



SAVE MANILA BAY

The City Government of Imus commemorates the 123rd Anniversary of Martyrdom of Dr. Jose P. Rizal on Dec 30, 2019



International Migrants Day observance: Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office and Cavite Migration and Development Office celebrated balikbayan Day recently.

Caviteño OFs and OFWs Celebrate Balikbayan Day

Cavite Provincial Government through the initiative of Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office and Cavite Migration and Development Office spearheaded the celebration of Cavite Balikbayan Day in observance of the International Migrants Day on December 18, 2019 at the Provincial Gymnasium, Trece Martires City. Hundreds of Overseas Filipinos, Overseas Filipino Workers and their respective families attended the affair.

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More than 2,000 illegal aliens nabbed in 2019

MANILA -- The Bureau of Immigration (BI) said it arrested more than 2,000 illegal aliens this year as a result of its intensified campaign against foreigners who violate the country's immigration laws.

BI Commissioner Jaime Morente said that since January a total of 1,836 illegal aliens were arrested in various operations conducted by agents of the bureau's intelligence division in Metro Manila and other places throughout the country, while 421 foreign fugitives arrested by the bureau's fugitive search

unit (FSU) during the period.

"There will be no letup in our drive against these illegal aliens. We will continue to go after them and deport them back to their homelands," the BI chief said.

BI acting intelligence chief Fortunato Manahan Jr. disclosed that majority of those arrested were Chinese nationals caught illegally staying and working in the country, many of whom were engaged in cyber fraud activities and unauthorized online gaming operations.

The list include the more than 500 illegal Chinese

workers arrested in Pasay City last October and more than 300 of their compatriots who were rounded up in various establishments in Puerto Princesa City, Palawan last September.

Only recently, 342 Chinese nationals were arrested in several floors of a large condominium bldg. in Bago Bantay, Quezon City for operating a telecom scam and working without permits.

Manahan also noted that it was a busy year for BI agents assigned in the South as there have been more arrests of

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Villar Opens TPLEX Sison-Rosario Segment for the Holiday Season



Secretary Mark A. Villar

A safer and faster travel to the Summer Capital of the country is now possible this Christmas season with the opening of the Sison-Rosario segment of the Tarlac-Pangasinan-La Union Expressway (TPLEX) project.

In his inspection on Monday, December 23, 2019, Secretary Mark A. Villar said that the four (4) kilometer segment is expected to cut the travel time to Baguio City by up to 30 minutes as well as ease the traffic bottleneck along Manila North Road towards Kennon Road.

"Considering that Baguio is a go-to holiday destination, we opened the segment to provide ease to our tourists who want to experience the beauty of the City of Pines. While significantly cutting their travel time, we also want to ensure that the expressway is in its utmost quality for their safety," Villar said.

Following its opening, motorists who will traverse this Sison-Rosario Segment of the expressway will be free of charge.

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City Government of Bacoor:

Operation Linis at hakot basura



Panapaan 5 papuntang Panapaan 1



Marcos Alvarez

Walang pinipiling panahon o okasyon ang serbisyong pampubliko. Dahil sa walang tigil na ulang dulot ng bagyong Ursula, nagkalat ang basura at naging maputik sa kahabaan ng Marcos Alvarez. Kasalukuyang nililipol ang mga basura at nililinis ang putik ng mga kawani ng CENRO. Patuloy din ang pagkolekto ng basura sa iba't ibang bahagi ng lungsod.

Welcoming the Leap Year 2020

MANILA -- Since the incoming year 2020 is divisible by the number 4, it is considered universally as a leap year, which comes around every four years.

Like the previous four-year cycles since the turn of the 21st century -- 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012, and 2016 -- the month of February 2020 has 29 days, or one day more compared with the usual 28 days.

This is in line with the days of the month rhyme, which somehow says in part (not in exact wording): "Thirty days has September, April, June, and November; February has 28 alone. All the rest have 31; Except in Leap Year, that's the time when February's days are 29."

Another version of the rhyme says: "Leap year comes one year in four and gives to February one day more."

In each leap year, the leap day comes on a different day of February.

For instance, in the February month of Leap Year 2020, leap day falls on a Saturday -- Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29.

In the previous leap years since the turn of the present century, leap day came on Monday in 2016, Wednesday in 2012, Friday in 2008, Sunday in 2004, and Tuesday in 2000.

Here is the complete list of the leap years in the first half of the 21st century: 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012, 2016, 2020, 2024, 2028, 2032, 2036, 2040, 2044, and 2048.

