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# Cavite Province conducts Operation Tuli to hundreds of youth

PROVINCE OF CAVITE (PIA) – The Provincial Government of Cavite recently started its Operation Tuli program, one of the basic public healthcare services, facilitated by trained volunteers from the Provincial Health Office and the Office of Provincial Governor–Extension Office for hundreds of youth in the province.

The Operation Tuli which commenced last May 16, 2019 in Barangay Alapan II-A, Imus City was availed by 48 young boys from poor families in the barangay. Volunteers who participated in this worthwhile endeavor were members of the Order of Demolay-Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo Chapter and barangay health workers.

"I am thankful to be part of the continuing endeavors of promoting the hygienic importance of circumcision," said Barangay Chairman Marc Albert Barzaga of Imus City.

Another successful Operation Tuli was conducted on May 17, 2019 at the Binakayan Elementary School in the municipality of Kawit. An

estimated seventy young males were circumcised for free by volunteer doctors and technical staff of General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital with the special assistance of Tau Gamma Phi/Sigma.

On its third run, Operation Tuli was conducted at Barangay Punta 1 in the Municipality of Tanza with eighty six young males circumcised by medical practitioners from General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital and volunteers from the Municipal



Health Office of Tanza headed by Dr. Ruth Punzalan. Young males in other parts of the province may inquire when the Operation Tuli program will visit their barangays. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite/with reports from PICAD)

# CAVITE CELEBRATES HISTORY, TRADITIONS THIS JUNE

IMUS CITY, Cavite -- The month of June maybe considered as Cavite's history and heritage month where three significant events are staged, which beckon both local and foreign tourists the chance to re-discover why Cavite is known as the "Historical Capital of the Philippines".

Thousands of Caviteños, including those from Metro Manila, are expected to flock to Kawit town on June 12 for the 121st celebration of the declaration of ...Page 3



**PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE.** Independence Day celebration is one of Cavite's big events this June. The late General Emilio Aguinaldo, first President of the Philippine Republic, proclaimed in Kawit town the country's sovereignty and independence from Spanish colonization on June 12, 1898. (File photo courtesy of MEA)



Kalayaan 2019 Mega Job Fair hatid ng ating Public Employment Service Office (PESO) on June 13

## Cavite LGU offers free meds for senior citizens

NOVELETA, Cavite -- Free maintenance medicines for senior citizens, especially for those with hypertension and diabetes, are now available at the local

health office. The local government launched here Monday the "Free Maintenance Medicines for Senior Citizens" to ease the burden of the elderly due to the high

cost of medicines. Mayor Dino Chua said the town's senior citizens could avail of common maintenance drugs, such as Lozartan 50 grams, Amlodipine 5 grams,



**Mayor Dino Chua** Simvastatine 40 grams, Metformin 500 grams, ...Page3



DepEd: Expanded employee welfare a priority since 2016

Amid the clamor to increase the salary of public school teachers, the Department of Education (DepEd) underscored that Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones has already prioritized the expansion of the scope of employee welfare in her 10-Point Agenda when she assumed office in 2016.

As she continuously works to realize an

equitable and sustainable salary increase that will benefit the Department's 843,917 teachers, the Education chief has already pushed for initiatives and reforms that resulted in additional compensation and benefit for teachers.

The incentives

and bonuses that an entry-level teacher (Teacher I) is able to receive every year, on top of the basic monthly salary, include:

Cognizant that the increased compensation and benefit are just

one of the many improvements that the Department is determined to provide, the Secretary remains committed to promoting and improving the living and working conditions of both teaching and non-teaching personnel.

Home-based business promoted in cassava processing training



"Natutunan namin kung paano ang tamang estilo o pamamaraan ng pagtatanim ng cassava pati na mais," she shared.

She added, "Maraming natalakay na pamamaraan upang mas mapadali ang pag-aani ng cassava, may nalaman kaming bagong kagamitan upang hindi maging mahirap para sa magtatanim ang pag-aani ng mga ito."

The trainings were held in Mabitac, Laguna last May 15-17, 2019 and Los Baños, Laguna on May 22-24, 2019 respectively.

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TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite - The Agricultural Training Institute Region IV-A conducted two batches of "Cassava Production and Food Processing Training" for farmer leaders, Rural-Based Organization (RBO) members and some Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs).

The training aims to motivate the participants to start a home-based business as additional income for their families. Participants experienced preparing, baking and cooking cassava recipes such as suman, cake, pichi-pichi, chips, fries and burger and egg roll.

