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IOLE IV-A reaches out to

child laborers on Wo Day Against Child

Together with their parents, children engaged in child labor from the different parts of Calabarzon (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, and Quezon) were gathered for a one-day treat of fun, games, and hope as the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Region IV-A celebrates World Day Against Child Labor.

Labor and Employment Regional Focal Person for Child Labor Ritchmon Ray Jose told PIA that the celebration is in support to the International Labor Organization and as response to the call of curbing child labor in the country.

KAWIT, CAVITE. Various organizations join the celebration of 121st Independence

"Itong selebrasyon na ito ay isa lamang sa mga programa ng DOLE bilang Day at the Aguinaldo Shrine in Kawit, Cavite, on June 12, 2019. SOURCE:Photo by ...Page 3 Inoue Jaena/Rappler

DepEd assigns new faculty room for displaced Bacoor HS teachers

Bacoor City, Cavite June 11 (PIA) - The Department of Education in Bacoor has designated a new faculty room for displaced teachers as a result of the school's moving to single-shift

Officer-in-Charge Felizardo Bolaños, Bacoor Schools Division Supt., said school principal Anita Rom and teachers affected by displacement at the Bacoor National High School-Molino Main have agreed to use the Technology and Livelihood Education laboratory as a faculty room instead of the comfort room that the latter converted as their temporary room.

The teachers have also agreed to vacate the converted room on June 7.

"There will be no more filing of cases as Principal Rom and the teachers agreed to vacate the place today. It's moot and academic," Bolaños said referring to a supposed action against schoolteacher Maricel Herrera who was behind the viral post on the use of restroom as faculty room on social media.

The situation arose when the school implemented its decision to move to single-shift



PASASALAMAT:

Maraming salamat sa lahat ng dumalo sa ating pagdiriwang ng Araw ng Kasarinlan kaninang umaga sa Battle of Zapote Bridge Monument. Nakasama po natin sa pag-aalay ng bulaklak ang ating panauhing pandangal na si Janet Abuel ng Department of Budget and Management, ang Sangguniang Panlungsod, at ang iba't iba pang opisyales ng Lungsod ng Bacoor. Kasabay ng ating pagdiriwang ang groundbreaking ng Bacoor River Walk at Bike Lane. Mabuhay ang Bacoor! Mabuhay ang Pilipinas

ATI RTC IV-A ensures conformance to standards, ISO certification

its effort to maintain quality governance as the primary training and extension arm of the Department of Agriculture, the Agricultural Training Institute Region IV-A initiated the "Readiness and Capability Enhancement of ATI Region IV-A Staff on ISO 9001:2015" held on June 10-11 and 13-14, 2019.

This training is an effort to continuously improve the Center's pro-

T R E C E cesses and ensure conform-MARTIRES CITY, Cavite - In ance to the standards, after passing the ISO 9001-2015 certification in December 2018.

> One major activity of the week-long training is the Internal Audit Training Course based on ISO 19011:2018. The internal audit is an important component in ensuring optimal performance of a Quality Management System (QMS) and is performed by the personnel within the organization. The training



course aims to increase the number of IQA or Internal Quality Auditors at the Center who will be trained to identify gaps and constraints in ...Page3



ating Ang kasaysayan ay punong-puno ng kuwento ng mga bayaning nag-alay ng kanilang buhay para sa kalayaan ng ating bayan. Isa na rito si Edilberto Evangelista. Isang mahusay na inhinyero, siya ang namuno sa paggawa ng mga trenches sa Cavite bilang depensa mga rebolusyonaryo. kasamaang palad, isa si Evangelista sa maraming kababayan nating nagbuwis ng buhay sa Battle of Zapote Bridge noong 1897.

Sa ating pagdiriwang ng ating Araw ng Kasarinlan, nawa'y bigyang pugay natin ang sakripisyo ng ating mga kababayan na tulad ni Edilberto Evangelista. Sanay maging inspirasyon natin siya sa ating pang-araw-araw na buhay bilang Pilipino.



