

No boundary control in Cavite despite COVID-19 spike



Gov. Jonvic Remulla

CAVITE — The provincial government will not impose a boundary control policy despite the rising number of COVID-19 cases linked to more relaxed restrictions among other factors, according to Governor Jonvic Remulla.

In a Facebook

post on March 12, Remulla enumerated possible negative effects of implementing control on the province's 19 boundary points including work stoppage, higher price of goods, and heavy traffic along some major thoroughfares.

He, however,

expressed alarm over the surge of COVID-19 cases nationwide particularly in Cavite as the province recorded 196 new patients with the respiratory illness involving four Capitol employees on March 11. (READ: COVID-19 cases in Cavite surge to 60-130

per day — Remulla)

The governor attributed the increasing cases of the coronavirus to quarantine fatigue and economic reopening, adding that majority of the patients are residents who work in Metro Manila.

As of March 13,

Cavite has 28,988 total confirmed COVID-19 cases of whom 2,441 remain active, 26,201 have already recovered, while 346 succumbed to the disease.

The province is still negotiating with pharmaceutical companies

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Metrobank joins Pilipinas Kontra Gutom Movement to end massive hunger in PH

Metrobank, through its corporate social responsibility arm Metrobank Foundation, Inc. (MBFI), joins the Task Force Zero Hunger's Pilipinas Kontra Gutom (PKG), aimed at ending massive hunger by 2030.

Sustaining previous donations made to provide food for underprivileged families most affected by the pandemic, Metrobank contributed additional 50,000 meals to provide sustenance for the average-earners and poorest of poor.

An amount of more than P2.5 million was coursed through Ronald McDonald's House Charities (RMHC) Philippines for its McDonald's Kindness Kitchen (MKK) program. The donation completes the target to provide over 100,000 meals to 50 cities and municipalities in the National Capital

Region (NCR), Regions I, II, III, IV-A, V, VI, VIII, XI, and XII, including the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

To date, Metrobank, together with PKG and MKK has turned over almost 105,000 meals since November 2020. The distribution of meals will continue this month in Davao City, Tacloban and Palo, Leyte, and Antipolo, Rizal.

Led by Cabinet Secretary and Task Force Zero Hunger Chairman Karlo Nograles, PKG aims to address the problems on hunger and food

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DOJ-IBP MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT ON FREE LEGAL AID

DOJ Secretary Meynardo Guevarra and IBP National President Domingo Egon Q. Cayosa signed the Memorandum of Agreement between the Department of Justice Action Center (DOJAC) and the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) for the collaboration between the two institutions in assisting poor litigants who cannot be helped by the Public Attorney's Office.



IBP National President Domingo Egon Q. Cayosa

The MOA also facilitates the referral of clients seeking DOJAC help to lawyers or law groups who agree to socialized or reduced professional fees.

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LGU Cavite and Batangas during simulation exercises for the Taal Volcano Eruption Evacuation Plan on Monday, March 15, 2021 in partnership with Local DRRM offices./Story on p6



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Cluster Head Belinda A. Valenzuela on Women Leadership and Empowerment in time of COVID-19 pandemic

"Happy Women's Day! In times like this, it does not mean we will not celebrate or recognize our worth. As a woman, as a mother, as a friend, let us be happy even if we are in trouble or sad. Let us be a source of strength for others, be an inspiration for all. For all the women out there, love yourself and be a gift for your loved ones.

Being in the Department for so many years now, I have already encountered many obstacles. I have shared lots of memories with various people and gained insights and knowledge, thus I can say that

Public Service is a lifelong dedication. It is a responsibility that doesn't stop within the four walls of my office - I carry it with me 24/7.

Pandemic or not, as a woman servant leader, it is my rightful duty to carry out my duties with dedication and pride. Being a woman didn't stop me from fulfilling my responsibilities; instead, I use it to my advantage. Being loving, caring and treating my work, co-workers and other people like my own family, and being able to do all things with love, are my key strategies in this world.

Women, and also

men, make changes. Gender should not be a basis in determining the effectiveness of one's leadership. Each has its own strengths and weaknesses, that especially during this pandemic, must be harnessed so as to

be able to carry out what is expected of us.

And with that, I wish everyone good health, safety and prosperity. Let us all celebrate our love for the people and our country. Mabuhay ang mga kababaihan!"



