

DA to implement fuel discount program for farmers, fishers

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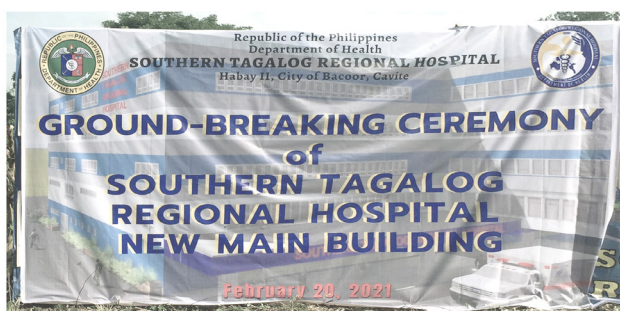
The Department of Agriculture (DA) is set to implement the "Fuel Discount for Farmers and Fisherfolk Program," as provided under the Special Provision No. 20 of the General Appropriations Act (GAA) for Fiscal Year 2022 or Republic Act (RA) 11639.

"We sincerely thank President Rodrigo Roa Duterte and the honorable
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In Calabarzon...

Bagong DOH Covid-19 'hospitainer' facility, binuksan sa Bacoor

The Department of Health (DOH) - CalaBaRZon (Cavite, Laguna, Rizal, Batangas, Quezon) and the City Government of Bacoor last Saturday (Jan. 22) led the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of a new building for the Southern Tagalog Regional Hospital located in Bacoor, Cavite.



According to Regional Director Eduardo C. Janairo, the new building will further provide new facilities that will increase health care services to its clients.

The 4-storey building with roof deck has a budget of P200M from the DOH Health Facility Enhancement Fund (HFEP).

HFEP is a government program that assists public health facilities in improving their facilities by providing them better equipment and infrastructure to be able to give quality health care service to the community.

Janairo also expressed gratitude for the
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STRHDepartment of Health -CALABARZON Regional Director Eduardo C. Janairo (in blue vest) and Bacoor City Mayor Lani Mercado-Revilla (in yellow blouse) leads the groundbreakin and ceremonial planting of the time capsule for the construction of a P200M new building for the Southern Tagalog Regional Hopspital in Bacoor City, Cavite on February 20, 2021. The new infrastructure will be funded under the DOH HFEP.





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SILANG: VACCINATION ROLLOUT UPDATE

Sa patuloy na pagtaas ng kaso ng COVID-19 sa ating bayan, patuloy po ang ating pagbabakuna sa mga bulnerableng sektor tulad ng ng mga driver, senior citizen, mga may comorbidity at iba pa.

Pinangunahan ng ResBAKUNA TEAM ng Silang kasama ang ating tanggapan sa operasyon nating mabakunahan na ang mga nakararaming Silangueño. Noong Jan 24, naisakatuparan natin ang pagbabakuna ng First Dose, Second Dose at Booster Shot sa CVSU Vaccination Center at AUP Vaccination Center.

Sa mga nagnanais magbabakuna, pumunta lamang sa ating itinalagang hub upang mapasama na kayo sa mga babakunahan. Kung ang lahat ng ito ay maisasakatuparan natin ng may sistema at pagtutungan, malalampasan natin ang pandemyang ito.



ATI Calabarzon Agricultural Training Institute/DA

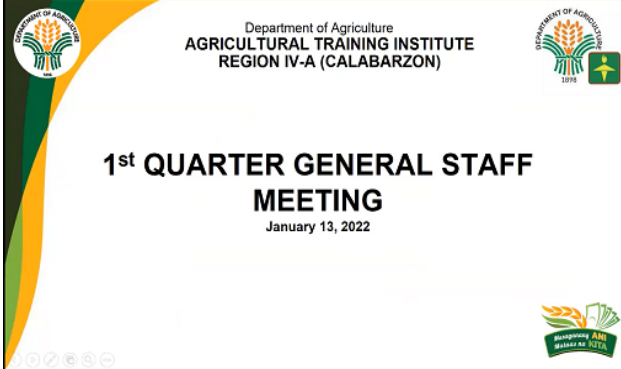
Mga Programa para sa 2022, Maayos na Naiplano

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite- “Success is more than luck: it’s about planning towards achieving it.” Kaya naman ang ATI CALABARZON ay patuloy na pinagbubuti ang pagpapalano para sa bawat taon, upang maseguro na maisasakatuparan ang mandatao at lahat ng Programs, Activities or Projects (PAPs) ng ahensya.

