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REGUGNIZING Governor Jonvic C. Remulla recognized 5 Caviteño young achievers for their outstanding accomplishments in various fields of study which brought pride and honor to the province during the provincial government's flag-raising ceremony on July 15, 2019 at the Provincial Gymnasium in Trece

CAVITEÑO YOUNG **ACHEVERS**

Governor Jonvic C. Remulla

The awardees include

Maria Aubreanna Beatriz B. Salazar and Juliana Mari V. Legaspi of Tagaytay City Science National School who bagged the gold medal for their study on Hypoglycemic Activity of Robusta Coffee (Coffea Canephora Pierre Ex. A. Froehner) Silverskin Ethanolic Extract on Alloxan- Induced Type 1 Diabetes in Swiss Webster Mice (Mus Musculus L) in the International Science and Invention Fair 2019 in Bali, ...Page 4



Bilang pakikiisa sa pagdiriwang ng 41st National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation (NDPR) Week ngayong linggo, nakasama po natin ngayong araw ang ating mga kapatid na persons with disability (PWD) at ang kanilang mga pamilya't kaibigan sa first day ng kanilang celebration kung saan nagkaroon ng mga colorful at exciting

HELP CONTINUES TO POUR IN FOR

Cavite (PIA) – The City Government here through the City Social Welfare and Development Office and other concerned agencies led in last week's disaster relief efforts for the fire-affected families of Sitio Silangan, Brgy. Talaba.

The recent fire which ravaged hundreds of houses on July 5, left about 290 families homeless while around 162 families still re-

Bacoor City Mayor Lani Revilla personally led the distribution of relief goods on Sunday, July 7, together with Vice Mayor Karen Sarino and several city councilors, with goods such as basic household cooking utensils, canned foods, noodles and rice to help the family get by.

Meanwhile, Senator Bong Go also visited the

ered court here as of July 9. relief goods consisting of clothes, food packs, and financial aid as he promised to help buy uniforms and school supplies for the school children affected by the fire.

> Go consoled the affected residents with an assurance of help not only financial support but the possibility of livelihood through the cooperation of concerned government agen-

Mayor Lani Revilla

cies in the region such as the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), PAGCOR, TESDA and also of medical services through the Department of Health.

He revealed that he had already discussed with Mayor Lani Revilla his intention to solve the problem on ...Page 4

MANILA -- Francisco G. Dakila Jr. received his oath of office as Deputy Governor for Monetary and Economics Sector (MES) in ceremonies administered by Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Governor Benjamin E. Diokno on Thursday.

NEW BSP DEPUTY

GOVERNOR SWORN IN

He succeeds former Deputy Governor Diwa Guinigundo, who recently retired.

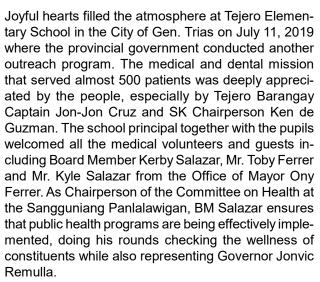
As head of the MES, Dakila will provide overall supervision, management, and direction to monetary and financial policy, international monetary affairs, loans and

credit, economic and financial literacy, among others.

Prior to his appointment, Dakila served as Assistant Governor for the Monetary Policy Sub-Sector where he provided highlytechnical advisory support on matters relating to the formulation, implementation and assessment of policies and programs in the areas of monetary, external, real and financial sectors.

He worked at the US Agency for International Development and the Agricultural Credit Policy Council before joining the BSP. He also taught at the Uni-

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President Duterte vows to improve country's prison infrastructure

MANILA,-- President Rodrigo Roa Duterte on Friday assured the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) that his government will continue supporting the bureau's initiatives, particularly in building more infrastructure to address jail overcrowding.

"Always keep in mind that this administration will continue to pursue measures that will empower you in addressing the perennial problem that you face, particularly jail congestion," the President said in an address during the 28th anniversary of the BJMP at the AFP Theater, Camp Aguinaldo.

He announced during the event that the government has allotted P3 billion for the construction of 60 new jail facilities to reduce jail congestion. Prisoners, he said, are still human beings who deserve habitable prisons.

"They are human beings and we are supposed to give them habitable prisons. Kaya lang, inuuna natin the order of priorities, sometimes they are really forgotten," President Duterte said.

The President also commended the BJMP for its crucial role in the administration's campaign against illegal drugs by working with the Philippine National Police (PNP) and the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA).

"I am pleased that your conduct of the almost 30,000 Greyhound Operations from January to...2019 has led to the confiscation of the illegal drugs, weapons, and almost P2 million worth of cash and other contraband from jail cells," he said.

