

Cavite Province Hosts the 2019 Brigada Eskwela National Kick-Off



Brigada Eskwela 2019 in Alfonso Central School in Alfonso



With this year's theme, "Matatag na Bayan para sa Maunlad na Paaralan", the Department of Education (DepEd) spearheaded the 2019 Brigada Eskwela National Kick-off and Caravan held at Alfonso Central School in Alfonso Cavite on May 16, 2019. The event was attended by DepEd key officials from the Central, Regional and CALA-BARZON Division Offices.

Undersecretary for Legislative Affairs, External Partnerships and Project Management Service Tonisito Umali discussed the overview of the Brigada Eskwela Program which was first launched in 2003. He recounted that during the first implementation of the program, they expected only 4,000 schools will participate but fortunately a total of 12, 533 schools participated the said program. In 2008, Brigada Eskwela was institutionalized and permanently became part of the school calendar nationwide.

DepEd Undersecretary Annalyn M. Sevilla delivered a message from DepEd Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones who was not able to grace the event. In her letter, she emphasized



DepEd USEC Annalyn M. Sevilla
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NARCO-POLITICIANS WHO RAN SHOULD HAVE BEEN KEPT UNDER TIGHT WATCH - GORDON

With President Rodrigo R. Duterte making public, two months ahead of the May 13 midterm polls, his third narco-list composed of 46 politicians with alleged links to illegal drugs, Senator Richard J. Gordon said the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency and other concerned agencies should have kept a tight watch on the 36 people on the



list who ran for various positions.
"With the narco-politicians already

identified ahead of the elections, the PDEA should have conducted a tight watch on them. Kung nakalagay na sila sa narco-list, di ba dapat ang PDEA, binantayan na sila? Ang AMLC at ang Comelec dapat binantayan kung gagamit ng pera yan." Gordon stressed.

The PDEA has reported that out of the

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PGC CONDUCTS OPERATION TULI IN IMUS CITY

As soon as the 2019 local elections concluded, the Provincial Government of Cavite immediately carried out Operation Tuli in the province which started off on May 16, 2019 in Barangay Alapan II-A, Imus City. Barangay Chair-

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PH journos take part in China’s seminar for media practitioners

BEIJING – Filipino journalists and government media workers from various attached agencies of the Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) on Friday participated in the training-seminar here on ways the Philippines’ and China’s radio, television and online

activity serves as a platform for China and the Philippines to exchange and share their respective development experience in the broadcast industry.

During the opening ceremony, Zhou Jihong, deputy director of the National Radio and Television Administration (NRTA), a ministry-level department under China’s State Council, said

the activity serves as a platform for China and the Philippines to exchange and share their respective development experience in the broadcast industry.

“I’m positive that you’ll gain friendship and perspectives and push forward exchanges and shared development in R&T (radio and television) sector during this three-week seminar and visiting events,” Zhou said in her welcome remarks.

Zhou cited greater ties between the two countries in the past three years, forged during the meeting of Chinese President Xi Jinping and Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte on April 25.

“China is willing to synergize its development plan with the Philippines, create cooperation highlights within the framework of the joint construction of the BRI (Belt and Road Initiative) and deepen the connectivity and development of China and the Philippines with other countries of the region,” she said.

Zhou also noted that in November last year, the NRTA and the PCOO signed a memorandum of agreement on Sino-Philippine Broadcasting and Television Cooperation.

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FEATURE

Airbnb-type car app wins Smart’s SWEEP award

MAKATI CITY – Carspace, an entry of college students from University of San Jose-Recoletos (USJ-R), was proclaimed grand winner at the recent Smart’s Wireless Engineering Education Program (SWEEP) awards on May 10.

The USJ-R students, Noel Daniel Seldura, Jesury Thomas Gadiane, team leader Kevin Cerdon, and their faculty adviser Eric Magto earned the nod of the judges as the most #FutureReady 5G Internet of Things (IoT) solutions, spearheaded by Smart.

The parking app enables users using IOT hardware to locate vacant parking spaces easily and remotely monitor the vehicle in real time, Seldura said as he presented the app’s features.

Funded by rental fees and operating features, Seldura added that “there are no similar projects like ours”.

