

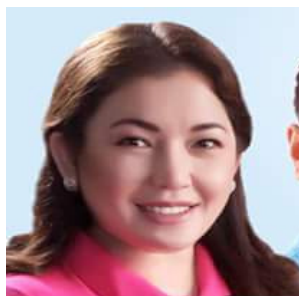
CAVITE TOWN BARES 10 DRUG-CLEARED VILLAGES



SILANG, Cavite -- Local police here presented on Monday the 10 drug-cleared villages to the local chief executive during a simple ceremony at the town plaza.

Maj. Resty Soriano, acting police chief of Silang Municipal Police Station, presented the drug-cleared barangays to Mayor Emilia Lourdes "Omil" Poblete and Ma. Normita Arceo, Municipal Local Government Operations Officer-Silang.

The 10 villages have met the requirements of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) in Barangay Drug Clearing Program



**Mayor Emilia
Lourdes "Omil"
Poblete**

of President Rodrigo R. Duterte.

The drug-cleared Villages are Barangays Poblacion 3, Poblacion 4, Tubuan 1,

Tubuan 3, Ulat, Carmen, Puting Kahoy, Lucsuhin, Balite 2, and Santol.

Each village chief of the 10 barangays received the certificate attested by PDEA that their areas are drug-free.

"We will do our best to add more on the list of drug-free barangay until all the villages here are drug-free," Soriano said.

There are 64 barangays in Silang, Cavite. (PNA)



DOH CALABARZON Regional Director Eduardo C. Janairo leads in the signing of the "Pledge of Commitment" to ensure the safety and security of tourists coming in the region during the First Health in Tourism Summit held at the Taal Vista Hotel, Tagaytay City, Cavite on April 26, 2019. Laguna Provincial Health Officer Dr. Rene P/ Bagamasbad and Philippine Coast Guard Commander Capt. Armando Balilio in watches in queue.

PCLEDO LEADS PATH TO ULTIMATE ENTREP SUCCESS

The Provincial Cooperative, Livelihood and Entrepreneurial Development Office headed by Atty. Khervy Reyes formally opened the BIZ iCRE-ATE-Cavite Responsible Entrepreneurs Aiming Toward Economic Sustainability program last April a progressive training designed to reach out to entrepreneurs and cultivate in them the proper mindset for ease of managing business. Around twenty qualified Caviteño entrepreneurs gathered at the PCLEDO Training Area in Trece Martires City, gaining knowledge on financial formula and understanding the business model – the learning areas covered on the first session from the series of activities lined up for

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Calabarzon soon an insurgency-free region, pres'l adviser says

CALABARZON- Presidential Adviser for Southern Tagalog, Secretary Dennis Hernandez, expressed optimism on Wednesday the Calabarzon region will soon become insurgency-free.

He said this in his remarks during Wednesday's closing rites of the Regional Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict

(RTF ELCAC) 4A's Indigenous People's Summit here.

Hernandez said Calabarzon is seen to eradicate the insurgency soon following the recent dismantling of the New People's Army (NPA) front operating in the provinces of Batangas and Cavite.

Hernandez said this development was

followed by the declaration of Cavite as the first province in the country with Stable Internal Peace and Security (SIPS).

"President Rodrigo Duterte is very serious in ending insurgency and the key to attaining this is convergence, something that we have been doing in Southern Tagalog," said Hernan-



**Secretary Dennis
Hernandez**

dez, who also serves as chair of the RTF ELCAC 4A.

Local peace talks and initiatives have contributed to the efforts

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Lakbay Aral of Provincial Advisory Committee

The Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC) thru the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office in coordination with the Department of Social Welfare and Development Office (DSWD) IV – A, held a Lakbay Aral to DSWD implemented programs and services in the localities of Magallanes and Alfonso, Cavite on April 24, 2019.

The objective of the activity is to provide learnings on the implementation of anti-poverty programs of DSWD to Pantawid beneficiaries in the abovementioned municipalities. Among the areas visited in Magallanes were the Kabulusan Community Store, with 24 members; San Sebastian Hog-Raising Project with 24 members; Baliwag Community Store with 25 members; Pacheco Water Refilling Station with 65 members and Bigasan sa Pacheco with 24 members. The team also visited the Angat Kababaihan ng Alfonso in Brgy. Taywanak Ilaya, Alfonso, Cavite with 46 members.

