



## SAVE MANILA BAY

# LGU CARMONA TO GIVE P2K FINANCIAL AID TO NEEDY FAMILIES

CARMONA, Cavite (PIA) -- The municipal government here will provide assistance to the needy households of the municipality thru the Carmona Covid-19 Assistance Program (CCAP) amounting to Php2,000.

This program is a cash aid that will somehow lessen the burden to buy food and basic essentials like medicines during the Enhanced Community Quarantine.

Target beneficiaries are families who were not granted with cash subsidy



**MAYOR ROY LOYOLA**

under the Social Amelioration Program of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and other DSWD programs like the 4Ps, and Senior Citizens pension; CAMP and TUPAD of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), DOLE AKAP for OFWs; Small Business Wage Subsidy from SSS, DOF and BIR; families of OFWs who could not send money, and employees in the formal sector now on a 'No Work, No Pay' status due to the ECQ.

On the other hand, people who are not qualified to receive this aid include residents with family members employed in the government from barangay level up to the local and national governments, Government Owned and Controlled Corporation (GOCCs); employees and teachers of public schools, colleges and universities; SSS pensioners with pen-

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The Biñan Sports Complex in the Province of Laguna was identified by the National Task Force on #COVID19 as one of the Mega Quarantine Facilities for CALABARZON Region.

Response chief implementer Carlito Galvez Jr., Biñan Representative Len Alonte, Mayor Arman Dimaguila, and Vice Mayor Gel Alonte visited the Biñan Sports Complex for area assessment of the quarantine facility. Said facility was funded by the National Government and the construction will start on Monday May 18.

## Stranded Bacooreños assisted to return home

BACOR CITY, Cavite (PIA) --The city government here through the Bacoor Tourism Office assisted 14 residents to return home after being stranded for several months in the different provinces in the country due to the declaration of enhanced

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## Lorenzana directs AFP to assist in aid distribution

Secretary of National Defense Delfin N. Lorenzana directed Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Chief of Staff Gen. Felimon T Santos Jr to provide necessary military assistance to the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), and other agencies undertaking the distribution of aid to communities.

The Defense Secretary issued the guidance to the AFP following the directive of President Rodrigo Duterte to the AFP to assist the DSWD in distributing cash assistance to poor households under the Social Amelioration Program (SAP). Secretary Lorenzana told the AFP that all area commanders must "field sufficient force to avoid ambushes or attacks whether on the move or at the distribution venue."

We feel the expressed desire of the President to provide immediate intervention measures to address the need to bring amelioration assistance to the people forthwith. The AFP will comply," AFP Spokesperson BGEN Edgard Arevalo said in a statement. "Hearing this directive from the Commander in Chief, our Field Commanders will institute necessary adjustment in our troops deployment."

Pursuant to the Bayanihan to Heal as One Law, the government allotted P200-billion emergency subsidy for about 18 million low-income households affected by the COVID19 pandemic. (DND)



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**Schools Division Superintendent Rosemarie D. Torres** said the Expanded Bayanihan aims to extend relief to Imuseños whose livelihoods are gravely affected by COVID-19, as well as to provide food and other related assistance to frontliners.

"Your support at this crucial time will come a long way in providing inspiration and carving a smile into your brothers' and sisters' faces, to those who truly need it the most," Torres said.

The project was able to raise more than P450,000 in cash and an estimated P250,000 worth of goods for a total of P700,000.00.

Cash donations received were also used to purchase goods such as rice, noodles, canned goods, eggs, biscuits, bread, coffee and other grocery items."



# EU celebrates strong partnership with ASEAN in Europe Day 2020

**QUEZON CITY, --** The European Union (EU) has expressed its commitment to continue supporting the ASEAN's programmes and projects, particularly in conserving the region's rich biodiversity, despite the COVID-19 pandemic that is besetting the world. Driesmans describes the ASEAN as the EU's "number one development partner".

"In times when so many countries are turning inwards, it is important that we stand by our ideals of cooperation and international solidarity," EU Ambassador to the ASEAN Igor Driesmans said on Saturday during a virtual discussion to celebrate Europe Day 2020.