Ginanap noong Enero 13-14, 2022 ang dalawang araw na General Staff Meeting at Planning Workshop ng ATI CALABARZON. Sa unang araw ay idinaos ang pangkalahatang pagpupulong ng mga kawani kung saan nagkaroon ng bahagyang pagbabalik-tanaw sa mga kaganapan ng na-

karaan na taon. Pinag-usapan rin ang mga bagong itinalaga na Focal Persons ng bawat programa o proyekto. Gayundin, binigyang-diin ang mga COVID-19 minimum health at safety protocols upang mapanatiling ligtas na bawat kawani sa kabila ng patuloy na pagtaas ng bilang ng mga nagkakasakit. Tinalakay din sa pagpupulong ang mga detalye ng pagdiriwang para sa nalalapit na 35th Founding Anniversary ng tanggapan.

Sa mensahe ni Center Director, Marites Piamonte-Cosico, sinabi niya na, “Mahalagang makamit at maisagawa ang lahat ng targets ngayong taon, kaalinsabay ng pagpapanatiling ligtas ng mga nagsa-



sagawa at nakikiisa sa mga gawaing pang ekstensyon.”

Sa ikalawang araw naman ay isinagawa ang planning workshop ng mga kawaning pang tekniko. Dito ay hinimay ang lahat ng gawain sa ilalim ng bawat banner program. Tinalakay rin ang mga stratehiya upang ligtas na maisakatuparan ang mga ito. Binigyang pansin din ang mga tamang araw

ng pagsusumite ng mga ulat matapos maisagawa ang bawat gawain. Sa pagtatapos ng araw, binigyang diin ni Assistant Center Director, Dr. Rolando Maningas ang patuloy na pagtatrabaho ng may integridad at pagtutungan, upang kahalintulad ng mga nakaraan na taon, masiguradong maaabot ang mga targets para sa FY 2022.

Ulat ni: Abigail del Rosario

NEW CURFEW HOURS IN DASMARIÑAS

DASMARIÑAS - The city government has set new curfew hours starting Friday, January 21.

According to Mayor Jenny Austria-Barzaga, the local government will strictly enforce curfew hours from 10 pm to 4 am.

Under the new curfew hours, the appearance of women seven (7) to nine (9) months pregnant, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity and other health risks will be prohibited, unless



Mayor Jenny Austria-Barzaga there is a confirmed clinic appointment the hospital. Meanwhile, 24-hour operations of convenience stores and gas stations throughout the city continue.



Interzonal and intrazonal travel will also be allowed for individuals with due reasons, including complete documents introduced by the government. | via Mayor Jenny Austria-Barzaga

MMDA, DOTR launch mobile vaccination drive at PITX

MANILA – The Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), in partnership with the Department of Transportation (DOTr), formally launched the “We Vax as One: Mobile Vaccination Drive” at the Parañaque Integrated Terminal Exchange (PITX) on Monday to further ramp up the government’s vaccination efforts and inoculate unvaccinated residents as well as those who are due for booster shots.

During the event, MMDA Chairman Benhur Abalos said they are now identifying more lo-



Parañaque Integrated Terminal Exchange (PNA file photo)

cations in the National Capital Region in a bid to accommodate more people to get their Covid-19 vaccination doses and booster shots.

“The mobile vaccination drive at PITX is our pilot site and we plan

to expand this to more accessible sites as we go along,” Abalos said. “It is not enough to have two Covid-19 doses; it is important to get booster shots to be fully protected from the virus.”

The mobile vaccination drive, manned by a doctor and 20 nurses, will run for five days, starting Monday until January 28 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon with a target to inoculate 500 individuals per day, whether for first, second, or booster doses.

“We have been deploying our vaccinators not only in Metro Manila but in other places all over the country. We

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continuous support of the local government of Bacoor particularly 2nd District Representative Strike B. Revilla and City Mayor Lani Mercado-Revilla for their selfless commitment in the development and growth of STRH.

The groundbreaking ceremony coincided with the 2nd year Foundation Anniversary of STRH, which was established on February 20, 2019 by virtue of Republic Act 11233 signed by President Rodrigo R. Duterte.

