

# LGU DASMARIÑAS PROVIDES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, RELIEF GOODS TO FIRE VICTIMS



Councilor AJ Advincula and Tito Monzon representing the office of Congressman Alex Advincula assist Dasmariñas Mayor Jenny Barzaga in the distribution of food packs to Bautista fire victims. (Photo: Dennis Abrina)

Dasmariñas City, Cavite (PIA) --The city government provided financial assistance and relief goods to the 114 households affected by the fire that razed several houses in a residential area at Zone 5, Bautista Barangay Sampaloc IV July 3, 2020.

Mayor Jenny Austria-Barzaga led the distribution activity July 10, 2020 at the Barangay Luzviminda II covered court.

The financial assistance was the subject of the resolution passed by the Sangguniang Panlungsod as requested by Mayor Barzaga to help the families left homeless

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Mayor Jenny Austria-Barzaga

## 134 more policemen contract coronavirus

MANILA – The Philippine National Police (PNP) reported that 134 more police officers contracted the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19), bringing the total number of cases among its ranks to 1,223.

As of Monday evening, the PNP Health Service said out of the new cases, 130 are from the Police Re-



PNP chief Gen. Archie Gamboa

gional Office in Calabarzon (PRO-4A), and four from the National Capital Region Police Office.

A total of 501 personnel have recovered from the disease while the death toll stands at nine.

The PNP Health

Service is also monitoring 666 probable cases and 1,431 suspected cases.

PNP chief Gen. Archie Gamboa said the infected cops came from those who are manning quarantine checkpoints. He said while the figures continue to increase, the police force would never run out of personnel.

"Losing kunwari 1,000 personnel because they are infected and under quarantine, PNP now is 209,000 so it's practically a very small portion. So no problem. Marami kami

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The General Trias Component City Police Station led the launching of the Disiplina Muna campaign which aims to promote the culture of discipline among Filipinos. The simple ceremony was also attended by representatives from the Liga ng mga Barangay, City Local Government Operations Office, Pag-Asa Youth Association of the Philippines-General Trias, and Office of the City Mayor.





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riod whilst the same act committed against a child above twelve years but below eighteen years of age is penalized with reclusion temporal in its medium period to reclusion perpetua.

In other words, the penalty is lower despite the fact that the victim is younger. Go also cited a 2019 Supreme Court case, *People v. Tulagan*, which called for "corrective legislation" to address the incongruent penalties.

"Mariin po nating tinututulan ang pang-aabuso sa ating mga kabataan. Kaya naman po isinusulong ko ang panukalang ito sa Senado upang masiguro na protektado ang ating mga kabataan laban sa mga ganitong pang-aabuso," Go said.

"Ang mga kabataan po ang pag-asa ng ating bayan. Gawin po natin ang lahat upang proteksyunan sila laban sa mga taong may masamang intensyon sa kanila," he continued.

The United Nations estimates tens of thousands of children have fallen victim to the global child-abuse industry, now worth over US\$ 1 billion. The Philippines, in particular, is the largest known source of Online Sexual Exploitation of Children (OSEC) cases according to a recent study conducted by the Washington-based International Justice Mission in

partnership with the Philippine and United States governments.

The number of cases increased by 250% from 23,333 in 2014 to 81,723 in 2017. It is believed the widespread use of the English language, high poverty incidence rate and relatively easy internet access have enabled the crime to worsen in the country.

OSEC is predominantly a family-based crime. The average age of the victims is eleven years. The youngest documented victim is less than one year. Seventy four percent of the local cases were facilitated by someone within the child's circle of trust, such as a family member, guardian or family friend.

The parents, if not traffickers themselves, sometimes get involved as they too share in the financial benefits obtained from the exploitation of the child. It is suggested that money, as opposed to sexual deviancy, is the primary motivator. An official of the U.S. State Department disclosed the number of OSEC cases in the Philippines is swiftly rising partly due to the economic downturn as a result of COVID-19 pandemic.

The pedophiles are mostly in the United States, Canada, Europe and Australia. Many have either travelled or lived in the Philippines at some point in time. As a

consequence, the Senator also filed another bill, SB No. 1649, to reduce the risk of such crimes occurring.

The Bureau of Immigration Modernization Act of 2019 aims to update the Philippines' outdated immigration system. It provides a system of documentation and prescribes the procedure and requirements for the admission of immigrants. Section 77 of the bill cites moral grounds prohibiting the entry of pedophiles, sexual perverts and persons engaged in prostitution into the country.

It also denies entry to foreign nationals convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude or suspected to be engaged in human trafficking.

"Nakikiusap po ako sa mga awtoridad at sa ating komunidad na magmanman at maging mapagmatyag sa mga illegal na activities na umaabuso o nag-eexploit sa ating mga kababayan lalo na sa mga kabataan, gaya ng mga nag-eengage sa child pornography at online sex crimes," Go said.

