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As gov't rolls out anti-COVID shots

Naval bishop says CBCP backs gov't vaccination plan

JOEY A. GABIETA w/ PIA-NAVAL

TACLOBAN CITY-The Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) is giving its total support on the vaccination program against coronavirus disease (COVID-19) of the national government.

This was disclosed by Bishop Rex Ramirez of the Diocese of Naval during a virtual conference last Feb. 11.

Ramirez, who chairs the episcopal commission on health care services of the CBCP, said that more than ever, it is time for both the Church and the government to work together to address the health pandemic affecting the country, in particular, for almost a year now.

"The health care commission of the CBCP is willing to help the government in several ways (like) helping educate the people about COVID-19, (and) about vaccination," he said.

"Another would be in encouraging dioceses and parishes to help out not only in this education, but also in allowing their places to be used, in cases when for example, there is need for, let's say isolation areas, areas for

vaccination," Ramirez added.

The bishop made this disclosure as the Diocese of Naval hosted the observance of this year's 29th World Day of the Sick in the country last Feb. 11.

Bishop Ramirez said that considering that Filipinos have trust and confidence in the Church, they would be just too willing to encourage and educate them about the vaccination program of the government and in the process, help stop spread of COVID-19 in the country.

Bishop Ramirez said that vaccination areas should be big enough because once a person is vaccinated, one should not leave the area immediately as he still need to be monitored for a few minutes.

Ramirez also said that he favor for the priests to

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Tacloban city gov't steps up garbage collection

TACLOBAN CITY-The local government of Tacloban has stepped up measures to address the garbage collection woes.

According to the Officer-in-Charge of the City General Services Office (CGSO) Engr. Leoncio Parado, the city government has assigned one 10-wheeler dump truck to go around the barangays to recover uncollected wastes.

The said initiative, which started weeks ago, is the city's way to help immediately address failed scheduled collection.

"The lapses in garbage collection were due to lack of personnel and some issues with the service provider's garbage trucks," Parado explained.

Despite the missed collection, Parado assured the public that they already have set up a system to monitor the situation and to increase communication to prevent future problems.

On the other hand, a sep-

arate truck plies around the city to collect the biowaste every night from Monday to Sunday, he clarified.

Meantime, for garbage issues and collection concerns, residents may contact the following numbers:

•(Garbage Service Provider Supervisor-0905 771 3423); CGSO Supervisors-0917 611 7954, 0927 265 7825 for day time collection and 0955 775 7781 for night time collection).
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FLOWERS FOR WOMEN INMATES. As the country observed Valentine's Day on Sunday (Feb.14), flowers became in-thing. Women inmates at the detention facility at the police station in Tabontabon, Leyte gave flowers to women prisoners, dubbed as 'Rosas para sa mga babaeng nakaposas' or roses for women inmates. Town police chief, Major Remegio Go, Jr. said that the act was to give special attention to the women inmates during this special day and ensure that their rights are always protected while they are in custody.

(TABONTABON MUNICIPAL POLICE STATION)

2 LGUs roll out programs to help reduce waste collection

TACLOBAN CITY-The local government units of Tarangnan, Samar and Carigara, Leyte are asking their respective residents to participate in collecting garbage, and in return, they will receive for food items.

In Tarangnan town, Mayor Arnel Tan said that

residents will receive two kilograms of rice and some canned goods for every one kilogram of eco-bricks using 1.5 liter of plastic bottle.

For those who will use small empty plastic bottles, they will get half-a kilo of rice for one kilo of eco-brick.

Students may also par-

ticipate, according to the town mayor.

"Each 1.5 liter of eco-bricks is equivalent to school supplies," Tan said.

For so-called 'plantitos' and 'plantitas', Mayor Tan said that they created a semi-annual contest wherein participants will have to plant vegetables and fruit

bearing trees.

"We will select the best garden, most colorful, and with the most harvest, and they will receive a cash prize and some items," Tan said.

He added that the local government will provide seedlings and recycled materials for those who already have prepared garden.

In Carigara town, the municipal government has announced that beginning this week, they will start the Project Barter to help reduce disposal of wastes in exchange of rice and canned goods.

One kilo of garbage such as plastic bags and cups, milk tea cups, sachets of

shampoo, coffee, milk, vinegar, soy sauce, and snack and candy wrappers, disposable spoon and fork will be equivalent to a one kilo of rice and one sardines.

Garbage that are going to be bartered must already be cleaned.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)

DepEd-Tacloban confers ‘Pasidungog Awards’ to teachers, personnel and stakeholders

TACLOBAN CITY- The fifth District Learning Center (DLC-5) of the Department of Education-Tacloban City Division recently conducted a virtual appreciation ceremony of all its deserving stakeholders and employees who showed outstanding performance in the delivery of various educational goals last year despite the occurrence of COVID-19 pandemic.

Schools District Supervisor Dr. Abegail B. Rodrigo dubbed the event as “2020 Pasidungog”, a term in the dialect equivalent to conferment of recognition or awards to performing employees and stakeholders of the DepEd Tacloban DLC-5 last year.

The awarding ceremony was conducted virtually in observance of the health protocols recommended by authorities due to the persisting pandemic.

“This event primarily signifies our utmost appreciation and recognition of every great work and excellent contribution of our stakeholders and teachers, school heads and even non-teaching employees,”

Rodrigo hinted.

She added that this activity, which she already institutionalized in the district as a yearly undertaking, is also geared towards uplifting the morale of teachers to do their job well even in the midst of the pandemic.

About 40 individuals have been given their respective awards during this Pasidungog to include school heads, teachers, non-teaching employees, and even external stakeholders.

“We hope this activity would all the more motivate teachers, parents and other stakeholders to give high premium to education despite the pandemic. I believe DLC 5 continues to live by this principle and I’m confident and thankful that despite the health crisis and the different education set-up we are still standing and ready to deliver quality education to our students in the district,” Rodrigo emphasized.

Four public schools and two private schools are within the supervisory jurisdiction of DLC 5, namely: Rizal Central School, RTR Elementary School,

Cirilo Roy Montejo Night High School, Sto. Niño Senior High School; and Liceo del Verbo Divino (LVD) and Alpha Omega Learning Center for private schools.

