



SAVE MANILA BAY

MEDICAL AND DENTAL MISSION FOR BARANGAY IBA CONSTITUENTS

In its continuous thrust to provide quality health care services to its constituents, the provincial government of Cavite thru the Office of the Provincial Governor in coordination with the Provincial Health Office once again visit-

ed Barangay Iba in the municipality of Silang last January 09, 2020.

Volunteer doctors and dentists from General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital (GEAMH) rendered medical consultation to 291 residents includ-

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Vice Mayor Aidel Belamide

DTI to consumers: Report overpricing of face masks

The Department of Trade & Industry (DTI) advises the public to report cases of overpricing of face masks, as some sellers take advantage of people looking for protection against the ashfall coming from Taal Volcano.

In an earlier advisory, the DTI reminds the retailers to refrain from unreasonably increasing the prices of N95, surgical, and other similar masks. Prices of manufactured basic and prime goods shall likewise remain unchanged as of the published 30 September 2019 DTI Suggested Retail Price Bulletin.

Those found to have committed profiteering or any form of illegal act will be filed with appropriate administrative and criminal charges and will be dealt with the fullest extent of the law.

According to DTI, overpricing and any other illegal act of price

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Trade Undersecretary Ruth Castelo

Coop i-Create Ladderized Training for Cooperatives (LTC)

The Provincial Government of Cavite through the Provincial Cooperative, Livelihood and Entrepreneurial Development Office (PCLEDO) conducted the Coop i-Create, a Ladderized Training for Cooperatives (LTC) on January 10, 2020 at the Cavite Cooperative Development Center in Trece Martires City to provide an alternative way and profitable employment opportunities for individuals who aspire to have their own businesses. The program aims to identify potential entrepreneurs and provide them with comprehensive support to enhance their entrepreneurial skills and competencies to establish and operate their own competitive business on a sustainable basis.

Ms. Liza C. Gabatan, Entrepreneurial Head, PCLEDO welcomed the participants and gave the detailed and comprehensive overview of the training. The seminar-workshop proper was facilitated by Dr. TURN TO PAGE2

More aid for Taal evacuees needed-Revilla

Sen. Bong Revilla urged all Filipinos to continue sending aid to the victims affected by the eruption of Taal Volcano, especially water, food, clothing and medicine.

The veteran senator led the distribution of 10 truckloads of relief goods as part of his "Kaagapay sa Araw ng Pangangailangan" (KAP) Program.

Despite health risks imposed by the aftermath of the ash fall, Revilla distributed relief in the towns of Amadeo, Alfonso,

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Sen. Bong Revilla





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LANDBANK offers expanded calamity rehab program for hog raisers, agri-enterprises, small farmers and fishers

As a direct response to the recent typhoons, earthquakes and volcanic activity that devastated various parts of the county, as well as the African Swine Fever (ASF) that swept the hog-raising industry, Land Bank of the Philippines (LANDBANK) announced that it has expanded its rehabilitation assistance program to help more victims to get back on their feet in areas officially declared as calamity/disaster and disease/viral infection outbreak areas.

The Bank's expanded LBP CARES Program can provide financial support to more sectors that are severely affected by natural and man-made calamities/disasters (i.e. armed conflicts) and viral infection outbreaks, including victims of last Sunday's eruption of Taal Volcano that con-

tinuously creates widespread devastation to surrounding communities.

Under the enhanced CARES Program, individual small farmers and fishers, livestock raisers, large agri-enterprises (LAEs), salaried workers, and academic institutions such as schools, universities and colleges, have been added as eligible borrowers.

This complements the existing eligible borrowers under the Program, namely, local government unit (LGUs), disaster-affected home owners, small and medium enterprises (SMEs), cooperatives, non-government organizations (NGOs), and partner financial institutions (PFIs) such as rural banks.

"The CARES Program supports government's continuing effort to restore

economic and social activities in calamity-stricken areas. It assists both the local government and private sector in their respective rehabilitation efforts. By enhancing the Program, LANDBANK is intensifying its support to small farmers and fishers, especially hog raisers who were hit the hardest by the recent ASF outbreak," said LANDBANK President and CEO Cecilia C. Borromeo.

First launched in the aftermath of Typhoon Yolanda in 2013, the CARES Program is available to existing and new clients of the Bank who have been severely affected by calamities, including armed conflicts, in areas that were officially declared as under a state of calamity by the national or local government.