The said cluster is under the Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP) project of the DSWD. The tour was participated by almost 30 individuals from the different offices of the Provincial Government of Cavite, DepEd, DSWD IV-A and the LGUs of Magallanes and Alfonso.



Villar pushes use of inbred seeds to increase rice production

Sen. Cynthia Villar has pushed for the planting of inbred seeds to help farmers increase their production of rice.

During the graduation ceremonies for farmer leaders who completed the training program on farm mechanization and inbred seed production, Villar said compared to the more expensive hybrid seeds, the inbred seeds will help farmers produce more rice without costing much.

"Kaya gusto ko ito kasi iyong inbred seeds, pwedeng kayo ang magparami nito, hindi kailangang bilhin nyo lagi. Hindi kayo maghihintay sa gobyerno para mabigyan ng seeds dahil hindi naman kaya ng gobyerno na lahat ng magsasaka mabibigyan ng seeds," Villar said.

Thirty-two farmers coming from CALABARZON, Occidental Mindoro, Bicol Region and North Luzon, Central Luzon and Leyte completed the 5-day training program at the Villar Social Institute for Poverty Alleviation and Governance (Villar SI-

PAG) Farm School in Bacoor, Cavite.

Under the Rice Tariffication Law, a P10 billion program is created to enhance the productivity and competitiveness of Filipino farmers.

Villar said teaching Filipino farmers how to mechanize farm operation

will help reduce the labor cost of producing palay by as much as 25 percent. At present, farmers in Vietnam produce palay with a labor cost of 1.20 per kilo, while the Philippines has a labor cost of 4.60 per kilo.

"The use of inbred seeds will increase farmer's yield by as much



Sen. Cynthia Villar as 50 percent. This will also provide the opportunity for farmers to become seed growers engaged in

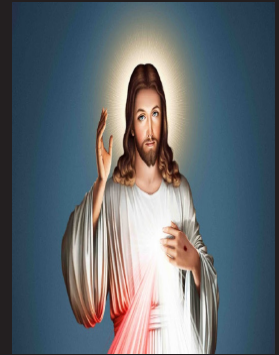
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Divine Mercy Reflection

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.

Job seekers swarm GenTri Job Fair 2019

GENERAL TRIAS CITY, Cavite - Hundreds of job seekers trooped on Thursday to the Robinson's Place activity center in Barangay Tejero here for a post-Labor Day Job Fair organized by the city government.

In an interview with PNA, GenTri Public Employment Service Office (PESO) head Ariel Mugol said the "My Ony and Only Job Fair" was organized to extend as much assistance as possible to those seeking domestic and overseas employment.

"Ang Job Fair na ito ay para sa mga kakabayan natin dito sa Lungsod ng GenTri, upang tayo po mabigyan ng mas magandang job opportunity sa mga nangangailangan ng trabaho dito sa bansa at sa abroad (this Job Fair is meant for our GenTri City constituents, to offer them more opportunities especially on those seeking for jobs here and abroad)," Mugol said.

He said around 35 local companies and

10 overseas agencies joined this year's job caravan, that targets residents not only of GenTri but also of nearby communities.

The job fair has also drawn the participation of government agencies like SSS, Phil Health, Philippine Statistical Agency (PSA) and Pag-Ibig Fund, ready to facilitate the documentary requirements of applicants.

According to Mugol, the PESO and the city government also conducted free livelihood and skills training program in cooperation with the local social welfare and development office.

GenTri PESO's job training program in

partnership with Job Start Philippines has enlisted the first batch of 100 enrollees for the 10-day training program which will commence on May 6 and culminate on May 20.

"The training aims to equip the participants with skills and technics on the preparation of formal resumé or curriculum vitae and the techniques on applying for a job," Mugol said.

The trainees will also receive a PHP 200 allowance as well as free meals. All graduates in the training program have been guaranteed employment by two companies based in this city. (PNA)

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to ensure an all-inclusive peace and development in the region, he said.