Rodrigo assured that the district is doing its best to properly address concerns and even problems that teachers and students alike may encounter in the current change of education delivery where the usual face-to-face classes is discouraged.

“But despite this, we have future direction in our district with regards to delivery of quality education. We have various learning modalities being conducted to cater the different learning needs of our students and we will try to maintain this or maybe even improve if only to achieve better learning outcomes among our learners,” she said.

It was learned that DLC 5 is implementing modular instruction coupled with radio-based and TV-based instruction. Teachers also use varied computer applications/ programs that may be relevant in supplementing instruction and also

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Mayor Richard Gomez conducted a coordination meeting with all mayors in the fourth district of Leyte to further strengthen the border control measures to prevent the spread of African Swine Fever (ASF) in the said areas. (Photo: City Government of Ormoc)

Ormoc Mayor Gomez suggest to transport hogs via ship to avoid spread of ASF

TACLOBAN CITY – Amid the African Swine (ASF) problem stalking the hog industry in Leyte, Ormoc City Mayor Richard Gomez offered alternative ways in transporting the animals to the region.

The suggestion of the city mayor of Ormoc, which is used as a passage of hogs from Mindanao, is to ensure that the city would remain ASF-free.

Mayor Gomez, during a

recent virtual meeting with Agriculture Regional Director Angel Enriquez, said that instead of transporting hogs by land, they can be transported by ship or through frozen meat.

Frozen meat products in refrigerated vans are much safer rather than live hogs which could always leave some animal droppings along the road, thus posing risk of ASF contamination to non-ASF areas, the mayor explained.

The suggestion was made by Gomez to limit the possible contamination of hogs and swine in Ormoc City which is still free from ASF disease.

Currently seven municipalities of Leyte, namely Abuyog, Javier, La Paz, Dulag, MacArthur, Tanauan and Palo have confirmed to have ASF cases.

“As LGU officials, we invoke the general welfare

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DENR pushes for migratory bird sites declaration by LGUs in East Visayas

TACLOBAN CITY – The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) is pushing for the migratory bird sites declaration by the local government units (LGUs) across the region.

DENR-8 Regional Executive Director Tirso Parian, Jr. told reporters that the LGUs are highly encouraged to formally declare as migratory bird sites in areas where the presence of these fowls is regularly monitored.

“The passage of a municipal resolution declaring these as migratory bird sites will empower local government units to have a direct management of its protection and conservation,” he said.

Parian said that DENR-8 sounds off this call for LGUs to take active participation and conservation of migratory bird sites as it

joins in the Asian Waterbird Census (AWC) for this year.

AWC, founded in 1987, is part of the International Water bird Census and runs parallel to other international water bird counts in Africa, Europe, and Neotropics and in support of the conservation and management effort of wetlands and waterbirds worldwide.

Parian explained that the annual AWC is conducted mainly to monitor the population, as well as the changes in waterbird numbers and distribution by regular and standardized counts of representative wetlands and geared towards increasing the awareness of the communities on the importance of wetlands considered as the kidneys of the earth and as the natural habitats of these fowls

Here in the region, DENR has identified seven bird sites in the provinces

of Leyte, Southern Leyte, Samar, and Eastern Samar where the presence of diverse and numerous species of migratory birds was documented.

Parian said that for this year, all sites were visited except for Guiuan Intertidal Flats in Eastern Samar due to restrictions imposed by the municipal government following an upsurge of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) infections.

For the province of Leyte, the waterbird census was conducted at the Ormoc Bay Wetlands, Ormoc City; Lake Bito Inland Wetland in the municipality of MacArthur; Carigara Bay Wetlands in Carigara and Barugo and the Tres Marias Islands in Palompon.

The Southern Leyte Bird Sanctuary in St. Bernard, Southern Leyte which covers the barangays of San Isidro, Panian, and Him-

bangan was also visited for the waterbird count. In Samar, the water bird count was done at the Maqueda Bay Wetlands within the towns of Motiong, Jiabong, and Paranas.

He added that most migratory birds that were consistently found on the identified bird sites were Philippine duck, little egret, greenshank, purple heron, common sandpiper, whiskered tern, great knot, whimbrel, lesser sand plover, terek sandpiper, rufous night heron, kentish plover, intermediate egret, common tern, moorhen, grey heron, javan pond heron and black-winged stilt.

“Just like last year, there was a noted decrease in the number of migratory birds counted although the same types of species were

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DAR-Tacloban transforms 23-hectare CARP-awarded lot into a vegetable garden

TACLOBAN CITY – Despite having been categorized as highly urbanized, this city is still capable of producing tons of vegetables.

This is what the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) would like to prove as it starts to transform a 23-hectare awarded lot under the government's Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) into a vegetable garden.

DAR Regional Director Ismael Aya-ay said they have initially utilized a one-hectare lot for the planting of fast yielding crops such as kangkong, pechay, lettuce, okra and pepino to contribute to the sufficient supply of food in the city and neighboring towns, aside from providing livelihood to the farmers.

According to the plan, the DAR would simultaneously conduct Farmer Field School to the 20 members of the New Kawayan-Cabalawan Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Farmers' Association to sustain the initial project and eventually spread its area until the entire 23 hectares have been covered.

"In partnership with the Department of Agriculture (DA) and the city govern-



Tacloban City is expected to become a food basket with the development of a 23-hectare lot located in Barangay New Kawayan which is targeted to be planted with vegetables. The initiative is from the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) as the involved lot is covered under the certificate of land ownership. (DAR Photo)

ment of Tacloban thru the City Agriculture Office, the DAR has initiated this February 2021, the plan to make a portion of the agricultural lot in Barangay New Kawayan, which is covered by a collective Certificate of Land Ownership Award (CLOA), into a vegetable garden where the agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) are guaranteed of sure income," Aya-ay explained.

Aya-ay added that they would like to replicate DAR Secretary Brother John Castriciones' "Buhay sa Gulay"

program, an urban farming project, where its initial implementation in Tondo, Manila became a success, with Quezon City and Caloocan City following its footsteps.

