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# CAVITE PROVINCE PUSHES TO BOOST LOCAL TOURISM

## CAVITE HELPS RAISE SOCIAL CONSCIOUSNESS ON HIV

The Provincial Government of Cavite through the Provincial Health Office in collaboration with the City Government of Tagaytay, the Cavite Positive Action Group and the Department of Health-Region IV-A joined the nation on a mobilization campaign for HIV Awareness through the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial 2019 held at the Tagaytay International Convention Center on May 27, 2019.

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OIC-City Health  
Officer Dr. Liza  
Fe Capupus

CAVITE PROVINCE, May 31 (PIA) – The Provincial Tourism and Cultural Affairs Office (PTCAO) is determined to boost the province's tourism as it spearheaded recently some major activities held in key cities here including the Filipino Food Festival at SM City Trece Martires that showcased homegrown food products and delicacies.

About 20 food exhibitors from the small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in the province joined the event, namely: Cafe Amadeo; Ben & Lyn Chocolate, Inc.- Indang made of tablea;

GenTri's Best Fresh Buffalo's Milk; Delfa's, Kimchahong, Tiendas, Nikimat's and The Greener Grins Food Products; Dunong Ani French Style Bangus of Cavite State University- Naic; The Original Tablea Batirol- Alfonso; Ate Bebot Special Puto Bumbong and Bibingka; Goldilocks and Max's Restaurant Goodies and SM Food Products.

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# President Duterte swears in newly appointed gov't officials

**President Rodrigo Roa Duterte swore in Malacañang newly appointed government officials, rallying support for transparency and good governance, as well as elimination of corruption in government.**

"I am confident that as you take your oath, you will also espouse our collective hopes and dreams and advance this administration's programs and initiatives to realize a prosperous future for all Filipinos," President Duterte said in a speech during the oath taking rites.

Stressing public office is a public trust, he said,

"I trust that you will perform your duties to the best of your [abilities], uphold transparency and good governance, and fight corruption in your respective offices."

He encouraged the newly appointed officials to lead by example and inspire their colleagues to embody honesty, humility, and simplicity befitting of a civil servant.

In fulfilling their mandate, the President urged them to use their resources wisely, develop policies and social programs conscientiously, and treat everyone equally regardless of ethnicity, status, religious belief, and political affiliation.

"With competent civil servants at the reins of our government offices, I am confident that we will maintain the program of government that you all desire and the public morale to the highest of expectations from

our people," he noted.

Meanwhile, the President broke his silence on the issue of House speakership saying he does not intend to support any candidate vying for the leadership of the House of Representatives.

He said during the oath taking that he did not make a commitment to endorse anyone for House speaker although some people sent some feelers asking for support.

"At hindi ako



**President Rodrigo Roa Duterte administers the oath of the newly appointed government officials during a ceremony at the Malacañan Palace on May 27, 2019. KING RODRIGUEZ/ PRESIDENTIAL PHOTO**

nagbigay ng commitment dahil sabi ko, I will not because there is no way of telling you will win. Eh anong pag-usapan natin dito na gusto mo kung hindi ka naman manalo? So sabi, we'll put it at some other time. After the elec-

tions, ayaw ko kasi ng intriga, ayaw ko ng brickbat, ayaw ko ng duda ng lahat...ayaw ko," President Duterte said of those who reached out to him prior to the election.

"Sa speakership,  
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# Legarda on Ocean's Month: Save Our Oceans from Plastic Pollution

In celebration of the "Month of Ocean" this May, Senator Loren Legarda called on national and local leaders and citizens to help save our oceans from plastic pollution by implementing and educating ecological solid waste management practices within households and communities.

Legarda said that the Month of Ocean is annually celebrated during the month of May by virtue of

Presidential Proclamation No. 57, s. 1999 and that the theme for the 20th anniversary this year is "Free the Sea from Marine Debris," which focuses on the issue of marine debris and its effects to coastal and marine resources.

"Our oceans are primary sources of air, food, livelihood, and wealth for us Filipinos and people across the globe. I appreciate that we have now strengthened our efforts to protect marine life and re-

sources, but we need to urge our leaders and citizens a bit more to integrate ocean health protection into our consciousness and behavior," Legarda said.

Legarda lauded the collaborative efforts to rehabilitate Boracay and Manila Bay, but also encouraged local leaders and communities to fully implement the Ecological Solid Waste Management (EWSM), adding that Philippine communities that are faithfully implementing the law have reported

up to 80 percent waste diversion rate, which entails that much waste either recycled or composted.