Teachers from Bacoor National High School-Main can now concentrate on their plan lesson plans for their respective subjects as the school principal, Ms. Anita Rom and teachers affected have agreed to use the Technology and Livelihood Education (TLE) laboratory as a faculty room instead of the comfort room that the latter converted as their temporary room. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite)Sory Page 1

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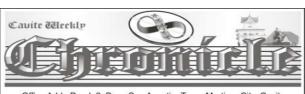
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Philippines Independence Day 2019

On this day in 1898, the Philippines, an archipelago of more than 7,000 islands in the western Pacific Ocean named after Spanish King Philip II, declared independence from Spain after more than 300 years of colonial rule. Today's Doodle salutes Philippines Independence Day, celebrated across the islands and in Filipino communities all over the world.

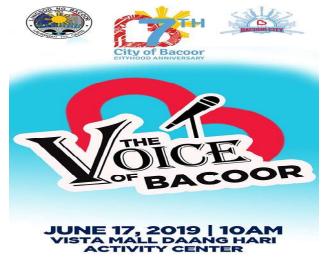
A commemorative ceremony takes place each year in Kawit, in the province of Cavite, where the Declaration of Independence was first read by Ambrosio Rianzares Bautista at the home of General Emilio Aguinaldo, now known as the Aguinaldo Shrine. Besides the public reading of this historic document—in the original Spanish as well as in Tagalog—the first flag raising is reenacted.

The flag itself is a powerful symbol of the independence movement: blue representing truth and justice, red symbolizing patriotism, and white standing for equality. The stars at the flag's corners represent Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao, the three main regions of the Philippines. The eight rays surrounding the sun stand for the first eight provinces that battled against Spain.

Independence Day is marked by festive parades nationwide, including a police and military parade in the capital city of Manila that culminates with a speech by the president, followed by a 21-gun salute. Families and friends take advantage of this day off from work and school to enjoy quality time together, this year to celebrate this country's 121 years of independence.

Maligayang Araw ng Kasarinlan!

Showcase your singing prowess on June 17 as we hold The Voice Kids and The Voice of Bacoor at Vista Mall Daang Hari Activity Center!















Search is on for outstanding project

implementers in Calabarzon

The Calabarzon Regional Development Council (RDC) is now accepting nominations in line with their quest to recognize outstanding project implementers in the region

Regional Project Monitoring Committee (RPMC) Chairperson and current Vice-chairperson of the RDC Luis G. Banua said the search seeks to assess the efficiency of implementation of development projects being implemented by the regional line agencies. "Other than the strategies and holistic framework reflected in the RDP [Regional Development Plan], development objectives will be attained through effective and efficient implementation of programs and projects," the regional socioeconomic planning chief said.

Banua added that through the search, "the RDC would facilitate the attainment of project objectives contributing to the overall development goals of various development plans such as the Philippine Development Plan, Regional Development Plan, and the Regional Physical Framework

Aside from giving due recognition, the search also serves as one of the strategic efforts of the RPMC to encourage immediate resolution of issues affecting the implementation of various development projects.

The search for outstanding project implementer is open to all Calabarzon regional line agencies that implement development projects in the re-

gion

The implementing agencies, according to RPMC may nominate one development project to be evaluated by the search committee.

The regional line agencies must meet the basic eligibility criteria set by the RPMC which include the implementation of project at least one quarter in 2018 and have submitted complete project reports to the Regional Project Monitoring and Evaluation System. (FSC with reports from NEDA IV-A)



Carmona Independence Day Celebration...





Ang Lokal na Pamahalaan ng Carmona ay nakikiisa sa paggunita ng ating ika-121 na Araw ng Kalayaan na may temang "Tapang ng Bayan, Malasakit sa Mamamayan".

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classes resulting in the conversion of faculty rooms as additional classrooms to accommodate more students. The school has an enrollment of more than 7,000 students.

To address the displacement of teachers, the principal met with the teachers on May 27 with minutes of the meeting indicating that the principal offered the library, the guidance center, and the advisory classrooms to serve as tem-

orary faculty rooms

However, 11 of the school's 236 teachers opted to convert a restroom into a faculty room.

The DepEd said the use of the restroom as faculty room was the choice of the 11 teachers who then complained about it in social media.