"Kung may kilala po tayong gumagawa nito, magsumbong po tayo sa tamang awtoridad. Labanan po natin ito, palakas po nating ang ating mga batas laban dito, hindi lang para sa kapakanan ng ating mga kabataan kundi para sa ating bansa," he added. (OSBG)

# DepEd to provide assistance, support to private schools

The Department of Education (DepEd) is set to provide financial assistance to private elementary and high schools nationwide in its bid to prevent their shutdown due to low enrollment turnout amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Ang ating pamahalaan ay meron government assistance to students, teachers, at private education na ibinibigay sa paaralan para magbigyan ng assistance in the form of tuition and teacher subsidy," said DepEd Undersecretary Jesus Mateo during the Laging

Handa Public Briefing on Thursday.

Mateo said the aid grant is being done in order to prevent private primary schools from closing down.

"Noong May, si Secretary Briones ay dumulog sa Inter-Agency Task Force para i-elevate yung mga hinanaing o requests ng mga private school na kung pwede silang isama sa doon sa programa ng ating pamahalaan," Mateo narrated.

He said the teachers and other employees of private schools were greatly affected financial-

ly by the pandemic.

Education Secretary Leonor Briones earlier consulted Acting Socioeconomic Planning Secretary Karl Kendrick Chua on the possibility of extending financial assistance to private school teachers.

Chua, for his part, recommended that private school teachers turn to the government's program that provides cash aid to workers of small businesses.

"He (Chua) said, we do it the same way for other small businesses because we are referring



### DepEd Undersecretary Jesus Mateo

to small schools," Briones said of the meeting.

The Coordinating Council of Private Educational Associations (Copea), for its part, said private education sector was facing an estimated revenue loss of P55.2 billion, while some schools might close if the opening of classes is pushed in August.

Meanwhile, the DepEd reported that around 305,000 students transferred from private to public schools this year.

"Sa mga record natin sa private schools marami pa ang hindi pa talaga nakapag-enroll at ang malaking bilang nito ay nagtransfer na sa public schools," DepEd Undersecretary Revsee Escobedo said for his part.

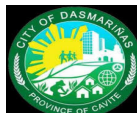
Escobedo added this is because many Filipinos have lost their jobs in this public health crisis.

Another reason for low rate of enrollment, parents are concerned about the health and safety of their children.

"May agam agam pa rin ang mga parents dahil meron tayong kinakaharap na pandemya at inaalala nila ang kalusugan at kaligtasan ng kanilang mga anak," Escobedo said.

The education department assured that they will prioritize the health and safety of the students in the upcoming opening of classes.

"Sinisiguro naming sa pagbubukas ng klase tinitiyakin naming na ang kalusugan at kaligtasan ng kanilang mga bata, magulang, at pati na rin ang komunidad bilang kasama ito sa prinsipyo ng Learning Continuity Plan ng DepEd," Escobedo said. (PIA-NCR)



### City Government of Dasmariñas



COURTESY VISIT OF PD COASTGUARD LT. ENCINA offering assistance to the LGU to the best of their capacity in times of natural disasters with Mayor Jenny Barzaga recently.



### City Government of Bacoor



Patuloy ang pag-ikot ng mga kawani ng CICU at BPLO at ng PNP sa pangunguna ni Willy Sabater, CESPO BACOR, sa ating lungsod upang ipasatupad ang ating ordinansa ukol sa face masks. Ngayong araw ay umikot sila sa Panapaan 1 at Digman. Ang mga nahuli nilang walang face masks ay nagsagawa ng community service sa kanilang barangay.

Paalala na kailangang magsuot ng face mask sa pampublikong lugar. Ang multa sa walang face mask ay P2,000 o di kaya'y magsasagawa ng community service.





## ATICalabarzon

BY: Janine L. Cailo



Opening ceremonies of "Training of Trainers on Production of High Quality Inbred Seeds and Farm Mechanization," graced by ATI in Calabarzon Cen-

ter Director, Ms. Marites Piamonte-Cosico, Atty. Rhaegge Tamaña of Villar SIPAG and Engr. Don David Julian, DA-PhilMech. Meanwhile, agency officials including ATI Director, Alfredo S. Aton, TES-DA Director General, Sec. Isidro S. Lapeña, PhilRice Director, John De Leon, as well as Senator Cynthia A. Villar stressed the importance of the training and rice mechanization for food sustainability through video messages.

## ADVISORY ABOUT SAP FROM DSWD



According to DSWD, Calabarzon is still included in the second tranche of Social Amelioration Program. They are currently working on the digital payment schedule while organizing their agreement with financial service providers and finishing SAC's dedication process. Let's wait for the advisory from DSWD.