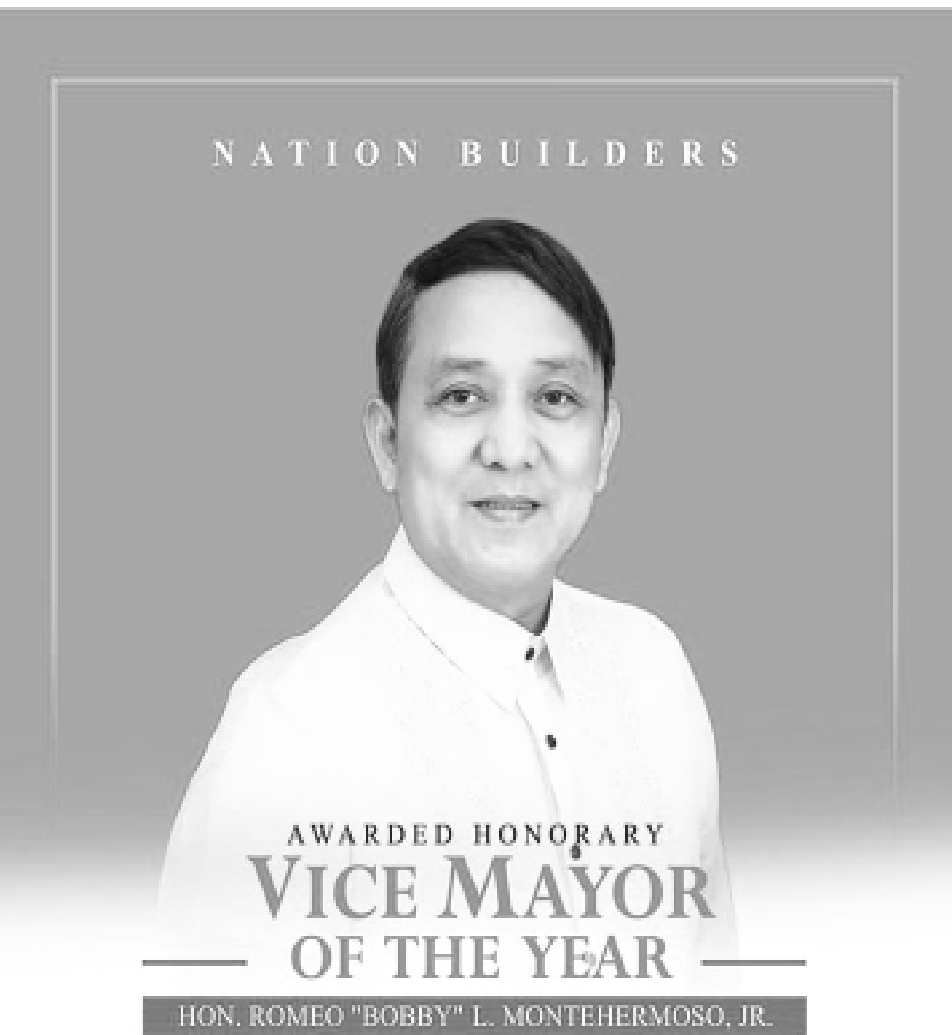
The Southern Tagalog Regional Hospital is one of the two apex hospital of DOH-CALABARZON. It was formerly known as the Bacoor District Hospital.

City of Trece Martires

In behalf of the City Government , Team Lubigan & Treceños, Congrats for the award Vice Mayor Bobby Montehermoso as the Honorary Vice Mayor of the Year. Action man at talagang maasahan. We are so proud of you. God bless and keep up the good work!



