



## SAVE MANILA BAY

MANILA – Cavite Rep. Elpidio Barzaga on Monday said having dual citizenship means having dual loyalties and allegiances, which could pose threats to national interest and security.

During the House hearing on media giant ABS-CBN's franchise issue, Barzaga cited a constitutional provision stating that "dual allegiance of citizens is inimical to the national interest and shall be dealt with by

law".

He was referring to the dual citizenship of ABS-CBN chairman emeritus Eugenio "Gabby" Lopez III that has been one of the major issues surrounding the network's franchise application.

"Pag ikaw ay dual citizen meron kang dual allegiance. Ang katapatan mo ay sa dalawang bansa. Katulad ni Mr. Lopez, ang katapatan niya ay sa bansang Pilipinas at sa bansang America (If you are a dual citizen, you have dual allegiance. Your loyalty lies with two countries. Just like Mr. Lopez, his loyalty both lies with the Philippines and America)," Barzaga said.



CAVITE REP. PIDI BARZAGA

He further cited then Constitutional Commissioner Blas Ople, who said: "in dual allegiance, there can be malice or an insidious threat to our sovereignty and security".

Barzaga stressed that every citizen has a duty of loyalty to only one country.

"Obligasyon ng bawat mamayan na kinakailangan na isa lamang ang kanyang katapatan sa isang

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## DOST LAUNCHES SATELLITE MONITORING PROGRAM ON MANILA BAY

MANILA -- The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) officially launched on Friday the "IM4ManilaBay" (Integrated Mapping, Monitoring, Modelling, and Management System for Manila Bay and Linked Environments) program, which aims to help decision-makers in crafting policies in the rehabilitation of Manila Bay.

In an online interview with the Philippine News Agency (PNA), Executive Director Enrico Paringit, of DOST's Philippine

Council for Industry, Energy and Emerging Technology Research and Development (PCIEERD), said the program already started last March 15 and would run for about two years.

"(Under this program), the water quality parameters related to domestic and industrial pollution will be monitored through satellite images. So we can have an indication of the effectiveness of interventions through this monitoring tool," he said.

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# DUAL CITIZENSHIP MEANS DOUBLE ALLEGIANCE- REP. BARZAGA



Employees and construction personnel undergoing COVID-19 Rapid Anti-Body Diagnostic Testing



Blessing and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the City of Imus Molecular Laboratory (Covid-19 Testing Facility) with Director Eduardo C. Janairo of CALABARZON Center for Health Development held at Ospital ng Imus, Malagasang I-G last June 5.

## MPT-South resumes operations and major infrastructure projects

BACOOR CITY, Cavite (PIA) -- Metro Pacific Tollways South Management Corporation (MPT South) recently resumed its office-based work and construction-related activities for its major infrastructure projects namely, Cavite Ex-

pressway (CAVITEX) and Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX) due to the transition of the NCR and the neighboring provinces to the General Community Quarantine.

The construction of these projects was

suspended when the COVID-19 pandemic hit the country causing adjustments for construction protocols.

Upon issuance of Department Order No. 35 S. 2020 by the Department of Public Works and High-

ways (DPWH) or the "Construction Safety Guidelines for the Implementation of all DPWH Infrastructure Projects during the COVID-19 Public Health Crisis" as approved by the Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging

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# PNP's free ride project transports 11.5K commuters in NCR

MANILA – The Philippine National Police's (PNP) "Libreng Sakay" has so far transported 11,480 stranded workers and commuters since public transportation in Metro Manila was suspended due to the enhanced community quarantine.

PNP chief Gen. Archie Gamboa directed the Directorate for Police Community Relations (DPCR) and the Police Community Affairs and Development Group (PCADG) to continue the project which is now on

its ninth week of operations following the region's shift to a general community quarantine.

"Aside from this Libreng Sakay project in the major highways along Edsa, we also launched Free Ride Project in communities and barangays using police vehicles to provide a free ride to elderly and pregnant women, nursing mothers, and women with small children," Gamboa said in a statement Sunday.

In the latest report from the Operations

Management Division of PCADG, a daily average of 300 to 400 commuters were transported by PNP trucks and vehicles from March 19 to June 7.

