

Multi-billion-peso flood control projects underway for Caviteños

The Department of Project Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Unified Project Management Office now has two (2) ongoing mega flood-control projects costing approximately P8.87 Billion in the Province of Cavite.

In his report to DPWH Secretary Mark Villar, DPWH UPMO-Flood Control Management Office Director Patrick Gatan said that the Cavite Industrial Area Flood Risk Management

(CIA-FRIMP) costing JPY15.928 Billion or roughly P7.4 Billion recently commenced in the eastern part of Cavite. "The now ongoing CIA-FRIMP will be implemented within nine (9) municipalities of Cavite namely: Kawit, Noveleta, Rosario, General Trias, Imus City," said Director Gatan. "We will be working along the 146.8 kilometers of the province's San Juan Grande River and Ylang-Ylang River improvement

kilometers of Maalimango Drainage Area. Imus City, Noveleta, Rosario, Kawit, and General Trias will be the major beneficiaries of these main components," said Director Gatan.

The project has five (5) structural packages covering upper and lower San Juan Diversion Channel and Maalimango Diversion 1, bridge of diversion road, diversion weir under Package 1; Rio Grande River and Ylang-Ylang River improvement

under Package 2 and 3 Diversion 2, and sluices of CIA-FRIMP will respectively; Maalimango gates; and resettlement site involve waterways clean-up, river area and flood construction of Maalimango Non-structural mea- (Turn to page 3)

PCLEDO's BIZ iCREATE PROGRAM CONTINUES FOR ENTREPRENEURS' SUCCESS



Twenty qualified Caviteño entrepreneurs attended the second learning session provided by the Provincial Cooperative, Livelihood and Entrepreneurial Development Office under the BIZ iCREATE-Cavite Entrepreneurs Aiming Toward Economic Sustainability program on April 23, 2019 at the PCLEDO Training Area, Trece Martires City. Hoping to further equip business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs with proper entrepreneurial mindset, the lecture and discussion focused on Entrepreneurial Skills Development which was conversed by Dr. Aldrin Antivola, Professor, DLSU-Dasmariñas Graduate School of Business. The participants gained knowledge about the technical skills, personal entrepreneurial skills, business management skills, general management and marketing management needed for satisfying customers and becoming good business leaders. Topics to be discussed in the succeeding sessions include Entrepreneurial Skills Development part 2, Strategic Business Plan and Business Plan Preparation. Source: cavite.gov.ph

The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) formally commences Friday, April 26, 2019 the construction of new Public Attorney's Office (PAO) Central Office Building in a 5,175 square meters property at the National Government Center located at Commonwealth Avenue, Quezon City.

Construction of PAO Central Office Building starts with a groundbreaking ceremony led by Department of Justice (DOJ)

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2019 Search for Outstanding Local Project Monitoring Committee in Calabarzon joined by CAVITE PPMC

Cavite Provincial Project Monitoring Committee (PPMC) Chairperson and Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator Mr. Jesus I. Barrera welcomed regional evaluators from the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA), the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) during the meeting and validation for the 2019 Search for Outstanding Local Project Monitoring Committee in Calabarzon held on April 16, 2019 at the Ceremonial Hall of the Provincial Capitol in Trece Martires City. Cavite PPMC, in a bid to advance its monitoring and evaluation activities joined the search and was among those shortlisted during the desk review on March 19 at the NEDA regional office in Calamba City, Laguna.

Cavite traffic enforcer was recognized for his heroism



Board Members Kerby J. Salazar and Jeremiah Gandia led the awarding of Certificate of Commendation to Mr. Leonirey P. Hernandez, Administrative Aide II of the Road Safety Division during the Monday flag raising ceremony of provincial capitol employees held on April 22, 2019 at the Provincial Gymnasium in Trece Martires City. Mr. Hernandez is a traffic enforcer who was recognized for his laudable act of bravery and dedication to public service, which led to the arrest of a theft suspect in the City of Bacoor on March 14, 2019. On behalf of Governor Boying Remulla, BM Salazar congratulated the RSD personnel and delivered a short yet very inspiring message to co-public servants, sharing his journey on how he started his career in the local government. BM Salazar also added that for his next term being a regular member of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, he ensured the capitol employees on his commitment in lobbying programs for the welfare of government personnel because he strongly believe that happy workers are the most productive ones. Source: cavite.gov.ph