According to Bolaños, Bacoor City Mayor Lani Mercado-Revilla, in her meeting with Education Undersecretary Jesus Mateo and DepEd Regional Director Carlito Rocafort of Region IV-A, has offered the construction of a four-storey, twelve-classroom building in addition to the present school facilities

He added that budget for the construction of the proposed school building will come from the Special Education Fund (SEF) and other fund sources. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite)

SUPPORTING CAVITE YOUNG ENTREP LEADERS ADVOCACY PROGRAMS THRU ZUMBA

The Cavite Young Leaders for Entrepreneurship, Inc. (CYLE) in collaboration with the Provincial Cooperative Livelihood and Entrepreneurial Division Office led by Atty. Khervy Reyes spearheaded a dance fitness exercise dubbed as KULAYAN:Zumbafor-a-Cause held LAST May 31, 2019 at the Provincial Capitol Grounds in Trece Martires City to help fund future outreach projects of the organization. The project head of the activity, Mr. Timothy Manlangit expressed his appreciation to the ZBD Zumba Group and Friendship Club of Cavite, as well as the provincial government employees and fellow students who danced with them, making the event successful. Ms. Lourdes Lim from ZBD Group received a special award as the Best Zumba Mover; while Ms. Reena Panganiban of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Ofice (PSWDO) got the Most Colorful Mover Award.

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Divine Mercy Reflection Silent and HumbleAdoration

Imagine the scene of our Blessed Mother in the humble state of the Nativity. She had no home at that moment other than this place where animals gathered. Yet in the stillness of that holy night, she was at home as she gazed upon her Child with the deepest adoration and love. She gazed in silence as He lay sleeping on the hay. This must be an image of your soul. You are called to enter into the humility of the inner dwelling place of your heart. Deep within, you must see this Precious Child, resting in peace. Remain silent and attentive, keep your eyes fixed on Him in adoration, and allow yourself to become consumed with delight at His presence within your soul (See Diary #785).

Reflect upon your humble and silent prayer. As you sit quietly before Jesus, or even as you go about the duties of your day, are you attentive to the divine presence of your Savior living within you? Do you see Him sleeping there in the stillness? Our souls must become a place of prayer and silence so that we can humbly keep our eyes upon our Lord within this holy dwelling place. If you keep your eyes upon Him, as He dwells silently within you, you will then go about your day with the peace and joy that only this holy Child can bring.



Lord, bring humility and stillness to my heart. May I discover You resting there in peace and adore you with a profound love. May I always keep my eyes upon You and never become distracted by the many temptations of this world. May the adoration I offer You who dwell within me become a source of the love and service I offer to all. Jesus, I trust in You.

Ang pagmamahal sa Inang Bayan, ayon sa isang 'boy scout'

Maraming kabataan ang sumama sa mahabang paglalakbay tungo sa pagkamit ng kalayaan. Sila'y naging mandirigma ng sultan at mga datu, sila'y naging reblusyonaryo at naging sundalo.

Sa kasalukuyan, ang pagpapangalaga sa kalayaan ay hindi na nangangailangan ng paghahandog ng buhay kundi ng paglalaan ng panahon para makalahok sa demokratikong proseso.

Si Von ay isa sa mga lider-kabataang Marinduqueno, dating pangulo ng Marinduque State College Laboratory Supreme Student Government, dating patnugot ng MSC Pyparus at isa sa mga opisyal sa kanilang chapter ng Boys Scout of the Philippines.

Si Von Andre Preclaro Orlina ay may sariling pamamaraan ng pagpapahayag ng pagmamahal sa Inang Bayan.

Salaysay ni Von:

Ang pagiging makabayan ay isa sa mga pagpapahalaga na itinuro sa atin simula pagkabata. Sa araw-araw na pagpasok sa paaralan ay binibigkas natin ang Panunumpa ng Katapatan sa Watawat ng Pilipinas na may bahagi na nagsasabing, '...na ipinakikilos ng sambayanang MakaDiyos, Makakalikasan, Makatao at Makabansa'. Sa kabila ng araw-araw na pagbigkas nito, naisasagawa nga ba natin ang pagpapahalaga sa bansa?.

Marahil pagiging makabayan ang isa sa



VON: Ang pagiging makabayan ay isinasapuso.

pinakamahalagang pagpapahalaga na dapat nating matutunan, ngunit bakit mahirap maipakita ang simpleng pagpapahalagang ito na ngayo'y nagiging hamon?

Nararapat bang maging hamon ang simpleng pakikisapi sa pagtataas ng bandila ng bansa, gayong responsibilidad ito na dapat sundin ng mga Pilipino? Hamon nga ba na dapat ituring ang saglit na pagtindig ng maayos at pagkanta ng saglit, gayong ang kantang

ito ang isa sa mga naging pundasyon at simbolo ng kalayaan natin ngayon? Ngunit hindi nagtatapos ang pagiging makabayan sa simpleng pakikisapi sa pagtataas ng watawat.