Being a woman didn't stop me from fulfilling my responsibilities; instead, I use it to my advantage. Being loving, caring and treating my work, co-workers and other people like my own family, and being able to do all things with love, are one of my key strategies in this world

Belinda A. Valenzuela
Cluster Head
DILG Cavite



Senator Ramon Bong Revilla, Jr., Chairman of the Senate Committee on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation, led the virtual hearing on bills proposing lifetime validity of birth certificate and lowering the optional retirement age of government employees.

Revilla noted that while the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) already publicly declared

on numerous occasions that the birth certificates they issue have no expiration, several government agencies and private organizations still require these documents using the latest security paper which cost the applicant P155 for an authenticated copy and P365 when delivered at their personal address.

"This requirement costs our people valuable time and money. Lalo na po ngayong

panahon ng pandemya ung kailan apektado nang husto ang ating ekonomiya, anumang karagdang gastusin ay iindahin talaga ng mga kababayan natin. Dagdag pa rito ang panganib o risk na mahawahan ng virus kung sila ay lababas ng bahay upang kumuha ng birth certificate," Revilla said.

The resource persons, including the PSA, the Civil Service Commission (CSC) and the Department of Education (DepEd), expressed full support on the measures.

The committee also discussed the lowering of retirement age of government employees and consulted several agencies including the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), Department of Budget and Management (DBM), as well as non-government associations such as the Philippine Government Employees Association (PGEA), Philippine Public School Teachers Associations (PPSTA), Confederation for Unity, Recognition and Advancement of Government Employees (COURAGE), Teachers Dignity Coalition, Alliance for Concerned Teachers (ACT), Sentro ng Nagkakaisa at Progresibong Manggagawa (SEN-TRO), Non-Uniformed Personnel Association, Inc. (NUPAI).

"Ang paglilingkod sa bayan bilang isang kawani ng pamahalaan ay isang karangalan. Ang karangalang ito ay tinatapatan naman nila ng sipag at dedikasyon sa

kanilang trabaho. Kaya't ang mga umaabot ng retirement age sa gobyerno ay maituturing na mga haligi at huwaran ng serbisyo publiko," he underscored.

Revilla stressed that the retirees should be able to enjoy the benefits due them. "Lowering the retirement age will ensure that our senior citizens will be able to enjoy the fruits of their labor and spend more time with their family and friends as well as pursue other endeavours as they approach the twilight of their years," Revilla said in Senate Bill No. 72, which proposes the lowering of compulsory retirement age of government employees from 65 to 60, and the optional retirement age from 60 to 55.

SB 715 of Sen. Joel Villanueva and SB 958 of Sen. Sonny Angara proposed the lowering of the optional retirement age of public school teachers from 60 to 55.

Meanwhile, House Bill 5509, which was approved by the House of Representatives last December 2019, lowers the optional retirement age of government workers from 60 to 56.

CSC Commissioner Aileen Lizada pointed out that the Philippines has the oldest mandatory and optional retirement age in ASEAN.

Based on the statistical data, the Philippines has the oldest retirement age at 65 years old compared to other

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ATICalabarzon

ESP and ATI Train Youth and Urban Communities on Urban Agri

Posted by:
Maridelle G. Jaurigue

SAN PABLO CITY, Laguna - Agricultural Training Institute - CALABARZON and accredited Extension Service Provider (ESP), ABF Integrated Farms teamed-up in conducting two batches of "Community-based Training on Urban Gardening for Food Security."

The three-day training intends to develop competent and well-equipped practitioners and advocates of urban gardening in the city and nearby areas. Hence, the Center tapped in-school and out of school youth, Sanggunian Kabataan Federation, Seven Lakes Bikers and vegetarians to participate and train about urban agriculture.

During her inspirational message, Center Director, Ms. Marites Piamonte Cosico encouraged the participants to continuously support DA programs and actively advocate urban agriculture in their respective communities.

In order to practice and hone the new skills they learned from the training, each participant received an urban starter kit composed of vegetable seeds, seedling trays, potting mix, Vermicast, and garden tools among others.

Romy Boy Zaldo, one of the participants, shared his training experience during the closing ceremony. "Madami po akong bagong natutunan dito gaya ng pamilya ng halaman at paggawa ng mga pagkain nila. Natuwa din po ako na pwede palang alagaan ang mga bulate para matulungan tayong gumawa ng pataba sa lupa. Sana po ay may mga susunod pang pagsasanay pagkatapos nito."