The Program con-

sists of two types of credit assistance—rehabilitation/reconstruction credit program and rehabilitation through loan restructuring—which may be used for the repair of damaged facilities, construction or acquisition of new facilities and equipment, repair or purchase of housing units, working capital for agriculture production, and as capital for a lending facility of cooperatives, SMEs and NGOs for home and livelihood financing.

For more information, interested borrowers may contact LANDBANK's 24/7 customer service hotline at (02) 8-405-7000 or at PLDT Domestic Toll Free 1-800-10-405-7000, or visit the nearest LANDBANK Lending Center located nationwide. source:(LBP)

City Government of Bacoor:

Operation Linis at Psycho-social activities

Nagsagawa ang Bacoor Bureau of Fire Protection ng flushing operations sa iba't ibang paaralan

Nagsagawa ang Bacoor Bureau of Fire Protection ng flushing operations sa iba't ibang paaralan kasama ang Bacoor National High School, Molino Elementary School, City of Bacoor National High School, at Bayanan National High School upang malinis ang abo na dulot ng #TaalVolcano eruption.



Villar inaugurates Kalibo Bridge in time for Ati-atihan festival

MANILA-Expected volume of tourists that will flock Kalibo for the Ati-atihan Festival can now have a faster and more reliable travel with the inauguration of the Kalibo Bridge in Aklan on Thursday, January 16, 2020.

Public Works and Highways Secretary Mark A. Villar said that the opening of the two (2) lane 770-linear meter bridge to vehicular traffic will significantly reduce travel time from Kalibo City to Catiglan from 75 minutes to 60 minutes, and expected to boost tourism and hasten delivery of goods and basic commodities to and from the Capital town of Kalibo.

"Around 6,000 motorists, residents and tourists are anticipated to feel the benefits of its completion. As part of the 15.81-kilometer Kalibo Circumferential Road, the bridge will provide an alternate route from Aklan West Road and a direct link to Kalibo Airport," Secretary Villar added.

Passing through the Municipality of Lezo and by-passing Municipality of Numancia, the bridge is said to ease traffic congestion in Kalibo Proper.

The P500-million bridge project involves construction of 22 spans of bored pile foundation, slope protection works, and concreting of three (3) kilometer road.(DPWH)

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May mga mangilan-ngilan namang restaurant ang nanatiling bukas kahit matinding ashfall ang naranasan mula Enero 12.

Ani Fe Javier ng Viewsite Restaurant, hindi sila nagsarado maski malalakas ang naramdamang pagyanig dahil may mga kustomer pa ring naghahanap ng makakainan.

Tiwala si Javier na manunumbalik din ang sigla sa Tagaytay kapag tuluyang ng binuksan ang mga iba pang tourist establishments sa syudad. (MCA/PIA)

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Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo, and Tagaytay in Cavite, and municipalities of Balayan, Calaca, Tuy, and Sta. Teresita in Batangas.

According to the NDRRMC, there are 966 families or 7,742 individuals temporarily sheltered in 38 evacuation centers.

The veteran senator also encouraged the evacuees to have faith and stay strong in the midst of trials, and also urged every Filipino to continue uniting in prayer for the safety and recovery of the victims.

"Sa mga ganitong trahedya, hindi lang materyal na tulong ang dapat nating ipaabot. Mas lalo nating dapat iparamdam sa ating mga nasalantang kababayan na nandito tayo para sa kanila upang damayan at tulungan silang makapagsimula muli," Revilla said. "Patuloy lang po tayong magbayanihan dahil sa mga ganitong sakuna, walang ibang magtutulungan kung hindi tayotayo ring makakabayan."

Red Cross calls for public support as humanitarian operations continue for communities affected by Taal Volcano eruption

MANDALUYONG CITY--As the full picture of the devastation brought by the eruption of Taal Volcano becomes more evident 3 days after ashes and volcanic materials poured down on parts of Batangas and nearby areas, the Philippine Red Cross (PRC) appeals for humanitarian aid for thousands of families affected and displaced by the wrath of the country's second most active volcano.

PRC Chairman and CEO Richard Gordon urged the public as well as businesses to provide aid to the most vulnerable through donations. "PRC needs all the support it can get to help families in the affected areas. There are still more that needs to be done and we are just starting

with our operations to provide assistance to the affected communities, just like what we did during the 1991 Mount Pinatubo eruption," Gordon said.