Ms. Evangeline Bautista, a participant from Calamba City shares how the training would help her jumpstart a small business. "Magkakaran na ako ng pandagdag na income at sisiguraduhin ko pong gagawa ako ng 'signature product' from cassava na kikilalanin sa aming bayan," she said.

Experts from Calamba City Agriculture Office also discussed the characteristics, varieties and uses of cassava and its management practices from land preparation, fertilizer application to post and harvesting practices.

A farmer herself from Mabitac, Laguna, Ms. Maning Avelina says that she is also eager to produce cassava in her area.

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- National Capital Region: San Andres Sports Complex, Malate, Manila
- Cordillera region: Sky Zone, Porta Vaga Mall, Upper Session Road, Baguio City
- Region 1 (Ilocos): Nepo Mall, Dagupan City; Candon Civic Center, Candon City, Ilocos Sur; Union Christian College, San Fernando City, La Union
- Region 2 (Cagayan Valley): People's Gymnasium, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan
- Region 3 (Central Luzon): Ayala Malls, Harbor Point, Subic Freeport Zone, Zambales
- Region 4-A (Calabarzon): Pavilion Mall, Biñan City, Laguna; Liwasang Aguinaldo, Kawit, Cavite
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- Region 7 (Central Visayas): Cebu City Sports Complex/Abellana National School; Lapu-Lapu City; Lamberto L. Macias Sports and Cultural Center, Dumaguete City
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- Region 10 (Northern Mindanao): Atrium, Limketkai Center, Cagayan de Oro City
- Region 11 (Davao region): NCCC Mall Buhangin, Km. 7, Tigatto Road, Buhangin, Davao City
- Region 12 (Soccsksargen): Trade Hall, SM City Gensan, General Santos City
- Caraga: PLGU Training Center, Capitol, Butuan City SOURCE: (PNA)



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**BULWAGAN NG LIGA NG MGA BARANGAY**

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Handog sa Inyo ni Hon. Mayor Lani Mercado-Revilla, Cong. Strike B. Revilla, Vice Mayor Karen Sarino-Evaristo, Sangguniang Panlungsod at ng Decoor City Health Office

Para sa mga kuya, tatay at lolo na may edad 40 pataas. Magkita kita po tayo sa June 14, 2019 sa Bulwagan ng Liga ng mga Barangay (sa likod ng City Hall, katabi ng City Health Office building) mula 8 am - 12 nn.





PhilHealth EVP/COO Ruben John A. Basa, Health Secretary Duque, PhilHealth Acting SVP and Concurrent Vice President Nerissa R. Santiago, Finance Secretary Dominguez, and DOF Undersecretary and Chief Economist Karl Kendrick T. Chua show their fist-fight stance against 'Yosi Kadiri.'

## Cavite celebrates...from p1

Philippine Independence.

The late General Emilio Aguinaldo, first President of the Philippine Republic, proclaimed in Kawit town the country's sovereignty and independence from Spanish colonization on June 12, 1898 before a huge crowd at his mansion, now known as the historic Aguinaldo Shrine – a National Shrine of the Philippines.

A national event and one of the country's regular holidays, this event commemorates that momentous occasion when the Philippine National Flag, sewn in Hong Kong by Marcela Agoncillo, was officially hoisted and the Philippine National March was played to the public for the first time.

The National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), in partnership with the provincial government of Cavite, the municipal government of Kawit, and their respective tourism offices, have lined up day-long activities composed of commemoration formalities and some side activities.

The fun in the province continues with Cavite City's annual "Regada" Festival from June 15 to 22 where people of different ages and social status join in the fun not only because of its festive mood, but also of the ecological implication and

spiritual bonding that they experience.

The city's Regada Water Festival, which started in 1996 and now an annual revelry, coincides with the feast of St. John the Baptist; and is marked with street dancing and parade, fun games, highlighted with the splashing of water everywhere. Bacoor City, the "Marching Band Capital of the Philippines", will also celebrate its 7th cityhood and have lined-up a series of activities which include the "Grandest Marching Band Parade (from Bacoor Elementary School to Niog St) and Show Competition (Strike Revilla Gymnasium) on June 22.

The province of Cavite is known in history as the home of the country's president of the First Philippine Republic, and where the Philippine Independence from Spanish colonizers was declared.