In this project, the DAR provides the farmers with garden tools and other farming materials, while DA and the City Agriculture Office will provide the seeds and training.

"The project commenced on the first week of February with the preparation of the land, lay outting, plot making, and plant sowing. Planting of seedlings

into their assigned plots is scheduled this week and on the last week of the month, it is expected that the farmers could already start harvesting. At the moment, the making of 60 plots, measuring 1 x 20 meters continues," the regional director said.

Meanwhile, Sonny Colete, an ARB of lot 9, which was chosen as the demo farm, said: "This is an opportunity for us to be assisted in developing and improving our lots and in turn, contribute in providing food in our city." (PR)

3 suspects nabbed in separate anti-drug operations in the region

TACLOBAN CITY- Authorities arrested three alleged drug personalities in separate buy-bust operations from February 11 to 12, 2021.

A report from the Police Regional Office 8 headquarters said anti-drug operatives collared Sharon Estrella, 40, after she allegedly sold one sachet believed to be containing shabu to a poseur buyer in Barangay San Esteban, Burauen, Leyte on February 12.

Personnel of Burauen Municipal Police Station and Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) in the region also confiscated from the suspect's possession 11 sachets containing suspected shabu, buy-bust money, and other personal items.

In Lavezares, Northern Samar, joint police operatives also arrested Romy Jay Dineros, 31, and listed as a street-level individual.

The suspect allegedly sold one small sachet believed to be containing shabu to an undercover operative.

The police also confiscated from his possession

five sachets containing suspected shabu, buy-bust money, some cash, motorcycle, and mobile phone.

Tacloban City Police Office Drug Enforcement and Intelligence Unit led by Lieutenant Anthony Re-Amora and Major Edwin Cañamague, in coordination with PDEA, arrested the top 16 high value individual in the city who was identified only as alias J, 46.

He was nabbed during the buy-bust operation in Barangay Naga-naga, Tacloban on February 11.

Police confiscated from the suspect during the operation 17 sachets believed to be containing shabu with an estimated market value of P56,000, buy-bust money, and a digital weighing scale.

The suspects will be facing charges for violation of sections 5 and 11, Article II of Republic Act 9165, otherwise known as the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002. (RONALD O. REYES)

PSA: 3rd quarter number of constructions in EV declines by 3.4%

TACLOBAN CITY – The total number of constructions in Eastern Visayas has declined by 3.4 percent in the third quarter of 2020 as disclosed by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA-8).

PSA-Regional Director Wilma Perante told reporters in an interview that the region's total number of constructions declined by 3.4 percent, from 1,236 constructions recorded in the third quarter of 2019 to 1,194 constructions in the same quarter in 2020.

She reported that the non-residential buildings decreased by 29.2 percent, posting 206 constructions in the third quarter of 2020 from 291 constructions in the third quarter of 2019.

of additions/alterations and repairs of existing structures, on the other hand, increased by 29.8 percent, from 121 constructions in the third quarter of 2019 to 157 constructions in the same period of 2020.

An increase of 0.8 percent was also noted in the number of residential buildings, from 824 constructions in the third quarter of 2019 to 831 constructions during the quarter in review.

Perante said that the residential buildings comprised 69.6 percent of the total constructions in the region, while non-residential buildings and additions/ alterations and repairs accounted for 17.3 percent and 13.1 percent, see PSA/page 7 ...

Comprehensive sexuality education, RH information, key to halt teenage pregnancy problem

PALO, Leyte-As Teenage Pregnancy Awareness Week is observed this February, the Commission on Population and Development in Region 8 (Popcom VIII) expressed concern over the rising number of teenage pregnancies with data by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) showing more than 7,000 teenage mothers in the region alone giving birth in 2019, and getting younger as they get.

Popcom VIII Regional Director Elnora Pulma said figures can possibly go up in 2020 during which heavy lockdowns were imposed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

However, even with community quarantines already easing up, COVID-19 pandemic has already affected normalcy forcing couples — including minor

parents — to spend more time inside homes. Pulma said this could cause the number to escalate more.

In 2019, at least 8 young mothers in Region 8 already gave birth at the young age of 13, while those aging 19 years old in the same year provided the highest number of teenage pregnancies at 3,009 cases.

"They are getting younger and younger. There even was a case in previous years where we had 11-year olds who were already pregnant. It's a very sad and scary situation for our adolescents to be in," Pulma said,

The commission have already been tackling and discussing the teenage pregnancy problem even before the COVID-19 pandemic reached Philippine shores and supported the call de-

claring it as a "national social emergency" early on in 2020.

The Young Adult Fertility and Sexuality Study (YAFSS) showed an increase in teenage fertility from 6.3 percent in 2002 to 13.6 percent in 2013.

While a more recent 2017 National Demographic and Health Survey (NDHS) study revealed that the issue of adolescent fertility is important for both health and social reasons as children born to very young mothers are at increased risk of sickness and death.

The study further said that teenage mothers are more likely to experience adverse pregnancy outcomes and to be constrained in their ability to pursue educational opportunities than young women who

delay childbearing. Over a 10-year period, 1.2 million Filipina girls between the ages of 10 and 19 have had a child. That's a rate of 24 babies per hour.

Meanwhile, the PSA-gathered data showed a total of 178,505 cases in Region 8, of 15-19 year olds who gave birth in 2019. More than 15% of this total number of 15-19 year olds were repeat pregnancies or, in other words, were already on their second child.

The main reasons for the high rate of teenage pregnancies are inadequate sex education (some girls do not know that having sex can result in pregnancy or fully consider the responsibility of

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Pro-poverty?

Bringing development to the countryside, as usually demanded by the leftists in their mass protests, is normally hampered and made almost impossible by the very presence and activities of their armed colleagues in the rural areas, prompting the people to question the sincerity of that demand.

And so, for more than fifty years now, administrations came and went without making headways in bringing said prosperity to the interior barangays and remote areas. Their regimes just ended up failing in their attempts to uplift the economic conditions of the rural poor, their complaints apparently the same—armed groups in the mountains greet their developmental activities with threats, extortion, chaos, and violence.