The PNP Libreng Sakay Project is now traversing 10 major routes using 12 buses and troop carriers to and from the following pick up and drop off points within Metro Manila and nearby areas:

Central Terminal (Manila City Hall to Quezon Avenue MRT 3 and vice versa

Camp Crame to Tungko in San Jose Del Monte City (via Commonwealth and vice versa)

Camp Crame to Rodriguez, Rizal (Montalban) via Litex and vice versa

Camp Crame to Taytay, Rizal (via Ortigas and vice versa)

Camp Crame to Meycauayan City, Bulacan (via Mc Arthur Highway and vice versa)

Camp Crame to Antipolo City and vice versa

Pasay City to Monumento (Edsa) North Bound and vice versa

Monumento to Pasay City Taft (Edsa) South Bound and vice versa

Camp Crame to Zapote Bacoar, Cavite and vice versa, and

Camp Crame to Novaliches, Quezon City and vice versa

The free ride is operational daily from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Inquiries on the free ride may be coursed through the PNP Helpline 16677.

"It is our desire to ferry more people but we give premium to the health and safety of the public availing of these services. We hope for the understanding of everyone," DPCR head Maj. Gen. Dionardo Carlos said.

Carlos said the effort is being replicated by the regional police offices in coordination with local government units and other government agencies.

He said police personnel were instructed to

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## DOT welcomes PH 'rising stars in travel' citation by Forbes.com

MANILA – The Department of Tourism (DOT) has welcomed the latest tourism-related distinction received by the country, having been recently named as one of the "Rising Stars in Travel" by Forbes.com, the website of the American business and financial news publication.

In a recently published article by travel writer Jared Ranahan, the Philippines was named among seven countries that "have the potential to become major tourist destinations in a post-Covid world."

Ranahan's list also included Ethiopia, Iran, Myanmar, Georgia, Slovenia, and Tunisia. Prefacing his article, Ranahan said these countries all possess the qualities needed to become world-class destinations, as they have "pristine natural beauty, historic ruins, and fascinating cultural experiences can be encountered in abundance."

"We are pleased to have received this bit of good news, especially after our industry had been hit hard by the global health pandemic," Tourism Secretary Bernadette Romulo-Puyat said in a news release issued Friday night.

"International recognition, especially by a well-respected publication like Forbes, in this post-Covid-19 world will go a long way in helping the Philippine tourism industry get back on its feet," she said.

In naming the qualities that can boost the Philippines' standing in the international tourism market, the article recognized the variety of travel experiences that visitors can enjoy across our islands, "this massive archipelago has something to offer for even the most finicky of tourists," began the portion on the Philippines.

It praised the exciting mainstream cultural scene of Metro Manila, and also put the spotlight on popular beach destinations, such as Palawan and Boracay.

To entice environmentally conscious travelers, the article also praised the rich diversity of the country's flora and fauna.

"With the public's health and safety in mind, we are preparing our tourism sites in areas now under the modified general community quarantine for their gradual reopening for domestic tourism," Puyat added. (PR)

## General Trias, Cavite



Noong Biyernes ay namahagi ng tulong ang Pamahalaang Lungsod ng General Trias sa mga residente ng Barangay Pasong Camachile II (Proper at subdivisions). Magpapatuloy po ang pamimigay ng relief goods bukas sa Mary Cris Complex at ilan pang lugar sa nasabing barangay. (Photos Courtesy of BPLO/LEIPO, Tourism Office, Youth Affairs, Community Affairs, Sports Center Admin, and Mr. Ronald Cayetano)





## ATICalabarzon

BY: Janine L. Cailo

Some of us have now shifted to general community quarantine, but observing COVID-19 related protocols is still a must.

For those who are still staying at home and those who wish to learn more about agriculture after their jobs, ATI IV-A

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### EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF BANK ACCOUNT

Notice is hereby given that the estate left by the deceased **MAXIMIANO NATIVIDAD GOZO**, consisting of a savings accounts with RCBC Savings Bank, Gen. Trias, Cavite Branch, under SA No. 1030-00094-0 and a Time Deposit with RCBC Savings Bank, Gen. Trias, Cavite Branch with Account No. 0000009005839640, has been the subject of an Extra-Judicial Settlement by and among the heirs of the deceased as per Doc. No. 436, Page No. 89, Book No. III, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Marcus A. Sinson.