As part of its efforts to ensure the integrity and professionalism of prison personnel, the BJMP conducted more than 13,000 surprise drug testing, which led to the dismissal of drug users within the organization.

The President also lauded BJMP awardees for their unwavering passion and dedication to service to ensure the welfare of prisoners.

He reminded BJMP personnel that as they forge stronger linkages and partnerships with local government units, other government agencies, and non-governmental organizations, they should always stay dedicated to their shared responsibility of upholding the rule of law and protecting democratic institutions.

"May you continue to embody your institution's vital role of contributing to the transformation and reformation of society. It is my hope that this milestone will further inspire you to harness your professional skills and expertise to promote the common good," he noted.

"Together, let us continue to embody soli-



darity as we build a stronger and safer society for the benefit of the future generation."

Also present during the event were Department and Interior and Local Government Secretary Eduardo Año, Agusan Del Norte 2nd District Rep. Ma. Angelica Rosedell Amante-Matba, Armed Forces of the Philippines Chief of Staff Gen. Benjamin Madrigal Jr., and BJMP Chief Allan Iral. (PND)

NEW...FROM P1

versity of the Philippines and at the De La Salle University.

Dakila received his PhD and MA in Economics and BS in Economics (magna cum laude) from the University of the Philippines-School of Economics.

Dakila's wife, Maura, was also present at the oath-taking ceremony. (PR)



Francisco G. Dakila Jr.

DILG IV-A all set for newly elected officials governance training



CALABARZON--

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Region IV-A is all geared up for the conduct of good governance orientation for the newly elected local government officials in the Calabarzon (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, and Quezon) region.

In an interview, Local Government Operations Officer Brian Ballon told PIA that the DILG Region IV-A is ready to orient newly elected and reelected vice mayors and members of the Sangguniang Bayan and Panlungsod under the Newly Elected Officials

(NEO) Program

"The DILG IV-A is much ready to conduct the second component of the NEO [Newly Elected Officials] program which focuses particularly in orienting members of the Sanggunian on their duties, roles, and responsibilities," Ballon said.

The program, according to Ballon, is a "term-based program implemented by the DILG and its training arm Local Government Academy which aims not only to orient newly elected local officials on their roles and responsibilities as local legislators but also to

guide them on how to effectively implement programs and projects in their locality."

Anchored on the theme "Priming Leaders for Effective Local Governance" Ballon said the series of capacity development trainings under the NEO program will enable the newly elected officials to effectively manage the affairs of their LGU.

He said their agency has tapped top caliber speakers to facilitate the good governance orientation and guide local officials in defining their development roadmap.

Ballon added that it

has also invited various regional line government agencies to discuss their programs and projects that can be availed, adopted, or implemented in the local level.

The NEO orientation program for members of the Sanggunian will run through four batches from July 31 until August 29. The schedules of the orientation course is as follows: first batch - July 31 to August 2; second batch - August 12 to 14; third batch - August 14 to 16; and, fourth batch - August 27 to 29.

Series of CapDev trainings Ballon explained that the NEO program has five components which the local officials need to undergo to ensure that they are equipped with the right knowledge and skills throughout their three-year

"The NEO is not only conducted during the start of their term. It is composed of several components to guide them throughout the whole duration of their term," Ballon said

The first component which was already conducted, according to Ballon, focused on ensuring smooth transitions which involved the creation of transition teams, turn-over ceremony, and LGU and NEO competency profiling. The second component, on the other hand, covers the orientation for NEOs, developing executive legislative relations, and LGU guide to action.

The third component, meanwhile, is another set of capacity development program which focuses on guiding the LGU in creating their development roadmap while the fourth component involves competency mapping of LGU officials and staff.

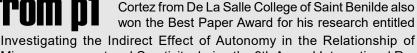
The fifth component, he said, centers on measuring the performance of the LGU to determine whether the newly elected officials effectively address the needs of its constituents.

With the ever-changing demands of good governance, Ballon assured that the DILG will remain steadfast and active partner in maintaining the robustness of local government units

"Malaki ang ineeexpect at hamon sa inyo ng mga mamamayan at sa mga hamon na iyon ay magiging katuwang ninyo at magiging bahagi ng inyong journey ang DILG," Ballon said.

(There are a lot of expectations and challenges posed by your constituents, and in those challenges, DILG will remain as your active partner and part of your journey.) (FSC, PIA4A)

RECOGNIZING CAVITEÑO...from p1



Indonesia on June 21-25, 2019. Daniel Jan D.J.