The two batches of training were held on February 19-21, 2021 and March 9-11, 2021 at ABF Integrated Farms in this city.

Training of Facilitators on Farm Business School at Villar SIPAG in Bacoar



Opening Program of Training of Facilitators on Farm Business School at Villar SIPAG Farm School, Bacoar City, Cavite

Participants are 22 farm owners, LSA and potential farm schools from CALABARZON, MIMAROPA, and Bicol.

Atty. Rhagee Tamana, Chief of Staff of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Food welcomed the participants of the activity. ATI CALABARZON Center Director Marites Piamonte-Cosico, and Deputy director Dr. Rosana P. Mula also graced the program.

The Training of Facilitators on Farm Business School is a 10 day training that aims to provide necessary knowledge and skills to establish a Farm Business School and become active partners in agricultural extension.

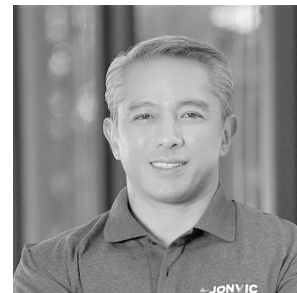
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security in the country especially during these times of crisis.

A multi-sectoral movement, PKG is also committed to respond to the needs of communities during calamities and disasters through an efficient, systematic, and resilient

relief operations. With the support of partner private institutions and non-government organizations, PKG shall ensure the availability and accessibility of food supplies, distribution of adequate nutrition to beneficiaries, and prompt assistance during crisis.

As one of PKG's founding private sector members, MBFI president Aniceto Sobrepeña said, "We in the Metrobank Group seek to carry on our mission to uplift the lives of underprivileged Filipinos, especially now as our nation faces a long-drawn



Gov. Jonvic Remulla



KAYBIANG

"The more freedom we enjoy, the greater responsibility we bear - towards others as well as ourselves."

Óscar Arias, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate

COVID is getting worse again.

Recently, Cavite has recorded 289 positive.

Most of the cases are Caviteños who still travel to Manila every day to earn a living. In Metro Manila it has been restricted again but here in Cavite our rules are still flexible. We also need to balance the impact of COVID on our economy. COVID in the Philippines is approximately 5,000 average per day. We've almost reached 6,000 now.

The government cannot do it alone.

We have it in our hands to be proactive and to take care of ourselves.

TUNNEL VISION

Many have reported to my office that the Kaybiang Tunnel in Mt. Pico de Loro is causing traffic, garbage, and it reaches local tourists that they are fighting there. Overnight, thousands of bikes, motorcycles, and cars parked, eating, wandering and everyone stopping to take selfies or take pictures there.

The result? Nonstop TRAFFIC and bottleneck from the entrance and exit of the tunnel.

So from Friday the Kaybiang Tunnel will be strictly NO TOURISM ZONE.

The following are prohibited:

1. NO PARKING in the vicinity of the Kaybiang Tunnel.
2. NO BIKE riders using the tunnel for leisure purposes.
3. NO EATING in the vicinity of the tunnel.
4. NO SELFIES in the vicinity of the tunnel.
5. NO LOITERING in the vicinity of the tunnel.
6. COOLING IS NOT ALLOWED inside the tunnel.

I don't like to ruin my trip. But it's also my responsibility to make sure the traffic counterflow and maintenance of law and order on our streets is smooth.

So from Tanza, Naic, Maragondon and Ternate PNP will have CHECKPOINT areas.

Violation of rules will be strictly prohibited. Kindly share the hashtag #KeepKaybiangSafe and feel free to report any irregularities in the area.

In the meantime: STAYING IN IS THE NEW GOING OUT.

Stay safe everyone.

pandemic. Along with our partners from RMHC Philippines and Task Force Zero Hunger, we have made it our target to feed over 100,000 individuals in

50 cities and municipalities nationwide. Indeed, challenging times call for acts of solidarity and compassion. We are in the middle of a difficult period that demands kind thoughts and caring actions in equal measure."

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Metrobank has been in the front lines in feeding poor families in the country. An amount of PhP 2 million was first donated to RMHC during the height of the enhanced community quarantine in March 2020. While another PhP 2 million was turned over during Metrobank's Anniversary Grants Turnover in September last

year. Through these donations, 80,000 meals were provided to individuals living in NCR as well as in Cebu and Davao provinces.