Representatives from various youth organisations, including the Youth Biodiversity Leaders (YBL) of the ASEAN Youth Biodiversity Programme (AYBP), participated in the virtual talk organised by the EU Mission to the ASEAN.

Youth leaders fielded questions on diverse topics related to EU-ASEAN relations, including education and schol-

arship opportunities, impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic, and the EU's support for various programmes, such as biodiversity conservation.

The EU is among the ASEAN's staunch allies in its biodiversity conservation efforts. In 1999, the EU supported the establishment of the ASEAN Regional Centre for Biodiversity Conservation (ARCBC), which then became the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) in 2005. In 2017, the ACB launched the Biodiversity Conservation and Management of Protected Areas in ASEAN (BCAMP) Project in partnership with the EU. The BCAMP Project's programmes on mainstreaming biodiversity conservation in the region, protected area management, knowledge generation, and capacity-building, support the initiatives of ASEAN Member States. The recent provision of camera traps, information technology (IT) and communication devices to amp up monitoring and law-enforcement activities for protected areas in Lao PDR and Malaysia is just among the many notable

highlights from the BCAMP project.

Driesmans lauds the extensive work of the ACB in conserving a great percentage of global species living in the ASEAN region. "It's a fantastic programme," he said, recalling his visit to the ACB headquarters in 2019. He cited the ASEAN Heritage Parks Programme (AHPs) as among the "amazing work" that ACB does to preserve biodiversity in the ASEAN region.

The BCAMP Project also supports the AYBP, which provides ASEAN youth with capacity-building, mentorship and resources to scale their impact for biodiversity conservation. Through its leadership and AHP internship sub-programmes, the AYBP is able to develop new generation leaders and conservationists whose voices help to mainstream biodiversity conservation in the national and regional policies. In 2019, 20 YBLs were selected and trained, with some of them being recognised as youth resource persons by at least five AMS.

is observed at all times. Children below 20 years of age will have to secure a Special Transit Pass from the Barangay and will be accompanied by the Q-pass holder in order to avail of these grooming services.

Intra city travel are allowed for official work duties but for non-work related matters, Q-pass holders need a 1-day Transit Pass from the Mayor's office which only be valid for the day while a 1-week Transit Pass is given to jobseekers that is renewable weekly.

The Sangguniang Panlalawigan have not yet passed an ordinance to approve the Liquor License Law therefore, the Liquor Ban still remains in effect.

Governor Jonvic stressed that, "The IATF ruled that the province will be placed under GCQ status. It is not a freedom

"Regional to regional cooperation is paramount, as made apparent by COVID-19. What happens in this region, such as with wildlife trade, human-wildlife interactions, and decreased ecosystem resilience due to land-use change and degradation -- all leading to increased risk of emergence of infectious diseases -- can have devastating impacts not just on the communities here, but also in other regions like Europe," said Mika Tan, AYBP coordinator.

Concerned with the effects of the pandemic to the ongoing programmes of the EU in the ASEAN Region, Rabelle Rescordado, 2020 ASEAN Youth Biodiversity Leader from the Philippines, raised the question on the future of the EU-ASEAN partnership.

"We have actually taken the deliberate decision that ongoing EU-ASEAN programs should be maintained and even those programmes that have not started yet will be maintained," said the envoy.

Stressing that health and socio-economic programmes are on top of the EU's financial commitments, Driesmans called the youth sector to "address (the issues) together as much as we can." He added, "what young people can do is making your voice heard."

The envoy likewise addressed the climate change issue and the role that the ASEAN youth play in raising awareness. Driesmans noted that 56 per cent of global peatlands are in ASEAN, and promoting the sustainable use of peatlands is among the concrete programmes between the EU and ASEAN. "What is ahead of us in climate change is really an emergency situation," he said. "The effects are being felt today but even if tomorrow global emissions would go to zero, we would still feel the consequenc-

pass. It only allows for business and industries to open so the province's economy could start." (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite with reports from Gov. Jonvic Remulla FB page)



## ATICalabarzon

BY: Janine L. Cailo

# AgriKuwentos showcases urban farming practices, inspires public

To promote urban agriculture in the region, the Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) CALABARZON supports the Plant, Plant, Plant Program of the Department of Agriculture through the AgriKuwentos contest. AgriKuwentos is a one to two-minute short story video of personal experiences in home gardening through the use of social media.

