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# Governor Jonvic Remulla's forward vision for the Province of Cavite

#### FRESH HOPES FOR CAVITE INMATES



The Provincial Information and Communications Technology Office (PICTO) headed by Ms. Camille Lauren Del Rosario, in coordination with the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) represented by Engr. Reynaldo Sy facilitated the launching of the Computer Learning Station and Tech4ed Center at the Cavite Provincial Jail on July 22, 2019. Board Member Rainier Ambion, Chairperson of the Committee on Peace, Public Safety and Order delivered an inspirational message and encouraged the inmates to strive hard in order to gain knowledge on information and technology. Inmates will be trained to use basic computer applications that will enable them to acquire knowledge and skills to pursue their education and work opportunities upon release. The program on information technology will further develop their self-esteem and provide them the knowledge that is needed upon going out of the prison. It also aims to reduce the violent behavior of inmates and inspire them to have hope for a better future.

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#### **Cavite Mega JOB FAIR**



During the formulation of the Executive Legislative Agenda and Capacity Development Agenda held on July 25 at the Crowne Plaza Manila Galleria, Quezon City, Governor Juanito Victor C. Remulla briefly talked about his childhood, his renewed attitude towards leadership and governance, and how Cavite will keep advancing for the next 40 years.

'I grew up in a house with my father as a governor for 14 years, I never really understood what 'governor' meant... [He] would leave the house at 6AM and come home at 11PM, and he would never talk to us. So on a coaching perspective, it's very limited on my part", said the governor before the newly elected Cavite provincial board members,

## Caviteños urged to observe anti-dengue measures

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite -- As Cavite province is placed under a state of calamity due to the increase of dengue cases in 16 towns and seven cities, a provincial lawmaker on Wednesday appealed to Cavite constituents to conduct cleanups and fumigations in mosquito breeding sites.

Chair of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan's (Provincial Board) committee on health, nutrition and population, Cavite 6th District Board Member Kerby Salazar underscored the need to close ranks to address the dengue outbreak in the province

"I'm appealing to my fellow Caviteños to partici-



CAVITE 6TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER KERBY SALAZAR

pate in the massive cleanup drive and fumigation to ensure the cleanliness of their respective localities," Salazar said.

He noted that they have tapped the Liga ng mga Barangay (village ....Page 5

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department and unit heads, and delegates of participating national agencies.

When he first entered politics in 1995 as Board Member up to his term as Vice Governor, he recalled it was a hostile environment marred by varying views from opposing parties. Those years proved to be a time for learning as it made him realize what and how governance should be

"If you distill governance, if you distill leadership, you're only here for one purpose. It is really only to bridge the gap between the rich and the poor, that is the only thing that matters. Whether the lives of the people who are from the very low meet halfway to those who are at the very

He insisted that the purpose of this workshop is to create synchrony of what needs to be done and how it should be carried out, and a new direction can be expected for the province. The provincial government will no longer concentrate on small-scale projects, and instead, move on to macro-level programs so as to cope with the biggest challenges and to continue moving forward for the

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#### PROVINCIAL GOVT OF CAVITE EMPLOYEES' GENERAL ASSEMBLY



Employees of the provincial government of Cavite gathered at the Ceremonial Hall of the Capitol Building in Trece Martires City to attend the General Assembly for the election of the 1st and 2nd Level Representatives to compose the five committees in line with Memorandum No. 29-s-2019 as directed by the Civil Service Commission last July 19, 2019.

Supervising Human Resource Specialist of CSC- Region IV Marivic S. Munar graced the program and delivered a short message wherein she highlighted the significance of selecting a representative who will serve as voice to communicate employees' interests, views and concerns. Elected representatives for Human Resource Merit Promotion and Selection Board (HRMPSB) were, 1st Level- Flocerfino Alcantara and 2nd Level- Michelle Osorio; Performance Management Team (PMT) were, 1st Level - Erllen Leona and 2nd Level- Jennifer Rose Disagon; Grievance Machinery were, 1st Level- Concepcion Corus and 2nd Level- Atty. Marinela Lumagui- Sayoto; Program on Awards and Incentives for Services Excellence (PRAISE) were, 1st Level-Walter Pereña and 2nd Level- Luzviminda Amparo and for Human Resource Development Committee (HRDC) were 1st Level- Mark Carada and 2nd Level- Myrna Sumilang. Also present during the election were Human Resource Management Officer Lourdes Camero, Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator Jesus Barrera and Provincial Board Secretary Michelle Alcid./SOURCEPROVINCIAL IN-