He said through the teamwork and convergence among government agencies, local government units and development stakeholders, poverty and insurgency in the region would be addressed.

Aside from Batangas and Cavite, included in the Calabarzon region are the provinces of Laguna, Rizal and Quezon.

During the summit, Undersecretary Reynaldo Mapagu of the Department of National Defense's Task Force Balik-Loob lauded "Team Southern Tagalog" for the activation of RTF ELCAC, implementation of the enhanced comprehensive local integration program, and addressing the needs and concerns of the IP community.

Organized by the Army's 202nd Infantry Brigade based here, the IP Summit has drawn the participation of local stakeholders, especially of at least 23 tribal chieftains of the Dumagat Indigenous Peoples (IPs).

Undersecretary Allen Capuyan, Presidential Adviser for IP Affairs, also lauded the regional task force's initiative to involve the IPs in the government's counterinsurgency program.

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trade," Villar said.

One of the trainees is 48-year-old Reynaldo Peja, chairman of a farmers' cooperative in Dapdap Alang-Alang, Leyte. He said the 5-hectare land he is tilling will produce 120 to 150 sacks of palay from the previous 90

sacks only because of the modern technology and practices he learned from the program.

Peja is expected to share his learnings to cooperative members and other farmers in his community when he returns to Leyte.

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them. Succeeding schedule of lecture and discussion will focus on entrepreneurial skills development and strategic business planning which will be held on 2nd and 28th of May 2019. Dr. Aldrin Antivola, Professor DLSU-Dasmariñas Graduate School of Business, who served as the guest speaker during the first session effectively shared his expertise on entrepreneurial mindsetting.

DOST-SEI hosts science, math international conference

To strengthen the country's science and math programs, the Department of Science and Technology-Science Education Institute (DOST-SEI) brings together educators and policy makers in the Philippines and the Asian region in the 1st DOST-SEI Project STAR International Conference.

The event, which will be held on August 7-9, 2019 at the Philippine International Convention Center in Pasay City, will feature esteemed educators Dr. Frederick Leung of the University of Hong Kong and Dr. Chun-yen Chang of the National Taiwan Normal University as guest speakers. The conference is free but interested participants are required to pre-register with

DOST-SEI.

Participants will discuss and share ideas on the current global state of science and mathematics education, exploring this year's theme, "Perspectives in Science and Mathematics Education: Building Connections, Sustaining Innovations and Sharing Pedagogies".

DOST-SEI Director, Dr. Josette Biyo, is optimistic that the conference will encourage more teachers to create and embrace innovative approaches in science and mathematics teaching. "We can only be confident that we're producing the scientists and engineers our country needs if we're helping our teachers develop their skills," Dr. Biyo said.

country's primary S&T human resources development agency, is more popularly known for its science scholarship programs but it also invests on youth science promotion, education innovations, and science and math teacher training and merit programs such as the Science Teacher Academy for the Regions or Project STAR.

The conference is aligned with Project STAR's goal of capacitating and empowering the Filipino teacher by exposing them to new perspectives, technologies, and innovations. It will also serve as venue for a paper presentation on the following themes: instructional materials; teaching innovations; assessment; and action research. DOST-SEI is inviting all interested individuals to submit their extended abstract until May 17, 2019.

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The project has five (5) structural packages covering upper and lower San Juan Diversion Channel and Maalimango Diversion 1, bridge of diversion road, diversion weir under Package 1; Rio Grande River and Ylang-Ylang River improvement under Package 2 and 3 respectively; Maalimango Creek improvement, construction of Maalimango Diversion 2, and sluice gates; and resettlement site development.

Non-structural measures of CIA-FRIMP will involve waterways cleanup, river area and flood control area management, enactment of ordinance for on-site flood regulation pond, and development of flood forecasting and monitoring system for flood warning and evacuation.

Another ongoing flood-control project of UP-MO-FCMC in Cavite involves the construction of two (2) retarding basins in the cities of Bacoor and Imus. The P1.47-Billion project which started August 2016 is now 23 percent completed.

When completed, Imus Retarding Basin will have a 118-meter in length overflow dike, 1.3 kilometer of surrounding dike, 1.1 kilometer of separating dike, standing an average of three (3) meters in height. DPWH will be excavating approximately 2 million cubic meters of soil to unearth seven (7) meters in depth in the a 35-hectare land area.