Legarda noted the study by the Ocean Conservancy and the McKinsey Center for Business and Environment, which reported that the Philippines is one of the top countries with plastic waste in the ocean, with 2.7 million metric tons of plastic waste and half a million metric tons of plastic-waste leakage per year.



Senator Legarda, who filed Senate Bill No. 1948 or the "Single-Use Plastics Regulation and Management Act," also supported the campaign "Say No To Plastic Straws," launched as one of the activities for this year's Ocean's Month to inspire citizens and establishments to use alternatives to plastic straws.

"Let this year's celebration of Ocean's Month be a reminder that protecting our ocean's health is also protecting human health. May this further enable us to take action on sustainable management of our marine resources and ensuring that our oceans are free from plastic pollution," Legarda concluded.

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# Fourteen aspiring entrepreneurs successfully finished the last part of BIZ iCREATE



Cavite's Responsible Entrepreneurs Aiming Toward Economic Sustainability on May 28, 2019 at PCLEDO Training Area, CaCoDeC in Trece Martires City. The program aims to equip Cavite SMEs with proper training for the enhancement of their knowledge in running a business towards sustainability and economic development.

In the last session, participants divided into two groups presented their business plan to the panel composed of Mr. Rico P. Chavez, Senior Trade and Industry Development Specialist, DTI- Cavite; Ms. Greziel M. Baylosis, Marketing Manager of RGER SERVICES; Mr. Zandro M. Catacutan, Faculty Researcher of Cavite State University- Main Campus; Mr. Allan G. Reclusado, Manager/Owner of Aqua Four A Purified/Alkaline Water Station; and Mr. Ashley C. Espino, BSBA Marketing Management graduate of Polytechnic University of the Philippines- San Pedro Laguna Campus. Panelists recommended some essential tips and strategies that can improve their business plan.

Afterwards, the graduation ceremony of BIZ iCREATE Batch 1 was held at the Ceremonial Hall of the Provincial Capitol. Entrepreneurial Division Head Ms. Liza C. Gabatan warmly congratulated the graduates and discussed the overview of BIZ iCREATE. Likewise, Office-in-Charge of PCLEDO Atty. Khervy B. Reyes delivered his inspirational message wherein he echoed that an effective businessman does not only focus in increasing his net income but also on creating jobs, helping the community and saving the environment. Dr. Aldrin P. Antivola, BIZ I iCREATE Resource Person, shared a message of encouragement to the graduates as he compared the success of an entrepreneur to an eagle who uses its wings to soar high and attain success. He also pointed out that everyone should not be a quitter or a camper but be a climber who continues to ascend – someone who is determined to live life to its fullest and always has the spirit of success. On behalf of DTI-Cavite Dir. Noly D. Guevara, Mr. Chavez delivered his words of challenge and assured that the door of DTI is always open to assist

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Batangas PESO New Officers Take Oath

Newly-elected officers of Batangas Provincial Federation of PESO Managers, Inc.\* took their oath of office in front of DOLE-Batangas Director Predelma M. Tan last May 29, 2019 at DOLE-Batangas, Marawoy, Lipa City.

Ms. Rose Lyn Francisco, Batangas PESO new President and Sto. Tomas' PESO Manager, said, "We will continue yung mga mabubuti na nating practices and will explore other areas to boost our individual and collective performance as DOLE partners."

She continued that she found it a great honor to be the prime leader of an organization which primarily draws strength from the people they serve. Ms. Francisco, looking back on her membership in the organization, also thanked DOLE-Batangas for its unwavering support through various initiatives that proved to be vital in Batangas PESO's continued success.

**OTHER OFFICERS**

Mr. Noel Silang of Batangas City, the Executive Vice President, follows Ms. Francisco. The following are other Vice Presidents: Mr. Glenn Aytona of Calatagan (1st District); Ms. Rhodora Ilagan of Bauan (2nd District); Ms. Angelina Amat of Tanauan City (3rd District); Mr. Teodoro Lacerna of Rosario (4th District); Mr. John Toledo of Lipa City (6th District), and; Mr. Camilo Alulod of Batangas State University (Higher Educational Institutions). Ms. Anna Louisa Cauntay of University of Batangas is the Secretary and is assisted by Mr. Alvin Lumbera of Balete. Ms. Jhoan Medina of Talisay shall handle the finances which is subject for auditing by Dr. Evangeline Mendoza of Lyceum of the Philippines University-Batangas.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING**

Mr. Karl Joseph S a n m o c t e , DOLEBatangas employment focal person, discussed to the officers the Batangas PESO accomplishments covering January to May of this year. He presented to them the numerical trend of reporting PESOs and their conse-



The 2019-2022 Batangas PESO Officers pose for a group photo.

quent impact. He also posed the challenge of adapting the new Monthly Employment Report and sought for the organization's strategy on such.