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## PH, China hold forum on infra construction cooperation

MANILA-- Key infrastructure accomplishments in the first half of the President Rodrigo Duterte administration and investment opportunities under Build, Build, Build program were presented to Chinese business groups in a forum on China's Belt and Road Initiative held last Friday, July 26 at Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila.

Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Undersecretary Emil K. Sadain, representing Secretary Mark A. Villar, joined a panel of Philippine officials including Department of Transportation Secretary Arthur Tugade, and speaking before an audience of Chinese businessmen and stakeholders at The Belt and Road China-Philippines Sub Forum on People-to-People Exchange & Economic Cooperation.

Undersecretary Sadain, DPWH Undersecretary for Unified Project Management Office (UPMO) Operations and Technical Services, highlighted in his speech that China-funded projects particularly the Binondo-Intramuros and Estrella-Pantaleon Bridges have already started with more opportunities for partnership and cooperation between the Philippines and China for various Build, Build, Build infrastructure projects.

"This event is a great opportunity because the Belt and Road Initiative complements Philippines' economic development strategy of Build, Build, Build which



will usher in the "Golden Age of Infrastructure", said Undersecretary Sadain.

Some technical technical staff of the DPWH UPMO including Project Directors Patrick Gatan and Virgilio Castillo, were also present in the forum organized and hosted by the Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) led by Secretary Martin M. Andanar and China Public Diplomacy Association.

The Belt and Road China-Philippines Forum on People-to-People Exchange & Economic Cooperation is a platform for exchanging dialogues on the current state and development between China and Philippines. (DPWH)

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para mag-apply o makipag-ugnayan kay Mitch Penaflor o tumawag sa (046) 436-2165.



## Teenage pregnancy, an emergent concern

## in Calabarzon

The Philippines is a family-oriented country where most children live with their parents as long as they want to even after reaching their legal age and having their own fam-

We also have conventional customs, although also biblical and religious, of marrying before having physical intercourse. Ultimately, even a touch of the hand during the early days was thought already as a sexual action.

But our society nowadays has been drasbeing influenced by western and other mixture of foreign cultures and now face an increasing number of early marriage and teenage pregnancy.

Commission on Population (POPCOM) IV **Regional Director Angelito** S. Obcena said in a radio guesting in "Yaman Kaalaman Mula sa PIA" program that one out of three teenager gets pregnant based on the data from Rural Health Units

"We were surprised that in 2013, based on the Young Adult Fertiltically changing. We are ity and Sexuality Study (YAFS), many of our youth conceived too early. They should have been attending school to study but most of them are getting pregnant," he explained.

This is a very alarming fact that pushed POPCOM to launch their Adolescent Health and **Development Program** (AHDP).

AHDP is one of the key component programs of the Philippine **Population Management** Program (PPMP) with the overall goal to contribute to the improvement and promotion of the total wellbeing of young Filipinos ages 10-14, 15-9 and 20-24 through their sexual and reproductive health.

This, specifically, aims to help reduce inci-



dence of teenage pregnancy, sexually transmitted infection (STI) and HIV/ AIDS among the youth in line with the thrust of the **International Conference** on Population and Development (ICPD) Program of Action (PoA).

Fortunately, the regional director said that based on the report last year, the rate of teenage pregnancies from 2016 to 2018 has been declining.

"We are grateful that the rate is decreasing because it means that people's awareness is increasing," he stated.

Teenage pregnancy has a big impact on the society and it affects not only the girls but even the boys

It is believed that once a girl gets pregnant, she is most likely forced to discontinue her studies. While, most of the boys who already take the responsibility to father their kid also have no choice but to stop studying and start working.