Ms. Gied Evangelista and identified the prepared lista of NEDA IV-A model LPMCs to provide a benchmark in terms of project monitoring and evaluation mechanisms. Ms. Rujen A. Polo, reorganized PPMC, trainings provided to members, Engr. Arnel Tolon work and financial plan, and the project monitoring Ms. Evangelista carefully reviewed the documents of the Cavite Local Project Monitoring Committee, which include the Executive Order that Ms. Rujen A. Polo, reorganized PPMC, trainings provided to members, OIC-CPMS of DBM-RO IV-A, Engr. Arnel Tolon work and financial plan, and the project monitoring Ms. Evangelista carefully

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DepEd suspends work due to 6.1-magnitude earthquake, orders thorough inspection of school buildings, facilities

Following the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council's (NDRRMC) recommendation, the Department of Education (DepEd) issued work suspensions in the aftermath of the 6.1-magnitude earthquake that hit Luzon on April 22.

Through a memorandum dated today, DepEd Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones instructed all concerned units to make the necessary adjustments in their scheduled activities, and cautioned officials to proceed only with urgent activities, "provided that the Office of the Secretary is informed, and that necessary measures to ensure safety are taken." Rapid assessment Meanwhile, DepEd's Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service (DRRMS) released a series of situational reports stating that as of 9:30 AM of April 23, infrastructure damages were reported in Laukan National High School (Main), Bataan; Mabalacat Elementary (Turn to page 2)

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 Owners and/or Administrators of Real Property (Land/Building/Machinery) in the City of Imus (Cavite) are hereby notified that pursuant to City Ordinance No. 03-120 series of 2019, otherwise known as **An Ordinance Granting Tax Relief/Tax Amnesty to Delinquent Real Property Taxpayers in the City of Imus, Cavite.** Be it known that surcharges, interests and penalties on their delinquent Real Property Tax liabilities are hereby granted tax relief/tax amnesty. All Real Property Taxpayers with delinquent tax liabilities for the year 2019 and prior years shall be qualified to avail of the tax relief/tax amnesty.

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The period to avail will be from April 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019.
 The City Treasurer's Office will be open to serve the public from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM (Monday to Friday) and 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM (Saturday and Sunday) except on the following dates, May 4, 5, 11, 12, 13 and 14.

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 Hon. EMMANUEL L. MALIKSI City Mayor
 MANUEL REYNOLD W. DELA FUENTE City Treasurer

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 - City Assessor's Office
 - City Treasurer's Office
Business Tax
 - Business Permits & Licensing Office
 - City Treasurer's Office

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 plan and accomplishments in 2018. During the validation, several points were discussed and areas for improvement were raised which will aid in the future initiatives of the PPMC and can be rolled out to the LPMCs in the different cities and municipalities in Cavite.

The evaluation committee also recognized some commendable accomplishments of the PPMC including the detailed field inspection reports with corresponding photos and project status which manifest the commitment of the members on their work to assess project implementation.

The team also lauded the active participation of PPMC members from

civic organizations who do not receive any remuneration for their partnership with the local government. On the other hand, Ms. Polo looked for committee reports and recommended that such documents be submitted to the regional project monitoring committee on a quarterly basis for full compliance.

Mr. Barrera took the opportunity to solicit suggestions and some tips to further improve the work flow and reporting system of the monitoring committee.

He also asked on how the province can give incentives to members especially those from the non-government organizations. The PPMC secretary also took note of how to monitor implementation

schedule, with consideration to the targets and program of works, as per Engr. Arnel Tolon.

Over-all, the meeting which was attended by the OIC-Provincial Budget Officer Ms. Ma. Dulce Tangco, Provincial General Services Officer Ferdinand Belamide, Internal Auditor Maribel Bernal, OIC-Provincial Information Officer Evelyn Reyes and other committee members from different offices of the provincial government became a leap forward to further improve the system and efficiently carry out project monitoring tasks to achieve the dream of becoming the Most Outstanding Local Project Monitoring Committee in the region. Source: cavite.gov.ph

DepEd suspends work due to 6.1-magnitude earthquake, orders thorough inspection of school buildings, facilities

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 School, Mabalaat City; Malusac Elementary School, Pio Elementary School, and Camias High School in Pampanga; Subic Central Elementary School in Olongapo City; San Nicolas Integrated School and Sindalan Elementary School in San Fernando City; Agusin High School in Zambales; and Cupang Senior High School in Muntinlupa City.