He said what differentiates their app from other parking apps is that it is like Airbnb, but for cars.

Seldura and the rest of the team brought home the top prize of PHP300,000.

From over 160 entries, the

judges chose only ten.

Aside from USJ-R, other winners include Asia Pacific College for its entry “LYNIA” – a queue management system that aims to ease commuter queuing experience in Public Utility Vehicle (PUV) terminals (2nd place, Fiber Home Award) and Technological University of the Philippines–Manila for its solution “Beenotified”, a cost-effective and full cycle beehive monitoring system (3rd place, Huawei Award for Excellence).

The schools would bring home cash prizes, amounting to PHP200,000 and PHP100,000, respectively.

Non-winners got PHP50,000 each as consolation prize.

Another award, the Ericson People’s Choice Awards, goes to the National Teachers College (NTC) for its entry "ARGOS" - a Behavior Detection System and brings home PHP20,000 for getting the most number of likes in the official Smart SWEEP15 Facebook page.

Now on its 15th year, SWEEP is an annual competition that encourages innovation and excellence in wireless applications development among students of tertiary schools. source:(PNA)

Divine Mercy Reflection

Being Misunderstood

In your relations with others, do you sometimes feel misunderstood? It could be by a close family member, a friend, a coworker, etc. The problem is that the content of your mind, heart, will, intention, and all of your past experiences are what go into directing your actions. And no one understands all of this except God. We do not even fully understand what we do and why we do it most of the time. As a result, it is easy for others to fail to understand us and what takes place within us. It can also be easy for others to misunderstand us and even judge us. This can be hard to take but we must not let it bother us. Instead, we must direct our concern only to that which our Lord thinks. His Mind and His judgment are all that matters. And the misunderstanding we may experience at times from others must be seen as an act of the permissive Will of our Lord, primarily to test and strengthen our Mercy for others (See Diary #700).

Can you think of a time in which you recently experienced the misunderstanding of another? If so, rather than letting yourself become angry or hurt over this, allow it to test the depths of your own merciful heart. Accept this humiliation with grace and give thanks to God that He has permitted you to share in the same act of misunderstanding and judgment that He took upon Himself. In this, you are blessed to be invited to share in the distribution of His Divine Mercy.

Lord, give me a merciful heart. When I am misunderstood, help me to accept

this as an opportunity for grace, forgiveness and Mercy. Thank You for loving me enough to allow me to endure such a test. I give myself to You, dear Lord, so that You can work in and through me to be a witness of all that You endured. Jesus, I trust in You to do on my own. May my surrender and dependence upon You become the source of my enduring peace and joy. Jesus, I trust in You.



DOH PROVIDES TRAINING ON MENU PLANNING FOR NUTRITIONISTS OF CALABARZON

DOH - CALABARZON (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, Quezon) together with the Philippine Association of Nutritionists conducted a “Menu Planning Workshop for Nutritionists” for non-communicable diseases (NCDs) to further improve and enhance their knowledge in the development of an appropriate meal plan for patients affected by lifestyle related diseases such as diabetes, kidney and cardiovascular diseases and cancer.

According to Regional Director Eduardo C. Janairo, the regional office will conduct four

batches for the workshop targeting nutritionists and dietitians of various hospitals of CALABARZON including training and educating school canteen chefs and managers on proper nutrition and diet. “Canteen in schools performs a significant part in the promotion of healthy eating habits of children. It is their responsibility to ensure that meals prepared are well-balanced and nutritious and with the right amount of energy school children needs.”

“We will be introducing new approaches on nutrition to combat NCDs and to educating

health personnel in preparing an effective menu plan that is specific for patients affected with these illnesses,” he disclosed.

Janairo added that nutritionists will learn to integrate nutrition education in the management of lifestyle-related diseases including incorporating the value of nutritional health in the preparation of their patient’s meal plan.

During the workshop course, participants will learn to assess a patient’s health needs and diet according to his health condition, provide counsel and guidance to

patients on proper nutrition and healthy eating habits, develop meal plans, taking into consideration the cost and the preference of the patient and evaluate the effects of the meal plan and modifying the meal plan as needed.