Even with the present administration's quest to lessen the poverty situation in remote places, the same problem persists, hence the president's tirade on the need to annihilate his so-called

"banditry". People then cannot help but question the sincerity of the noisy leftists: are they really after the eradication of poverty and the uplifting of the poor's lives in rural communities or they are just using their poverty for propaganda ends?

Take this sample that the government usually cites to emphasize the problem: when a farm-to-market road is being constructed, armed groups would contact the contractor and demand a share of the budget. If the contractor refuses, these groups would set the construction equipment on fire, burning these to ashes. So which construction firms will still pursue such projects? No more.

When investors come to start businesses that could generate employment in those areas, the same groups demand huge amounts otherwise they likewise burn the establishments. Such recurring actions are prompting government authorities to label the rebels as anti-development, anti-prosperity, and, therefore, pro-poverty. Indeed, what else can it be?



Things To Mind

DOMS PAGLIAWAN

Grateful for this

It's so easy for the critics of President Rodrigo Duterte to say that the chief executive is a coward in confronting China regarding the latter's aggressive behavior in the West Philippine

Sea wherein it claims ownership of several portions that form part of Philippine territory.

They accuse him of cowering in fear, saying that he is only brave when it comes

to his perceived local enemies, but given China the bully, he is scared to death. Their challenge then is that, if he really is that courageous, he should go against China and fight this military giant to the death. That way, they would be finally convinced he is that brave and defiant.

Well, the president for sure was not born just last night. He knows bravery and cowardice, but he also knows stupidity and brainlessness. His critics might as well think about this: do you think that if the president will go to war against China, you will not be affected,

directly or otherwise? And as such, would you still demand it just because you want to see his bravery?

If, after declaring war with China, Chinese missiles will start pulverizing our cities and key societal installations, with our armed forces not even having anti-missile interceptors to protect us from those attacks, will you still demand that he be brave enough to face the militarily hi-tech superpower?

You know, there is but a thin line between bravery and stupidity. What's the use of bravery if you see *Grateful /page 6 ...*



What's New Mr. Q?

TENTE U. QUINTERO

10 Votes short of 67 U.S. Senate impeachment votes needed Trump acquitted in 2nd impeachment trial

With the failure of the United States Senate in achieving Two-thirds (2/3) majority votes, or 67 out of 100 senators, former U.S. President Donald Trump has been acquitted by the United States Senate in his 2nd Impeachment Trial for his role in the 6 January 2021 attack on the Capitol of the United States.

According to the Associated Press reports, "The verdict underscores the sway America's 45th president - Ex-President Donald Trump still holds over the Republican Party, even after leaving office."

The divided U.S. Senate fell 10 votes short of the two-thirds majority votes required to convict high crimes and misdemeanors.

And, a conviction would have allowed the Senate to vote for the disqualification of Trump from holding future (public) office.

Seven (7) Republican Senators joined the 50 Democrats for the 57 to 43 final vote count, which would have declared Trump guilty on the charge of "Incitement of Insurrection," after his months-long quest to overturn his defeat by Joe Biden and its deadly conclusion on 6 January 2021, when the U.S. Congress met to formalize the election results.

The 57 - 43 vote was the most bipartisan support for conviction ever in a presidential impeachment trial.

Trump was the first US President to be impeached twice; and is now the first President to be acquitted twice.

If he was convicted, the Senate would have voted to bar him from holding public office in the future; but this decision paves the way -- should Trump want to run again -- for another tilt at the White House in 2024.

Trump's acquittal came after the Nine (9) Democratic Impeachment Managers, led by Cong. Jamie Raskin, warned gravely that Trump continued to pose a threat to the nation and democracy itself.

Moments after the verdict was declared, a defiant Trump thanked Republicans who stood by him and decried what he called "yet another phase of the greatest witch-hunt in the history of our country."

In his typical Trump style, the former US president declared "Our historic, patriotic and beautiful movement to Make America Great Again (MAGA) has only just begun." in a statement that expressed no remorse and made no comment on the violence that unfolded in his name.

... Back to our Philippine scene ...

On the other hand, political observers in my barangay just smirked at the results of the 2nd Impeachment of Ex-President Donald Trump, saying that "the U.S. Democratic Impeachment Managers should have consulted the Philippines' former President Noynoy Aquino, because he has the unique experience after maneuvering the impeachment of our former Supreme Court Chief Justice Renato Corona!"

On the side, the said U.S. Democratic Impeachment Managers could also

"learn some lessons" from former President Noynoy as to how his predecessor former President Gloria M. Arroyo got detained.

But this Columnist isn't sure if Ex.-Pres. Noynoy would reveal the use of the controversial Disbursement Acceleration Program funds to get Legislators to support his impeachment moves.

And by the way, our Supreme Court declared the Development Acceleration Program (DAP) Funds "un-constitutional" by a 13-0 vote, so the usage of these funds were illegal.

So, this brings to mind the question -- "Were (non-bailable) Plunder cases filed against former President Aquino and former Budget Secretary Florencio Abad? Before his demise, this was the classic question asked by the late Senator Ernesto Maceda in his well-read Column in the Philippine Star dated 5 February 2015.

And just as my favorite Kaugop commentator Mr. Danny Requez says -- "Napakiyana la..."



Commentary

FR. ROY CIMAGALA

Alienated from God, alienated from others

THE month of February usually evokes the theme of love since it's when we mark Valentine's Day. This event—quite embarrassing to admit, given our Christian identity—would even overshadow the spirit of Ash Wednesday that starts the Lenten season.

Actually, these two events need not compete with each other but should rather mutually reinforce each other if we only know how to handle them properly. And that is, that we always consider them un-

der the light of our faith. Outside of our Christian faith, there is no way a mutual relationship can be established between the two.

Fact is, love for many, especially the young ones, would only mean the mushy type, the one that is based mainly if not only on feelings, looks and appearances, or on what they call some magic that has nothing to do with faith-based commitment. It's a highly perishable type of love that cannot stand the whole gamut of the realities of life. It's a love that is

developed and lived more in fantasy, in a make-believe world, than in the real world.