These ranged from cracked floors to damaged pathways, corridors, and school buildings, and collapsed walls, ceilings, and perimeter fences.

Class suspensions in

private schools and at the tertiary level were also reported in Region III—Central Luzon (Angeles City, Olongapo City, Zambales, Pampanga, and Mabalaat City) and Region IV—CALABARZON (Biñan City, Cabuyao, Calamba City, Laguna, San Pablo City, and Sta. Rosa City).

Structural integrity for safety

Undersecretary for Administration Alain Del Pascua further directed DepEd's field offices in the affected areas—through their local engineers, architects, and DRRM coordinators—to undertake thorough investigation of all school buildings and fa-

cilities.

"Only when the structural integrity and safety of school buildings and facilities is assured can the learners, teachers, and personnel be allowed to enter the same," Pascua stated in a memorandum dated April 22.

DepEd-DRRMS, meanwhile, shall continue to conduct detailed assessment of damages for repair and reconstruction, and disseminate situation reports to affected regions and divisions.

It shall also lead the provision of immediate assistance to ensure learning continuity. Source: deped.gov.ph

National Council for Children's Television rolls out content standards for child-friendlier programs



As an attached agency of the Department of Education (DepEd) mandated to produce quality television programs that will help develop the knowledge, skills, values, and strong sense of national identity among Filipino learners, the National Council for Children's Television (NCCT) officially launched the Child-Friendly Content Standards (CFCS) at Luxent Hotel on April 12.

Pursuant to Section 9 of Republic Act (RA) No. 8370 or the Children's Television Act, NCCT shall formulate and promote CFCS which requires broadcast television networks to allocate a minimum of 15% of their daily total airtime to children's programs and/or child-friendly programs to be shown during child-viewing hours.

In a message read by DepEd-Bureau of Learner Support Services Director and NCCT OIC-Executive Director Rizalino Jose Rosales, Undersecretary for Administration Alain Del Pascua lauded the launch for being timely and relevant to present situation:

"This set of standards allows us government agencies and other stakeholders that are involved in shaping the future generations of Filipinos to be in-step with the quick-paced information revolution, keeping Filipino values intact, and ensuring that children gain proper knowledge and are not led astray by negative content."

"DepEd, under the leadership of Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones, NCCT, and other stakeholders will work together to better prepare Filipino learners to face various societal issues in the fast-changing modern world," the message further read.

Criteria for programs' content, period of compliance

Based on the rules and regulations on CFCS, children's television programs shall be: educational or must promote, protect, and develop the child's physical, emotional, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being; value-laden or must foster and nurture the positive value

formation and overall development of a child; and age-appropriate or must be suitable according to the formative and developmental stages of a child.

Television programs not specifically designed for viewing by children shall be considered child-friendly only if they meet the set criteria on the theme, values, dialogue, language, nutrition, sex and nudity, violence, substance use, gambling, and advertisements. These requirements shall also apply to children's television programs.

Likewise, NCCT considers hours between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., and/or between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to be appropriate for children to watch television, taking into consideration other activities necessary for their balanced development.

Broadcast networks are given sufficient time to comply with the minimum 15% allotment of the daily total airtime to children's programs and/or child-friendly programs.

From the date of effectivity until December

31, 2019, the compliance to the minimum 15% shall be on a voluntary basis. In 2020, every broadcast network shall have at least five % compliance, while at least 10% minimum allotment should be attained in 2021. The required 15% of the total everyday airtime for children's programs and/or child-friendly programs shall be complied with in 2022.