“Choosing the right diet helps prevent or control lifestyle-related diseases including avoiding certain risk factors for cancer and heart disease, that is why nutrition education is very important and always remember to include adequacy, balance, calorie control, moderation, variety and nutrient density.

when planning a healthy diet,” Janairo reminded nutritionists.

Based on the 2013 Food and Nutrition Research Institute (FNRI), a total of 67% of the total deaths in the country were caused by lifestyle-related diseases. Simultaneously, diet-related health concerns are also on the rise due to the advent of fast food and unhealthy eating habits as shown by the increase in the prevalence of overweight and obesity.

Lifestyle-related diseases are group of illness linked with how the way people live with



Regional Director Eduardo C. Janairo

unhealthy diet and lack of physical activity as the main factors responsible for their development as well as drug abuse, smoking and alcohol drinking. These includes coronary artery diseases, diabetes, stroke and cancer.

NARCO-POLITICIANS....p1

46 local officials accused by Duterte of being involved in the illegal drug trade, 36 ran for various local positions and 26 of them won. The winners tagged in the narco list include 18 mayors, three vice mayors, two congressmen, one vice governor, one provincial board member, and one councilor. Six of them were said to be in Calabarzon, while four were in ARMM and Central Luzon.

Gordon noted that because the narco-politicians were not placed under watch, there were inordinate, scandalous, bare-faced vote-buying in their areas using the large amounts of drug money at their disposal.

“The AMLC should have been on the alert for large-scale withdrawals during the election period. The Comelec should have watched out for massive vote-buying because where there are massive vote-buying, cash was used. Thousands of pesos were distributed, with millions of drug money flooding in areas where the narco-politicians ran, such as in Zambales,” he said.

The chairman of the Senate Blue Ribbon Committee stressed that the narco-politicians were desperate to seek protection from harassment and for their illegal which is why they made sure that they would be able to hold sway in their areas by fielding family members to various positions and by forging alliances with local officials in other cities and municipalities who may also be desperate to seek protection for their own corrupt practices.

“They need positions to protect them, just like some officials use their office to protect their graft and corruption. Now, these people have proven that with just money, they can win, they can buy the Comelec, they can buy votes. Among rason, kailangang manalo sila dahil yun ang gagawin nilang proteksyon para hindi sila ma-harass, they will now have influence,” Gordon said.

“For example in Zambales, the narco-politician identified by the President was Khonghun who won four seats. And there was rampant vote-buying from Subic to Sta. Cruz and Olongapo City. Because of that, it is dangerous for us now because Zambales is a coastline province right next to Scarborough Shoals. It would be so easy to bring in drugs. Zambales and other strategic areas that are conducive for drug smuggling, could become part of a cartel, just like the Cali cartel,” he added.

PGC CONDUCTS...FROM P1

man Marc Albert Barzaga was thankful to be part of the continuing endeavors of promoting the hygienic importance of circumcision. The free circumcision program is one of the basic public healthcare services being conducted during the summer break spearheaded by trained volunteers from the Provincial Health

Office and the OPG-Extension. Members of the Order of Demolay-Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo Chapter and barangay health workers also contributed to the success of the outreach event that made a total of 48 young boys proud and happy./SOURCEPROVINCIAL INFORMATION AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

‘Tawilis’ fish...from p4

zon Regional Executive Director, lawyer Maria Paz Luna disclosed they have received reports confirmed by stakeholders who expressed amazement at the huge tawilis harvest after the spawning period.

“The closing season from March to April is still anecdotal as of now. I have asked our scientist partners and the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) experts who are now conducting their studies on the effect of the closed season,” Luna said.

She said they observed a huge reduction of fishing activities, as the fishing prohibition on tawilis was imposed during the breeding season.

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of local positions, including vice mayor Romeo Montehermoso and seven out of the 10 city councils.

She won by more than 6,000 votes against former city mayor Melencio de Sagun.

Trece Martires City has 92 clustered precincts, with 84,430 registered voters. Some 61,982 city residents came out to vote last Monday. source: (PNA)

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that Brigada Eskwela is not the school or the teacher’s responsibility alone, but is primarily the responsibility of the community – it is a national responsibility.

