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The project is a partnership between DA, the Department of Energy (DOE) and Unioil that aims to bring farmers' fresh farm produce closer to the consumers at a cheaper cost since no middle men or traders are involved in the wholesale Cont.on PAGE3



Carmona Mayor Atty. Roy Loyola delivers a speech during the blessing and inauguration of the 151 bed capacity Mega Isolation Facility located in CarSiGMA Gymnasium, Barangay Lantic. (Photo: Atty. Roy Loyola FB Page)

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Carmona LGU inaugurates Mega Isolation Facility for COVID patients

C A R M O N A, Cavite-- The local government of Carmona inaugurated the Mega Isolation Facility located in Car-SiGMA (Carmona-Silang-Gen. Mariano Alvarez) Gymnasium in Barangay Lantic on Saturday, September 5, 2020.

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Mayor Atty. Roy Loyola along with DPWH USEC Emil Sadain led the inauguration of the Mega Isolation Facility, a repurposed evacuation center, consisting of about 151 cu-

bicles.

With the partnership between the local government unit and the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), the facility was constructed with a budget of Php6M.

DPWH Sec. Mark Villar, represented by USEC Emil Sadain said the facility will facilitate treatment and care of COVID-19 patients of Carmona and nearby industrial zones.

"This is considered a Mega Facility be-

cause the total bed capacity reached 151 compared to average or normal isolation facilities built by the DPWH with about 45 bed capacities only," Sadain comment-

The facility also have provisions for doctors and medical healthworkers quarters and equipped with CCTV cameras to monitor the patients and the medical staff.

Municipal Health
Officer Dr. Homer AguiCont.on PAGE3



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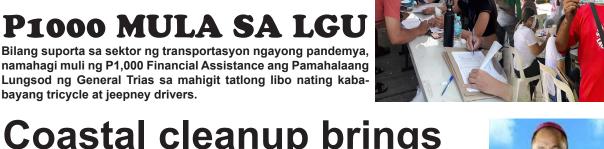
To provide an online learning that will educate and increase knowledge of the general public to understand earthquake hazards, to prepare for and respond earthquakes amidst COVID-19 pandemic, the

OCD in partnership with DOST-PHIVOLCS and DILG, will conduct a webinar which will discuss the dual challenges that could be brought by the occurrence of earthquakes during the COVID-19 pan-

City Government of General Trias TRICYCLE AT JEEPNEY

DRIVERS MULING TUMANGGAP NG P1000 MULA SA LGU

namahagi muli ng P1,000 Financial Assistance ang Pamahalaang Lungsod ng General Trias sa mahigit tatlong libo nating kababayang tricycle at jeepney drivers.



Coastal cleanup brings interfaith groups together

number of Christian and Muslim volunteers banded together in cleaning up the shoreline of a coastal village in the city on Thursday.

The activity in Bancao-Bancao was led by the Apostolic Vicariate of Puerto Princesa (AVPP) as the local Church marks the "Season of Creation", which opened on Tuesday.

Bishop Socrates Mesiona echoed Pope Francis' call for the people to "care for our common

home" and denounced the "throwaway" culture of today's society.

"We have different religions, we have different beliefs, but we live in the same world. Hopefully, we will all imbibe the spirituality of protecting the environment," he said.

Hadji Arturo 'Abdulaziz' Suizo, a local Muslim leader, also said that Islam has given much importance to the cause of protecting the environment.

"Let us protect it

for the next generation," he said.

In the Vatican, Pope Francis on Sept. 1 led the opening of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation that will end on the Oct. 4 feast of St. Francis.

Carrying the "Jubilee for the theme, Earth." the month-long event is part of the effort to raise awareness about climate change and environment conservation.

In the Philippines, the celebration extends up to October 11, which is the Indigenous Peoples



Bishop Socrates Mesiona

Sunday.

Palawan's interfaith community will also have a tree-planting activity on Sept. 30 in the mountain of Irawan.

In 2019, the AVPP planted 10,000 trees at the Mt. Mantalingahan Protected Landscape in Brooke's Point.