It's time to remind everyone that true love can only come from God whose essence, which we also share, is precisely love. "Deus caritas est, God is love," as St. John said. (1 Jn 4,8) And this love is shown to us in the concrete in Christ who makes it available to us in many ways, especially through the sacraments. It is this love that connects the sentiments of Valentine's Day with those of Lent.

A love that is not a participation of the love of God can never be a true love. It may manage to attract us and to give us a lot of conveniences and advantages, but sooner or later its fraud would be exposed.

We cannot deny that when we are alienated from God, we would also be alienated from others, see *Alienated* /page 6 ...



High-Powered Objective

DR. PACIENTE CORDERO, JR.

Last days of President Trump: My 15 cents thoughts

If there is any other subject that interests me as a fledgling writer cum LSDE columnist, it's on Politics, next to Science and Education matters. Politics bring me back to my high school and college days when I was deeply involved in political battles in both campuses, respectively. In this issue, the US political scenario having hugged the international news outlets, including via SMS facilities, have prodded me to share my 15 cents thoughts about Ex-President Trump's report card of accomplishments (partly)!

Having been nurtured and an ardent believer in science and technolo-

gy, I cannot but castigate Mr. D. T. for **cancelling out** the United States of America from the list of nations that supported and were signatories to the Climate Change-themed PARIS AGREEMENT entered into by then President Obama. The close to 200 signatures of world leaders (including the Philippines), were commitment to the gradual reduction of CO2 (Carbon Dioxide) emission in the environment to protect humanity. Of course, there were countries who took the USA's ill-advised, anti-environment decision, e. g. China and few other industrialized countries. It might be worth recalling

that President Rodrigo Roa Duterte had thought of withdrawing former President B. Aquino's signature from the Paris accord, but threw out his (Duterte's) ill-advised decision by retaining our country's stand entered into earlier! PRRD, whom I surmise as having lesser interest in science, thought that the Philippines not being an industrialized nation and has very minimal contributions to the growing CO2 gas filling Planet Earth, need not rub elbows! He or his advisers could have just consulted

the DOST, the country's premier S & T agency, or its sectoral and R&D councils where knowledgeable Filipino scientists are housed, to be enlightened about the pluses and minuses of reducing the CO2 emission for a healthy world population.

Former Pres. D. T. (aside from his political agenda), feared that with the USA signing the Paris Accord would mean **reducing CO2** production from their industry-driven economy and this will neces-

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for world peace and conversion of sinners
(The family that prays together stays together)

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God, our Father, you guide everything in wisdom and love. Accept the prayers we offer for our nation, by the wisdom of our leaders and integrity of our citizens, may harmony and justice be secured and may there be lasting prosperity and peace.

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We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever, Amen. (Courtesy of Daughters of St. Paul)

High-powered firearms recovered in Samar clash

TACLOBAN CITY-Army troopers recovered high-powered firearms during a 15-minute encounter with alleged members of the New People's Army (NPA) in Barangay Layo, Pinabacdao, Samar last February 8, 2021.

Personnel from 46th Infantry Battalion clashed with around 10 rebels during the incident around

11:30 am, according to the Philippine Army's 801st Brigade.

Seized during the operation were two M16 rifles, nine backpacks, five cell-phones, two flashlights, one power bank, one whistle, and subversive documents, it added.

The army said that no casualty was reported on the government side.

Bloodstains were also found in the route of withdrawal from the enemy's side, the army said in the report. **(RONALD O. REYES)**



Grateful..

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will just end up committing suicide? If you are but a fox, would you force yourself to fight a mammoth elephant just so the onlookers around will applaud you for being brave? Is it not rather a moronic move? For sure that's not wisdom or courage—that's being mentally deranged.

If we really are cornered and are left with no choice but to fight back because the enemy has already started attacking us with deadly weapons, then for sure, no president will avoid fighting back. But China's treatment of us has not yet gone to that extent. We still have a number of options to choose from; we can still avoid military confrontations, and avoid we do. But such avoidance does not necessarily mean cowardice; that's, in fact, wisdom.

Yes, wisdom, be-

cause the president knows full well we are not that equipped militarily to make war with a hi-tech superpower. We do not even have squadrons, or sets of fighter planes, submarines, and the necessary missiles. Our warships are very limited, our tanks are but a handful, and our air power is just represented by old helicopters that have been falling from the air even without being hit.

In fact, we all should be thankful that the president has been that "coward" in dealing with China, that appears too resolved to utilize its military might in imposing its claims in the region. Had he been that brave like you demand him to be, we all may have been blasted to pieces, our mangled bodies littering the streets. Thank God for his cowardice for he spared our lives by being so cautious in dealing with this awakened giant.

Had we been a superpower too, like the rest of

the countries in the world, perhaps the president would not hesitate to confront this Asian bully. But we are not that armed like they are, and so, instead of shedding our blood for a hopeless battle, we might as well try other means, like diplomacy, so we can save and preserve our race.

Thank God, too, that we do not have a suicidal and stupid president who would not risk our lives just to satisfy the clamor of stupid critics. Indeed, it pays to have a thinking president.

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sarily weaken the muscles of Uncle Sam, possibly lose his superpower title!

Finally, as President-elect JOE BIDEN wears the presidential hat, out-going President Donald Trump might as well decide to donate his signature red neck-tie to his chosen 'repobrecan' loser, not necessarily to one coming from the 'demonstratic' winner!