Cavite's Tourism and Cultural Affairs Office said the province is also a 'centerstage' for numerous revolts, with triumphs and historical events commemorated each year to constantly remind the people, especially the young ones, of "our forefather's gallantry and extreme love for country which led to the country's freedom which we all enjoy today." SOURCE:(PNA)

# PhilHealth, DOH and DOF urge Senate to approve pending excise Sin Tax bill

With the signing of Republic Act 11223 better known as the "Universal Health Care (UHC) Act of 2019" by President Rodrigo R. Duterte on February 20, 2019, the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth), the Department of Health (DOH) and the Department of Finance (DOF) have joined together in a press briefing to reiterate the need for the Senate to act swiftly on the pending bill on excise tax rates on tobacco and alcohol products.

The Sin Tax law approved in 2012 restructured today's existing taxes imposed on alcohol and tobacco goods. Duties on these products have become a revenue source that help fund the UHC program. Said program, by design, aims to be at par with the world's best health care systems.

Under UHC, PhilHealth as the primary strategic purchaser of health services and leading government agency implementer, is tasked

to make sure that all Filipinos are guaranteed access to health care.

Access to health care simply means that all Filipino citizens shall now be automatically included in the National Health Insurance Program (NHIP). No Filipino shall ever be deprived of quality health care based on one's capacity to pay, but of one's health needs. Every Filipino should be able to access health care whenever he or she needs it. This is a guarantee being given to each and every Filipino, especially to those who have remained in the margins for the longest time.

"UHC is not free. It costs huge sum of money to fully implement it. We need to make sure that this unprecedented investment for the Filipino is funded sustainably. It will provide coverage to all law abiding Filipinos, reducing vulnerability, lowering out-of-pocket expenses and improving quality of life. It will not be sustainable if there is no additional

means to fund it," Finance Secretary Carlos G. Dominguez said in his statement.

PhilHealth, DOH and DOF urge Senate to approve pending excise Sin Tax bill

Bar graph showing the UHC annual cost and funding sources vs. funding gap of the excise tax from 2020 to 2024. In the first year of its implementation in 2020, the UHC will cost approximately P258 Billion. From the present sources of funding, from the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) and the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO), the government will be able to raise around P195 billion for this program. But without sin tax reform, the program will be left with a funding gap of around P62 billion.

Without the sin tax reform, the cumulative funding gap by 2024 will stand at P109 Billion or above half of the total cost. If new sources of revenue is not established, there will not be enough funds to properly implement UHC. The funding gap can be fully covered if the excise taxes on tobacco and alcohol is increased.

While the Sin Tax bill was made to impose collection of more revenue for health care, it was also for the promotion of health as a deterrent to the consumption of "sin" products, whose adverse effects are mostly borne by the poorer segments of society.

"The ultimate goal of this proposal is to promote public health. Increasing excise

taxes on these products will help discourage consumption and lead to better health and social outcomes, especially among the youth and the poor. We hope that the increase in prices will discourage people from buying cigarettes, thereby reducing the incidence of tobacco-related diseases," Health Secretary Francisco T. Duque III said.

The Philippines has an estimated 17.3 million tobacco consumers, the most number of smokers in Southeast Asia. Smoking is one of the leading causes of cancer in the Philippines. Ten Filipinos die every hour because of this, according to DOH statistics.

"Taxing sin products work. In 2012, the sin tax law succeeded in reducing smoking prevalence from 29% in 2012 to 22.7% in 2015. However, recent survey polls show that smoking prevalence has increased again to 23% in 2018. This is a warning sign. With the rise in incomes, and slower increases in tobacco taxes in years, tobacco has again become affordable to the youth and the average Filipino," Dominguez said.

"If we do not significantly raise excise taxes on tobacco and alcohol, the UHC program will begin with a funding gap and may end up with the prospect of ballooning health costs due to related tobacco and alcohol diseases..." Dominguez explained, adding that "Without sin tax reform, PhilHealth members will only continue to be covered for 18 primary care drugs and seven conditions. They will continue to shoulder 90% of the cost of the prescribed medicines. But with sin tax reform, coverage will improve to 120 drugs, and no limit to primary care consultations. DOH wisely proposes that medicine purchases will be limited to fix fee, the cost of the transaction alone. These are just some of the specific benefits that Filipinos will receive in the full implementation of the program."

## Cavite LGU...from p1

and Gliclazide 30 grams, at the municipal health office.

"Malaking bagay po para sa aming mga senior citizens ang libreng gamot. Mabibili na po namin ito ng iba pang pangangailangan namin sa araw-araw (This free medicine would be of great help to us senior citizens. We could use our money instead for other daily expenses)," Gloria Fernandez, a senior citizen from Poblacion, said during an interview with

the Philippine News Agency (PNA).