Sgd. By all the heir

CWC: June 10, 17 & 24, 2020

### EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate left by the deceased **NELIA L. PANGANIBAN**, consisting of a parcel of land covered by TCT No. T-1132067, situated at BRGY. MANGGAHAN-BIKLATAN, GEN. TRIAS, CAVITE, has been the subject of an Extra-Judicial Settlement with Sale by and among the heirs of the deceased as per Doc. No. 27, Page No. 6, Book No. II, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Sweetleen R. Bercasio.

Sgd. By all the heir

CWC: May 27, June 3 & 10, 2020

**ADVISORY:** In celebration of the 122th anniversary of our nation's Freedom Day, we will have Facebook Live on FRIDAY, June 12, 2020, 8:00 AM as official coverage for #Kalayaan2020.

All Bacooreño are invited to watch in their homes and let's commemorate the heroism of Filipinos from then to now.

Heading to the Malaya Nation, Solidarity and Safe! Together, help fight Covid-19! We HEAL as ONE!

## DOH DELIVERS BENEFITS TO COVID-AFFLICTED HEALTHCARE WORKERS



Following the directive of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte to immediately release the compensation to the bereaved families and recovered healthcare workers by June 9th, the Department of Health (DOH) reported that all checks for 32 qualified beneficiaries of the one-million peso benefit have been issued, and 30 checks have been received by their families.

The DOH is also coordinating with the heirs of two fallen

health care workers who are based abroad, in the United Kingdom and the United States of America, for the transfer of the government assistance.

The Department also clarified that there were two healthcare workers that have been found ineligible based on the current implementing guidelines (DOH-DBM-DOLE Joint Administrative Order No. 2020-001), hence, their claimants have been delisted from the list of beneficiaries. The ineligibility was brought on by issues in the diagnoses specified in the death certificates.

In its accomplishment report, the DOH said that all 19 checks for the compensation of HCWs who contracted severe COVID-19 has also been distributed.

"These frontliners made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. We will honor their bravery by continuing their fight and ensuring that they will not

have died for nothing. No amount will ever be enough to repay them for their significant contribution to the fight against COVID-19, but through this token of gratitude we hope the families they left behind are supported and taken care of," Health Secretary Francisco Duque III, in a statement said.

The distribution of the compensation benefits was facilitated by the Malasakit Program Office, under the Administration and Financial Management Team, and the Centers for Health Development through the Field Implementation and Coordination Team.

Pursuant to the Bayanihan to Heal As One Act, public and private healthcare workers who contract severe COVID-19 infection while in the line of duty are entitled to a P100,000 compensation, and one million pesos (P1,000,000) to the family of any health worker who may die while fighting the COVID-19 pandemic. (DOH/PIA-NCR)



In line with the implementation of General Community Quarantine due to COVID 19 Pandemic on June 9, 2020 at about 5:50 o'clock in the morning, Under the direct supervision of PMAJ JUAN P ORUGA JR, ACOP, elements of this station led by PLT MARISSA RABANAL conducted inspection at quarantine control point located at Brgy. Dapdap West, Tagaytay City. Topic discussed were reiteration of Tamang bihis, guidelines of IATF regarding GCQ, and other issues and concerns.

### EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate left by the deceased **RICHARD CAJILIG COCHING**, consisting of two (2) parcels of land described as follows: 1. a parcel covered by Tax Dec. No. 02-0012-00933, situated at Bo, Poblacion, Amadeo, Cavite and 2. a parcel of land covered by TCT No. T-1356003, situated at Malagasang II-G, Imus, Cavite, registered under the name of the developer, Homemark, Inc., has been the subject of an Extra-Judicial Settlement by and among the heirs of the deceased as per Doc. No. 104, Page No. 22, Book No. LXIX, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Marvyn L. Maristela