Mayor Gemma Buendia Lubigan



AWARDED HONORARY VICE MAYOR OF THE YEAR
HON. ROMEO "BOBBY" L. MONTEHERMOSO, JR.
TRECE MARTIRES CITY, CAVITE
As a first-former vice mayor, Vice Mayor Romeo "Bobby" L. Montehermoso Jr. – more known as VMOM, has already accomplished exemplary local services that surely benefited the city. Taking the responsibility of being the father of the whole city, he envisioned "Sa maayos na serbisyo, same-sama po tayo". Through which, as an officeholder, he directs not only the City Vice Mayor's Office but also serves as the Presiding Officer of the Sangguniang Pangkalo. Therefore, believing that the best services can only be served if local leaders are having great ties and relationships with each other.
In Nursing at Saint Jude College in 1990. After his graduation, he worked as a Staff Nurse at Hillcrest Medical and Surgical Clinic in Quezon City. In 1995, he developed his leadership skills when he became the President of Phil. Jaycees International in Trece Martires City Chapter.
During the same year, he became the Consultant of Sta. Lucia Realty Development Corp, and has been providing services in the same institution until the present. By the year 1999, he was also one of the Board of Directors of the Anti-drug and Justice for All campaign. Even in his younger age, VM Bobby had already set the goal that he should affect and inspire the lives of others. Being the smallest unit of the local government, he began serving at the Barangay Level. He became a Barangay Councilor from 1997 until 2001. He started exploring different services to the people in various ways.
The Vice Mayor Bobby is from Trece Martires City, and was born on September 03, 1968. He is one of the free off springs of Romeo and Anita Montehermoso. He was able to complete his primary and secondary education in one of the public schools in the city. He completed his Bachelor of Science

Pope Francis sends initial aid for typhoon relief efforts

PASIG CITY, (PIA) -- His Holiness, Pope Francis is sending initial aid to support the ongoing relief efforts to the victims of typhoon 'Odette' that struck the Philippines in December.

According to the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP), a statement said that 100,000 euros (P5.8 million) was going for the victims of typhoon "Odette" that killed more than 400 people and has affected around 7 million others.

The Dicastery for

Promoting Integral Human Development said the fund is an initial contribution for the worst-hit dioceses and would be administered through the apostolic nunciature in Manila.

The dicastery noted that it is intended to be "an immediate expression of the Holy Father's feeling of spiritual closeness and paternal encouragement towards the people and territories affected."

"This contribution, which accompanies

the prayer in support of the beloved Filipino population, is part of the aid that is being activated throughout the Catholic Church and that involves, in addition to various episcopal conferences, numerous charitable organizations," it added.

The Vatican said that the pope had also given the same amount in aid to migrants stranded at the border between Poland and Belarus.

It said that the funds would also help Caritas Poland, the country's biggest charita-

ble organization, "to deal with the migration emergency."

Meanwhile, as of January 12, the Philippine Catholic Church has already assisted more than 180,000 families which were hardly affected by the typhoon.

According to Caritas Philippines, this is worth more than P63 million of food packs, potable water, shelter materials, hygiene kits, and other essential emergency items. (CBCP/PIA-NCR)

CAVITE CURFEW

10:00 PM - 4:00 AM

AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING CURFEW HOURS IN THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE FROM 10:00 PM TO 4:00 AM. THE FOLLOWING DAY IN VIEW OF THE CONTINUOUSLY INCREASING NUMBER OF COVID-19 CASES IN THE PROVINCE.

- Provincial Government of Cavite

DAR Cavite goes high-tech in assessing level of development of ARCs and ARBOs

The Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) in the province of Cavite has conducted a series of information technology-enabled assessment system (IT-eASy) for agrarian reform communities (ARCs) and agrarian reform beneficiaries organizations (ARBOs), specifically in F. de Castro, General Mariano Alvarez and Pasong Kawayan II, General Trias, to level off their stages of development.

"There is a need to assess the level of organizational maturity of the ARCs and the ARBOs for the DAR to be aware of the basic and advance interventions that has been provided to these groups in terms of land tenure improvement, agrarian justice delivery and effective delivery of support services," DAR-Cavite Provincial Agrarian Reform Program Officer II James Arthur T. Dubongco said.

Dubongco noted that most of the agrarian development interven-

tions given to the farmers are passed on through the ARBOs and the ARCs since they are composed of farmers who are united in their goals to improve their agriculture and economic lives. Thus, he said they know more what to prioritize in terms of the requirements of the organization.

"Investment, in terms of programs, projects and interventions are focused in these ARCs and ARBOs," he said.

Dubongco said

the DAR Cavite started its IT assessment last Dec 2021 and as of January 2022, four (4) ARCs, seven (7) ARBOs and fifty (50) agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) has been assessed.

He disclosed that since 1993, DAR has adopted the development of ARCs as its main strategy to propel economic growth and rural development in the countryside. The strategy has identified five (5) levels of ARC development, starting of with level 1 as the

basic intervention and level 5 as the advanced stage of interventions provided by the DAR and other agencies.