The town mayor also assured senior citizens of other much-requested benefits aside from free medicines, such as free movie passes for them at the SM Rosario cinemas, as well as the "Doc-to-Door" medical consultation program. (Dennis Abrina/PNA)



## Divine Mercy Reflection Praying with the Passion of Christ

All of us are aware of the sacred Passion of our Lord. But few are able to gaze upon His Passion with true feeling and love. In our prayer, we must learn to meditate upon the Passion of our Lord with great devotion. This is not so much something we do by our own effort; rather, it's something that we allow our Lord to do in us. We must allow Him to reveal to us the great suffering He went through and, in that revelation, we must allow our whole being to become consumed with love of Him who died this horrid death out of love for us (See Diary #737).

Do you spend time meditating on the Passion of our Lord? Perhaps it's easier to look at the Resurrection and His triumphal victory over sin and death. But the way to the Resurrection and Glorification is through the Passion. Reflect, today, upon how willing you are to allow yourself to be drawn into every pain and every suffering that our Lord endured. Seeing His Passion for what it is allows you to love Him more deeply. The more you become aware of His suffering, the more you will desire to console His wounded Heart through your love and submission to His holy Will. Let every aspect of the Passion of Christ speak to you and change you. The result will be a deeper love of God and an abundance of Mercy for those suffering all around you.



Lord, help me to become aware of Your holy Passion. Help me to see the love that enabled You to endure such torment. May I see in Your Passion Your endless love for all and may I, in turn, love those who suffer with the same love I have for You. Jesus, I trust in You.





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# 70K VACANCIES AVAILABLE AT INDEPENDENCE DAY JOB FAIRS

**MANILA -- An initial 70,000 local and overseas jobs will be made available in 22 job fair sites in 16 regions across the country on June 12, the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) said on Wednesday.**

In a statement, the department said the Trabaho, Negosyo, Kabuhayan (TNK) job and business fairs were organized in commemoration of the 121st anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine independence next week.

Based on the report of the Bureau of Local Employment, a total of 560 participating employers (461 local, 99 overseas) will bring with them 68,893 local and overseas jobs.

The vacancies for local jobs are for production machine operators, production/factory workers, customer service representatives, call center agents, tailors, sales clerks, cashiers, delivery crew, service crew, and marketing officers.

For overseas employment, the top vacancies are for cleaners, professional nurses (general), servers, service crew, company drivers, registered midwife, staff nurse, English teachers (Japan), janitress, barista, technicians (general), and nursing aides.

The job orders are for Germany, Japan, Bahrain, and Saudi Arabia.

The 2019 Independence Day will have the theme, "Kalayaan 2019 Tapang ng Bayan, Malasakit sa Mamamayan".

Labor Secretary Silvestre Bello III advised jobseekers to visit any of the job and business fairs in their areas to facilitate their search for employment, as numerous employers are gathered in just one venue.

Bello advised jobseekers to be ready with several copies of their resume or curriculum vitae; 2 x 2 ID pictures; certificate of employment for those formerly employed; diploma and/or transcript of records; and authenticated birth certificate.

The 2019 Independence Day job and business fairs will be held in the following venues:



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## Bacoor 7th Cityhood Anniversary

**Celebrating its 7th Cityhood Anniversary, the City Government of Bacoor, with the assistance of the Chinese General Hospital and Medical Center, held a Medical and Dental Mission in San Nicolas 3. Bacoor City Mayor Lani Mercado Revilla attended the event along with officials from the Chinese General Hospital and Medical Center including Jameson Dy, senior vice president**



**City Mayor Lani Mercado Revilla**

**for operations and administration, and Robert Yang, special assistant to the president, and San Nicolas III Barangay Captain George Gawaran.**



## Truck crushes motorbike backrider

**DASMARIÑAS City, Cavite --A woman at the back of a motorcycle died on the spot and her husband was hurt after a truck ran over the motorcyle they were riding Saturday evening here.**

Police identified the victims as Gelli Palce, 25, and husband Erickson Palce, 35, both of Blk. 85, Lot 54, Golden CHorizon Villas, Bgy. Hugo Perez, Trece Martires City, Cavite.

The woman was run over by the truck while the driver was thrown several meters away and was rushed to the Pagamutan Lungsod ng Dasmariñas.

The Isuzu Rebuilt Flat bed truck driver Junny Macahilos was arrested.

Police said the victims were traversing the road in Bgy. Pala-Pala going to Imus City around 6:45 p.m. and when they reached near Via Verde, the driver of the motorcycle suddenly stopped when he saw a man signalling them to give way to another vehicle coming off the road. Then the truck, tailing the motorcycle, hit them. The truck driver will charged with homicide and frustrated homicide through reckless imprudence.COURTESY:C. LIDOT