Micromanagement and Creativity during the 9th Annual International Research Exchange and Faculty Development Conference on April 22-23, 2019 at Moscow, Russia.

Meanwhile, Jardine Dave V. Ambrocio and Julius Matthew P. Lim, students of Saint Francis of Assisi College won a silver medal in the Math Without Borders (MWB) Winter Round held on February 2, 2019 at Makati Hope Christian School and bronze medal in the 2019 Singapore and Asian Schools Math Olympiad (SASMO 2019) on April 6, 2019 at Amore Academy-

Trece Martires City. Governor Remulla congratulated the students for their excellent performance and encouraged them to use the achievement as inspiration for the coming school years.

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Civil Service Commission confirms reassignment of PhilHealth officers.

The Civil Service Commission (CSC) recently released its decision upholding its earlier ruling on the motion for reconsideration of three regional vice presidents of the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth).

In three separate resolutions numbered 1900679, 1900681 and 1900491 dated June 18, 2019 (for the first two) and May 6, 2019, respectively, the CSC Commission En Banc denied the motion for reconsideration of Dennis B. Adre, Orlando D. Iñigo, Jr., and Arsenia B. Torresfor lack of merit.

Adre, Iñigo and Torres were among the senior

officers directed by former PhilHealth chiefs Dr. Roy B. Ferrer and Dr. Celestina Ma. Jude P. dela Serna to transfer assignments through Corporate Personnel Order (CPO) Nos. 2018-1278 dated July 4, 2018 and 2018-0763 dated April 23, 2018.

Their earlier appeal was first denied by the CSC in 2018, affirming that the CPOs issued by the agency are in order, with one decision clearly indicating that the Order "was issued not in contravention of the applicable rules on reassignment".

The Commission's recent decisions affirms that the reassignments are above board

and recognizes the authority of its Board of Directors as delegated to the head of agencyto rotate and reassign officers. The state health insurer believes that reassignments and rotations are management tools to further sharpen theleadership and managerial competence of its officers and employees, maximize expertise of its leadership bench, as well as to avoid familiarity with stakeholders in the area that could lead to corruption. It also maintains that reassignments are part and parcel of good governance especially that the entire organization is preparing for the full implementation of the Universal Health Care Law.



FORMER
PHILHEALTH
CHIEFS DR. ROY
B. FERRER

PhilHealth is still awaiting CSC's favorable decision on at least four more appeals lodged by other regional officers, many of who have been in their posts in the last 20 years. END







SCIENCE SUPER HEROES SHOWCASED IN DOST'S SALINLAHI CENTER

The super heroes of science, the country's esteemed scientists, are honored anew with the launching of the Salinlahi Science Center that features futuristic exhibits on the scientists' careers and life stories.

Unveiling the Salinlahi Science Center is the National Academy of Science and Technology (NAST) Philippines which revealed new world of virtual and digital celebration of the works and valuable contributions of the 13 living National Scientists. NAST is one of the advisory bodies of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST). The interactive exhibits, managed by DOST-NAST Philippines, is housed at the Philippine Science Heritage Center at the DOST Complex in Bicutan, Taguig City.

The 13 National Scientists featured in the center come alive in avatar where visitors will discover their minds and their careers that reflect

their unquenchable curiosity and thirst for learning. These living super heroes of science are: Dr. Angel C. Alcala, Dr. Clare R. Baltazar, Dr. Ramon C. Barba, Dr. Mercedes B. Concepcion, Dr. Lourdes J. Cruz, Dr. Ernesto O. Domingo, Dr. Raul V. Fabella, Dr. Edgardo D. Gomez, Dr. Ricardo M. Lantican, Dr. Bienvenido F. Nebres SJ, Dr. Dolores A. Ramirez, Dr. Teodulo M. Topacio Jr., and Dr. Gavino C. Trono.

The displayed

avatars of said science super heroes will hopefully serve as inspiration to the next generation of scientists.

The upgrading of the center is a three-phase project envisioned to become the country's hub of scientific pride where our 13 National Scientists dedicated their work of science to make a better society and a stronger country.

The Philippine Science Heritage Center or Salinlahi (meaning heirloom of a generation) was created under Republic Act 9107 to be the repository of the achievements and outstanding accomplishments of the Filipino community in the areas of science and technology.