For Bacoor Retarding Basin, DPWH will excavate 250,000 cubic meters of soil to dig the seven (7) meters in depth within a 9.2 hectares of land and construct 30 meters of overflow dike, 1.06 kilometer of surrounding dike, and 590 meters of separating dike, standing an average of 1 meter.

Guidelines for submission of extended abstract, conference brochure, and tentative program are posted on www.sei.dost.gov.ph.

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treatment including basic life support service. "Awareness and preparedness are the key in saving lives".

"Through the Hit Program, we will position CALABARZON as one of the safest leading tourist destinations in the country where everyone can enjoy their vacation safely and securely," he emphasized.

During the summit, a Pledge of Commitment to safeguard the health and safety of tourists including the environment was signed by various resort owners and hotel managers of the five provinces who attended the summit led by DOH Regional Director Eduardo C. Janairo, DOT OIC-Regional Director Marites T. Castro and Philippine Coast Guard Capt. Armando Balilio.

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DOH HOLDS HEALTH IN TOURISM SUMMIT FOR CALABARZON

DOH-CALABARZON (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, Quezon) yesterday held the first “Health in Tourism (HiT) Summit” with the objective of making the region a safe and healthy tourism destination by providing health regulations and enforcing safety standards among Tourism Related Establishments (TREs) by providing the appropriate trainings, orientations sand advocacy activities related to health and safety in tourism.

“We need to ensure that general standards of health, safety and hygiene in all hotels, resorts and leisure parks must be enforced and implemented accordingly for the safety of both foreign and local tourists,” Regional Director Eduardo C. Janairo stated in his message during the summit held at the Taal Vista Hotel, Tagaytay City, Cavite on April 26, 2019.

“The “HiTProgram” is part of our goal “Towards CALABARZON Prime” - to generate awareness on tourism programs in collaboration with government agencies, local government

units, non-government organizations that will provide an efficient and effective health care delivery system that will cater to the health needs of TREs in the region,” he emphasized.

The objective of the program is to create and maintain a database of TREs in the region, assess the establishments according to the set of health and safety standards, provide technical assistance to TREs and advocate to local chief executives for the implementation of existing laws related to the health and safety of tourists in the country.

According to Ja-

nairo, the HiT program will also include vermin control and disinfection, health service provider networks, ensure the availability of medical clinics and medical emergency responders, putting up of health signages in hazardous parts and areas, provision of safety buoys and lifeguard tower/post. “All these components will be put in place through collaboration with LGUs, other government agencies and stakeholders including the provision of water testing facilities both for drinking and recreational water facilities, garbage and sewerage disposal program, emergency response training, paramedics, ambulance driving and lifeguards.”

In its initial stage, the DOH-CALABARZON HiT Program has already conducted two batches of Lifeguard Qualification Training and successfully trained a total of 70 lifeguards from

various resorts of the provinces.

Janairo assured that the regional office together with the Department of Tourism and Philippine Coast Guard will continue to conduct more trainings until all accredited TREs will have at least one trained lifeguard to immediately address any emergency situation and provide first aid

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Multi-billion-peso flood control projects underway for Caviteños

The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Unified Project Management Office now has two (2) ongoing mega flood-control projects costing approximately P8.87 Billion in the Province of Cavite.

In his report to DPWH Secretary Mark Villar, DPWH UP-MO-Flood Control Management Cluster Office Director Patrick Gatan said that the Cavite Industrial Area Flood Risk Management Project (CIA-FRIMP) costing JPY15.928 Billion or roughly P7.4 Billion recently commenced in the

eastern part of Cavite.

“The now on-going CIA-FRIMP will be implemented within nine (9) municipalities of Cavite namely: Kawit, Noveleta, Rosario, General Trias, Imus City,” said Director Gatan.

“We will be working along the 146.8 kilometers of the province’s San Juan River Basin and the 4.7 kilometers of Maalimango Drainage Area. Imus City, Noveleta, Rosario, Kawit, and General Trias will be the major beneficiaries of these main components,” said Director Gatan.

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