Individuals from CALABARZON region practicing backyard farming participated in the online contest. A total of 12 official video entries were posted in ATI CALABARZON official Facebook page. Top five (5) video entries with most likes in Facebook page will receive prizes.

The top five (5) video entries with the most number of likes are:

1. April Joy Macatangay of Los Baños, Laguna – 1,403 likes
2. Milane Bagsit of Batangas City, Batangas – 1,041 likes
3. Sarah Jane Maurillo of Lucena City, Quezon – 1,011 likes
4. Luis Quinsanos of Tayabas City, Quezon – 966 likes
5. Mary Ann Maigue of Kawit, Cavite – 923 likes

Meanwhile, prizes are as follows (worth of prepaid load cards):

Winner – P 3,000.00

Top 2 – P 2,500.00

Top 3 – P 2,000.00

Top 4 – P 1,000.00

Top 5 – P 1,000.00

Prizes will be awarded once the Enhanced Community Quarantine is lifted.

AgriKuwentos encourages and inspires everyone to engage into farming. It also aims for food availability and security amidst the Covid-19 pandemic.

Congratulations to all the winners!

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community quarantine (ECQ).

Out of the 14 stranded domestic tourists from Bacoor, about 12 were stranded in Cebu while two stayed in Palawan.

They arrived safely at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) where they were immediately subjected to COVID-19 rapid testing which resulted negative of the virus. They are now under the 14-day home quarantine and being monitored by the Barangay Health Emergency Response Team (BHRT) in their respective barangays.

Meanwhile, five Bacooreño balikbayans from Canada who were also caught up in the ECQ were able to return home on May 4, 2020.

The safe return of the stranded domestic tourists

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Three priests had gone home as early as March and two others joined the repatriation flight from Milan to Manila on April 28.

"It's normal for some to go home for different reasons but majority have remained with us here," Gaston said.

Some universities in Rome have already laid their plans to finish the current semester and for the next academic year.

The Pontifical Gregorian University, for instance, continued doing online classes including exams. It is set

to open the next school year in October depending on the gravity of the situation.

Meanwhile, the Pontifical Urban University, wherein Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle is the grand chancellor, will not open for the next academic year.

Also called the Urbaniana, the university is administered by the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples that Cardinal Tagle now heads.

The Pontifical University of the Holy Cross is also doing classes virtually.

Aside from the Filipino priests, the PCF is also a home to at least 15 priest-students from different countries.

and even of balikbayans is part of the local government's program upon the directives of Mayor Lani Mercado-Revilla thru the Bacoor Tourism Office headed by Edwin Guinto and the City PESO with led by Dr. Abraham de Castro in coordination with the Department of Tourism.

There were several batches of Bacooreño returnees that had been assisted by the local government since the start of May 2020. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite with reports from the official FB page of Bacoor Tourism Office)



Pulong ng lokal na pamahalaan ng Tanza sa mga kapitan ng 41 barangays kaugnay sa ipatutupad na GCQ sa Sabado.



Nagsagawa ang CDRMMC ng emergency meeting para pag-usapan ang mga paghahanda para sa Typhoon Ambo. Ibayong pag-iingat ang ipinapaalala sa lahat para makaiwas sa anumang pinsala na maaring idulot ng Typhoon Ambo.

Although he has his residence at the Congregation, Cardinal Tagle has been staying at the Collegio since his arrival in Rome in February. He travels to his office at Piazza Spagna daily despite the pandemic.

The cardinal also eat meals with the collegio priests and celebrates Mass with them.

Italy has eased coronavirus restrictions on May 4 after a two-month lockdown that has seen a significant decrease in the daily death toll and hospital admissions.

But authorities have insisted that strict physical distancing measures must still be observed.