Good for Pres D T to have arisen from dreamland, clinging to his White House office - at last conceding in defeat only after sacrificing at least 5 american citizens lives in the ill-fated siege by his fanatic supporters (that included few former Pinoys, who have

needs and challenges of our daily, we do not neglect our more important

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that ELEZABETH T. CAPIONES, heir of the late SOTERA BERDOS executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a parcel of land identified as Cad Lot No. 2099 located at Brgy. Doos del Norte, Hindang, Leyte under TD No. 08 15009 00400. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of LORETTA FLORES DOLLARHIDE married to GERALD JAY DOLLARHIDE as vendees of a portion of land measuring 285sq.m., known as Lot 2099-A from the above-described property. Per Doc No. 446, Page No. 90, Book NO. 2, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Ramero S. Osorio, Jr.
LSDE: February 16, 23 & March 2, 2021

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ALFREDO L. VILLARIN extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over one half (1/2) conjugal property, all situated in Catbalogan Samar (Now Catbalogan City, Samar) more described as: 1) A parcel of land Lot No. 231 with the improvements thereon, per TCT No. T-73, containing an area of 435 square meters, more or less; 2) A parcel of land Lot No. 1789, together with the improvements thereon, covered by TCT No. T-74, containing an area of 146 square meters, more or less; 3) A parcel of land Lot No. 1765, Csd-08-000079, Covered by OCT No. 25, containing an area of 258 square meters; per Doc. No. 36, Page No. 7, Book No. XXVI, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Romero Federico S. Quimbo. LSDE: February 16, 23 & March 2, 2021

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SELF ADJUDICATION OF ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that GLORIA K. MAURILLO-MONTEJO, heir of the late CRESENCIA K. MAURILLO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land situated at Brgy. Cogon, La Paz, Leyte being designated as Lot No. 1386, Psc-10 containing an area of 70,672sq.m., under TCT NO. T-1350. Per Doc No. 184, Page No. 38, Book No. II, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Joan Christine C. Valdivia.
LSDE: Feb. 16, 23 & March 2, 2021

AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS

NOTICE is hereby given that MARRIETTA O. SAY executed an Affidavit of Loss over a property inherited by his husband, ATTY. DOMINADOR R. SAY from his grandparents SPS. SAY KANG AND AUREA GARCIA, a property designated as Lot No. 496 covered by TCT No. 1038. That the TCT was given to me by my husband for safekeeping and I placed it with my important documents in my place of business at the Mommy's Diner Restaurant that when my husband was asking for the said Certificate of Title I discovered that it was no longer in the place where I used to keep my important documents that despite search I could not find the same that due to my failure to locate the said Certificate of Title despite efforts to look for it, I presumed that it got lost together with my documents relative to my business establishment. Per Doc No. 126, Page No. 27, Book NO. VI, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Federico R. Huñamayor. LSDE: Feb. 16, 23 & March 2, 2021

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ARTEMIO B. GABON extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a 50% interest in a conjugal property consisting of a parcel of land designated as 444-B1 of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psc-238066 being a portion of Lot 444-B, Psc-141363, (LRC) Rec No. 1378 located at Brgy. 01, Catbalogan City, Samar containing an area of 150sq.m., covered by TCT No. T-4658 under TD No. 01-0001-00096. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of MA. DARYL Q. YONG-GABON married to Artemio L. Gabon, Jr. as vendees of the entire parcel measuring 150sq.m., together with all improvements from the above-mentioned. Per Doc No. 274, Page No. 52, Book No. 2, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Keenth N. Almene.
LSDE: February 2, 9 & 16, 2021

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AMONG HEIR WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late DIONESIO ALMORADO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over an agricultural land located at Brgy. San Agustin, Bato, Leyte under TD No. 050602800027 with Cad Lot No. 3918 containing an area of 4.6120 hectares. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of AVELINO CODINO, ESTERLITA CODINO AND EDITA CODINO as vendees of a portion containing 6,873sq.m., designated as Lot 3918-B from the above-described property. Per Doc No. 69, Page No. 14, Book No. 21, Series of 2009. Notary Public Atty. Rico E. Aureo.
LSDE: February 9, 16 & 23, 2021

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that LUCRECIA MILANO BALLERDA, heir of the late AURENCIO M. MILANO executed an affidavit of adjudication over a parcel of land, identified as Cad Lot No. 568, located at Brgy Poblacion 1, Hindang, Leyte, under Tax Dec. No. 08-15001-00603, containing a total area of 990.77 square meters. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of SPS. ELPIDIO B. CABAL JR. and BETTY CABAL as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 475, Page No. 95, Book No. 73, Series of 2021 of Notary Public Atty. Rosarie A. Peteros Phua. LSDE: February 2, 9 & 16, 2021

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late PLACIDA G. JUMAGDAO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land that she co-owned designated as Lot No. 699 covered by TCT No. T-13877 located at Poblacion, Motiong, Samar containing an area of 49,865sq.m., Per Doc No. 15009 Page No. 106 Book No. XXVI Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Pedro M. Labid. LSDE: February 9, 16 & 23, 2021

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late CLARITA BRITINIA COLASTE extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a one-half portion of a parcel of land, Lot 17, Csd-08001129 (OLT) being a portion of Lot 4476, Cad 220 situated at Brgy. Sto. Niño, Tacloban City containing an area of 41,312sq.m., embraced in TCT No. T-6405. Per Doc No. 141, Page No. 30, Book No. LXXX, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Cesar E. Lee. LSDE: February 2, 9 & 16, 2021

Alienated..

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even if things may appear otherwise. It cannot be otherwise. Let's remember also that we can be good at pretending, which is what devils are also very good at.

Nowadays, there are many reports based on some medical studies about young people falling into depression. And they somehow put a good part of the blame on the social media where the young ones would not know how to handle their reactions of anger, envy, sadness and other negative things toward what they see in the social media.

As a result, they tend to isolate themselves and become victims of their own dark and negative thoughts. Thus, the num-

ber of people with mental illness and even of suicide has increased lately.

We need to reiterate this basic truth about ourselves: that we need God, that we can only learn to love properly if our love is based on the love of God. God not only defines what true love is. He gives us the means to live it properly. True love cannot be found anywhere else.

We have to do everything to help everyone, especially the young ones, to develop a true relationship with God. This will require a lot of effort—explaining the doctrine of our faith, giving accompaniment and ongoing formation, developing the proper attitudes and virtues, etc.