Dubongco said the General Mariano Alvarez ARC alone is composed of three (3) ARBOs, the Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Association, Gen. Mariano Alvarez, Cavite (ARBAG-MAC), Brgy Kua Farmers, Owners, Workers Association (BKFOWA) and LUZVIMIN MPC.

Caesario Mullet, Chairman of Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Association, Gen. Mariano Alvarez, Cavite (ARBAG-MAC) said that due to the pandemic, the operation of their cooperative has been temporarily suspended and that they plan to borrow under the Agrarian Production Credit Program (APCP) to recuperate.

Dubongco said the DAR would intensify the provision of support services by creating more ARBOs nationwide and provide them with infra-

Covid-19 vaccination drive ng Cavite Police, muling umarangkada

TRECE MARTIRES | Patuloy na isinusulong ng Philippine National Police (PNP) ang Covid-19 vaccination program nito para sa kapulisan sa lalawigan ng Cavite.

Pinangunahan ni PNP Cavite Provincial Director, PCol. Arnold Abad, ang vaccination rollout para sa mga pulis sa buong lalawigan at kanilang mga kamag-anak noong Martes, Enero 18.

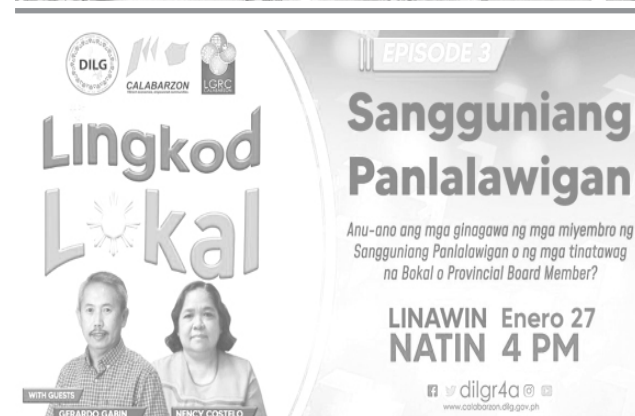
Ayon sa Cavite Police Public Information Office, binigyang prayoridad sa kanilang vaccination rollout ang pagtuturok ng booster shots gamit ang mga bakunang



Cavite PNP Provincial Dir. PCol. Arnold E. Abad (file photo)

gawa ng Pfizer.

Sa pamamagitan nito, masisiguro ng pambansang pulisya ang kaligtasan ng kanilang hanay habang ginagampanan ang kani-kanilang tungkulin sa gitna ng pandemya. | via Ruel Francisco, Pio Cavite PPO



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dinator for the successful completion of the project. Comfort rooms on the second and third floors are already in the process of installing the water line.

structures, farm machinery and equipment, farm inputs, credit assistance, and livelihood training, among other support services to ensure the ARBs' success.

ARCs are cluster of contiguous barangays within a municipality where majority of lands have been awarded to a critical mass of ARBs. Press release/(DAR)

Alfonso, Cavite

Animal Shelter facility to care for stray animals

Trece Martires, Cavite (PIA) – The Alfonso Municipal Government is set to establish an animal shelter facility to address the perennial problem on stray animals particularly dogs and cats spreading rabies in the locality.

Mayor Randy Salamat signified the importance of caring for the animals thru the facility instead of an impounding area to lock up stray dogs.

"Dogs have lives and whether they are street dogs or not, we need to take care of them so instead of building an impounding area as facility (for them), we are preparing for an animal shelter facility during the first quarter of 2022," said Mayor Salamat.

(Actually, it's "being solved". We have taken steps. There is an ordinance, Animal Control Officers' training, there is an animal cage for each barangay and there is a budget for this year.)

The local government for years had been taking steps in preparation for the program with the training of personnel of the Municipal Agriculture Office on Rabies Awareness, Animal Impounding and Management of Dog Pound for the Animal Control Officers of LGU on August 2019.

"Sa totoo lang ay 'sinosolusyunan' na naman po. May mga hakbang na tayong nagawa. May ordinansa, Animal Control Officers' training,



Alfonso Mayor Randy Salamat

may kulungan na para sa bawat barangay at may budget na para ngayong taon," said Mayor Salamat.

Subsequently, on March 27, 2021 the Municipal Ordinance no. 02-2021 or the Anti-Rabies Ordinance was passed and approved by the LGU which provided for the pertinent guidelines to protect human and animal inhabitants of the municipality from rabies infection pursuant to the Anti-Rabies Act of 2007.