To recall, the Metrobank Foundation, Inc. (MBFI) was established on January 8, 1979 by Dr. George S. K. Ty, sixteen (16) years after he founded the Metropolitan Bank & Trust Company (Metrobank). MBFI envisions to be the country's premier corporate philanthropic foundation contributing a significant impact on social development. Its flagship programs include the Metrobank Foundation Outstanding Filipinos; Metrobank Art & Design Excellence (MADE); Metrobank Scholarship Program (MSP); Metrobank MTAP-DepEd Math Challenge (MMC); Grants and Social

Development Partnerships, Disaster Response, National Teachers' Month (NTM) celebration, and the Metrobank Foundation Professorial Chair Lectures. MBFI is also the principal owner of the Manila Doctors Hospital (MDH), one of the leading centers of wellness in the country. As a development organization, MBFI aims to uplift individuals and the sectors they represent and strategically link with institutions for a shared-purpose. By creating and propagating a culture of excellence and providing solutions to stakeholder's needs, the Foundation continuously expands its scope of reach and is at the forefront in serving communities. As the heart of the Metrobank Group, "Excel. Engage. Empower" or the 3Es remains its roadmap. (PIA NCR)



CITY OF IMUS FIRST DRIVE-THRU VACCINATION IN THE COUNTRY, CONDUCTED BY IMUS CITY

Imus City conducted the first drive-thru COVID-19 vaccination in the country, which the city showed in their simulation yesterday under the leadership of Mayor Emmanuel Maliksi. This is part of the extensive vaccination prepared by the mayor and Imus City Government.



Local Government Unit of Mendez-Nuñez

MELENDEZEÑO KNOWS

ATINGALAMIN MGA ISYU SA COVID-19

SCAM ALERT

Contact Tracing Scam

PLEASE BE AWARE!

MELENDEZEÑO KNOWS

ATINGALAMIN MGA ISYU SA COVID-19

1. SCAMMERS WHO CALL WILL SAY:

"According to our contact tracing, you have been in close proximity to someone who has been tested Positive for COVID-19. This means you need to self-isolate and take the COVID-19 test. I cannot give you any information about the persons or the whereabouts of contact due to privacy laws. BUT YOU NEED TO BE TESTED WITHIN THE NEXT 72 HOURS. SO, CAN I GET THE BEST MAILING ADDRESS FOR YOU SO THAT WE CAN SEND OUT A TESTING KIT?"

SCAM ALERT

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2. FORCE PAYMENT:

"After you give the address, THEY WILL ASK FOR YOUR PAYMENT CARD NUMBER and details quoting that the test kit and results is a Php. 2,500.00 charge and is not Free."

SCAM ALERT

MELENDEZEÑO KNOWS

ATINGALAMIN MGA ISYU SA COVID-19

3. THREATENING YOU:

"IF YOU REFUSE to give them your bank card / credit card details, they threaten saying that there are PENALTIES FOR NOT COMPLYING."

SCAM ALERT

Mendezeño Knows

In order to give more information to our countrymen against COVID-19 virus, the Town Government of Mendez-Nuñez launched an information drive called " Mendezeño Knows ". It aims to provide correct information to Mendezeños and prevent the spread of speculations and misinformation about COVID-19. For our Mendezeño Knows today, we want to let you know that there are some who want to take advantage in this time of the pandemic. We have found out someone asking for a suitable fee for contact tracing and testing kit. This is a scam. Here in our town the one who will be subject to the swab test of member BHERT, staff of Rural Health Unit or members of the Contact Tracing Team will be called to inform you about the schedule of your RT-PCR test that will be done in our testing center as soon as possible. THE CONTACT TRACING AND RT-PCR TEST THAT OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT IS CONDUCTING NO PAYMENT. Be critical and inform your barangay officials immediately if there are people roaming around your area offering swab test in exchange for the appropriate cost. Let's spread and inform the real information about COVID-19. together.

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ASEAN countries where the retirement age ranges from 50 to 60 years old. The Philippines also has the oldest optional retirement age at 60 years old, while government workers in other ASEAN countries can retire early at 40-55 years old or after 4-10 years of service. GSIS expressed support on the measures, but posed reservations considering its possible impact to the insurance fund life.