But this would be all worthwhile. Let's hope that even as we grapple with the more immediate



Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico “Mic” L. Petilla lead in the turnover of farm machineries to 21 farmers association in Leyte such as farm wheel tracer, walk -behind transplanter riding type and combine harvester on February 9, 2021 from the Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization (Phi Mech), a program of rice competitive enhancement fund of the Department of Agriculture. Among the recipients were Nicomedes Alde, president of the Sitio Sogod Farmers Association (SISOFA) in Brgy. Sogod, Babatngon town, who received three farm machineries. Joining them were Joel Dator, head of Phi Mech facility management and field operation division; Elvira Torres, regional technical director for research and regulations; Larry Sultan, regional technical director for operations of the Department of Agriculture-8; Palo Councilor Gregorio ‘Jun Jun’ Dolina, representing Mayor Frances Ann Petilla; Barbara Bañez, representing Senator Cynthia Villar and Imelda “Mimi” Sievert, officer-in-charge of the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist. The turnover was held at the view deck of the MacArthur Park Candahug, Palo, Leyte. (GINA P.GEREZ)

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respectively.

She further said that the total value of constructions in the region during the third quarter of 2020 was estimated at P1.7 billion.

This figure is only about half of the P3.7 billion total value of constructions in the same quarter of 2019.

The director also reported that the total value of construction of non-residential buildings declined drastically by 74.8 percent, from P2.5 billion in the third quarter of 2019 to P622.0 million during the quarter in review.

A significant decrease by 40.4 percent was also recorded in the aggregate value of additions/alterations and repair of existing structures. Its value dropped to P89.6 million in the third quarter of 2020 from P150.5 million in the same period of 2019. Total

value of residential buildings, similarly, went down by 12.2 percent, from P1.1 billion in the third quarter of 2019 to P971.2 million in the third quarter of 2020.

Perante said that the residential buildings’ value of construction comprised more than half or 57.7 percent of the total value of constructions in the region. The value of construction of non-residential buildings contributed 37.0 percent. Meanwhile, additions/ alterations and repairs accounted for only 5.3 percent of the region’s total value of constructions during the third quarter of 2020.

She said that the average cost per square meter was estimated at P8,749 for residential buildings and P10,570 for non – residential buildings.

Data were based on the preliminary results of construction statistics from approved building permits, Perante said.

(RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT)

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checking up on students’ pace and development in coping up and absorbing lessons set every week or quarter.

Rodrigo said guidelines to be followed by schools are already set but they are also encouraged to make their own respective innovations for better outcomes depending on their specific needs and concerns. Feeding program for elementary schools continue even

in the midst of pandemic so to ensure good nutrition among children or pupils.

The 2020 Pasidungog of DLC 5 held last February 5 was made possible through the support and approval of Tacloban Schools Division Superintendent Dr. Mariza S. Magan and other department heads at SDO-Tacloban, school heads, and teachers at DLC-5 who composed the different working committees for this event.

(LEMUEL PAGLIAWAN)

Comprehensive...

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having children) and a lack of access to birth control.

Contraceptive access has long been a complicated, divisive issue in the Philippines. Despite a constitutional separation of Church and state, Catholic morals dominate Philippine law. For more than a decade, reproductive health activists and legislators fought a bitter battle with the Catholic Church and conservative politicians to pass a law that would allow the government to distribute contraceptives to those who could not afford them and require comprehensive sex education in public schools.

Popcom believes that information is still key in

halting the rising number of teenage pregnancies in the country; thus, it continues to bring its information and adolescent-referral service to schools and other platforms possible under the new normal.

“We can help lower the escalating numbers on teenage pregnancy by combating it with the right information in all fronts available. By raising their awareness on teenage pregnancy, we can help them become responsible and productive women. Being informed and educated provides them with the right choices for their future,” Pulma said.

Teenage Pregnancy Awareness Week is observed every February 7-15 every year.

(AHLETTE C. REYES/PR)

Ormoc...

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clause as we are only protecting our local hog raisers,” Gomez said.

“I don’t submit with Secretary (William) Dar’s idea of moving live hogs by land when there will be a lot of LGUs along the way that will surely oppose to this. We hope he would also consider other options such as ferrying these hogs (in bulk) via sea transport,” he added.

Director Enriquez reiterated to the city mayor that only those with complete documents and sourced out from accredited hog farms identified as green zones are to be allowed to enter

the city.

These green zones are farms located in General Santos City and other areas in Northern Mindanao.

“And to ensure that these transported hogs are indeed ASF-free, the DA’s Bureau of Animal Industry will be positioning , as soon as possible, at least three truck-mounted sprayer in the port of Lilo-an, Southern Leyte; in the border of Ormoc City, as well as in the port terminal in Allen, Northern Samar,” Enriquez said.

Mayor Gomez then asked time for the city government to thoroughly study the proposal of DA before they made any final decision.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)

Robinsons in Tacloban ready for reopening of its cinemas; Mayor Romualdez appears to OK it

TACLOBAN CITY-The reopening of cinemas here in the city will largely depend on the order of Mayor Alfred Romualdez.

Thus said the Robinson’s North Mall operation manager Catleya Joy Cordano when asked to comment on the recent decision of the Inter-Agency Task Force which allows the reopening of cinemas classified under General Community Quarantine.

“The IAF order is in general. What we follow is the order from the local government unit. Whatever they will say in the executive officer that is what we are going to do,” Cordano.

She added that the executive order will determine the capacity of people who will be allowed to enter a movie theater at a movie screening time.

Robinson’s Movieworld in Abucay has four cinemas.

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identified. Since there was no apparent denudation of mangroves forest and degradation of their wetland habitat, we can surmise that the typhoons of last year may have forced the migratory birds to shift to other sites for their food and roosting place,” Parian said.

(RETITUTO A.CAYUBIT)

When sought for comment, Grace Sudario, information officer of the Tacloban city government, quoted Mayor Alfred Romualdez who was interviewed in a news program in One News television.

“It will be on a case-to-case basis. For example, cinemas. We have been closely in touch with the malls and ang unang sinasabi nila is that what’s the point of opening cinemas, wala namang ginawang pelikula last year?” Sudario, quoting the city mayor, said.