Sgd. By all the heir

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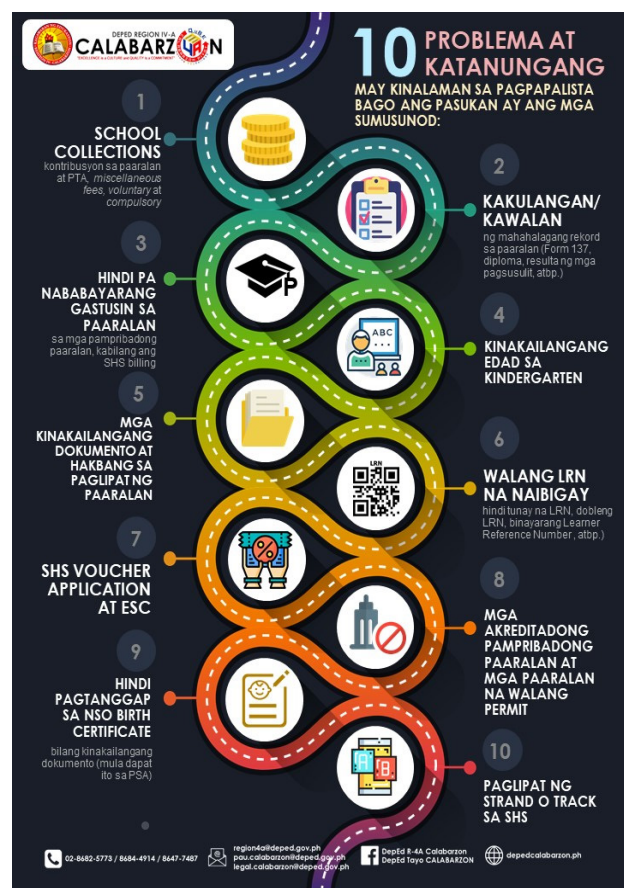
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# Meralco Bacoor Business at Customer Center schedule and concerns

Ang Meralco Bacoor Business Center sa Aguinaldo Hi-way, Panapaan 6 ay bukas mula 8:00 am hanggang 3:00pm upang tumanggap ng payments, applications, billing and other concerns. Ang kanilang Customer Center naman na nasa lower ground floor ng Bacoor Customer Center ay bukas mula 8:00am hanggang 5:00pm

(concerns and applications only, no payments) Maaaring tumawag sa kanilang Customer Hotline 16211 or magsend ng message sa kanilang Facebook or Twitter Account. I-follow ang kanilang social media accounts at bisitahin ang Meralco website para sa kanilang mga updates.

For your questions

regarding your Meralco bill, Meralco bill can read the following explanation regarding bills affected by #ECQ and #MECQ.

Meralco Bacoor Business Center in Aguinaldo Hi-way, Panapaan 6 is open from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm to receive payments, applications, billing and other concerns. Their Customer Center on the lower

ground floor of Bacoor Customer Center is open from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm (concerns and applications only, no payments) Can also call their Customer Hotline 16211 or send a message to their Facebook or Twitter account. Follow their social media accounts and visit the Meralco website for their updates.

## Surprise operation of the City Inspection Compliance Unit (CICU) at PNP-Bacoor



The City Inspection Compliance Unit (CICU) and PNP-Bacoor launched a surprise operation in two barangays beach and Digman to have an inspection of operating computer shops and letting the kids play.

The pools and hidden basketball courts were also scolded by which found young men without wearing masks, without social distancing and betting.

Under GCQ computer gaming, gambling and contact sports are strictly prohibited like basketball. That's why with the Brgy Captains of the said place, these shops were closed and told that the young people playing here are good.

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In the said media briefing, the Secretary of Education also reiterated the President's support to DepEd in implementing blended learning at this time of COVID-19. She said that the President even said that he will give additional funds for the program if needed.

Blended learning, according to the Education chief is a combination of varied approaches to teaching and learning, and will be adjusted based on the situation and/or needs of the school and the students.

On the issue of possible problems with the lack of laptops, desktop computers or gadgets to be used with distance learning and teaching, Secretary Briones said that they conducted a survey on teacher readiness and it showed that some 687,000 teachers of the 788,000 respondents said that they do have computers or laptops at home.

While for students, the Education Secretary said that part of the online registration form asked students if they have computers, lap-

tops or gadgets, even television or radio that they can use, or if they have none at all. She said that the result of this survey will determine how the teachers will adjust their teaching modality for the students.

They are encouraging private partners to support the need for gadgets to be used in learning, instead of the usual school supplies that they donate or give to students at the start of a school year.

Basic education enrollment, which was fully done online, has started on June 1 and as of June 8, DepEd reported that there are now some 6.4 million students registered. Meanwhile, a second registration or enrollment schedule is set on the second week of June for those who have interconnectivity problems, said Secretary Briones.