RIBBON CUTTING AND UNVEIL-ING OF BUILDING MARKER

PBGEN Vicente D Danao Jr, Regional Director PRO CALABARZON was the invited Guest of Honor and Speaker during the inauguration ceremony and blessing of New Imus City Police Station 10:00 o'cloc kin the morning of September 4, 2020 at Pedro Reyes St., Malagasang 1-G, Imus City, Cavite.

The following guests graced the said occassion: PCOL Marlon R Santos, Provincial Director, Cavite PPO, Hon. Alex "AA" L. Advincula, Representative, 3rd District of Cavite, Hon. Emmanuel L. Maliksi, City Mayor of Imus and Hon. Arnel M. Catimbuhan, Vice Mayor of Imus City.



pressway Systems, Inc.

For the Bacoor Diversion Road project, DPWH Region IV-A identified a total of 150 families with 11 families for immediate relocation to temporary shelter and for COVID-19 PCR testing prior to permanent transfer to Naic, Cavite. DPWH and the city government of Bacoor agreed to work together to speed-up the road-right-ofway acquisition and explore possible funding options for the COVID-19 PCR testing of the pre-qualified relocatees. Furthermore, the RPMC will coordinate with DOLE, DSWD, and other concerned agencies on the provision of social assistance and livelihood programs to relocatees.

Meanwhile,

Region IV-A had already resolved the road-right-ofway acquisition issues of the Macalelon Small Reservoir Irrigation Project through close coordination with DPWH and negotiation with the affected landowners. To improve the access to the dam site, NIA was requested to construct a one-lane access road for barangays that are affected by the construction of the Macalelon Small Reservoir Irrigation project. Possible funding options from other government agencies on the construction of access roads for the affected barangays will also be ex-

The RPMC will monitor the compliance to the agreements to ensure speedy implementation of the above-cited projects.



ATICalabarzon

BY: Janine L. Cailo

LOCAL FARMER TECHNICIANS TRAINED ON AGRO-ENTREPRENEURSHIP

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, CAVITE The Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) in Calabarzon in partnership with the Department of Agriculture (DA) Regional Field Office Region IV-A conducted the "Capability Enhancement Course for Local Farmer Technicians (Batch 1)" last September 7 to 11, 2020 at ATI-Calabarzon Training Hall.

The five-day (face-to-face) refresher course centered on various topics on Agro-entrepreneurship with General Manager of Uma Verde Econature Farm, Kristine Ramos, and Bart Tengonciang, President of Farmshare

Prime serving as resource persons. Ramos and Tengonciang talked about Agro-enterprise industry stakeholders, product supply, financial management, farmers' mobilization in capacity-building activities and collective marketing.

Showing his support and gratitude to the participants, Engr. Arnel de Mesa (Regional Executive Director of DA RFO IVA) shared his warm greetings in a video message.

"Bilang mga bayani (ating mga magsasaka) na patuloy na nagsasalba sa ekonomiya ng Pilipinas, kailangan po nila ang mga gabay na kagaya ninyong mga LFTs, upang maihatid ang tamang impormasyon at tamang diskarte na kanilang kailangan upang mapataas ang kanilang ani at kita."

Meanwhile, ATI Calabarzon Center Director, Marites Piamonte-Cosico also expressed her gratitude to the participants, lauding their efforts to learn despite the challenging time

This training was spearheaded by Partnerships and Accreditation Services Section (PASS) of ATI-Calabarzon, with Mary Grace Leidia, as the Project Officer.

With reports from: Mary Grace Leidia

Sen. Revilla mourns passing of PH Film stalwart Marichu Maceda; co-authors P.S. Res. No. 515

Senator Ramon Bong Revilla, Jr. expressed his grief over the death of one of the country's stalwarts of the movie industry, Marichu Vera-Perez Maceda.

The veteran legislator paid tribute to the movie icon during his speech as co-author of P. S. Res. No. 515, "Resolution Expressing the Profound Sympathy and Sincere Condolences of the Senate on the Death of Ms. Ma. Azucena "Manay Ichu" Vera-Perez-Maceda, the Pioneer of the Philippine Movie Industry."