Ang pagiging makabayan ay isinasapuso at hinihirang bilang isang likas na kaugaliang Pilipino. Nararapat lamang na tayong mga kabataan ay makisapi sa mga gawain ng ating pamahalaan. Mangialam tayo sa mga pambansang suliranin at ipahayag ang ideya at pulso ng kabataan na magiging salamin at boses ng nakararami.

Isa pa ay ang pagkakaroon ng sapat na kaalaman sa mga batas na dapat sundin at gawin. Ang pagiging makabayan ay makikita rin sa pagaaral ng Araling Panlipunan at ang pagkakaroon ng malawak na interes sa nakagisnan nating bansa kasama na ang mga pagpapahalagang kultural. Sa taong 2025 ay haharap na tayo sa isang mundo na ganap na ang globalisasyon. Unti-unti na tayong nagiging pamilyar at naisasagawa ang mga kultura ng iba't-ibang bansa.

Ngunit sa kabila nito ay mayroon tayong responsibilidad na ibida sa buong mundo kung ano ang Pilipino at kung ano ang Pilipinas. Maging daan sana ang globalisasyon hindi upang malimutan ang sariling bayan, kundi mas ipagmalaki pa ang taglay nating pagmamakabayan. (LP/PIA-Mimaropa)

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every section.

Lead auditor, Engr. Paul C. Modonedo handled the discussion and group exercises for all permanent technical and administrative staff and selected Job Order personnel who are in-charge of records keeping and documentation.

The training course was held at the ATI IV-A Training Hall, Brgy. Lapidario, in this municipality, led by ATI Central Office ISO Team, Ms. Athena Agape Baguisi and Mr. Marco Venise Ronquillo.

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has the most powerful contribution and greatest potential to achieve the real essence of freedom adding that education and stable job are stepping stones to eliminate poverty. She also called on everyone to not put into waste all the hardships that our ancestors had endured.

Aside from the customary part of the celebration, other activities were also included in the day's events. Thru the Provincial Government of Cavite, Museo De La Salle "Alsa Masa" officially

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pagsuporta sa International Labor Organization at bilang tugon ng ahensiya sa problema ng child labor sa bansa," Jose said.

(This celebration is only one of the programs of DOLE in support to the International Labor Organization and as a contribution of the agency to the country's child labor problem.)

Citing this year's theme: "Hayaan ang mga Batang Mangarap nang Huwag Malugmok sa Trabahong Mahirap," he added that the celebration aims to raise awareness on the plight of child laborers and demonstrate solidarity in the worldwide campaign against child labor.

Aside from fun games, the DOLE Region IV-A also provided child laborer participants with gifts under the department's "Project Angel Tree." The gifts, mostly school supplies and hygiene kits came from DOLE and its partner agencies and institutions.

The Project Angel Tree, according to Jose, is one of the programs of DOLE that aims to keep children in school and away from dangerous workplaces. It provides foods, clothes, shoes, bags, and school supplies and educational assistance to child laborers and livelihood assistance to their parents.

Curbing child labor

Asked about the commitment of DOLE toward

ending child labor in the region, Jose told PIA that the DOLE Region IV-A has partnered with various government agencies and private institutions to eliminate child labor in the region.

"Katuwang ng DOLE ang iba't ibang sangay ng gobyerno at pribadong sektor para makapagbigay ng galak sa mga child laborers at tulong sa kanila at sa kanilang mga pamilya," Jose said.

(DOLE partners with different branches of government at the private sector to give the child laborers joy and to help them and their families.)

Jose added that as part of the Project Angel Tree, DOLE provides livelihood assistance to the parents of child laborers in a condition that they would not let their children get engaged in any form of labor but instead let them fully enjoy their rights to education.

In 2018, the DOLE regional office has profiled at least 9,558 children in the different parts of the region who were engaged in child labor.

The same regionwide profiling, according to Jose, will be conducted this year to further assess their needs and provide appropriate interventions.