In the same media briefing, Secretary Roque introduced the newly appointed Undersecretary of the Department of Health (DOH) Dr. Leopoldo "Bong" Vega, Medical Chief of Southern

Philippines Medical Center (SPMC), who is credited for establishing a heart institute in SPMC.

"Nandoon po ako sa Davao nang sinabi Presidente na itatalaga niya kayo (Usec Vega) bilang undersecretary ng Department of Health," said Secretary Roque adding that President Duterte commended the incoming DOH official for transforming and expanding SPMC.

On the President's mandate to him as DOH Undersecretary, Dr. Vega said that he was tapped to ensure that the services and commitments of the DOH are fulfilled. He added that his priorities would be to ensure proper coordination with other agencies and harmonize with the Inter-Agency Task Force for Emerging Infectious Diseases in responding to the needs of the public with regards to the COVID-19 situation. ### OPS-PCOO

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that, "Despite the differences in the mode of TB and COVID-19 transmission, there are certain measures relevant to both diseases."

He added that, "Usual precautions to protect healthcare workers from TB must continue along with additional actions to protect them from COVID-19."

During the program, the USAID'd TB Platforms' team enthusiastically shared the recent studies for TB and COVID-19 as well as the common IPC measures applicable during this pandemic.

Also, clarifications on the importance of the use of N95 masks at work and in public places and on recent guidelines detailing how to protect healthcare workers from COVID-19 while they are literally exposed to those who are asymptomatic of the virus were given light on.

Similarly, PHC ICC team led by Ms. Karen Isip shared how the management provides personal protective equipment (PPEs) to their frontliners, and explained the latest COVID-19 cases and updates to their employees using their institutional accounts and official media platforms. They also include the practice of regular debriefing as needed.

With the wide range of challenges that the hospital staff are facing and the high risk for the COVID infection they assume every time they on duty, Dr. Abanilla stressed that educating them with the IPC measures give them hope that prevention is still better than the cure.

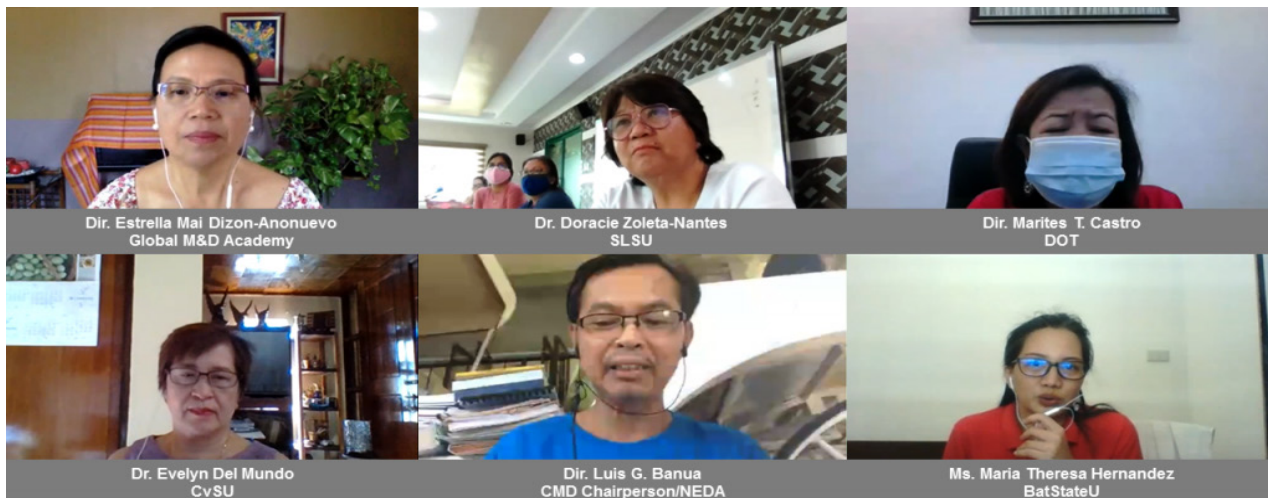
USAID's TB Platforms Project's recent activities in partnership with the Philippine Information Agency aside from last month's province-wide

seminar on IPC in the province of Cavite and Tarlac, they also joined PIA-Calabarzon on their radio program 'PIA Ngayon' hosted by PIA-Information Officer IV Mr. Carlo Gonzaga, and will be working with PIA and the Photojournalists' Center of the Philippines (PCP) in documenting continuous provision of TB services amid the COVID-19 in all its demonstration sites.