Dir. Tan proposed that all officers be the models to inspire less active PESOs in terms of reporting. She encouraged them to reach out and check how Batangas PESO and DOLE can be of assistance.

Among the other matters discussed are SPES implementation and capacity-building activity for all Batangas PESO managers and staff.

\*The organization, aptly called as Batangas PESO, has 35 PESO managers and 4 JPO managers as regular members. It was constituted through the efforts of DOLE-Batangas which provide technical assistance and continuous learning to the body.

Cavite province...FROM P1

The conduct of the event was in collaboration with the marketing department of SM City Trece Martires.

PTCAO also conducted an earlier activity which was the opening of the Cavite Tourist Information and Assistance Center (CTIAC) on May 17 at RFC Molino Mall in the City of Bacoor.

The center aims to disseminate tourism-related information, promote the province's tourist destinations, and provide assistance to tourists and tourism enterprises.

CTIAC also shared its office as venue for local MSMEs to exhibit and promote their products.

The launching of the CTIAC was attended by members of the Cavite Travel and Tours Association and the National Association of Independent Travel Agencies - Cavite Chapter; Del Mundo Family, owner of RFC Molino Mall; and the Provincial Cooperative, Livelihood and Entrepreneurial Development Office- entrepreneurial division staff. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite/with reports from PICAD)



PTCAO Holds the Filipino Food Festival

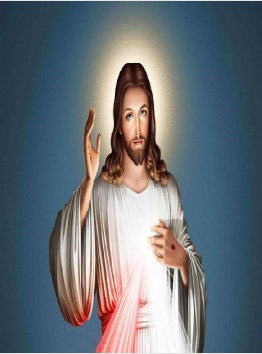
The provincial government of Cavite, thru the Provincial Tourism and Cultural Affairs Office (PTCAO), in collaboration with SM Trece Martires City introduced the Filipino Food Festival on May 24-26, 2019 which showcased and promoted the locally-made food products and delicacies in Cavite. Around twenty food exhibitors/entrepreneurs participated at the event held at SM Activity Center in Trece Martires City. Local products include Cafe Amadeo; Ben &Lyn Chocolate Inc.- Indang made of tablea; GenTri's Best Fresh Buffalo's Milk; Delfa's, Kimchahong, Tiendas, Nikimat's and The Greener Grins Food Products; Dunong Ani French Style Bangus of Cavite State University- Naic; The Original Tablea Batirol- Alfonso; Ate Bebot Special Puto Bumbong and Bibingka; Goldilocks and Max's Restaurant Goodies and SM Food Products. The gathering clearly signifies the abundance and authenticity of Cavite produce. SM consumers were given the chance to visit the venue and shop their favorite delicacies to express their support to the budding entrepreneurs.

SOURCEProvincial Information and Community Affairs Department

Divine Mercy Reflection  
Actions on Our Own

We cannot do anything good on our own. This is a fact. All we can do on our own is sin. In fact, the only way to please God and to do good things for Him is to rely upon Him for everything. We must have a relationship of complete dependence upon God in all things. It's easy to think that we will please God if we simply try harder with an action we have undertaken on our own and believe is good. If we do this or that and do it well, we will please Him. But this is not true. God is not looking for us to do something of our own choosing for Him, and to try and try again until we accomplish it. No, He is only looking for one thing: obedience to His Will in all things. And the only way we can be obedient to that which He calls us to embrace, is by becoming completely dependent upon Him in every way (See Diary #659).

Reflect upon the joyful discovery of the Will of God. When we discover what He asks of us, and then accept His Will, we will also, necessarily, enter into a relationship of trust and utter dependence upon Him. This act of depending upon Him to fulfill His Will produces an abundance of peace and joy. Reflect upon whether you see this total dependence upon God alive in your life. Where you see it lacking, surrender more deeply in trust, giving up that which you cling to by your own will, choosing instead the Will of God as He makes it known to You.



Lord, I choose this day to become completely dependent upon You and Your most holy Will. I choose, further, to give up my own will and all that I try to do on my own. May my surrender and dependence upon You become the source of my enduring peace and joy. Jesus, I trust in You.