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AstraZeneca, Moderna and Pfizer for vaccine procurement worth P750 million. (READ: Cavite seeks to buy P750 worth of COVID-19 vaccines)

Meanwhile, city governments of Bacoor, Imus, Tagaytay and Trece Martires have already started inoculating medical frontliners with donated vaccines on March 10.

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the Command Post to guide the police force.

Aside from the personnel and vehicles deployed by the provincial government, the LDRMOs and the PNP, other volunteers who joined and provided logistics to the SimEx were from the Southern Luzon Command of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, the Army Reserve Command, Philippine Coast Guard, Bureau of Fire Protection and Gen. Trias Maagap Off-Roaders Eagle's Club./Picad Cavite

ERRATUM

In the Notice of Sale filed by PHILIPPINE SAVINGS BANK against SPOUSES DULCE CAJES-KURAMOTO & TAKAYOSHI KURAMOTO, Rep. by DENISE EVAN C. DAÑO (Attorney-In-Fact), the date of approval of TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-1077813 is July 28, 2001 and NOT July 20, 2001 as published in the issues of Cavite Weekly Chronicle dated Feb. 17, 24 & March 3, 2021.

Our Apology.

CWC: March 17-23, 2021

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
DASMARIÑAS CITY, CAVITE

NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPORATION (NHMFC),
Petitioner/Mortgagee,
File No. FC-DC-0140-21
EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118

-versus-
LOLENA C. TIBLE,
Respondents/Mortgagors,

X-----X

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118 filed by petitioner/mortgagee, **NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPORATION (NHMFC)**, a government owned and controlled corporation created under P.D. No. 1267, with postal address at 104 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City against respondents/mortgagors **LOLENA C. TIBLE, with postal addresses at Molino Homes Lot 39 Blk. 22 Salitran, Dasmariñas, Cavite and/or Quarry Hill, Brgy. Bacon, GMA, Cavite**, and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of December 31, 2020 amounts to **FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY TWO PESOS & 74/100 (Php525,472.74)**, exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **April 15, 2021** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in the Court Room of Branch 90, Regional Trial Court, Ground Floor, Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Building, Congressional Road, Buro II, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite to the highest bidder and for CASH or CERTIFIED CHECK, in Philippine Currency, the following described real property together with all the buildings and other improvements existing thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-456887
IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in the Mun. of Dasmariñas, Province of Cavite bounded and described as follows: A parcel of land (Lot 39 Blk. 22 of the cons.subd. plan, Pes-042106-007934, being a portion of the cons. of Lots 8110 & 8113, Pes-19868 L.R.C. Rec. No.), situated in the Bo. of Salitran, Mun. of Dasmariñas, Prov. of Cavite. Bounded on the S., along line 1-2 by Lot 40, Blk. 22; on the W., along line 2-3 by Lot 41, Blk. 22; on the N., along line 3-4 by Alley 13; & on the E., along line 4-1 by Lot 37, Blk. 22 all of the cons.subd. plan. Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan, being, S. 72 deg. 30'E., 960.87 m. From Mon. 134, Imus Estate; thence S. 85 deg. 07'W., 4.00 m. to the point 2; thence N. 04 deg. 53'W., 9.50 m. to the point 3; thence N. 85 deg. 07'E., 4.00 m. to the point 4; thence S. 04 deg. 53'E., 9.50 m. to the point of beginning containing an area of THIRTY EIGHT (38) SQ. METERS. All points referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground by PS cyl. conc. mons. 15x60cm; bearings true; date of original survey; July 27, 1905-June 11, 1908 and that of the cons.subd. survey; June 12-Aug. 15, 1993 and was approved on Oct. 22, 1993.

Prospective buyers and/or bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of the said real property and the encumbrance thereon, if there by any.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date.

In the even the publication auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on April 22, 2021 at the same time and place without further notice.

02 March 2021, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite
RODRIGO C. ESTOGERO, JR.
Sheriff IV

ATTY. MARCELA L. BAYBAY
Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff

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Notice posted at:
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Pope Francis to Filipinos: ‘Go, be not afraid, and serve’

Pope Francis on Sunday March 14 exhorted Filipinos not to be afraid to proclaim the Gospel message, which "cries to be expressed in love" to others.

Addressing the Filipinos during Mass in St. Peter's Basilica for the 500 Years of Christianity in the Philippines, he focused his message on the theme chosen for the year-long jubilee celebration: "Gifted to Give".