Maceda, daughter of Sampaguita Pictures founder Dr. Jose Vera-Perez and wife of former Senate President Ernesto Maceda, died Monday morning due to kidney complications and heart disease. She was 77.

"Tulad ko po, Manay Ichu was born into the Philippine Film Industry - ang mga Vera-Perez na nagtatag ng isa sa naging pinakamalaking film outfits sa bansa, ang Sampaguita Pictures. Ang Sampaguita Pictures po ang naka-discover sa aking ama. Kung wala pong Sampaguita, baka walang naging Ramon Revilla, at wala rin sigurong Ramon Bong Revilla, Jr.," stated the veteran senator.

Bong Revilla also recalled how her "wedding ninang" helped strengthen the local movie industry not only by churning out quality movies that provide jobs for production workers, Manay Ichu also led the establishment of MOWELFUND, Experimental Cinema of the Philippines (ECP), Metro Manila Film Festival (MMFF) and the Film Academy of the Philippines (FAP).

"Hindi matatawaran ang kanyang naging kontribusyon sa larangan ng sining, na matatapatan lamang ng kanyang kabutihan at pagtulong sa kapwa, lalo na sa mga maliliit na manggagawa sa pelikula. Sa kanyang mga naulilang mga anak, kina Manay Gina De Venecia, Tita Betchay Nakpil at sa iba pa niyang mga kapatid, kaanak at kaibigan, iur most heartfelt condolonces and prayers," Revilla ended.

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of fresh farm products.

"With the help of DA, we are able to consolidate and sell farm products from across the region even from places which remain in lockdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic," Raffy Aromin said.

Aromin is the chairman of the Samahan ng Galing Ulan at Lupa Ating Yamanin (SAGULAY) Farmers Association, one of the beneficiaries of the project.

The KADIWA on Wheels serves as a venue to promote and exhibit the farmers' fresh and quality produce to help them earn more to support their livelihood amid the on-going pandemic.

This activity will run every Saturdays and Sundays of September with fresh harvested quality products of the participating groups like the SAGULAY Farmers Association and other farmers groups in CALABARZON on sale. (Ruel Francisco/DA-4A RAFIS)

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naldo said the challenge that the municipal health office (MHO) is facing now is the lack of healthcare workers for the facility.

"Although the increase in the number of cases had somehow slowed down, there are still plenty that get infected in their workplaces considering the municipality is an industrial town," Dr. Aguinaldo added.

Based on the latest COVID-19 Update issued by the MHO, the municipality had recorded a total of 482 COVID-19 confirmed cases as of September 9, 2020 maintaining its place among the cities and municipalities with high number of COVID-19 cases. (Ruel Francisco with report from Atty. Roy Loyola FB Page)

Gov't urges institutions to buy locally-made PPE



MANILA — As the country now produces 60 million face masks and 3.2 million pieces of medical-grade coveralls, the government has called on institutions and organizations to buy personal protective equipment (PPE) and other items from Filipino manufacturers.

In a statement Monday, Trade Undersecretary and Board of Investments (BOI) managing head Ceferino Rodolfo reiterated that local production of PPE and critical products in the country's fight against the coronavirus disease 2019

(Covid-19) has been increasing.

Aside from face masks and medical-grade coveralls, the country now manufactures 6,050 pieces of ventilators and 60,000 pieces of infrared thermometers per month.

"I urge all organizations to 'buy local' and source their PPE from factories based in the Philippines, wherever it's possible. Every time someone buys an item of PPE made here, they not only help protect people, they help save thousands of jobs and keep food on the

table of families across our nation." Rodolfo said.

At the onset of the Covid-19 outbreak in the Philippines, only the Bata-an-based Medtecs International Corp. Ltd., produces medical-grade face masks while coveralls and PPEs, among others, are being imported.

The BOI then initiated the repurposing of manufacturing facilities to produce critical Covid-19 products domestically.