The International Labor Organization launched the World Day Against Child Labor in 2002 to focus attention on the global extent of child labor and the action and efforts needed to eliminate it. (FSC/PIA4A)

opened its art exhibit to continuously promote and showcase the authentic pastry culinary traditions of the province. The Cavite Provincial Cooperative, Livelihood and Entrepreneurial Development Office also organized a trade fair for Cavite products, handicrafts and delicacies.

The latter part of the celebration featured cultural presentations performed by Campus Medley, Dr. Madonna P. Gregorio-Amora, Hukbong Malaya, Teatro Baile De Cavite, Coro Regina Coeli and Circulo Del Bayle De Sayanista.

Other guests who joined the historic event were Former President Fidel V. Ramos, Municipal Vice Mayor Armando Bernal, Prime Minister Cesar Virata, Dr. **Emmanuel Calairo, DOT** Director Regional Marites Castro. uniformed personnel descendants οf Aquinaldo. Indang Councilor Crispin Diego C. Remulla, OIC-**Provincial Tourism and Cultural Affairs Office** Elinia Imelda Rozelle Sangalang and Miss Earth 2019 candidates. SOURCEPROVINCIAL INFORMATION AND **COMMUNITY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT**

Villar SIPAG Farm School in Bacoor, Cavite



Villar at the 11th Agricrops opening rites: Sen. Cynthia A. Villar leads the ceremonial transplanting of agricultural crops at the Villar SIPAG Farm School in Bacoor, Cavite. To continue her advocacy in uplifting the lives of Filipino farmers and fisherfolks. Villar will retain the chairmanship of the Senate agricultural and food committee in the upcoming 18th Congress. Since the Philippines is an agricultural country, the senator underscores the need for agricultural growth to spur economic development. The senator was joined by more than 300 participants, including officials from the East West Seed Foundation led by Executive Directors Bing Van Tooren and Crisanto Boysie



VICES IN THE CITY OF GENERAL TRIAS

Persistent in carrying the basic health needs in the City of General Trias, another leg of medical and dental mission was facilitated in Belvedere Towne 3 in Barangay Pasong Kawayan II last June 07, 2019 to accommodate and assist the less privileged Caviteños. A total of three hundred seventy-four residents have availed free medical and dental services rendered by doctors, dentists and other medical professionals from General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital with Dr. Neil Frederick Calderon, Dr. Maryann Montenegro and Dr. Cristina Lim. Dr. Winston Reyes Closas of the City Health Office was also present who has exerted effort in giving free services for the locals. Burning with the desire to help the Gentriseños, the event was made possible thru the support of Congressman Jonjon Ferrer, Mayor Ony Ferrer, Vice Mayor Morit Sison, Sangguniang Panlungsod of Gen. Trias, Board Member Kerby Salazar, General Trias Katipunan President Khei Manalo and IPP Kyle Jassel Salazar. Some medicines and vitamins were also given to Barangay Chairwoman Constancia Alcantara to be distributed to the locals of Pasong Kawayan II. Members of the barangay council and barangay health workers were also in attendance who gave valuable assistance to the mission team. SOURCEPROVINCIAL INFORMATION AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

PH to continue honoring alliance with US

Pres. Duterte

DAVAO CITY- President Rodrigo Roa Duterte assured the United States that his government will honor the country's alliance with the world superpower despite efforts to forge closer relations with China and Russia.

The Philippines has an enduring Mutual Defense Treaty with the US agreed in August 1951.

"I'm just saying it because I like Trump and I would like to assure America that we will not do anything to hinder, hamper or whatever. We will go along with our alliances," President Duterte said n an interview with Kingdom of Jesus Christ founder Pastor Apollo Quiboloy in his television program "Give Us This

China and Russia are not enemies of the Philippines and they helped the country when it needed arms while battling ISIS-backed Maute group in Marawi City, the President

Despite their defense assistance to the Philippines, both countries have not demanded for a military alliance or basing arrangements with the

The President also discussed wide range of domestic issues during his television appearance Saturday from illegal narcotics and corruption to education and healthcare.

Discussing the provision of basic social services, President Duterte underscored the need for the implementation of an effective population control program.

The country's rapidly booming population, one of the highest in Asia, has been putting too much stress on government's ability to provide the needs of the people particularly education, he stressed.

He called on health officials with conflicting beliefs with government population policy to step aside for the state to carry out effective population control initiatives.

