamba City. SMFI is also set to provide free agri-skills training to local farmers in other parts of the region to help other beneficiaries uplift their families and communities.

Empowering local farmers

The local farmer-beneficiaries will undergo a two-phased program, spearheaded by its partner school Moca Family Farm RLearning Center, Inc.

The said program kicked off with an immersive 14-week training program, designed to equip participants with essential skills and knowledge in agriculture. The modular training curriculum covers topics on the latest agri-technology updates, capacity building, financial literacy, product development, and market opportunities. Through these comprehensive modules, KSK-SAP aims to empower and enhance farmers' agricultural practices and explore avenues for sustainable growth.

As a highlight of the program's first phase, KSK-SAP farmers will join the SM Sunday Market, a collaborative initiative between SM Foundation and SM Supermalls. This platform offers trainees a valuable opportunity to showcase their agricultural produce and gain firsthand experience in institutional selling. Through this market opportunity, participants can not only generate income but also cultivate their expertise and experience in the sales and marketing aspects of their agri-businesses.



KSK Trainees at Tabangao Ambulong, Batangas City, Batangas

To prepare for the second phase of the program, SMFI will also assist the farmers in formalizing their respective groups. To boost their earning capacity and contribution to economic growth, the foundation will support them in creating a sustainable and profitable farming community through the assistance of its partner agencies.

KSK-SAP originated from the vision of SMFI's founder Henry "Tatang" Sy Sr. to establish a sustainable initiative that would uplift the farming skills,

Romualdez vows long-term solution for Batangas sugar farmers

MANILA – House of Representatives Speaker Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez on Tuesday pledged to help find a long-term solution to the plight of all sectors affected by the closure of the Central Azucarrera de Don Pedro, Inc. (CADPI) in Nasugbu, Batangas.

Romualdez made the pledge after leading the distribution of PHP10,000 cash aid each to 800 sugar farmers who lost their livelihood after the shutdown of the largest sugar mill in the province.

"I have requested all government agencies now here with us to pool their resources together and come up with a long-term and comprehensive solution to the displacement issue affecting the farm workers and their families. Inaasahan ko po ang report nila sa office ko sa lalong madaling panahon (I am expecting them to submit their reports to my office at the soonest possible time)," he said in his brief message.

He said the financial assistance, which his office secured through the Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situ-



LONG-TERM SOLUTION. House of Representatives Speaker Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez tells farmers and farm workers affected by the closure of the biggest sugar mill in Batangas not to lose hope, as he led the distribution of PHP10,000 cash aid each to 800 farmers in Balayan, Batangas on Tuesday (May 30, 2023). He promised to help find a long-term solution to their plight. (Photo courtesy of the Office of the Speaker)

ation (AICS) program of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), is just the beginning of collaboration to help the sugar farmers.

Romualdez said, "In times of crisis and adversity, it is everyone's duty to stand together and extend a helping hand to those in need."

"Today, as we distribute these much-needed resources, we are not just providing financial support; we are also offering a glimmer of hope, a symbol of solidarity, and a reminder that no one is alone in their struggles. It is my firm belief that by work-

ing together and supporting one another, we can overcome any challenge that comes our way," he added.

Representatives of the Sugar Folks Unity for Genuine Agricultural Reform (SUGAR), together with the Gabriela Party-list, had earlier sought the assistance of the House Speaker after the closure of CAPDI in December last year.

Meanwhile, DSWD officials assured that similar payouts would be held in the coming days to help those adversely affected by the sugar mill closure. (PNA)

**A true friend shows love at all times
And is a brother who is born
for times of distress
Proverbs 17:17**

food security, and livelihood know-how of low-income Filipino farmers. Over the years, the program has evolved into a comprehensive training program that generates opportunities for skills development, employment, and livelihood.

Since its inception in 2007, KSK-SAP has helped more than 28,000 marginalized farmers from rural and urban areas across the country, fueling their entrepreneurial and farming capabilities. As a result, some of the program's graduates have turned into seasonal suppliers for the SM group and other local markets.

SM Foundation's KSK-SAP is conducted in partnership with SM Supermalls, TESDA, DA, DSWD, DOST, DTI, DOT and partner farm schools.

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WARRIORS, GET READY AT SM CENTER IMUS!



SM CENTER IMUS, CAVITE - It was an action-packed weekend at SM Center Imus! Kids unleashed the warrior in them at every kick at the mall event center. Get your kids ready too! Enroll now with Imus Eagle Taekwondo. Sessions are from Friday to Sunday at The Plaza. For inquiries, you may send a message at imuseagletaekwondo on fB or call at 0916-212-3567 / 0915-772-4553. Have your kids be trained by Coach Joseph Araña, National Instructor (NCAA Coach) and Head Coach of Imus Eagle Taekwondo.



Gamot Para sa Kapwa gives medical services to Treceños. Around 500 Treceños received free medical services such as blood test, ECG, consultation, free medicines and dental services from the recently concluded medical mission of SM Foundation's Gamot para sa Kapwa project at SM City Trece Martires.

EXPERIENCE THE BUBBLE DOME OF FUN AT SM CITY MOLINO!



SM CITY MOLINO, CAVITE - The Summer fun is not yet over at SM City Molino! Come & visit the Bubble Dome of Fun at the Event Center starting May 21, 2023! #BounceIntoSummer with your family and friends inside the bubble dome! So get on your best socks and just present any receipt worth P500 per head so you can take your insta shots at the Bubble Dome of Fun! See you at SM City Molino!

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*Happy is the man who finds wisdom
And the man who acquires discernment;
to gain it is beeter than gaining silver,
And having it as profit is better
than having gold.*

Proverbs 3: 13-14