For the more than a hundred gathered to be with him and for those who monitored the event online, he asked them "to persevere in the work of evangelization".

"God desires that no one perish. For this reason, he asks the Church to care for

those who are hurting and living on the fringes of life," Pope Francis said.

"The Church is called not to judge but to welcome; not to make demands, but to sow seeds; not to condemn, but to bring Christ who is our salvation," he said.

A missionary commitment, according to him, "involves everyone and reaches everyone".

"Never be discouraged as you



Pope Francis celebrates Mass at St. Peter's Basilica to mark 500 years of Christianity in the Philippines on March 14, 2021. VATICAN MEDIA

walk this path. Never be afraid to proclaim the Gospel, to serve and to love," the pope said. "How beautiful and attractive is a Church that loves the world without judging, a Church that gives herself to the world."

"May it be so, dear brothers and sisters, in the Philippines and in every part of the earth," he added.

Only around a hundred people were able to attend the Mass at the Altar of the Chair in the basilica due to Covid-19 restrictions. Others followed the service through huge video screens at St. Peter's Square.

The Mass started with a procession of an image of Sto. Niño and a small replica of the Magellan's cross as the choir sang a Visayan song "Batobalani sa Gugma".

Concelebrants include Propaganda Fide prefect, Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle; the pope's Vicar of Rome, Cardinal Angelo De Donatis, who is also responsible for the pastoral care of Rome's Filipino community.

The Mass was also attended by Fr. Restituto Ogsimer of the Philippine bishops' Commission on Migrants and Itinerant People, Fr. Gregory Gaston of the Pontificio Collegio Filipino, and six other Filipino priests.

The liturgy was celebrated in English, Italian and Filipino and used the liturgy of the fourth Sunday of Lent.

The 84-year-old pontiff then urged Filipinos to continue to be "smugglers" of faith, adding that "it's part of your genes, a blessed 'infectiousness' that I urge you to preserve".

"Keep on bringing the faith, the good news you received five hundred years ago, to others. I want to thank you, then, for the joy you bring to the whole world and to our Christian communities," he said.

"I think, as I mentioned, of the many beautiful experiences in families here in Rome – but also throughout the world – where your discreet and hardworking presence became a testimony of faith," the pope also said.

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message, the DOJ Secretary recognized the extensive reach of the IBP

with 87 Chapters all over the country and a nationwide network of free legal aid programs and

thousands of volunteer lawyers.

IBP National President Cayosa welcomes working with DOJAC as part of IBP's partnership approach

creating synergies to do MORE, BETTER and FASTER at IBP and its free legal aid program. The DOJAC-IBP MOA is also part of IBP's campaign for JUSTICE BILIS

LGU GenTri tightens quarantine protocols due to surge in COVID-19 cases

By Ruel B. Francisco

TRECE MARTIRES, Cavite (PIA) --Gen. Trias Mayor Antonio 'Ony' Ferrer issued Executive Order no. 08 S. 2021 for the implementation of a more rigorous public health protocols to curtail the further spread of the pandemic in the city.

The local chief executive together with Vice Mayor Morit Sison conferred with the Chief of Police of the General Trias Component City Police Station and all Sub-Station Commanders for the strict and immediate implementation of said executive order.

This developed due to the alarming surge in the number of CoViD-19 cases in the city in the past four weeks. According to the GenTri City Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (CESU), from the total of 21 active cases in February 16, 2021 the number of active cases ballooned to 126 from the latest addition of 16 new cases as of March 16, 2021.

EO 08 s. 2021 states that curfew hours in the city will be enforced from 10pm-5am while curfew for children aged 10-15 years is 6pm

to 7am. Residents aged between 16-65 years are allowed to leave their residence while Authorized Persons Outside of Residence (APOR) are exempted provided they show proper identification in control/checkpoints.

Liquor ban in the city will be implemented from March 15 - April 15, 2021.

All forms of public, mass or social gatherings including weddings, birthdays, funerals, entertainment activities are limited to 10 persons or fifty percent (50%) of venue capacity which also applies to restaurant dine-in services.

In the observance of the Holy Week, Visita Iglesia by non-residents will be prohibited and only designated churches can be visited on Maundy Thursday. These are the historic St. Francis of Assisi Church in the town proper, St. Vincent Ferrer Parish in Manggahan, Our Lady of Guadalupe in Barangay Javalera, San Gabriel Arkangel Parish in Barangay San Francisco, and The Annunciation Parish in Barangay Pasong Camachile.