More of the works of these 13 National Scientists and other experts will be featured in the upcoming celebration of the 2019 National Science and **Technology Week (NSTW)** this 17-21 July 2019 at the **World Trade Center, Pasay**

This annual event of the DOST will also feature the latest technologies and innovations in the fields of agriculture, enterprise development, industry, emerging technologies, health and nutrition, information and communication technology, and disaster preparedness. Admission is FREE and everyone is invited to register at...

www.nstw.dost.gov.ph. (Rodolfo P. de Guzman, DOST-STII)



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AMADEO FOLKS GET FREE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Almost 500 Amadeo folks get free medical assistance from the health outreach program spearheaded by the OPG-Extension Office and the Provincial Health Office thru the request of Municipal Tourism Office on July 15, 2019 at the Municipal Covered Court. Doctors and dentists from PHO and its satellite hospitals provided free check-up, consultation and dental services in partnership with Amadeo Municipal Health Office together with barangay health workers and nutrition scholars who voluntarily assisted in the activity. Mayor Redel John Dionisio along with 7th District Board Members Ping Remulla and Lito Langit welcomed the mission team and expressed gratefulness to the provincial government for giving priority to public health programs for all Caviteños.

Help...from p1

the housing resettlement of the affected families through two options: first is arranging with the private owner of the property in Barangay Talaba 7 for its development and have the houses rented to them; and the second is the relocation of the families in the "Murang Pabahay" in the town of Naic

"Serbisyo sa kapwa ay Serbisyo sa Diyos," (Service to others is service to God) Go pointed out. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite)

Calabarzon Cavite Bacoor City FIRe

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EcoWaste national coordinator Aileen Lucero said this network's share of the total grant will fund research on plastics pollution in Manila Bay and waste collection efficiency

"Data we'll generate will serve as baseline for the national action plan on marine litter," she said.

She also said such data will help the environment department assess its marine debris-relevant policies so this agency can either enhance or change these.

The research project will last for 18 months, she noted.

undersecretary Benny Antiporda thanked the US government for awarding the grants, noting such support will boost efforts for addressing the country's marine debris problem.

"You, me, we're the environment -- let's take very good care of it," he said at the grant-signing event.

Earlier, the ASEAN Center for Biodiversity (ACB) called for increased cooperation on mitigating plastics pollution in oceans to avert the further environmental degradation and biodiversity loss there.

"Saving our oceans is not the responsibility only of our governments and marine scientists -- each one of us can do our Environment share to protect our rich marine

heritage," said ACB Executive Director and the environment department's former biodiversity chief Dr. Theresa Mundita Lim.

Properly disposing of waste and using reusable materials and products are among ways people can do to help prevent more plastic waste from reaching and polluting oceans, she noted.

"By working together, we can protect our shared oceans," she said.

Lim made the call noting that land-based activities and waste -- particularly plastics -- already account for over 80 percent of marine pollution. (PNA)

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and muscle pain, fatigue, vomiting, and skin rashes which appear two to five days after the onset of fever.

"If you experience these symptoms, kindly go to the nearest hospital for proper medical treatment," Bacolod said.

He said residents should be more careful because these are known to increase during the rainy season when stagnant water becomes the breeding sites for the dengue-carrying mosquitoes.

Bacolod said den-

gue could be fatal when unattended, as mosquito bites could transmit the infection, which triggers a severe flulike illness often followed by a severe drop in a patient's blood platelet count. source:(PNA)

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BDO UNIBANK, INC.,

Mortgagee,

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-069-19

-versus-

SPS. RODOLFO M. ECHEVARRIA AND ANNALIE S. ECHEVARRIA, $_{\rm Mortgagor/s},$

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135 as Amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, BDO UNIBANK, INC., with business address at BDO Corporate Center, 7899 Makati Avenue, Makati City, against the Mortgagor/s, ANNALIE S. ECHEVARRIA signing for herself and as Atty-in-Fact of RODOLFO M. ECHEVARRIA, with residence and postal address at Blk. 5, Lot 32, Ph-12, Kensington, Brgy. Navarro, Gen. Trias, Cavite and Blk. 8, Lot 3 Jasmin St., Pembo 1218, Makati City, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of February 1, 2019 amounts to ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY ONE PESOS AND 46/100 (P1,370,881.46), Philippine Currency, including interest, penalties and other charges as of said date but exclusive of all other expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on August 20, 2019 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2016020316

Lot No. 32 Block: 5 Plan No. Psd-04-227769 **Portion of:** Block 10, Pcs-04-027725, Decreed No. 4270, LRC Rec. No. 5964 **Location:** Barangay of Navarro, Municipality of Gen. Trias, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon **Boundaries:**

4-1 NW Lot 30, Block 5, Psd-04	2-3	SE	Lot 34, Block 5, Psd-04-227	769
	3-4 4 1	SW	Road Lot 7, Psd-04-227769	760
Area: SIXTY FIVE SQUARE METERS (65), more or les		1111	Lot 30, Block 5, Psd-04-227' ETERS (65) more or less	769

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 said date and time, it shall

be held on August 27, 2019 without further notice.