# Nat'l Geriatric Health: The need for an institutionalized center

**By Ma. Teresa Montemayor**

MANILA -- With their wisdom and contributions to the country and to the economy, senior citizens are considered as the pillars and valuable members of every community. But needless to say, most of them are not properly cared for by their families and communities in their twilight years.

Dr. Melhammad Tomawis, chair of the National Center for Geriatric Health (NCGH), in an interview, told the Philippine News Agency (PNA) that senior citizens comprise more than 10 percent of the national population.

"There are more than 10 million senior citizens in the country and that is significant. They are the core foundation of our country, they have contributed to the taxes while they were still strong and working hard," he said.

Tomawis said that these senior citizens worked for their children, who became lawyers, engineers, among others, adding that they have a lot of contributions to our history because many of them fought during wars.

Tomawis said that senior citizens deserve all the medical care and assistance they could get from the government.

"It's good that we now have discounts for maintenance medicines, diabetes and hypertension, but it's not enough. They need a medical facility for their unique health conditions," he said.

Citing the importance of pediatric and obstetric departments in hospitals, Tomawis emphasized the need for a geriatric hospital which could attend to their emergency health needs and provide therapies and other treatments for older adults.

Geriatrics is a branch of medicine that focuses on the health care of elderly people through prevention and treatment of their diseases and disabili-



Senior citizens who attended the Handog Kaginhawaan, Kagalingan at Kalalakan Para Kinabigang Lola at Lolo wellness program on May 22 at the National Center for Geriatric Health (NCGH) enjoyed free acupuncture, accupressure therapy, massage therapy and haircut while being serenaded by Aliw Awards hall-of-famer Dondi Ong and his group. The Presidential Communications Operations Office -

NCGH institutionalization needed


The NCGH is part of former president Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's social safety net and health services programs which aim to provide for the special needs of the senior citizens nationwide. It was inaugurated on May 27, 2010.


"Since 2010, this has been renovated many times and the equipment for dialysis and other tools are here but this hospital is not operational because there is no law which allows it to operate. This is just an OPD (outpatient department) under Jose Reyes Memorial Center from Monday to Friday," said Tomawis, adding he has been pushing for its institutionalization for nine years now.


Tomawis has seen a "ray of hope" under President Rodrigo Duterte's administration because "it opened the hospital for admission but for mild cases only".

"The emergency room here is not complete. The pharmacy is not open 24 hours and the medicines are incomplete. If there are patients, they are brought to the Jose Reyes Hospital," he added.

As one who was raised by his grandpar  
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# Fourteen...FROM P2

and help entrepreneurs. In response, Batch 1 BIZ iCREATE graduate Ms. Angelina M. San Pedro expressed her gratefulness for the success of the training. She reiterated that in order to be successful one must know how to get along and always offer unique and extraordinary products and services to the consumers.

### Highlight of the

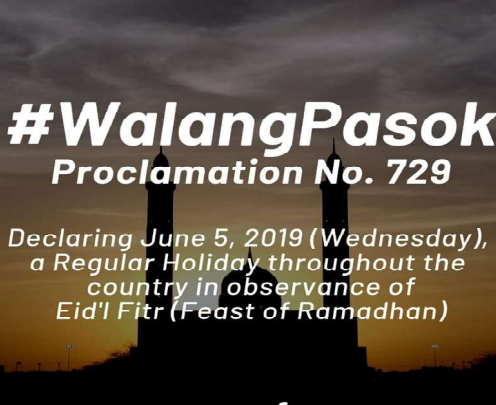
ceremony was the presentation of special awards to the graduates. The Best in Business Plan award were presented to Royette O. Candanido of The Dairy Dose and Angelina M. San Pedro of Precious Knowledge Training Center while Best in Product Innovation award were received by Sheryl Gerona of PRV-357 Trading-Organik Jam and Angelica U. Chongco of Bath & Body Home-Mayumi Organics.

President Duterte...  
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wala akong kinakampihan. I am [in] my last three [years]. Gusto ko lang to do good and if that good is not good for everybody, well I'm sorry. 'Yan lang ang makaya ko," he said.

The President also said he does not support his son's possible bid to become House speaker. His son, Paolo Duterte, was reported to be eyeing the House speakership position.

Instead of interfering with the lower house issue, the Chief Executive encouraged everyone during the oath taking to help him uplift the condition of the country. PND



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**f** MAYOR Emmanuel MALIKSI



# Construction of LRT1 Cavite extension commences

BACOOOR CITY, Cavite, (PIA) – The construction of the LRT1 Cavite extension recently commenced after its initial groundbreaking ceremonies two years ago.