She added, “but I think we have to tap the Department of Science and Technology because there is already a technology out there available to protect the public like in cinemas when you circulate the air there, pwede nilang malinisan yung hangin na yan para walang spread ng virus. And this should also open our thoughts that allowing now the private sector to raise their fees because they’re providing extra systems that will protect the public,” Mayor Romualdez said, as quoted by Sudario.

Last Friday (February 12), Presidential spokesperson Harry Roque announced that the In-

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9 nabbed for illegal fishing in different parts of the region

TACLOBAN CITY-At least nine persons were arrested for alleged illegal fishing activities in Leyte and Biliran provinces last Saturday(February 13).

In Mayorga, Leyte, police arrested a 35-year-old fisherman for violating the municipal ordinance on un-registered fisherfolk.

Authorities confiscated from his possession one motorized boat, several fishing paraphernalia and half kilo of catch fish worth P15,750.

The fisherman, who was not identified on the report except that he was a resident

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use their homilies about the vaccination plan of the government as a way to educate and encourage the people.

“We would be able to give encouragement, or even use the pulpit for the vaccination process. Of course the Church has also to explain certain things concerning the vaccination, like there are times when a person cannot be vaccinated, and that is part of the education I suppose that they would have to receive,” he added.

While the Church is supportive on this vaccination plan, Ramirez said that it is still up to the person if he is willing to receive the vaccine or not.

Meantime, the regional office of the Department of Health (DOH) reported on Monday of 17 new COVID-19 cases, pushing Eastern Visayas total cases to 14,900.

of Barangay San Rafael, Dula.

Operating units who were conducting seaborne patrol operation in Caibiran, Biliran also arrested eight fishermen for violating an ordinance on the use of active gear in its municipal waters.

The violators, aged 25 to 50 years old, were all residents of Barangay Astorga, Daram, Samar.

Police and personnel from Task Force Kalikasan confiscated from their possession one fishing boat with an estimated gross tonnage of around three tons to include several fishing paraphernalia and 15 kilos of assorted fish worth P151,500.

The arrested violators were brought to the respective police stations for documentation and proper disposition.

(RONALD O. REYES)

DOH reports of 17 new COVID-19 cases for the region; total cases now at 14,900

TACLOBAN CITY- The number of individuals who were infected of the coronavirus (COVID-19) in the region continue to increase.

On Monday (Feb.15), 17 new cases were reported by the Department of Health (DOH), pushing the regional COVID-19 total since the pandemic started March of last year to 14,900.

The DOH also reported that the region's total recoveries is at 14,283 (95.86%) and total deaths at 199 (1.34%).

Eastern Visayas has 418 total active COVID-19 cases.

The 17 new cases were from the 160 laboratory samples tested were from

Divine Word Hospital Virology Laboratory (DWH-VL). This represents 10.63 % positivity rate.

The DWHVL has released a total of 160 laboratory results. Of these, 137 are negative and 23 are positive (with 17 new cases and 6 re-swabs) for COVID-19.

The 17 new confirmed cases were from the following provinces/cities/municipalities: Tacloban has 4 cases while one case each for the towns of Abuyog, Dagami, and Jaro, 3 cases for Isabel and 3 for Palo, all in Leyte.

Eastern Samar has one case in Hernani town while the province of Samar has three cases: one each from Basey, Calbiga, and Paranas.

Meanwhile, there were two cases coming from Kananga, Leyte that were previously tagged as new cases that have been reclassified as re-swabs upon verification.

(LIZBETH ANN A. ABELLA)

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DOLE grants P960,000 aid to parents, guardians of child laborers in E. Samar

BORONGAN CITY- The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) – Eastern Samar Field Office (ESFO) granted P960,000 assistance to 48 parents and guardians of child laborers in Hernani town and Borongan City.

The project is under the DOLE-Integrated Livelihood Program.

The distribution took place on February 4, 5, and 8, 2021.

According to DOLE-ESFO Chief Aleksei D. Abellar, the list was based on the 2019 profiling of child laborers conducted in the 15 identified municipalities in the province of Eastern Samar.

There are 887 identified

child laborers engaging in different economic endeavors to help support their families' basic needs.

He added that due to insufficient family income these children sacrifice their time for studies, play, and security.

Abellar said the project aims to remove children from any form of labor. This project is also an opportunity for these poor families to avail of financial assistance that will help them to start their own business which will eventually uplift them from poverty.

“Once their individual project is established and sustained, their children will no longer need to take risks and engage in child

labor, instead enjoy being children,” Abellar said.

In Hernani town, Lun- ingning (not her real name) opted to sell street food which her children tend.

In Borongan, one beneficiary, whose child was a domestic helper opened a small rice retailing business. Her child ultimately left her ‘job’ to be with her family.

Abellar further said that the 48 parents and guardians of child laborers submitted their individual project proposals to DOLE-ESFO for verification and DOLE-ESFO submitted to Regional Office for funding and the DOLE-Central Office approved and funded the said proposal.

The project proposal is

their choice of livelihood like hog fattening, rice retailing (bigasan), preparing marinated fish, making of native bread, and selling barbecue.

Jude R. Forteza, community facilitator on child labor profiling, said that in Hernani town, some 38 beneficiaries benefited with each received P20,000 or a total amount of P760,000.

In the city of Borongan there were 10 beneficiaries who proposed rice retailing and hog fattening.

The beneficiaries also offered their counterparts like land and building, basic sanitary tools, and business permits.

(sdc/PIA E. Samar)



Department of Transportation Secretary Arthur Tugade (center) hand over to House Majority Leader and Leyte Rep Martin Romualdez (right) and Ilocos Norte Rep. Angelo Barba (left) the copy of DOTR 2020 annual report during the pre- implementation conference and Zoom by the Department of Transportation at the House of Representatives. photo by Ver Noveno

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ter-Agency Task Force has approved for the reopening, aside from cinema,

driving schools; libraries, archives, museums, and cultural centers; meetings, incentives, conferences and exhibitions; theme parks and tourist attractions to resume operations.

Roque added that local government units will come up with guidelines such as the required distancing in theaters and

what kind of protective gear should be worn while watching movies.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)



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