Additional steps for the full implementation of this program are the skills enhancement of Animal Control Officers for the proper and safe handling of animals and the procurement of an Animal Control Vehicle. (Ruel Francisco with reports from Alfonso LGU)

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are passionate towards the goal of having everyone fully vaccinated and have booster shots," Abalos said. Abalos said it would be accessible for people when vaccination sites are set up at strategic locations.

"We will strategize; what is important here is for people to have their booster shots, that is our objective," Abalos said.

Towards this goal, DOTR Undersecretary for Administrative Service Artemio Tuazon Jr. said they are planning to set up vaccination centers at airports, seaports, train stations, exit points of expressways, among other areas, upon the directive of DOTR Secretary Arthur Tugade.

Meanwhile, Department of Health-National Capital Region Regional

Director Dr. Gloria J. Balboa, stressed the importance of getting Covid-19 booster shots.

She said opening more vaccination sites that can accommodate residents from other regions is a good move.

"This would help other local government units to reach their vaccination targets. The more we vaccinate people, the better," Balboa said. (PR)

Bar examinees can save...page 6

where it can be adequately proven that the examinee suffers from a physical disability that does not permit them to take the examinations through a computer," stated the latest bulletin that refined Bar Bulletin No. 18 issued in February last year.

Once done with the security and health check at the start of the exams on February 4 and 6, examinees may open their laptops to access their files for last-minute reviews.

Reviews of files are likewise allowed during lunch breaks, either at assigned areas or inside the exam room.

Examinees must close all reviewers and other related files 30 minutes before the bell rings at 7:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Unless authorized, examinees are prohibited from connecting to the Internet at all times. Social media use is similarly not allowed.

An Internet con-

nection can be accessed only inside the testing room upon the proctor's signal for downloading questionnaires and later on, for uploading answer files.

The Exemplify software is designed to prohibit examinees from viewing other files once the test proper has begun.

"Trying to access files during the test proper is a futile effort and a violation of the honor code," Bar Bulletin No. 35 read. "Attempting to connect to the Internet while inside the premises of the local testing center, other than to download the examination file and to submit the answer file, shall be considered cheating."

The policy against talking to fellow examinees stands while sharing files or even showing what's on the laptop screens are prohibited.

During the entire examinations and within the premises of the test sites, a physical distance of at least two meters should be observed.

"Any form of cheating will not be tolerated. Anyone who will be caught violating these rules will be automatically disqualified from the 2020/21 Bar Examinations and future Bar examinations. No second chances will be given for any breach of the Honor Code," the bulletin warned.

An examinee must bring a battery-powered, WiFi-enabled laptop running on Mac or Windows operating systems, with at least 2.0 GHz Intel i3 processor, at least 4 gigabytes (GB) of random-access memory (RAM), a working universal serial bus (USB) port, and at least 4GB of hard drive space.

For Mac users, the operating system should be at least OS 10.14 (Mojave) and the genuine version and with Intel processor, 4GB of RAM, and 4GB of hard disk space.

Surveillance cameras will be installed in all testing rooms. source:(PNA)

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members of the Senate and House of Representatives for approving and appropriating P500 million for the fuel subsidy program that will benefit millions of Filipino farmers, fishers, and consumers nationwide," Agriculture Secretary William Dar said.

"The fuel discount will definitely help reduce the production and transport costs of major farm and fishery products, and subsequently temper their respective market prices, thus benefiting producers and consumers alike," the DA chief added.

The 2022 GAA Special Provision No. 20 on Fuel Discount to Farmers and Fisherfolk, states that:

"The amount of Five Hundred Million Pesos (P500,000,000) appropriated herein shall be used to provide fuel discount to farmers and fisherfolk when the average Dubai crude oil price based on Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS) for three months reaches or exceeds Eighty Dollars (USD 80) per barrel: Pro-

vided, that the farmer or fisherfolk beneficiary owns and operates an agricultural and fishery machinery individually or through a farmer organization, cooperative or association: Provided, further, that in the case of fisherfolk, their fishing vessels are registered in the Integrated Boat Registry System or DA-BFAR's BOATR: Provided, finally, that for the farm machinery owned and/or operated by individual farmers or farmers' organization, proof of ownership shall be provided.