In the previous century, the leap years were: 1900, 1904, 1908, 1912, 1916, 1920, 1924, 1928, 1932, 1936, 1940, 1944, 1948, 1952, 1956, 1960, 1964, 1968, 1972, 1976, 1980, 1984, 1988, 1992, and 1996. (PNA)

TESDA, DDB forge ties for the establishment of 'Tahanang Pangkabuhayan'

TAGUIG CITY, Philippines – The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) and the Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB) formally forged ties for the establishment of an intervention and development project for drug dependents and surrenderers.

The parties, represented by TESDA Secretary Isidro S. Lapeña and DDB Secretary Catalino S. Cuy, signed the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the establishment of the "Tahanang Pangkabuhayan" project warranting the implementation of skills development and livelihood projects for the clients of local government units' (LGUs) community-based treatment and rehabilitation programs.

Once launched, the government will utilize the said project to

provide the abovementioned projects for qualified clients as part of their interventions and work therapy while undergoing treatments.

The project is expected to ease the drug dependents and surrenderers' reintegration into society, and uplift their economic status in their respective communities.

Under the Agreement, the DDB will provide funding and resources for the conduct of trainings, and ensure that all information and data collected from the project

implementation will be submitted to the Regulation's Integrated Drug Monitoring and Reporting Information System (IDMRIS).

The DDB will also conduct advocacy and capability-building programs in coordination with concerned LGUs and TESDA, in order to further assist the clients to achieve sobriety.

Immediate family members will be enlisted as co-dependents in the said programs for them to be more actively involved

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BACOR CITY

Grounbreaking rites of Cavite first common tower in Addas Greenfield

BACOR CITY, Cavite - The country's hope to get 5G, or the fifth generation wireless networking architecture, takes a big step last Thursday with the groundbreaking of the first common tower at Addas Greenfield Village here.

Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) Undersecretary Elizeo Rio, who led the groundbreaking rites, said this shared infrastructure

project of ISOC edotco Towers Limited (ISOC edotco), a regional end-to-end integrated telecommunications infrastructure services company, will support the country's target to improve the current infrastructure in telecommunications, "which, sad to say, is still 2G".

"We have the lowest tower in the city, maybe in the whole world, not only in this region, where over 7,000 subscribers are sharing, being

served by a single tower," he said.

Rio said the country's current telecommunication infrastructure equates to slow and expensive connectivity and many blocked calls, which make the over-all telecommunication service not good especially in rural areas where the densities are even smaller.

To improve this, the DICT started the concept of common tower way back early

2018, he added.

Rio thanked ISOC edotco for being the first to step in and submitted its unsolicited proposal on the initiative.

He also hoped that the local government would not make it hard to establish such structures which he considered "very fast and cheap access to reach the digital world" and improve lives of all sectors.

The common tower,

which is expected to rise within the next few months, hopes to host not just one but three of the country's major telecommunication operators.

Edotco Chief Executive Officer Suresh Sidhu said "this is also a major step forward for the nation, towards embracing the shared infrastructure model and advancing overall connectivity".

ISOC edotco aims to build 400 to 500 towers within the first year of operation,

contributing towards the 1,000 towers planned within the first phase of operations, which will span from two to three years.

"Our efforts in the Philippines are fueled by the clear opportunity to transform the telecommunications landscape and our commitment to improve the country's digital aspirations as a nation building partner," he added.

ISOC Infrastructure Inc. and edotco Group Sdn. Bhd will invest up to USD100 million each in the local market over the next three to five years. From the source:(PNA)

Designated selling areas for fireworks and other pyrotechnic devices in the City of Imus.

Designated Selling Areas for Fireworks and other Pyrotechnic Devices

WHERE TO BUY

FIREWORKS

IN IMUS?

- ☒ Vacant lot in front of City of Imus Polytechnic Institute (near Citymall Anabu)
- ☒ Parking area of Greengate Cluster Office, Malagasang II-A
- ☒ Open Area of Bahayang Pag-asa, Extension Office, Mariano Espeleta
- ☒ Open Area / Parking Lot of Malls / Commercial Establishments
 - The District Ayala Mall
 - Shopwise Anabu
 - SM Hypermarket Anabu
 - Shopwise Lancaster
 - JJA Building, Buhay na Tubig

MAYOR Emmanuel MALIKSI



DDB Secretary Catalino S. Cuy and TESDA Secretary Isidro S. Lapeña sign Memorandum of Agreement between TESDA and DDB for "Tahanang Pangkabuhayan" at the TESDA Central Office. (Photo courtesy of TESDA)

2019 a year for women and health - Hontiveros

PASAY CITY -- Despite challenges, 2019 is still a year for women and health.