Likewise, Ms. Diwata de Castro-Paredes, the projects' Social and Behavior Change Communication Specialist is also working with public and private radio stations for localized regional discussions on IPC measures on TB and COVID-19, sharing of strengthened local health governance initiatives, promotion of health applications being used to promote continuous TB treatment amid the pandemic. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite with report from USAID TB Platforms Project)



# CALABARZON Committee on Migration and Development Spearheads Development of Service Map for Repatriated Overseas Filipino Workers



2020 Second Quarter CMD Meeting conducted via video conference

The CALABARZON Committee on Migration and Development (CMD), through the Regional Task Force on Reintegration, led the preparation of a service map for repatriated overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) that were affected by the 2019 Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

The imposition of

restrictions in economic activities to curb the spread of the virus in many countries resulted to displacement and repatriation of OFWs. As of June 8, the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) Region IV-A assisted in sending a total of 1,028 stranded repatriated OFWs to their residences in CALABARZON. This is aside from the number of repatriated OFWs

transported to the Region by the Central Offices of OWWA and the Department of Transportation. As of May 22, the estimated number of repatriated OFWs in the country is over 28,000.

Recognizing the impact of COVID-19 in the livelihood of repatriated OFWs, a service map was developed to assist repatriated OFWs in adapting

to their current situation and provide opportunities for new source of income. The service map provides comprehensive information on reintegration services offered by the national government agencies, local government units and non-government organizations in the Region. The services range from available trainings, grants and loans.

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nic Affiliation in Print, Radio, Television Including Cable Television and other Forms of Broadcast Media to Refer to or Describe any Person Suspected or Convicted of a Crime or Unlawful Act and Providing Penalties Therefor," seeks to contribute and result in increased positive social space and understanding between and among Filipinos towards a culturally sensitive, fair, and lasting peace and development in the country.

"Marahil ay nakarinig na kayo ng mga balitang naglalaman ng mga ganitong pagturing - "Muslim na terorista", "mandurukot na Mangyan", "Tausug na pirata." Ang mga ganitong pagbabalita sa media ay hindi nakakatulong sa pagpapalaganap ng national healing at national unity. Ang mga ganitong negative tagging at diskriminasyon ang nais nating iwasan sa ilalim ng isinusulong nating panukalang batas. Isulong natin ang mga batas at polisiya na nagtataguyod ng pagkakaisa, at hindi ng pagkakawatak-watak. Bigyang prayoridad natin ang mga panukalang magtatanim ng binhi ng pagkakabuklod-buklod, at hindi ng pagsasarili o pagpapalawig ng hidwaan," Revilla said.

Bong Revilla first filed this measure in 2004 during the 13th Congress. Under then Senate Bill 1215, he proposed the prohibition on the use of the word "Muslim" or "Islamic" in mass media to describe crime suspects or convicts as "the practice is highly prejudicial and extremely injurious to the Islamic religious culture, Muslim individuals and their collective image, and the Muslim's social well-being as respectable citizens of the country."

Unfortunately, the bill did not progress in the legislative mill. He re-filed the same during the 14th Congress in 2007, during the 15th Congress in 2010, and during the 16th Congress in 2013.

"Batid natin ang mga nangyayaring protesta sa iba't ibang pang ng mundo ngayon bilang pag-kondena sa racial discrimination at police brutality. Sa panukalang ito, sinisiguro nating napapangalagaan ang karapatang-pantao ng lahat, kahit pa mga suspek o convicts ang mga ito. We wish to abolish religiously and culturally-biased practices in our society," he added, noting that the Philippines is a state party both to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

The National Press Club (NPC) and the Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster sa Pilipinas (KBP), the major umbrella groups covering our media practitioners, together with the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB) and the Commission on Human Rights (CHR), along with other stakeholders conveyed their support for Revilla's bill.