Teenage pregnancy also has an effect on the economy as Obcena pointed out. "According to the United Nations Population Fund or UNFPA, if teenage pregnancies shall continue our **Gross Domestic Products** (GDP) may lose 33 billion or almost 1% of our GDP."

Looking at it the other way around, if teens do not get pregnant early they shall contribute 33 billion in the country's **Gross Domestic Product,** hence, the impact of this societal issue is absolutely huge.

For the last three years, he disclosed, Laguna is number one among the provinces in the region in terms of teenage pregnancy with 20,000 cases based on the latest report.

It was followed by Cavite, Batangas, Quezon, while the province with the least number of teenage pregnancies is Rizal.

Among the localities, Tanza in Cavite is number one Calabarzon. Binan City, Calamba City and San Pablo City were the top three in Laguna.

**POPCOM IV has** been monitoring 28 out of the 142 municipalities and cities in the region. These 28 identified vulnerable localities are those with the greatest number of teen pregnancy cases from Laguna, Cavite, and Batangas.

Consequences of teenage pregnancy in a nutshell includes high-risk pregnancy, discontinuation of studies, repeated pregnancy especially those who enter into early marriage, giving birth to low birth weight babies eventually resulting in malnutrition, vulnerability to domestic violence. abortion, and tendency to commit suicide, among many others.

Brief story of a **Teen Mom** 

Hacel Cunanan, 31-year old housewife, became a teenage mother and wife at the age of 17.

She was then a graduating fourth year student when she conceived. Afraid of being judged and ...Page 4

#### **OPINION AND COMMENTARY**

LETTERS FROM DAVAO By: Jun Ledesma



#### Digong must have done something good

NO amount of incendiary verbiages spiced with twisted statistics that come from the moribund political opposition and foreign interlopers can bring down the Philippine President Rodrigo R. Duterte. You can fault him for his expletives but that actually defines his hatred against crime, corruption and the domineering oligarchy that controls the economy and government.

It is his plain, direct and unfashionable way of delivering a message to leaders of nations that had long considered the Philippines its fiefdom. Remember his repartee to former US Pres. Barrack Obama's caution to Duterte on human rights violations: "you son of a whore"?. That same year China rolled out the red carpet for Duterte's visit to Beijing. That same year, Vladimir Putin took notice of the Philippine leader. The western countries did not like the language of Duterte but when Donald Trump took over from Obama a bond of friendship between the two developed. Trump has only praises for Duterte especially in the latter's unrelenting campaign against drugs.

On the heels of the State of the Nation Address, all of the anti-Duterte forces came out in drove. They came prepared. A maritime accident involving two fishing vessels and promptly they prod the President to condemn the incident and brazenly suggests that the mutual defense treaty between the US and RP be invoked. Stonewalling the fact that ex-Pres. Noynoy Aquino and his Foreign Affairs Sec. Albert del Rosario virtually gave away the Scarborough shoal to China, the critics, Del Rosario included, want Duterte to reclaim the islands which they gave up out of fear. They want to go to war and yet lost no time to rally in the streets to condemn the revival of ROTC!

Even a retinue of men and women in religious habits joined the fray in shaming the country in the world community by resorting to satanic incantations raining holy water in congress gates. Meantime, the Commission on Human Rights kept mum over the preposterous figure of 27,000 victims of the so-called extra-judicial killings conjured by foreign-funded media organizations. They celebrated with orgasmic delight when UNCHR through Iceland, a frozen country with a population equal to a barangay in the Philippines, sponsored a resolution to

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### Pinoy students win 37 medals in math, English contests in Malaysia



The Philippine delegation at the awarding ceremony of the 10th Global Finals of SPEAK International Competition in Malaysia. (Photo by PBOSF)

MANILA, Young Filipino students won 37 medals in two contests in math and English in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

At the 13th Asian Finals of the World Math-Fusion Olympiad held from July 26 to 28, the Philippines won 23 awards consisting of 4 gold, 6 silver and 8 bronze medals, and 5 excellence certificates, according to the Mathematics Development Academy of the Philippines (MathDAP).

The Philippines dominated the contest and was the only country that won gold and silver medals in the level 3 category covering Grades 7, 8 and 9.