The event was attended by Congressman Strike Revilla and then-Parañaque city mayoral candidate Edwin L. Olivarez and officers of the Department of Transportation.

The project was awarded to the Light Rail Manila Corporation (LRMC) five years ago with estimated cost of P64.9-billion and is projected to be completed and operational on October 2021.

It will attach eight more stations from Baclaran to Bacoor, Cavite: Redemptorist,

MIA, Asia World, Ninoy Aquino, Dr. Santos, Las Piñas, Zapote and Niog and would lessen travel time from Cavite to Baclaran and vice versa to less than 30 minutes.

The said project is a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) and is part of President Duterte’s Build, Build, Build

program and would help solve traffic congestion in Aguinaldo Highway from Coastal road and other affected thoroughfares in the south.

It will also give an alternative mode of transportation to the resident commuters in Parañaque, Las Piñas and Cavite area. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite)



Congressman Strike Revilla



Parañaque city mayor Edwin L. Olivarez

## CAVITE HELPS...FROM P1

Participants to the event who came from different institutions and organizations assembled for “One Big Fight for Health and Rights of People Living with HIV”. They all came to support the advocacy of breaking down barriers of stigma and discrimination among individuals diagnosed with the disease, as well as the affected families fighting with them. Students, health workers, and members of the LGBT community participated during the motorcade, showing much support to the efforts of the government in giving hope, engaging the community and raising social consciousness on HIV.

Prior to the memorials that include the lighting of candles, OIC-City Health Officer Dr. Liza Fe Capupus welcomed everyone on behalf of Tagaytay City Mayor Agnes Tolentino, and thanked the Provincial Health Office for helping them conduct this year’s HIV/AIDS Awareness Program.

Dr. Capupus also acknowledged the kind assistance of Provincial HIV/AIDS Program Coordinator Haydeliza Maderazo; Cavite Positive Action Group (CPAG) Coordinator Joseph Honra and Cristina Capacete from DOH and the rest of the team who voluntarily lectured, counseled and performed free HIV testing during the event. The timely lecture presented was the HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention in light of the alarming increase of HIV/AIDS cases detected particularly among the younger bracket of the population.

The simple AIDS Candle Lighting Memorial Ceremony 2019 in Tagaytay City became a very solemn one. Words of commitment from UGAT-LGBTQ President Randy Alvarez and testimonial from CPAG truly touched the hearts of everyone inside the hall. Messages were sincere, deep enough to create impact, promote and encourage education to further intensify the drive to fight for the health and rights of people living with HIV.

The International AIDS Candlelight Memorial which started in 1983 is one of the world’s oldest and largest grassroots mobilization campaigns for HIV Awareness, being coordinated by the Global Network of People living with HIV.

## DENR mulls local production of engineered fuel



MANILA -- Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) isn’t discounting the possibility of eventually ending Philippine importation of waste-based processed engineered fuel (PEF), an alternative to fossil fuel used in cement production.

DENR is looking into possible production of PEF in the country so cement producers can buy this product from local sources instead of sourcing it abroad, DENR Undersecretary Benny Antiporda said.

“They won’t have to import PEF,” he said.

News reports this week cited Bureau of Customs as intercepting, in Misamis Oriental province, shipment originating from Australia and declared as PEF consigned to Holcim Philippines Inc. for this company’s use in cement production.

DENR’s Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) confirmed the shipment is PEF, as noted by the agency’s hazardous waste chief Gerry Sañez.

“PEF can be imported as it’s tradable commodity and not mere waste for disposal,” he also said.

Wood chips, textile, recyclable plastics, cardboard and paper are among waste materials that can be used in making PEF, said Irvin Cadavona, EMB environmental management specialist.

He said when burned, PEF emits lesser carbon dioxide compared to fossil fuel.

“As far as I know, there’s no PEF processing plant in the country yet but it’s good to have this so the commodity can be produced locally,” he said. (PNA)

## DOH...FROM P6

wherein they will play a major role in the implementation of health programs for the province-wide and city-wide health system that will be put in place in the two selected provinces,” Janairo explained.

He stressed that under the province-wide and city-wide health system, a BHW will be the primary care providers, tasked to extend primary, promotive, curative, rehabilitative and palliative care to those in need.

In addition, the BHW will also act as an information aide in the collection of data and basic information on patients at the local level.