## TRECE MARITRES CITY

Sa pagtutulungan ng City Mayor's Office at ng Local Housing Office ay nag lun-sad po tayo ng PSA Mobile Service sa Golden Horizon at Southville 2 Phase 3. Upang maiwasan na din ang pag sisiksikan sa opisina ng PSA at dagdag gastusin sa pamasaha ng mamamayang Treceño. Mahigpit ding nai-patupad ang social distancing sa dalawang araw na PSA Mobile Service.



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the country could not possibly afford to return to the ECQ status that will cause the economy to collapse," Gov. Remulla stated.

"On the other hand, the people should find the balance between health and livelihood to be able to survive this crisis. We are in crisis. People are having a difficult time. People are suffering. People are dying. The only thing that matters is that we put the country in the right direction to recover," the Governor emphasized.

He pointed out the importance of testing, tracing, isolation, medical care, jobs, transportation, and other major issues on locally straddled individuals (LSIs), OFWs in distress and the development of a rational educational plan for the continuation of education of the children.

"Now is the time for Leaders and not Politicians," Governor Jonvic Remulla concluded.. (Ruel Francisco PIA-Cavite/with reports from the official FB page of Gov. Jonvic Remulla)

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and suffered because of the fire.

The amount granted for the households affected depends on the degree of damage sustained. A total of P3.75M were distributed to the households broken down as follows: P1,880,000 for the 44 households in Block 44 that were totally damaged; P1,845,000 to 44 households that were totally damaged on Block 43; P25,000 to 5 households that were partially damaged; and P210,000 for the 21 households renting.

The families also received assistance from the office of the Department of So-

# Cavite SP passes ordinance on mandatory quarantine of COVID-19 patients

By Ruel B. Francisco

TRECE MARITRES CITY, Cavite (PIA) -- The Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) here has passed Provincial Ordinance No. 290-2020 during its 50th regular session last July 6, 2020.

Also known as an Ordinance on the Mandatory Quarantine and Isolation in a Hospital or a Government Facility of all Persons Confirmed with Coronavirus Disease 2019, PO No. 290-2020 aims to ensure

the safety of Caviteños and to prevent the massive spread of the disease.

Vice Governor Ramon Jolo B. Revilla III introduced the ordinance while Board Member Kerby Salazar sponsored the initiative and co-sponsored by all the Sangguniang Panlalawigan members and now awaits subsequent approval of Governor Jonvic Remulla for enactment.

Once approved for implementation, all persons

confirmed positive with COVID-19 shall be brought to the isolation facility for the necessary quarantine, isolation and proper treatment.

Vice Governor Jolo Revilla assured the people saying, "The Sangguniang Panlalawigan with all its members is continuously exerting its best efforts in thinking of solutions to fight the COVID-19," and requested everyone to work together against this challenge. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite/with reports from PICAD)

## HIV DRUGS SUPPLY IS STABLE - DOH

The Department of Health (DOH) assured the community of People Living with HIV (PLHIV) that DOH has a stable supply of lifesaving HIV drugs, amidst the "risk of running out" in other countries, as reported by the World Health Organization (WHO).

"With the drastic increase of the number of Filipinos getting infected with HIV over the past 10 years comes the continuous increase in budget allocation for procurement of HIV drugs," shares Secretary Francisco T. Duque III.

Currently there are 77,882 cumulative cases of HIV that reported as of April 2020, and 45,444 of whom are already on life-long treatment. These free antiretroviral (ARV) drugs are available in 160 government

and private treatment facilities situated around the country.

The DOH also stressed that most of the much-needed HIV drugs are sufficient until the end of the year, with additional buffer stocks. There is likewise an ongoing procurement of these drugs that ensures supply for the future use. Further, the 2021 procurement plan is being reviewed to consider increasing buffer stocks and higher cost due to issues related to COVID-19 pandemic.

"Thus, we call on HIV advocates, concerned individuals, groups, and organizations to help us disseminate this relevant information on the steady supply of HIV drugs to allay the fears and anxiety of our PLHIV," the Health Chief said, noting that

the DOH shall be closely monitoring the global situation and exhaust all possible means to maintain stable supply of HIV drugs, including close coordination with international partners.

On this note, the DOH encourages all PLHIV to closely communicate with their Health Care Providers in their HIV treatment hubs and primary HIV care facilities for their supply of HIV drugs, and adhere to their treatment regimen.

"Let me reiterate that we are taking HIV's threat seriously and ensuring steady supply of HIV drugs is one key measure to stop this virus in its tracks," Secretary Duque affirmed.

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(there are many personnel) and then there's always rotation. Dito sa Crame marami pang pulis dito (Here at Crame, there are many police officers)," Gamboa told reporters in a press briefing on Monday.