"Sabi ko Philippine government, he ito...itong mga health officials. If you cannot follow the family planning law of the government, you better resign if you have the scruples to fight with,"

"You are not performing? You do not follow government policy? It gets into your religious beliefs? Then step down."

The Catholic Church is a major force hindering the government's efforts for family planning, he said.

In infrastructure development, he said the Department of Transportation has built many airports and Metro Manila will be decongested of heavy traffic.

"Si (Secretary) Villar is spectacular. You just wait. Ayaw ko mag-ano...but things will improve maybe God willing, December smooth sailing na. You don't have to worry about traffic. Cubao and Makati is just about five minutes away," he said. PND

DepEd works toward equitable, sustainable pay hike

The Department of Education (DepEd) reaffirmed its commitment to work toward an equitable and sustainable salary increase for all teachers, amid the wide disparity between the basic salaries of teachers in public and private schools in the country.

A study by Dr. Rosario Manasan, using data from the Philippine Statistics Authority's (PSA) Labor Force Survey in 2016, showed that on the average, public school teachers earn 71% more than private school teachers. The biggest salary gap between public and private school teachers can be seen in the then Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) at 158%. The same study noted that salaries in public school are "more stable and constant" across regions compared to private schools.

The significant difference between the pay of public and private school teachers is just one of the many fiscal impact that need to be considered and studied in determining the appropriate increase in compensation. Notwithstanding, the Department under Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones remains committed to uplifting the welfare of teachers and to working toward a pay hike that will help improve the economic condition not just of teachers but of government personnel in other

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Airline execs support plan to use Sangley airport

MANILA -- Executives from Philippine Airlines (PAL), Cebu Pacific (CEB) and AirAsia Philippines on Tuesday told the Philippine News Agency (PNA) they support the government plan to use the Sangley airport for general aviation and domestic flights.

"We are very happy that the government (will) develop Sangley for our domestic flights," PAL president and chief operating officer Jaime Bautista said, adding that his team would meet with Secretary Arthur Tugade this week for brainstorming to fast-track airline operations in Sangley.

PAL spokesperson Cielo Villaluna remarked that the carrier lauds the



Secretary Arthur Tugade

congest the Ninoy Aquino

This, she said, is a step in the right direction, as it will benefit the country's commercial aviation sector as a whole.

AirAsia Philippines chief executive officer Dexter Comendador told the PNA that moving all general aviation and domestic airlines (turboprop operations) to Sangley can mitigate the congestion at NAIA.

He, however, noted the need to provide for a fast, reliable and efficient ground or water transport between NAIA and Sangley.

The executive added that the move would

PGC's HEALTH CARE PROGRAM

The Provincial Government of Cavite continues to provide free health care services to indigent constituents through a medical and dental mission held at San Marino Square Covered Court, Paliparan 1, City of Dasmariñas on June 10, 2019. Barangay Councilor Joann Dimaranan, on behalf of their council, was very grateful to the provincial government for always accommodating their requests. A total of 393 patients benefitted from medical and dental checkup and tooth extraction performed by the doctors, dentists and technical



staff from Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital and OPG-Extension. Dr. Irene Enriquez, a volunteer dentist from Biñan, Laguna also rendered her services. During the mission, members of the Hiding Place Ministry, the Philippine Association of Licensed Massage Therapist-Dasmariñas Chapter headed by its President, Ms. Fershell Ercilla assisted the medical mission team in providing free haircut, free blood sugar testing and free massage.

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In commemoration of 121st Philippine Independence Day, Senator Cynthia A. Villar along with Cavite Governor Jesus Crispin C. Remulla, Kawit Municipal Mayor Angelo Emilio G. Aguinaldo and Philippine Navy Rear Admiral Giovanni Bacordo, led the flag-raising at the balcony of the Aguinaldo Shrine in Kawit, Cavite on June 12, 2019 where the historic declaration of the nation's liberty from Spanish Colonization was witnessed in 1898. Earlier, the senator also headed the wreath-laying ceremony at the tomb of the First President of the Republic, General Emilio Aquinaldo, a tradition in the annual celebration with this year's theme, "Kalayaan 2019: Tapang ng Bayan, Malasakit sa Mamamayan".

During the program, Governor Remulla delivered his welcome remarks as he echoed the heroism of patriots who sacrificed their own lives for the country's independence.

Guest Speaker Senator emphasized in her speech that Filipino youth ...Page 4