The event was attended by: Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Undersecretary Jonathan Malaya; the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Assistant

Secretaries Marijoy Seguing Pilipinas, ABS-CBN, and Rhea Peñaflo; NCCT Chairperson for Child Development Specialists Luis Gatmaitan, Philippine Information Agency, M.D.; council member Alice Pañares; council member for broadcast media sector Ramon Osorio, APR, CPR; council member for parents sector Ma. Lourdes Carandang, PhD; and council member for the child-focused non-government organizations sector Yasmin Mapua-Tang. Representatives from National Telecommunications Commission, Council for the Welfare of Children, Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster Source: deped.gov.ph

ng Pilipinas, ABS-CBN, GMA Network, UNTV, PTV 4, Catholic Mass Media Awards, Philippine Information Agency, Philippine Press Institute, and students and teachers from the Schools Division Office of Quezon City, Calocan City, and San Juan City were also present in the launch. Finally, Rosales expressed his hope that every broadcast network would observe the Child-Friendly Content Standards: "We hope that you will religiously bear in mind the required 15% allotment to children's programs and child-friendly programs." Source: deped.gov.ph

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Mortgagee,

-versus- Foreclosure No. 2019-39
For: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of
Real Estate Mortgage

MARVIN CUNARD S. BALITON married to
ANNA ROSE D. BALITON,
Mortgagors.

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE

Upon Extrajudicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135 as Amended by Act 4118 filed by the mortgagee, PHILIPPINE SAVINGS BANK, at PSBank Center, 777 Paseo de Roxas corner Sedeno Streets, Makati City, and against the mortgagors, MARVIN CUNARD S. BALITON married to ANNA ROSE D. BALITON, of Blk. 12 Lot 3, Phase 3, Cita Italia Subd., Mambog 2, Bacoor, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of March 13, 2019, amounts to TWO MILLION THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE PESOS & 66/100 (P2,385,855.66), Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges, the undersigned or her duly authorized representative will sell at the public auction on May 17, 2019 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the main entrance of the Hall of Justice of Bacoor City, Cavite, to the highest bidder for CASH and In Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
NO. 057-2016030648

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 3 BLK. 12 OF THE CONS.-SUBD. PLAN, PCS-04-015051, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONS. OF LOTS 4696, IMUS ESTATE, BLK. 21, PSD-04-108597, LRC REC. NO. 8843), SITUATED IN THE BRGY. OF MOLINO, MUN. OF BACOOOR, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, IS. OF LUZON. X X X, CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE HUNDRED FORTY NINE (149) SQUARE METERS."

All sealed bid must be submitted to the undersigned on the above stated time and date."

"In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on May 24, 2019, without further notice."

Prospective buyers or bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrances, if any there be.

City of Bacoor, April 15, 2019.

LIZA D. VICTA
Clerk of Court IV

Copy Furnished:
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PSBank Center, 777 Paseo de Roxas corner Sedeno Street, Makati City

Mr. & Mrs. MARVIN CUNARD S. BALITON and ANNA ROSE D. BALITON
Blk. 12 Lot 3, Ph3, Cita Italia Subd., Mambog 2, Bacoor, Cavite

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"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."
-Winston Churchill-

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Mortgagee,

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TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
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"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 36, BLOCK 12, OF THE CONS.-SUBD. PLAN, PCS-04-025867, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONS. OF LOTS 5809-A & 5809-B, PSD-04-001443, LOTS 5803-NEW, 7084, 7085 & 7086, FLS-2283, IMUS ESTATE, LOTS 7087-A, 7087-B & 7087-D, PSD-04-211031, LRC RECORD NO. 8843), SITUATED IN THE BRGY. OF MOLINO, MUN. OF BACOOOR, PROV. OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON. X X X, CONTAINING AN AREA OF SEVENTY TWO (72) SQUARE METERS."

"All sealed bid be submitted to the undersigned on the above stated time and date."

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Prospective buyers or bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrances, if any there be.

City of Bacoor, April 15, 2019.

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Mr. & Mrs. RAMON C. BOMBAIS, JR. AND ELISA ELSIE S. BOMBAIS
-AO141 Paoville, Major General Santos cor. Lt Gen. Tan Sts.,
Fort Bonifacio Taguig City
- Lot 36 Blk. 12, Road Lot 16, Brgy. Molino, Bacoor Cavite

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- School ID of Minor (Enrollment Form, School Certificate, Form 137)

MINOR RENEWAL APPLICANT

- Photocopy of Old Passport (MINOR)
- Accomplished Application Form
- Personal Appearance of Minor and Mother
- PSA Marriage Contract of Parents (if Married)
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UNESCO, CPJ 'pleased' with PTFoMS work, initiatives

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ), an international body dedicated to the protection of journalists worldwide, have hailed the initiatives and work being done by the Presidential Task Force on Media Security (PTFoMS).