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bansa at sa ating mga Filipino citizens ang ating katapatan ay dapat lamang sa bansang Pilipinas at hindi dapat sa ibang bansa (It is the obligation of every citizen to show loyalty to only one country and Filipino citizens owe their allegiance to the Philippines and to not any other country)," he said.

He also reiterated Article 16, Section 11 of the 1987 Constitution requiring that ownership and management of mass media shall be limited to citizens of the Philippines,

or corporations, cooperatives or associations, wholly-owned and managed by these citizens.

He argued that 100 percent Filipino ownership is required in the operation of telecommunications and mass media because these involve national interest and security.

During the same hearing, Lopez said he has no allegiance with the United States despite his dual citizenship, maintaining that he is "100 percent Filipino". (PNA)

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Local government units would be able to access the data through a web platform. "That is where they could see (the data) because there would be an automated generation of maps on a periodic basis," Paringit said.

Other agencies such as the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Department of Public Works and Highways, Department of the Interior and Local Government, the Philippine Coast Guard, and the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority are DOST partners in data gathering, as well as information management and dissemination, according to Paringit.

Some universities are also partners in terms of the capacity building via training techniques, he added.

Paringit said the DOST has allotted PHP40.6 million for the first year of implementation of the IM4ManilaBay program.

"DOST supports the R&D (research and development) part in the Manila Bay rehabilitation efforts. Most of the efforts are focused on actual clean-up," he added.

In a virtual presser, DOST Secretary Fortunato dela Peña remarked that the IM4ManilaBay program's launch coincided with the World Environment Day.

"Manila Bay is one of the most important natural resources in the Philippines because of its historical, cultural, and economic value. We support (the rehabilitation of) our natural resources," he said. (PNA)

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and Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID), the work construction continued.

DPWH Secretary Mark Villar stated that, "With the relaxing of the community quarantine, we need to get the projects back on track, most especially the BBB (Build, Build, Build) projects which aims to spur and sustain economic growth by constructing infrastructure projects badly needed by the country. The guidelines set is to ensure the health and safety of everyone involved in the projects. Strict compliance is expected."

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implement safe physical distancing by reducing the load capacity of the vehicles to 50 percent.

Meanwhile, the number of police officers infected with the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) has reached 373.

Data from the PNP Health Service as of Sunday night showed 208 patients have recovered while the death toll has risen to five.

It is also monitoring 716 probable cases and 760 suspect cases. (PNA)

Resumption for the road widening construction for CAVITEX r-1 second phase of bridge works in Parañaque, Las Piñas, and Wawa are now at 55 percent completion. Construction personnel and allied services had been remobilized for the resumption of works in CALAX Subsections 4 and 5, and Cavite segment. ROW acquisitions for Cavite segment and Subsection 4 are still ongoing. Subsection 5, the continuation from Santa Rosa to Silang is at 96 percent ROW acquisition with siteworks at 57 percent, significantly.

Meanwhile, CAVITEX C5 Link Segment 3A2 and Segment 2 ROW acquisitions are at 81 percent progress. A letter of award has been issued to the qualified bidder while details of project execution are currently in the works.

"The guidelines of DPWH are specific to help stem the disease. The contractors must follow new protocols at the jobsite which changes the preparation and mobilization time of the projects. These adjustments have an effect on the timeline. We also give great consideration on the renewed focus by the government on BBB projects. We want to accelerate completion of projects - subject to DPWH and the Department of Health (DOH) guidelines," said MPT South President and General Manager Roberto V. Bontia.

Likewise, a large-scale testing for the company's employees and construction personnel was conducted with about 1,600 employees undergoing COVID-19 Rapid An-

ti-Body Diagnostic Testing.

Although mass testing is not required by the government for companies to resume operations, MPTS nevertheless initiated the testing to assure their employees are cleared of the COVID-19 and are healthy to make their customers, stakeholders and their families feel safe and secure during this pandemic.

Similarly, the management would ensure daily health monitoring protocols, provision of basic personal protective equipment (PPEs), sanitation and disinfection of office spaces pursuant to the minimum public health standards in the work area.