In a press conference conducted after the program, Usec. Sevilla said that approximately 26, 000 classrooms will be built nationwide and also highlighted the importance of the activity towards a better learning environment. She stated that Brigada Eskwela does not end in a weeklong activity but it should be yearlong activity to ensure quality basic education for all learners.

Part of the Kick-off activity was the Brigada Eskwela Bayanihan in Pansin Elementary School and Kaysuyo National High School. The said schools received donations which include cleaning materials, paint materials and cement

from private stakeholders.

Advocacy campaigns and orientation about anti-illegal drugs, disaster and livelihood trainings were also done simultaneously. Cavite products were also showcased in a trade fair exhibit.

Alfonso Mayor Virgilio Varias and DepEd-Cavite Schools Division Superintendent Cherrylou D. Repia warmly welcomed all the delegates. Other guests present were Silang Mayor Omil Poblete, Mendez Mayor Eric Vida, Amadeo Vice Mayor Junel Bayot, Alfonso Vice Mayor Randy Salamat, Magallanes Councilor Aina Sisante and PYSDO Head Vince Bae, on behalf of Gov. Boying Remulla.

Brigada Eskwela or National Schools Maintenance Week will be observed in all public elementary and secondary schools on May 20-25, 2019.



BREAKING COMMUNICATION BARRIERS THRU SIGN LANGUAGE TRAINING

Driven by the aim to break the communication barrier particularly with the deaf, mute as well as visually-impaired members of society and formally address one major concern of persons with disabilities, the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO) facilitated a Deaf Sensitivity and Conversational Sign Language Training on May 15-17, 2019 at PCLEDO Training Area, CaCoDec, Trece Martires City. The said training was attended by 30 PGC frontline personnel from different offices who usually cater to PWD clients.

Social Welfare Officer IV Ms. Darylvy R. Avila acknowledged all the participants and echoed the importance of the training as it would help to easily reach out and understand the needs of the deaf and mute through their language.

On behalf of Governor Boying C. Remulla, Supervising Cooperative Development Specialist Atty. Khervy B. Reyes delivered an inspirational message and hoped that the training would be a venue for continuous initiatives in eliminating discrimination of PWDs.

The 3-day training aims to equip the front liners with proper knowledge on how to communicate thru sign language to persons with hearing and visual impairments.

Meanwhile, Guidance Counselor of Philippine School for the Deaf Ms. Irish Casaljay, Resource Speaker, elaborated the topic on Hearing Impairment/ Handling PWDs with Hearing Impairment in which she provided an overview about the types of hearing loss and deafness, causes and symptoms of hearing impairment, and deaf culture. Actual demonstration on proper hand sign language



for alphabet, numbers, colors, foods, places, pronouns, quantity and office terminologies was done. She also trained the participants on how to greet, tell time and days, and count.

The last part of the training was a blind-fold activity wherein participants experienced what it felt to walk in darkness relying only from the assistance and instructions of their partners. The

activity was a revelation to the participants of the plight of the visually impaired and how significant the senses are.

In conclusion of the 3-day activity, participants expressed their full

commitment to extend and continuously apply the learnings to be effective service providers to constituents. /SOURCE-PROVINCIAL INFORMATION AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

'Tawilis' fish now abundant in Taal Lake: DENR

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna -- The endemic "tawilis" fish species now abundant in Taal Lake and its lone tributary Panapit River after the two-month seasonal closure was imposed in March and April this year to give time for the spawning

season, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) regional office in Calabarzon confirmed on Wednesday.

In an interview with the Philippine News Agency, DENR Calabarzon...Page3

Trece Martires city welcomes first lady mayor

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite -- Gemma Lubigan was officially proclaimed mayor-elect of this city on Wednesday by Commission on Elections (Comelec) city officer, lawyer Jastine Marie dela Cruz.

Lubigan, who ran for mayor to continue the "unfinished business" of her slain husband, city vice mayor Alex Lubigan, is the first ever female to hold the city's top post.

"A challenge for me," Lubigan said on her new task, aware of the big expectations of city folks from her. Lubigan and her partymates occupy the majority



New TMC Mayor Gemma Lubigan

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