This was the statement of Akbayan Risa Hontiveros on Friday as the Senate adjourned its Session for the holidays. "Marami man ang naging hamon, mas maraming batas ang napagtagump-ayan para sa kababaihan at sa kalusugan," Hontiveros claimed, noting the passage of landmark laws for women's rights and better health services.

In 2019, during the tail-end of the 17th Congress, Hontiveros successfully led the passage of eight (8) new landmark laws. As chairperson of the Senate Committee on Women, Hontiveros ushered the passage of the Expanded Maternity Leave Law or Republic Act No. 11210 which expanded working Filipinas' paid maternity leave from the original 60 days to 105 days.

"It is now the policy of the State to give mothers our due. Mas makakapagpahinga mula sa panganganak, mas maaalagaan si baby", Hontiveros declared. The law, signed by President Duterte in February this year, was an 'historic legislation', she also added. "Mula sa pagiging kulelat sa Southeast Asia sa bilang ng paid maternity leave days, tayo na ngayon ay pumapangalawa, kasunod ng Vietnam", she explained.

In July this year, the Philippines also passed the Bawal Bastos Law or the Safe Streets and Public Spaces Act (Republic Act No. 11313) which penalizes gender-based harassment and abuse in public spaces. "2019 is the year we say goodbye to boy bastos", Hontiveros, who served as the law's principal author and sponsor, declared.

This year also saw the passage of the Universal Healthcare Act or RA 11223, signed by the President in February. The measure institutionalizes universal healthcare coverage for all Filipinos. "Ang mga Pinoy hindi dapat namumulubi kung may sakit," urged Hontiveros who co-authored and co-sponsored the measure with former Senator JV Ejercito. "The law will primarily close the gaps in the health service delivery in the country. Ngayon, lahat na may PhilHealth, may kayang magpatingin sa doktor, at mas mura ang pagpapagamot", she also added.

Some of the laws authored by Hontiveros that passed this year are the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) Act (RA 11310), the act on mandatory PhilHealth coverage for persons with disabilities (RA 11228), the Special Protection of Children in Situations of Armed Conflict Act (RA 11188), the Simulated Birth Rectification Act (RA 11222), and the Speech Language Pathology Act (RA 11249).


During the year, Hontiveros also secured the provision of billions of pesos of public funds to expand government programs on health and other basic services following her interventions in the 2020 General Appropriations Act.

"We're putting our money where our mouth is. Sinigurado nating sapat ang pondo para matugunan ang mga problema sa kalusugan", Hontiveros said, noting that her efforts led to the allotment of P400 million for purchase of anti-retroviral drugs against HIV, P250 million additional funding for anti-tuberculosis treatment programs, and P50 million for polio and pneumonia surveillance programs.

"Inayos din nating may pondo para matulungan ang ating mga magkasaka at mga informal settler families", she added. Her interventions led to at least P3 billion assistance to rice farmers as direct financial assistance, and the provision of up to 18,000 housing units for informal settler families.

For the 18th Congress, the Akbayan Senator filed a total of 48 Senate bills, including the Strengthened Anti-Hospital Detention Bill, and 22 Senate resolutions covering various issues and advocacies, including urging immediate assistance to rice and sugar farmers and the protection of indigenous communities.

"This year was tough, but Filipinos are tougher", Hontiveros said. "We have achieved so much, pero tuloy-tuloy ang trabaho. Sa 2020, dadamihan pa natin ang mga batas na talagang tutulong sa bawat pamilyang Pilipino," she concluded. (OSRH)



A YEAR FOR WOMEN AND HEALTH

2019 Report - Senator Risa Hontiveros

8 NEW LANDMARK LAWS



105-Day Expanded Maternity Leave Law

- RA 11210 (Principal Sponsor, Author)

Expansion of paid maternity leave from 60 days to 105 days.



Universal Healthcare Act

- RA 11223 (Co-Author, Co-Sponsor)

Institutionalizes universal healthcare coverage for all Filipinos.



Bawal Bastos Law

- RA 11313 (Principal Sponsor, Principal Author)

Prohibits and penalizes gender-based street and public sexual harassment and abuse.



Mandatory PhilHealth Coverage for Persons with Disabilities -

RA 11228 (Author, Co-Sponsor)

Provides all persons with disabilities with health coverage under PhilHealth.



Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) Act

- RA 11310 (Author)

Institutionalizes the 4Ps program as a national poverty reduction strategy by government.



Simulated Birth Rectification Act

- RA 11222 (Author, Sponsor)

Validates the adoption process easier and provides amnesty to parents who "simulated" the birth of an adopted child.



Special Protection of Children in Situations of Armed Conflict Act

- RA 11188 (Principal Sponsor, Author)

Imposes greater protections for children in situations of armed conflict or violence.



Speech Language Pathology Act

- RA 11249 (Author)

Provides for a Professional Regulatory Board of Speech Language Pathology that will regulate the practice of speech pathology in the country.

A Year for Women and Health, 2019 Report - Senator Risa Hontiveros

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Alarmed residents have called on the Sangguniang Panlalawigan (Provincial Board) to look into the road accidents, in aid of legislation, and find measures or means that may well prevent mishaps.

The authorities have identified the areas where the accidents were reported prevalent to name a few the Aguinaldo Highway, particularly in Silang, Dasmariñas, Imus and Bacoor; and Governors Drive and Crisanto M de los Reyes Avenue.

Fatal vehicular and pedestrian accidents have been reported in the province for years. In 2018 alone, there were scores of people who perished in the accidents with motorcycle riders as mostly victims, PPO reports showed.

Caviteño OFs and OFWs ...p1

Provincial Administration for Community Affairs Alvin Mojica officially opened the program by welcoming the guests and participants of the event. He stressed that the provincial government under the leadership of Governor Juanito Victor Remulla will continuously provide assistance and services to Caviteños especially to the OFWs.

Several topics of interest to OFs were discussed. Ms. Aileen Constantino Peñas, Executive Director of Atikha, Inc. talked about the migration and development regional situation. According to the data, CaLaBaRZon has the biggest share of OFWs in the country with 17.9% of OFWs coming from the region. She also tackled the GEAR UP (Go Earn Achieve Return Uplift Philippines) Reintegration Preparedness Program that focuses on bringing home OFWs and providing them with sustainable jobs and businesses through social and economic programs such as facilitation of savings, investments and engaging in entrepreneurial activities. Likewise, Ms. Rozelle Carrera, Administrative Officer III of the Commission on Filipinos Overseas discussed the Balinkbayan – overseas Filipinos’ one stop online portal for diaspora engagement. Mr. Rommel Ramallosa, Supervisor of Pag-ibig Fund – Dasmariñas Branch, explained the Modified Pag-ibig 2 Program and encouraged OFs to save and invest under the MP2 Program. Furthermore, a former OFW, Mr. Roel Pamintuan shared the hardships and trials they went through after leaving the country and returning home as well as their story of success as entrepreneur.

Participants were entertained by the cultural dance presentations performed by the senior citizens from the municipalities of Carmona, Mendez and Naic and the cities of Bacoor and Imus. Municipality of Mendez took the first place while Carmona and City of Bacoor got the second and third spot, respectively.

Moreover, certificate of recognition was awarded to the municipalities of Carmona and Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo as well as to Kaysuyo OFW Association of Alfonso, Daine I and II OFW Association and Agusos OFW Association of Indang for their efforts and initiatives in promoting programs on migration and development in their localities.SOURCEPROVINCIAL INFORMATION AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

City Of Bacoor: Christmas party ng 45 Days Batch 7 kasama sina Bridges of Hope Senior Program Director Guillermo Gomez, CICF Alpha Director Pastor Phil Depatillo, Sports Coordinator Marlo Corpin, City Livelihood Officer Carmelita Fabian Gawaran, PDEA Provincial Officer Billy Viray, at Bacoor PNP Chief Vicente Cabatangan.

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in the clients' treatment and rehabilitation process.

Meanwhile, TESDA is set to mobilize its local offices and accredited TESDA trainers, including Technology Institutions (TTIs) to facilitate competency assessments and skills training for qualified clients, as well as coordinate with concerned LGUs for other deliverables.

The Authority will also make available the starter kits, tools and equipment to ensure the sustainability of the program.

"Through this joint project, "Tahanang Pangkabuhayan", I am confident that we will be able to reach and uplift more Filipinos who had once fallen victim to drug abuse but have chosen to reform themselves. Together with DDB, our intervention will help them lead productive lives anew," Lapena said.

Also as stipulated in the MOA, TESDA will monitor the implementation and progress of the skills training under "Tahanang Pangkabuhayan" and submit liquidation reports with corresponding progress reports and statistical data to the DDB, in accordance with the given timelines specified in the work plan.