"The upsurge in PPE now being produced in the Philippines is great news for the health and economic wellbeing of the country," Rodolfo said. "BOI will keep doing everything we can to support more manufacturers to contribute their production lines to this effort."

Medical institutions and other organizations may source PPE from the following Philippine-based manufacturers: Medtecs, Yokosaida, EMS Group of Companies, and Distinctive Blinds and Office Supply for face masks. Aside from masks, New Kinpo Group also supplies ventilators and Everwin Philippines for infrared thermometers.

Alcohol and spirit manufacturer Destileria Limtuaco now also produces ethyl alcohol.

Other firms will soon be joining in face masks manufacturing. These include Integrated Micro-electronics, Inc. (IMI), Bioteq, Tacca Group, and Hyundai.

IMI also plans to locally produce continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) ventilators. (PNA)



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CALABARZON RPMC Conducts Problem-Solving Session for Three Infrastructure Projects with Implementation Issues



Temporary relocation facilities for the negatively affected families of the Bacoor Diversion Road project. Photo by DPWH Region IV-A

The CALABARZON Regional Project Monitoring Committee (RPMC) chaired by NEDA IV-A RD Luis Banuaconducted the problem-solving session for the Macalelon Small Reservoir Irrigation, Bacoor Diversion Road and Pulo-Diezmo Road projects on September 3. The meeting which was conducted through a video conference was attended by DBM IV-A, DILG IV-A, OP-PMS, DPWH, NIA, Cabuyao City, Mayor Lani Mercado-Revilla of Bacoor City, and RDC private sector representatives – Engr. Ladislao Andal, Mr. Ruel Punzalan and Ms. Illuminada Gomez.

The Problem-Solving Session was called to gather updates on the compliance of DPWH Region IV-A and Cabuyao City with regards to the agreements during the previous problem-solving session on Pulo-Diezmo Road project held on June 2019, and recommend actions on the issues and concerns on implementation of the Bacoor Diversion Road and Macalelon Small Reservoir Irrigation projects.

Standing issues and recommendations to expedite the implementation of the Pulo-Diezmo Road project were discussed during the problem-solving session. Negotiation on road-right-of-way acquisition for three private properties is still ongoing and the memorandum of agreement with Manila Toll Expressway Systems, Inc. on the bridge component is yet to be approved. The RPMC requested DPWH Region IV-A to discuss and coordinate with city government of Cabuyao on the specific issues on properties for road-right-of-way acquisition and writ of possession. Meanwhile, the Committee will request assistance from the Toll Regulatory Board to facilitate the approval of the DPWH MOA with Manila Toll Ex-

NEWLY IDENTIFIED DRUG PERSONALITY NABBED IN TAGAYTAY

Members Component **Tagaytay** City Police City Drug **Enforcement Unit led by** PMAJ ERICSON NATO with the direct supervision of PMAJ JUAN P ORUGA JR, ACOP, arrested one (1) Tomas Cadatal y Duran aka Tatang, male, 81 years old, married, unemployed and a resident of Barangay Mendez Crossing East, Tagaytay City after he sold one (1) piece of transparent plastic zip lock containing dried fruiting tops of suspected marijuana worth one hundred pesos (PHP

100.00) to a Police Poseur buyer (PSMS Joselito Bugay). And during the said operation, another one (1) piece of fully grown suspected Marijuana plant placed in a color black plastic culturing bag found at the suspect's backyard was also confiscated on September 9.

Appropriate charge/s in relation to violation of Art. Il sections 5 and 16 of RA 9165 against the suspect is now being prepared for inquest proceedings before the City Prosecutors Office, Tagaytay City, Cavite.

Strengthening earthquake disaster preparedness during the COVID-19 pandemic



Amidst the response for COVID-19, certain realities on the impending threats of other natural and human-induced hazards should be realized. These include the unpredictability and inevitability of the occurrence of earthquakes and other geological hazards, which remain as potential

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Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Cavite's Participation to the 3rd Quarter Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill held on 10 September 2020