Facemasks or surgical masks (N95) are badly needed since ash is harmful to a person's health, particularly for those suffering from respiratory illnesses.Food, medicine, clean water, tents and essential household items (sleeping mats and blankets and shelter goods tarpaulins) are also a necessity for other communities.

"We are racing against time, more earthquakes are recorded and they're getting stronger everyday which means the magma is mixing up with the steam that could lead to a catastrophic eruption. I'm not trying to scare anybody, but we

should prepare for the worst here and I'm judging by the history of past eruptions. We also appeal to our partners to contribute to our efforts," Gordon added.

As of January 14, PRC assisted in the evacuation of 132 individuals in Batangas and Cavite, distributed hot-meals to 1,750 individuals and 750 others were provided with loaf bread in Balayan East and West Evacuation Centers.

Red Cross also distributed 5,000 pieces of N95 masks, deployed five ambulances and two water tankers with 10,000 liters of safe and pota-

ble water that were distributed to 800 individuals in the Municipality of Balayan (Balayan East Elementary School), Five welfare desks in Batangas and Cavite and20 units of portalets set in various areas in Batangas.

Since January 12, more than 222 PRC personnel are on the ground working round-the-clock to aid the affected families that climbed up to 7,039 or31,994 individuals currently sheltered in 107 evacuation centers in Batangas and Cavite Provinces.

Heartwarming is the sight of people from different walks of life gathering at the

PRC Logistics & Multipurpose Center in Mandaluyong City offering their services to volunteer for the repacking of relief goods PRC uses resources provided by generous donors for these activities. The public can help PRC replenish these resources by donating through the following avenues:

BDO
-Peso Savings: 00-453-0190938
-Dollar Savings: 10-453-0039482
-Swift Code: BNOR-PHMM
BPI

-Peso Savings: 4991-0036-52
-Swift Code: BO-PIPHMM
Metrobank
-Peso Savings: 151-7-151524342
-Dollar Savings: 151-2-151002182
-Swift Code: MB-TCPHMM
Security Bank
-Peso Savings: 0132-062-46400-3
-Dollar Savings: 0132-0624-6400-4
Paypal
donate@redcross.org.ph

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manipulation can be reported through the One-DTI (1-384) Hotline or send an email to consumercare@dti.gov.ph.

The DTI have mobilized monitoring teams in the affected areas of Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Quezon, and Metro Manila to monitor the prices and supply of facemasks, including those goods classified as basic necessities and prime commodities.

Monitoring reports revealed that N95 masks are sold at PHP 120 up to PHP 150 per piece while surgical masks that were priced at PHP 1.00 per piece were sold at PHP 4.00 per piece after the Taal eruption. These were mostly sold out due to an increase in public demand as ashfall enveloped nearby cities and provinces surrounding Taal.

"While we recognize that the N95, surgical, and other similar masks as medical supplies are under the jurisdiction of the Department of Health (DOH), the DTI readily dispersed its teams to monitor the prices and supply of these masks to assist the DOH and the consumers," DTI Secretary Ramon M. Lope.

The DTI further clarifies that these masks are neither classified as basic nor prime good under the Price Act. Therefore, these have no Suggested Retail Prices (SRPs) and were never part of the list of products being monitored by the DOH or any of the implementing agencies of the said law.

However, the Price Act provides that the National Price Coordinating Council (NPCC) in which the DTI and DOH are part of, can recommend to the President the inclusion of these masks in the list of basic or prime goods. When approved, the NPCC through the recommendation of the DOH and consultation with relevant stakeholders can set an SRP, if found necessary.

A team led by Trade Undersecretary Ruth Castelo that conducted price monitoring in Manila has issued notices of violations against seven stores in Bambang, Santa Cruz, that were caught profiteering from the sudden spike in demand for face masks.

Castelo said while these stores remain open for now, she would urge the local government to slap sanctions against these stores. (DTI/PIA-NCR)

Naglunsad ng psycho-social activities ang CSWDO-Bacoor City sa Marahan Elementary School, isang evacuation center sa Alfonso, Cavite


Naglunsad ng psycho-social activities ang CSWDO-Bacoor City sa Marahan Elementary School, isang evacuation center sa Alfonso, Cavite. Nagsagawa rin sila ng rapid nutritional assessment sa mga bata 0 to 71 months old. Ito na ang ikaapat na araw ng ating mga social workers sa mga evacuation centers sa Alfonso.