"The DA Regional Field Units and BFAR Regional Offices shall issue fuel vouchers to qualified beneficiaries to claim the fuel discount, and likewise authorized to deduct one and half percent (1.5%) of said amount for administrative and other operational expenses.

"The DA shall furnish the Oversight Committee on Agriculture a copy of the implementing guidelines and submit quarterly reports on the implementa-

tion of the program."

For his part, DA Undersecretary for Operations Ariel Cayanana said that the targeted beneficiaries for the provision of fuel discount must be registered under the DA's Registry System for Basic Sectors in Agriculture (RSBSA) and BFAR's fisherfolk registry system.

Last week, he chaired a meeting of officials from the DA Regional Operations Group, national rice and corn program directorates, and Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources to flesh out the implementing guidelines of the fuel discount program that include the prioritization criteria, amount of discount voucher to be provided to qualified beneficiaries, and creation of a technical working group (TWG) that will oversee the crafting and finalization of the guidelines and program implementation. The TWG will issue regular updates on the matter. ### (DA StratComms)



Agrarian reform beneficiaries being interviewed during the information technology-enabled assessment system (IT-eASy) for ARC and ARBOs in F. de Castro, General Mariano Alvarez, Cavite.



PARA SA ATING MGA EMPLEYADONG KAWITENYO

Kung ikaw ay empleyado na nagkaroon ng mga sintomas o nagpositibo sa Covid-19

Ito ang mga dapat mong gagawin:

MAGREPORT SA INYONG BARANGAY
at BHERTS o di kaya sa ating Kawit Covid-19 hotline: 0916-407-2070/431-9941

KOMUNSKULTA SA EKSPERTO

kagaya ng barangay health workers, nurses, at doktor patungkol sa inyong kalagayan upang malaman ang mga dapat gawin at isolation protocols.

MAGPAMONITOR SA CONTACT TRACERS

upang magabayon at mabigyan ng tamang impormasyon tungkol sa iyong sakit.

KUMUHA NG CERTIFICATE

gaya ng Symptoms Monitoring Sheet at Quarantine certificate na iyong isusumite sa iyong employer sa iyong pagbabalik sa trabaho.



Bar examinees can save, view reviewer files on laptops

PNA Press Release

MANILA – The Supreme Court (SC) will allow reviewer files in laptops and lunch break reviews under the revised rules for the Bar examinations next month.

The SC said Monday examinees may keep reviewers in their laptops, which should be saved in folders and should not be downloaded from Cloud accounts.

For the first time, examinees can use their own laptops and will use the Exemplify test software. No other gadgets are allowed.

"The handwritten examinations will still be allowed but only in very exceptional cases

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MAHIGIT 8 MILYONG PILIPINO SA CALABARZON REGION, FULLY VACCINATED NA LABAN SA COVID-19

Ayon sa tala ng Department of Health Region 4A, as of January 21, 2022, aabot na sa 18,551,328 kabuuang bilang ng doses ng bakuna laban sa COVID-19 ang naiturok na sa mga indibidwal sa iba't ibang bahagi ng CALABARZON.

Mula sa bilang na ito, 8,651,876 indibidwal ang fully vaccinated na o nakatangap na ng kumpletong dose ng bakuna.

Sunshineville Annex Extension

TMC National High School gets access to clean water supply

Sunshineville Annex Extension gained access to clean water supply with the new installed water system sponsored by the Local Government Unit of Trece Martires City.

The school head of the said extension, Mr. Patrick Coquilla initiated the project for the installation of a water supply

system for the school. It was started on 7th of December 2021 where the city engineers visited for an ocular inspection. Finally, it was installed on 13th of January 2022.

Ms. Aiza Lee Torres, a teacher and WINS Coordinator was in charge for the request of the said project.

"Sa una medyo

nahirapan ako kasi hindi ko alam kung paano si-simulan pero sa tulong ni Sir Patrick naayos po yung pagbibigay ng letter. Mababait din yung mga napagbigyan ko ng letter kaya wala masyadong problema. At ngayong may tubig na sobrang saya kasi ito yung matalag na naming hiling na pagkakaroon ng supply

ng tubig para sa mga bata at mga teachers lalo na ngayong panahon ng pandemya" she said.

Meanwhile, Mr. Coquilla is very grateful to the Local Government Unit, headed by Mayor Gemma Lubigan, to school principal, Mr. Magdaleno Lubigan, to PSDs and to WINS Coor-

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