Alvann Walter Paredes Dy of St. Jude Catholic School and Krystal Lim Tiong Soon of Grace Christian College from the Philippine team emerged as the only gold medalists among all participants in level 3.

On the other hand, Filipino students bagged 6 gold, 8 silver and 5 bronze medals for a total of 19 in English at the 10th Global Finals of SPEAK International Competition also held in Kuala Lumpur, said the Philippine Board of Studies Foundation (PBOSF). The contest focused on skills including listening, reading and composition writing.

The Philippine delegation was accompanied by Alfredo Orosco and Angeline Orosco who said that participating countries in the two contests were the Philippines, China, Indonesia and Malaysia.

The new feat came after the Philippines won 11 awards at the recent 22nd Po Leung Kuk Primary Mathematics World Contest (PMWC) in Hong Kong.

The awardees from the Philippines are:

13th Asian Finals of the World Math-Fusion Olym-

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- 1. Alec Nathan Rongo St. John's Institute
- Maria Bernadette Landicho Stonyhurst Southville International School
  - 3. Krystal Lim Tiong Soon Grace Christian Col-
- 4. Alvann Walter Paredes Dy St. Jude Catholic School

#### SILVER MEDAL

lege

- 1. Lanz Arthur Gaurana Trinity Christian School 2. Juan Rafael Landicho - Philippine Science High School-Calabarzon
- 3. John David Magnave Philippine Science High School-Main
- 4. Armea Helena Sien Dimayacyac Philippine Science High School-Main

- 5. Walsh Nico Adrian Letran St. Jude Catholic School
- 6. Kei Hang Derek Chan St. Jude Catholic School **BRONZE MEDAL** 
  - 1. Benjamin Dacles Trinity Christian School
  - 2. Gian Paulo Oviedo Trinity Christian School
- 3. Marie Emmanuelle Martinez UP Integrated School
- 4. Erwyn Aenas Vibal Philippine Science High School-Main
- 5. Christian Joseph Bunyi San Beda College-Alabang
- 6. Eljan Cao Philippine Science High School-Bicol 7. John Florence Dizon - Philippine Science High School-Main
- 8. Alexandra Brianne Gochian St. Jude Catholic School

#### **EXCELLENCE CERTIFICATE**

- 1. Eric Fabian Deiv Mendez Ateneo de Naga University Grade School
  - 2. Maria Martina Chiu St. John's Institute
  - 3. Eric Fabian Thirdy Mendez Philippine Science

#### High School-BRC

- 4. Mariane Shane Gante - San Beda College-
- Alabang 5. Lorraine Joy Calica - UST Junior High
- 10th Global Finals of SPEAK International Competition **GOLD MEDAL**
- 1. Gregory Dy -Jubilee Christian Academy
- 2. Gianna Patricia Jimenez - San Beda College
- Alabang Ambreinne Janne Fabila - St. Paul College Pasig
- 4. Syd Spencer Teo - Zamboanga Chong Hua High School
- 5. Rydel Ridley Lim - St. Stephen's High
- 6. Alexandra Louis Chan - Zamboanga Chong Hua High School

- 1. Mark Gomez Jr. Trinity Christian School
- 2. Patricia Gaille Tiu Iloilo Scholastic Academy
- 3. Jersey Jaclyn To St. Stephen's High School
- 4. Hans Emmanuel Vargas Ateneo de Zamboanga University
- 5. Chantal Paige Vargas Ateneo de Zamboanga University
  - 6. Simone Abigail Chua St. Stephen's High School
  - 7. Mehriell Ellice Ang St. Jude Catholic School 8. Alessandro Leane Chan - Zamboanga Chong
- Hua High School

#### **BRONZE MEDAL**

- 1. Adrian Zachary Liong MGC New Life Christian Academy
- 2. Kohleen Rae Orpilla Integrated Montessori Center
  - 3. Maria Tajan St. Paul College Pasig
  - 4. Ivie Nyrelle Adiong Saint Jude Catholic School
- 5. Raianna Amihan Carandang Immaculate Heart of Mary College-Paranaque (MTG)

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coming three to four decades. There will be infrastructure projects such as construction of additional roads for traffic-congested roadways and modernization of the public transportation. He also mentioned the creation of a solid waste management plan as a collective solution for all cities and municipalities, and a sustainable peace and order plan for the continuous development of the province.