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

Trece Martires City, July 01, 2019

LUCIO C. ALEJO III Sheriff IV

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CWC: July 3,10 and 17,2019

BANGKO MABUHAY (A RURAL BANK), INC.

Mortgagee,

-versus-

SHERRIL D. BAÑAS,

Mortgagor/s,

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Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135 as Amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, BANGKO MABUHAY (A RURAL BANK), INC., with principal office address at A. Soriano Highway, Daang Amaya III, Tanza, Cavite, against the Mortgagor/s, SHERRIL D. BAÑAS, with residence and postal address at Blk. 55, Lot 21, Villa Villagio, Buenavista 1, Gen. Trias, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of February 27, 2019 amounts to SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTEEN PESOS AND 43/100 (P738,213.43), Philippine Currency, including/excluding interest, penalties, attorney's fee, miscellaneous fees and all legal fees as specified and provided for in the promisory note, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on August 20, 2019 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the main entrance of the Government Center Building, Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

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HIV-AIDS AWARENESS CAMPAIGN



To raise awareness and educate the young generation about Human Immunodeficiency Virus - Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (HIV-AIDS), the Provincial Health Office conducted the first leg of the awareness campaign led by Ms. Haydelisa Maderazo, provincial HIV-AIDS coordinator in cooperation with Trece Martires City Health Office at Granby Colleges of Science and Technology in Naic, Cavite on July, 12, 2019. Other topics included in the campaign were Understanding Drug Use and Addiction and Tuberculosis Awareness discussed by TMCHO staff Anna Diomela Bragais and Baby Reden Erni, respectively. Almost 150 senior high school students of GCST participated attentively and asked questions regarding the topics during the lecture.

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Cavite town boosts clean-up ops, fumigation vs. dengue

Cavite -- Alarmed by reports about the surge of dengue cases in some areas, the local government here embarked on a massive cleanup in possible dengue-carrying mosquito breeding sites and fumigation over the weekend.

Mayor Jasmin Maligaya-Bautista has ordered the Rural Health Unit

pal Health Officer Dr. Jose Jemmel Bacolod, to address the situation in view of eight dengue cases that were reported.

"I am calling on all our constituents to be on alert due to the rising dengue cases in our locality. Let us clean our surrounding especially in possible breeding sites of dengue carrier mos-

MAGALLANES, (RHU), through its Munici- quitos, and avoid mosquito bites)," she said in Filipino during the flag-raising ceremony Monday.

> Bautista also directed the village chiefs of the 16 barangays, especially in Barangay Ramirez where the eight dengue cases were recorded, to coordinate with the municipal health office on ways to contain the situ

Bacolod also embarked on a massive information and education drive in the barangays for residents to be aware of the dengue symptoms.

health office also advised residents to never ignore symptoms like sudden high fever, severe headaches, pain behind the eyes, severe joint ...page 4

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JULY 31, 2019 (WEDNESDAY / 8:00 AM - 3:00PM)









FOR LOCAL EMPLOYMENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES

P20-M US grant boosts PH fight vs. plastic pollution

MANILA - The US government is helping the country battle marine debris.

On Thursday, the US government awarded local environment advocate, Mother Earth Foundation, and public interest network EcoWaste Coalition grants totaling some PHP20 million to support anti-marine debris projects the groups had committed to undertake in the work with the Philippines in finding and funding solutions to the plastic waste problem in our oceans," US Deputy Chief of Mission John Law said at the grantsigning event in Quezon City.

He raised the urgency for action, noting that plastics' invasion of marine waters is already harming ecosystems biodiversity aside from threatening people's health.

"Every year, eight million tons of plastic waste are dumped in the world's oceans," he said.

Such was up inside the bodies of people who eat fish that ingest this debris, he noted.

The grants are part of the Municipal Waste Recycling Program (MWRP) of USAID, the lead US government agency for international development and disaster assistance.

MWRP "supports solid waste management and water recycling efforts

by local and national governments, civil society organizations and academic institutions in the Philippines, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, and Vietnam," US Embassy in Manila said in its press re-

According to Mother Earth Foundation chairperson Sonia Mendoza, the group will use the said grant to transform the 30 barangay units in Batangas City into zero waste villages

"We'll do a houseto-house information and education campaign there to teach people how to achieve grant-signing's side.

Achieving zero waste will help mitigate the flow of debris -- particularly plastics -- into marine waters, she noted.

Zero waste is the concept of generating little or no waste.

Mendoza said the foundation will undertake its project during the next 18 ...page 6