"We continue as an organization to demonstrate patience, the spirit of collaboration and malasakit - these are elements which will indeed see us through the challenges of this health emergency situation," Bontia concluded. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite with report from Arlette V. Capistrano, Asst. Vice President, Communication and Stakeholder Management, MPTS)



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## Palace OKs DepEd's blended learning modality

The country's education chief assured on Monday, June 8, that blended learning is achievable as it has been around for years and is already being offered in some schools and universities, a fact that supports the Department of Education's (DepEd) stand that it is well prepared to implement alternative learning amid the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

DepEd Secretary Leonor Briones, who is the resource person at the press briefing of Presidential Spokesperson Secretary Harry Roque Jr., stressed that the education department is prepared to transition from face-to-face learning to blended learning.

Secretary Briones said that the distance learning and blended learning concepts have been around for decades so there should be no doubt as to the DepEd's preparedness to implement the said teaching and learning modalities.

"As a parent I am inspired and confident that our children can continue to learn during these times of crisis," said Secretary Roque, who gave his full support to DepEd's blended learning modality.

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## USAID, PHILIPPINE HEART CENTER COLLABORATE FOR 1ST HOSPITAL-WIDE WEBINAR

TRECE MARTIRES, Cavite(PIA) -- After conducting the 1st ever webinar participated in by Cavite's Local Chief Executives, the United States Agency for International Development's (USAID) TB Platforms Project led by Chief of Party, Dr. Marianne Calnan launched the 1st hospital-wide webinar for the Philippine Heart Center's (PHC) medical team, hospital nurses and administrative staff.

Dr. Abanilla, Executive Director of the PHC welcomed the participants that reached an

overwhelming number of around 800 employees, and highlighted that, "This partnership with USAID's TB Platforms Project is one of the initiatives that aims to promote health education and to protect our employees from TB and Covid-19."

Meanwhile, Dr. Hansel Ybanez, USAID's TB Platforms' Field Operations Manager for the National Capital Region (NCR) collaborated with PHC's Infection Control Committee (ICC) for the conduct of a special session to discuss the project's activities supporting the Department of

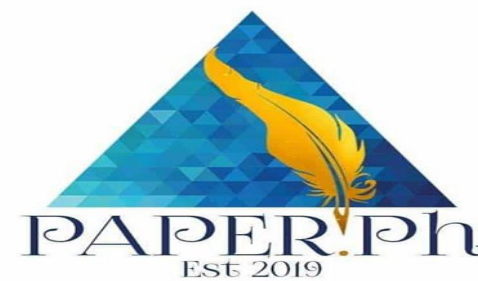
Health's TB response amid COVID-19.

On the other hand, the Infection Protection and Control (IPC) guidelines for healthcare workers and hospital staff were deliberated on by Dr. Christian Villacorte, the project's MDRTB and Patient Centered Care (PCC) Specialist.

"TB remains the world's top infectious disease but COVID-19 is highlighting how vulnerable people with TB could easily be infected," stated Villacorte and further stressed

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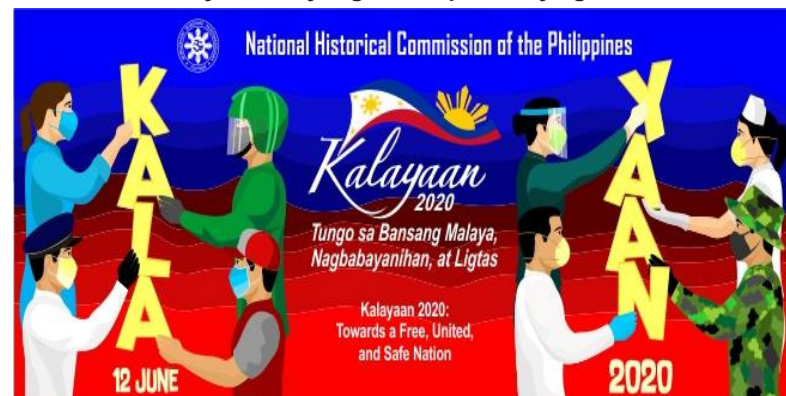
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## Sen. Revilla: Eliminating ethnic, regional, religious profiling on all forms of media will pave way for national unity

regional, cultural and ethnic affiliation serves as a move towards the protection and preservation of civil and political rights of every Filipino.

In his sponsorship

speech, the veteran legislator stated that his authored bill, S. No. 448, "An Act Prohibiting the Use of Words that would Denote Religious, Regional or Eth-

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