As the governor ended, "Let this day be the beginning that 20 years from now, they're going to say that there was a day that everything was planned for the province... Let it begin today and let it begin with us."



#### **HEALTHCARE FOR CONCHU RESIDENTS**

The provincial government of Cavite thru the opg-extension and the provincial health office brought free healthcare services to the residents of Barangay Conchu in Trece Martires City on July 23 2019. Seventh District Board Members Ping Remulla and Lito Langit, together with Mayor Gemma Lubigan, Vice Mayor Bobby Montehermoso, and the members of the city councils were present as they roamed around the vicinity and interacted with the locals. Volunteer doctors, dentists and medical practitioners from general Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital rendered free consultations and tooth extraction to 501 patients. The event was made possible with the assistance from Barangay Chairwoman Irene Aure with the help of the barangay health workers and the employees of the local and provincial government./SOURCEPROVINCIAL INFORMATION AND **COMMUNITY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT** 

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probe the EJK statistics which UNCHR Agnes Callamard and Omidyar-funded Ma. Ressa had audaciously conjured.

Except for calling the challenge of his critics to invoke the mutual defense treaty that expectedly fallen on deaf ears, Duterte needlessly responds to the opposition sound bites that are bereft of any legal foundations or sanity. In an attempt to score points after a humiliating defeat in the just concluded senatorial race, Liberal Party candidate Chel Diokno filed a Writ of Kalikasan as a legal remedy to protect what belongs to the Philippine environment. He impleaded President Duterte using fishermen who he claimed were his witnesses. The Supreme Court called his attention and in effect asked him why Duterte and why not his predecessors. Later the fishermen came out with a denial that they never talked to Diokno and that they had nothing to do with his agenda.

Amidst the brouhaha, the Social Weather Station revealed in its latest survey that 80% of Filipinos are satisfied with the performance of Duterte. Pulse Asia just came up with the President's Trust rating of 85 percent.

On the economic front, the United Nations expects the Philippine economy to grow to a conservative 6.5% driven by the "Build, Build, Build" program implementation and expenditure frenzy. The inflation level which hit the rafters towards the end of 2018 has dramatically decelerated. Standard & Poors credit rating of the Philippines is steady at bbb+ which simply mean 'investment grade'. Oxford Economics, on the other hand, placed the Philippines second among the top 10 countries in Asia with the fastest-growing emerging market economies. If we consider, therefore, the indubitable proposition that Asia will dominate the global economy in the next decade, Philippines and Filipinos definitely will have their rightful place in the sun.

Digong must have done something good.

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of the Department: The Alternative Learning System (ALS), a second chance education for out-of-school youth and adults, which she said the President strongly supports; the Indigenous Peoples Education (IPEd) Program; the Digital Rise Program; and the Last Mile Schools Program which aims to reach out to schools which have been "left behind due to distance, size, and isolation from the rest of the country."

The 4th SDEM aimed to provide a platform where ministers can discuss issues and trends in education affecting the region in the digital era and the Industry 4.0. It also aimed to make the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization's (SEAMEO) education goals relevant and responsive to the changing times.

Also present in the event were DepEd Undersecretary for Planning, Human Resource and Organizational Development, and Field Operations Jesus Mateo, DepEd International Cooperation Office Director Margarita Consolacion Ballesteros, and other officials of DepEd Central Office.

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league) to help mobilize village folks to carry out the Department of Health's 4S strategy against dengue -- search and destroy mosquito breeding sites, secure self-protection, seek early consultation, and support misting/spraying to address the outbreak.

Salazar and the league's provincial federation president and ex-officio provincial board member Paolo Crisostomo have sought the cooperation of the local government units for barangay assemblies and massive awareness campaigns, in close coordination with the provincial health office.

With the state of calamity declaration last week, Governor Juanito Victor Remulla immediately ordered the release of about PHP4 million for the purchase of blood supplies, intravenous fluids, diagnostics

kits, and other medical supplies for patients.