Successful graduates will receive National Certificates (NC) or Certificates of Competency (COC) depending on the finished course(s). (TESDA/PIA-NCR)



Agri chief: “Buy, promote local fruits”

In keeping with the local tradition of preparing round fruits during the New Year to bring luck and prosperity, Agriculture Secretary William Dar urges Filipinos to patronize and buy local fruits.

The move achieves twin goals of increasing farmers' incomes and supporting the development and commercialization of the local fruit industry, said Dar.

“Let's promote and take pride in our local fruits. Let's give the tradition a deeper meaning by nurturing our agricultural sector,” he added.

Most Filipinos prefer to buy imported apples, oranges, and grapes to decorate their dinner table on New Year's eve.

“There are local fruits that can adorn our tables

and they are as nutritious and cheaper than imported ones,” the newly-confirmed DA chief said.

“For instance, instead of imported oranges, we can buy Perante, Satsuma, or Vizcaya ponkan, which are grown in Nueva Vizcaya. There are also local grapes from La Union, as well as citrus fruits from Central Luzon and Bukidnon,” Dar added.

Other popular Pinoy fruits include melon, watermelon (pakwan), lanzones, chico, pomelo, rambutan, mangosteen, siniguelas, tiesa,



Agriculture Secretary William Dar

guava (bayabas), atis (custard apple), duhat (black plum), rambutan, santol, dalandan or sintunis (Philippine orange), aratiles (local cherry), bignay (currant), mabolo, papaya, avocado, and fresh coconut, among other fruits.

For non-traditional consumers, he said there

are round varieties of langka (jackfruit), pineapple, mango, macopa, durian, balimbing (star fruit) and dragonfruit that can be bought from farmers.

Also, there are indigenous fruits like anang, sapote, yambo, sapinit, katmon, kalumpit, lipote, binukaw, or paratungon — that are often overlooked, not because they are not as delicious and as nutritious as their imported ones, but because most Filipinos are unfamiliar with them.

“Buying Pinoy fruits will indeed increase incomes of farmers and their families who are into fruit orchard production,” Dar said. ### source:(Rita dela Cruz, DA)

Warlords have no place in a democracy - De Lima

Opposition Senator Leila M. de Lima has underscored that the guilty verdict for the 2009 Maguindanao massacre masterminds serves as a reminder to the entire nation that warlords cannot escape justice, especially in a democratic country like the Philippines.

De Lima, a former justice secretary, made the remark after the three sons of late former Maguindanao Governor Andal Ampatuan Sr. were convicted for the murder of 58 persons in the 2009 Maguindanao massacre.

“Justice has finally been served. It has been a long and rigorous process in obtaining justice for the 58 victims of the deadliest incident of electoral violence and attack on the press in the history of the country,” she said in her recent Dispatch from Crame No. 681.

“This day will forever be etched in history as the day justice did not tolerate homicidal and monstrous abuse of power. By means of this guilty verdict, we are reminded that warlords have no place in

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The Department of Education Region IV-A CALABARZON 2019 Gawad Bituin was held last December 16, 2019 @Marco Polo Hotel, Pasig City

Female employee killed in Cavite hit-and-run incident

CAMP GEN. PANTALEON GARCIA, IMUS, Cavite – A female employee died on Saturday in a hit-and-run incident on Molino IV Road in Bacoor City, the Cavite Police Provincial Office (PPO) reported on Sunday, December 22.

The victim, Madonna Orcena Camula, 36, was crossing the pedestrian lane, when she was struck by a speeding vehicle, of still unknown type or make, early Saturday morning.

Camula suffered severe body injuries and died two hours later at the nearby Metro South Medical Center.

The city police are looking at all available closed-circuit television camera footages in the area and elsewhere that may help them identify the vehicle and hopefully its driver.

A report that the police released to media said that Camula was struck by the vehicle right at the pedestrian lane near the Eivance Optical Clinic in Barangay Molino IV.

The vehicle was traveling along the road leading to SM Molino compound at the time of the accident.

Camula's body was reportedly propelled into the air before crashing back on the road due to the impact. She was brought to the hospital by responding rescuers.

The accident happened at 5:27 a.m. with Camula being declared dead by the attending doctor at 7:58 a.m.

The authorities and residents have expressed alarm over the spike of vehicular and pedestrian accidents in Cavite province's lowland and upland districts.

Just for this month alone, there were at least five reported fatal accidents in the province.

The road accidents now and then mostly involved motorcycles, trucks and cars.

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