Meanwhile, mourning rites or funeral wakes will be regulated

ed to five (5) days if the cause of death is not CoViD-related, while immediate internment is mandatory for CoViD-related deaths.

Entry to all returning residents and OFs will require coordination with the Barangay Health Emergency Response Team (BHERT) upon arrival at the city for recording and initial medical evaluation.

Only symptomatic individuals are required to undergo the 14-day facility-based quarantine and the RT-PCR swab test while asymptomatic returning residents and OFs are exempted from the swab test.

Moreover, violation of the mandatory wearing of face mask and face shield in public places, and in private and public transportation and inside establishments at all times will be subject to commensurate penalties according to the law.

According to local authorities, at least 19 individuals were arrested on the first night of the implementation of the order that took effect Monday, March 15 on violation of curfew hours and liquor ban. (Ruel Francisco with reports from GenTri PIO, Dennis Abrina)

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Cavite-Batangas Evacuation Plan SimEx for Taal Volcano Eruption Conducted



250 healthcare workers working in private hospitals in Bacoor City have been vaccinated

With the Astra Zeneca vaccine nurses, doctors and other medical personnel from St. Dominic Medical Center, Metrosouth Medical Center, Bacoor Doctors Medical Center, Southeast Asian Medical Center, South City Hospital and Medical Center, Molino Doctors Hospital, and Crisostomo General Hospital. Vaccination for city health care workers will continue through Friday. Vaccination

was conducted at the newly opened Bacoor City Mega Vaccination Hub at Bacoor Coliseum in Molino III.

According to Mayor Lani Mercado Revilla, "I am very pleased to know that our frontliners have been vaccinated. They are the ones who are directly dealing with Covid-19 every day so it is worth giving them importance and protection. Let's try after our medical practitioners are



Mayor Lani Mercado-Revilla

vaccinated so that in the coming weeks we can start vaccinating our senior citizens."

Cavite Provincial Government in partnership with the Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management offices of different LGUs in Cavite and in Batangas successfully conducted the simulation exercises for the Taal Volcano Eruption Evacuation Plan on Monday, March 15, 2021 amid drizzly weather and challenging routes.

Participating teams in the simulation mainly from the Philippine National Police headed by PMAJ Jonathan Asnan, Chief for Operations of the Cavite-Police Provincial Office, converged at two assembly areas, the Tagaytay City Evacuation Center in Brgy. Sungay West and at Amuyong-Alfonso Crossing early in the morning to receive final instructions prior to take off heading to the different pickup areas in the four municipalities of Batangas – Talisay, Agoncillo, Lemery and Laurel.

Pick up areas in Talisay were Banga Elementary School, Caloocan Covered Court and Old Sampaloc Barangay Hall while for Agoncillo is Barigon Elementary School. In Lemery, the pickup up location is Payapa National High School, and Montevideo De Tagaytay in Brgy.

Dayap Itaas for the municipality of Laurel. Around 830 participants taking the role as Individually Displaced Individuals (IDPs) were transported to Cavite from all the pickup locations.

All the IDPs were initially taken to the COVID-19 swabbing stations, one at Tagaytay City Evacuation Center and the other at Pansin Elementary School in Alfonso. Sample swabbing using Antigen test kits were done on site by medical personnel from Cavite Provincial Health Office headed by Provincial Epidemiologist Dr. Nelson Soriano. Those with negative results were then taken to their assigned evacuation center following the LGU twinning arrangements agreed upon by Cavite-Batangas cities and municipalities.

Cavite Governor Jonvic Remulla personally observed the simulation exercise which was supervised by the Provincial DRRMO headed by Ms. Eloisa Rozul together with members of the Provincial Emergency Operations Response Clusters and in partnership with LDDRMOs of Alfonso, Tagaytay City, Mendez, Amadeo, Indang, Silang, Magallanes and



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Agoncillo, Batangas Mayor Daniel Reyes

Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo in the province of Cavite as well as partner DRRMOs in Batangas.

Agoncillo, Batangas Mayor Daniel Reyes also observed the transporting of his constituents by the Cavite team at Barigon Elementary School. Likewise, Cavite Provincial Administrator for Community Affairs Mr. Alvin Mojica was present during the drills as well as Cavite-PNP Provincial Director PCOL Marlon Santos who was at

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