Dasmariñas City has recorded the highest number of dengue cases with 913, followed by Bacoor City with 419 cases.

The provincial health office has directed all government and private hospitals in the province to designate a fast lane for dengue patients. /source:D,Abrina PNA



#### CITY GOVERNMENT OF IMUS BOODLETTING PROGRAM







"Lingkod at Alay, Dugtong ng Buhay Mo" bilang bahagi ng pagdiriwang ng National Disaster Resilience Month sa pangunguna ng ni Councilor L.A. Deocadis at ating City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (CDRRMO) sa Imus Multipurpose Hall last week of July 2019.





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## DOH, DepEd in **Bacoor educate** students on HIV/All

BACOOR CITY, Cavite - To avert the spread of human immunodeficiency virus/Acquired Immunity Deficiency Syndrome (HIV/AIDS) in this city, the Department of Health (DOH) regional office and the Department of Education (DepEd)-Bacoor City Division held on Monday a "Peer Education Training" in several schools to raise awareness and prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS.

**DOH Calabarzon** (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, Quezon), the city Social Hygiene Clinic, and DepEd-Bacoor City Division held the seminar training in various public and private schools here, in a bid to create awareness on the HIV/ AIDS situation in the province.

The event at the **Bacoor Government Cen**ter was attended by 161 iunior and senior high school students, teachers

and guidance counselors from the 23 city schools.

Dr. Michael Angelo Marquez, City Health Office (CHO) Medical Officer III and Head of the Social Hygiene Clinic, disclosed to the Philippine News Agency that they are targeting students because HIV is mostly affecting young people, aged 12 to 24 years old.

"We need to empower our students and give them the proper and accurate information on

them to avoid acquiring the virus," Marquez said.

He said Bacoor City has registered the highest number of cases of HIV/AIDS in the Calabarzon Region with followed Dasmariñas City with 686; and Imus City with 616 cases, recorded from 1984 to April 2019.

He also noted that all new confirmed cases in April this year are from the 15 to 24 age group.

"We need to train them, increase their knowledge and encourage behavior change for them to become an effective messenger among their peers to prevent HIV and other sexually transmitted

the basics of HIV/AIDS for infections (STIs) in schools and the community," he added.

> Meanwhile, Dr. Mary Grace E. Javier, Medical Officer III of DepEd here, explained the peer education seminar-workshop is part of the "Oplan Kalusugan (OK) sa Department of Education" (OK sa

ior and Senior Students and Teachers on "The ob-HIV/AIDS" was held at the Bacoor Governjective is to edu- ment Center on July 22, 2019. (Photo courcate the youth tesy of DOH4A-MRCU) and hear out their

concerns on age-appropriate issues particularly adolescent reproductive health and also ensure wellness of DepEd personnel through the provision of basic medical care for better productivity," she emphasized.

Dr. Michael Angelo J. Marquez, Bacoor City Health Office medical officer, addresses a student's concern on the confidentiality of information on a person found positive of HIV. The "Peer Educator's Training for Jun-

She added that the peer educator's training activity also includes lectures on the National Drug Education Program.source: (PNA)

#### **Briones highlights DepEd's** response to SDG challenges

KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA-Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones highlighted the Department of Education's (DepEd) four major inclusion programs and action in response to the challenges of education in the country relative to the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In her speech during the 4th Strategic Dialoque for Education Ministers (SDEM) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on July 24, Briones first presented the context of education in the country, as well as the pressing concerns that the Philippine education faces.

"We have 27.2 million learners in public





that's the enormity of the challenge and our job... We have 889.700 workforce composed primarily of teachers," she added.

Briones then underscored the country's very strong legal framework for accessibility of education: "The Constitution itself provides that education should be

and private school — made available to all—not iust access to education, but quality education. The Constitution provides that the largest item of expenditure should go to education in the national budget in addition to other sources of financial support."

> The Secretary further shared the four major inclusion programs ...page 5



City of General Trias Association of Barangay Treasurers took their Oath of Office before Mayor Ony Ferrer last July 18, 2019.