“This network will be providing people-centered and comprehensive care in an integrated and coordinated manner with the primary care provider or navigator who will be the coordinator of health care within the network,” he said. (PNA)

## Nat'l Geriatric...FROM P4

ents, Tomawis said senior citizens are close to his heart.

"We were two doctors when we started in this hospital, now, I'm the only one here, and by God’s grace, and because of my conscience, I cannot push myself to leave the elderlies here. I hope and I believe with President Duterte seating we just have to wait a little for an executive order to be passed," he added.

Handog K.K.K Para Kina Lola at Lolo

Last May 22, the Presidential Communications Operations Office-News and Information Bureau conducted a wellness program dubbed as Handog Kaginhawaan, Kagalingan at Kagalakan Para Kina Lola at Lolo in celebration of the NCGH's ninth founding anniversary.

Senior citizens who attended the event enjoyed free acupuncture, acupressure therapy, massage therapy and haircut while being serenaded by Dondi Ong and his group.

Ong is a hall-of-famer of Aliw Awards for performing the Phantom of the Opera in many countries.

"The harana (serenade), singing of kundiman (native songs) is part of music therapy for the old people. Music makes them feel relaxed and happy and when they're at that state, no depression, the onset of dementia is delayed," Tomawis explained.

Agapita Ayubo, 76, said she enjoyed listening to the kundimans at the event.

"Naririnig ko po nung kabataan ko iyong mga kundiman. Masaya po kapag nag-iipon-ipon kasi, marami kang makakausap, kasi po ang memory natin parang nawawala na rin kapag lagi ka lang sa bahay at lagi lang trabaho (I listened to the kundiman when I was young. I'm happy when people gather together because you're able to talk with other people because your memory fades when you're just at home and you're focused on work only)," she added.

Apart from a new pair of reading glasses, Nanay Agapita received free check-up, x-ray and ECG (electrocardiogram).

"Malaking bagay po na libre kasi po ang pinansiyal ko po ay kulang. May anak po ako pero wala pong allowance na nabibigay sa akin. Malaking tulong po sa aming matatanda na kumpleto ang aming pagpapatingin (This is a big help because I'm lacking financially. I have a child but I'm not given allowance. This a big help for us senior citizens to have complete checkup)," she said.

Nanay Agapita added she and other senior citizens like her "would be happier and more grateful to the government" if the NCGH becomes fully operational.

"Matatanda na kami, kaunting panahon ang ilalagi namin dito. Maganda hindi po ba kung natutugunan po talaga pangangailangan naming pangkalusugan (We're already old, we'll be here [alive] for a short time only. It would be nice if our health needs are met)," she said. (PNA)





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# JOB FAIR

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LIWASANG AGUINALDO FREEDOM PARK, KAWIT, CAVITE  
PAVILLION MALL, BIÑAN CITY, LAGUNA



TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite -- The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) in Cavite is reminding newly-elected officials in the province that they only have until June 13 to file their statements of contributions and expenses (SOCE) or they risk being barred from assuming their posts.

DILG-Cavite Director Eloiza Rozul said that candidates, specially the winners, must submit their SOCEs to the Commission on Elections (Comelec) on time as they may not be allowed to assume office until they have complied with the requirement.

If a candidate fails to file his/her SOCE, the law states that the offender shall be subject to perpetual disqualification from holding public office.

Late submission of SOCE entails a penalty of PHP8,500 for provincial political parties; PHP8,000 for provincial governors and vice governors; PHP7,000 for provincial board members, congressmen, local political parties, mayors, and vice mayors; and PHP6,000 for councilors. (PNA)

## DOH taps Calabarzon barangay health workers as UHC frontliners

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna -- Barangay (village) health workers (BHWs) are being tapped by the Department of Health (DOH) regional office in Calabarzon as frontliners in the implementation of the Universal Health Care (UHC) law, particularly at the two pilot sites in Batangas and Quezon.

This, as the DOH-Calabarzon prepares for the UHC implementation by strengthening the province-wide health care delivery system by first training BHWs for their enhanced role.

DOH-Calabarzon Regional Director Dr. Eduardo C. Janairo told PNA on Wednesday that the capability training for the BHWs aims to enhance their capacity and prepare them for their role as "navigators" in pursuit of the new UHC law signed by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte on February 20 this year.

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Health Care law or Republic Act 11223 provides automatic enrollment of all Filipino citizens in the National Health Insurance Program (NHIP) and prescribes complementary reforms in the health care system.

"We have to train and capacitate our BHWs in preparation for their important role as 'navigators' under the UHCL because they will become part of a health care provider network

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