CALL FOR DONATIONS

The City Government of Imus is now accepting donations for the victims of #TaalEruption2020.

DROP-OFF POINT: YOUR RESPECTIVE BARANGAY HALL

The City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (CDRRMO) will coordinate and pick up your donations at your respective barangay.



SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN RESOLUTION NO. 1390-2020
A Resolution Authorizing Hon. Juanito Victor C. Remulla, Provincial Governor, for and on behalf of the Provincial Government of Cavite to accept donations, in cash or in kind, from Government Agencies, Local Government Units, Non-Government Organizations, and other Local Entities in relation to the Taal Volcano eruption.

THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF CAVITE
ACCEPTS DONATIONS FOR ITS RELIEF
OPERATIONS FOR THE FAMILIES AND
COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY THE TAAI
VOLCANO ERUPTION.

Inquiries may be coordinated with the Provincial IMT Liaison team at Mobile Numbers
0928 693 5062 (Smart) and 0955 025 9729 (Globe)
and Donation Group through Ms. Candy Paz Lontoc at
0920 983 5528 (Smart)

Batangas under state of calamity due to Taal Volcano eruption

Batangas was placed under state of calamity following a special session of the provincial board on Monday afternoon.

The declaration came after thousands of Batangas residents in various areas were affected as a result of Taal Volcano's eruption on Sunday.

Evacuation within the 14-kilometer radius from Taal Volcano continues even as the number of displaced individuals in Batangas has climbed to more than 15,000 on Monday based on a report of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council.

The Taal Volcano has remained at Alert Level 4

which means continuous volcanic earthquakes and eruptive activities in its main crater are expected to occur, causing ashfall in Batangas and in nearby provinces and a large part of Luzon.

"Nais kong ibahagi sa lahat ng mga Batangueño na kumikilos ang pamahalaan para matulungan ang lahat ng appektado at maiwasan ang anumang casualties (I want all Batangueños to know that the government is working hard to help everyone who is affected and avoid any casualty),"

Batangas Governor Hermilando Mandanas said in a media briefing.

He assured that the province is prepared while augmentation from other local and national governments has started arriving.

The Batangas PDRRMO, Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and other government agencies have already deployed ambulances, trucks and other emergency vehicles in affected areas.

Relief goods from the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO) are in place, while

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Mga hotel at restaurant sa Tagaytay handang magbukas upang makabangon ang turismo

TAGAYTAY CITY, Jan. (PIA) - Nakahandang magbalik-operasyon ang mga tourism facilities sa Tagaytay anumang araw upang pasiglahing muli ang tinaguriang top tourist destination in the South sa kabila ng hindi pa rin naibabalik ang kuryente at tubig sa buong syudad.

Ayon Engr. Gregorio Monreal, Tagaytay city administrator, hindi pa 100 percent na naibabalik ang supply ng tubig at kuryente sa Tagaytay kaya't hindi pa makabalik sa normal operations ang mga hotel at restaurants.

"Kakaunti pa rin ang may tubig sa Tagaytay. Yung mga abong naipon sa kalsada ay mano-manong tinatangal at hindi ginagamitan ng tubig para hindi na makadagdag sa pangagailangan ng tubig," aniya.

Dagdag ni Monreal, agad na hihingin sa water district na ibalik ang supply ng tubig kapag naging stable na ang supply

ng kuryente. Ang karamihan sa water supply needs ng Tagaytay ay nanggagaling sa ngayon sa deep wells at tubig na nirarasyon ng mga water suppliers.

Hiniling din ng mga tourism operators na malinisan din ang mga halaman sa Tagaytay na nababalot pa rin sa makapal na volcanic ash.

"Ang mga halaman ay simbolo din ng Tagaytay. Sana'y maibalik sa dating luntian ang mga ito," ayon sa isang hotel representative.

Hindi pa nakakapagbukas ang karamihan sa mga hotel at restaurant sa Tagaytay mula nang pumutok ang Taal Volcano noong Linggo. Boluntaryong sinara ng mga hotel ang kanilang facilities upang masigurong hindi muna mag-aakyat sa syudad ang mga turista habang may banta pang pagsabog ang bulkan.

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Inauguration and Blessing of Ospital ng Imus Dialysis Center - January 16, 2020 at Ospital ng Imus