The country was the epicenter of the infection for most of March. There have been more than 30,000 deaths in Italy and 219,000 people have tested positive for coronavirus.

Public Masses and other religious services will also resume in Italy beginning May 18, under conditions set by the government officials.

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sion above Php3K and GSIS pensioners with pension above Php5K; and individuals who are temporary residents of Carmona.

The CCAP forms have been distributed to the barangays May 10, 2020. Qualified residents must fill up the form and return it to the barangay after completion. Once the schedule for the release of the cash aid is

announced, resident beneficiaries must present any government issued ID in claiming the CCAP aid.

Mayor Roy Loyola reminded resident beneficiaries that the deadline for the submission of the CCAP forms is May 13, 2020 at 5:00pm. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite with reports from Atty. Roy Loyola FB Page)



**HATID ESTUDYANTE PROGRAM,  
IPAPATUPAD NG PAMAHALAAN**

Mga estudyanteng nais umuwi sa probinsya, tutulungan ng gobyerno sa "Hatid Estudyante Program" sa papamagitan ng riles, barko, bus, at eroplano.

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## "HATID ESTUDYANTE PROGRAM" IPAPATUPAD NG GOBYERNO

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Sinimulan na ng DOTr ang pagkuha ng mga datos noong Mayo 6. Nagset-up ang ahensiya ng isang online enrolment platform kung saan maaring magsumite ang mga mag-aaral ng kanilang mga impormasyon tulad ng pagmumulang lokasyon, destinasyon, at health declaration form pati na din ng School ID at proof of enrolment.

Ayon din kay Roque noong Mayo 7, "Ito pong programa na ito ay mag-uuwi sa mga stranded na estudyante sa kani-kanilang mga probinsya."

Magbibigay din ng onting ayuda ang gobyerno sa mga papauwi na sasapat para sa pamasahang kanilang pabaon, ito ang inihayag ni Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque, Mayo 12, sa isang press briefing.

# PGC delegates GCQ guidelines implementation to LGUs

## SCHOOL GOES ON FOR COLLEGIO FILIPPINO PRIESTS

Rector, said that the priest-students are taking part in online classes since lockdown forced universities to shutdown.

"Our online classes continue. We are on our last month because June is the exam period and the end of the second semester," Gaston said.

There are at least 35 Filipino priests at the Collegio but five of them decided to return to the Philippines amid the pandemic.

Life in time of coronavirus is not easy for anyone, least of all for the Filipino priests studying in Italy, one of the hardest-hit in the world.

While some priests residing at the Pontificio Collegio Filipino in Rome have returned to the Philippines recently, classes carry on for most of them.

Fr. Gregory Gaston, PCF

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite (PIA)  
-- Cavite Governor Jonvic Remulla clarified and delegated the implementing guidelines for the GCQ to the respective Mayors of the cities and municipalities in the province.

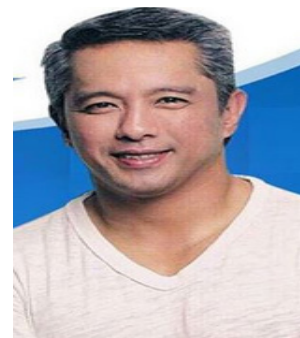
He reiterated that the respective LGUs will formulate their own systematic procedures for the implementation of said guidelines.

Below are the clarifications made by Gov. Remulla posted in his official FB Page yesterday regarding certain issues on the implementation of the GCQ starting May 16, 2020.

The Office of the Mayors will issue revised Quarantine passes as well as Travel passes.

Workers and employees reporting for work will be allowed to leave their residence with their company IDs as travel pass that is sufficient to allow passage for inter-city travels.

For Q-pass holders who will resume work during the GCQ, the revised Q-pass should be given to the member of the household who will be left to housekeep, while for the senior citizens a special pass would allow them to go out of residence to buy food and



**Governor Jonvic Remulla**

basic essentials.

Resumption of public transportation like PUJ, PUB, Tricycles, Multi-Cabs and Baby Bus (Baby Bus operations are under IATF rules) will be at 50% capacity only to allow for social distancing of passengers. Tricy-

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