If a cop tests positive, he/she will observe a 14-day quarantine and undergo another test. Once cleared, they have to rest for seven to 10 more days before going back to duty.

"Kapag naubusan (once we ran out) we will deploy and we can afford to redeploy our PNP personnel at saka sabi ko nga, by reason of testing and quarantine hindi naman ganun katagal (it's not that long)," said. Gamboa/source: (PNA)

to visit the fire victims and gave financial aid amounting to P5,000 and food packs for each family.

The Bautista fire victims are still sheltered in the five barangay covered courts in the city were they were immediately evacuated and given collapsible tents to allow social distancing.

Mayor Barzaga assured the local government will continue to help especially in the processing of documents they lost during the fire. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite with report from Dennis Abrina)

cial Welfare and Development (DSWD) who gave 144 packs of Family Food packs; 144 pcs. of sleeping kits; 144 cartons of family kits; and 288 pcs. of bottled water and ready-to-eat food.

Meanwhile, the neighboring city of Imus thru the office of Congressman Alex 'AA' Advincula and represented by Councilors AJ Advincula and Tito Monzon lend a hand in the distribution and also gave food packs and relief goods for the affected families.

In a separate occasion, representatives from the office of Senator Bong Go came



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## Gov. Remulla reports on COVID 19, unemployment status in the province

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite (PIA) --In a post in his FB Page recently, Cavite Governor Jonvic Remulla reported on the COVID situation and the present status of unemployment in the province.

According to Gov. Remulla, the data recorded by the Provincial Health Office showed the number of COVID-19 positive cases tripled in the more than two months period from May 15, 2020 with 264 total cases up to July 8, 2020 now at 817 cases.

"This is how rapid the numbers are increasing with the loosening of the re-

strictions due to the lowering of the quarantine status from ECQ to GCQ to allow for the opening of businesses and eventually jumpstart the economy," the Governor observed.

Meanwhile, on the status of unemployment in the province, Remulla cited the Department of Finance that 51% have either lost their jobs or are on a limited work schedule and have little to almost having no savings left while 11% are unemployed but still have savings to get them thru for sometime.

"Despite these figures, the province let alone

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# Bong Go files twin bills to combat increasing cases of child sexual abuse in the country

Senator Christopher Lawrence "Bong" Go filed a measure to amend Republic Act No. 7610 or the "Special Protection of Children Against Abuse, Exploitation, and Discrimination Act" which will enhance the country's protective measures against child sexual abuse.

Senate Bill No. 1650 seeks to amend Section 5 (b) of the Anti-Child Abuse Law regarding the penalty for persons engaging in lascivious conduct or sexual activity with minors under twelve years of age. The proposed amendment will increase the penalty to reclusion temporal in its



Senator "Bong" Go medium period to reclusion perpetua for any individual found violating the law under said provision.

Under the present law, lascivious acts against a minor below twelve years are penalized with reclusion temporal in its medium pe-

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## CARMONA ADVISORY: BEHIND LIQUOR BAN

According to Executive Order No. 30, LIQUOR BAN will be implemented again starting Monday, July 13, 2020, where drinking, buying and selling alcohol in Carmona is prohibited.

Due to the increasing number of confirmed COVID-19 Positive Cases in our town, it is aiming to avoid social gatherings like drinking alcoholic beverages that encourage violation of the minimum public health standards of General Community Quarantine.

If you see someone disobeying the Liquor Ban, inform PNP-Carmona immediately on the number (046) 430-0911 / 0998-598-5610 or in your barangay because we will intensify the catching of the said violators.



"The Bacoar city government has decided to extend the localized lockdown in Zapote 1 until July 24, citing the unabated increase of coronavirus cases in the barangay (village)."

## 2020 Youth Entrepreneurship Program Survey

PASIG CITY, (PIA) – The Department of Trade and Industry National Capital Regional Office (DTI-NCRO) is calling on all existing and aspiring young entrepreneurs in Metro Manila to participate in a survey that would help

the Agency determine the training needs of these budding business persons.

According to DTI-NCRO the Youth Entrepreneurship Program (YEP) is coming back this year following the YEP NCR Road-

show in 2019.

The DTI-NCRO will continue its thrust for the YEP to empower youth would-be and existing entrepreneurs in the NCR through leveraging their capability through digital transformation.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, DTI-NCRO had to consider major adjustments in the implementation of this program. This year's YEP will be a full-blown 2-week webinar series held using a trusted video conferencing

platform.

The short survey will help DTI-NCRO gather insights on how to improve their services. Youth entrepreneurs can answer the short survey through the link: [bit.ly/YEP2020Survey](https://bit.ly/YEP2020Survey). (DTI-NCRO/PIA-NCR)