PTFoMS executive director, Undersecretary Jose Joel Sy Egco discussed recently with representatives of UNESCO and the CPJ the accomplishments registered by the task force in less than three years after its creation. President Rodrigo Duterte created the PTFoMS soon after he assumed the presidency in 2016 in response to the violent assaults against media workers in the country, many of which have remained unresolved.

In their recent meeting with Egco, CPJ Asia program coordinator Dr. Steven Butler, CPJ board chair Kathleen Carroll, and Queensland University (Australia) Journalism and Communications chair, Prof. Peter Greste who represented UNESCO, have vowed to keep in touch with the PTFoMS for developments in Philippine journalism.

During their discussions, Egco pointed out that in its 2018 Global Impunity Index (GII) report, the CPJ noted with optimism that while the Philippines remained at its previous No. 5 ranking, it had significantly improved its status in terms of protecting journalists.

Egco also highlighted the fact that the Reporters Without Borders (RSF) has also delisted the Philippines from the top 5 Most Dangerous Countries in the World for Journalists on December 2018.

PTFoMS chief investigator Police Lt. Col. Eder Collantes gave a rundown on the updates on cases of violence against media practitioners. Of the 58 victims in the Nov. 23, 2009 Maguindanao Massacre, 32 were journalists covering the filing of certificate of candidacy of then town mayor Ismael Maguindanao governor.

Mangundatu, whose wife was one of the 58 massacre victims, subsequently ousted then Gov. Andal "Unsay" Ampatuan Jr. He earlier said press freedom in the country has significantly improved since PTFoMS' creation in 2016. Egco reiterated his earlier promise to resign if the perpetrators of the 2009 Maguindanao massacre will not be convicted.

Among the others who attended the PTFoMS meeting with the UNESCO and CPJ representatives were Publishers Association of the Philippines Inc. (PAPI) President Nelson Santos and National Press Club vice president Paul Gutierrez. (PNA)



Multi-billion-peso flood control projects underway for Caviteños

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When completed, Imus Retarding Basin will have a 118-meter in length overflow dike, 1.3 kilometer of surrounding dike, 1.1 kilometer of separating dike, standing an average of three (3) meters in control area management, enactment of ordinance for on-site flood regulation pond, and development of flood forecasting and monitoring system for flood warning and evacuation.

Another ongoing flood-control project of UPMO-FCMC in Cavite involves the construction of two (2) retarding basins in the cities of Bacoor and Imus. The P1.47-Billion project which started August 2016 is now 23 per-

cent completed. When completed, cavating approximately 2 million cubic meters of soil to unearth seven (7) meters in depth in the a 35-hectare land area. For Bacoor Retarding Basin, DPWH will excavate 250,000 cubic meters of soil to dig the height. DPWH will be excavating approximately 2 million cubic meters of soil to unearth seven (7) meters in depth in the a 35-hectare land area. For Bacoor Retarding Basin, DPWH will excavate 250,000 cubic meters of soil to dig the seven (7) meters in depth within a 9.2 hectares of land and construct 30 meters of overflow dike, 1.06 kilometer of surrounding dike, and 590 meters of separating dike, standing an average of 1 meter. Source: dpwh.gov.ph

New Public Attorney's Office building breaks ground

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Manager Jose A. Aguiral designs and building engineering plans and was followed by the allocation of P900 Million under the 2018 DPWH Budget.

A national government agency attached to DOJ, PAO deserves a building of its own to be a place of productivity in providing free legal assistance to the ever growing influx of clients.

The PAO Central Office is presently housed at 4th and 5th floors of DOJ Agencies Building, NIA Road corner East Avenue, Quezon City. Source: dpwh.gov.ph

Secretary Menardo I. Guevarra, Chief Public Attorney Persida Rueda-Acosta, and Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Assistant Secretary Antonio V. Molano Jr. Also present at the event were Atty. Ana Lisa M. Soriano, PAO Deputy Chief Public Attorney for Luzon; Atty. Silvestre A. Mosing, PAO Deputy Chief Public Attorney for Visayas and Mindanao; Ambassador Barry Gusi; Project Director Johnson V. Domingo and Project

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A national government agency attached to DOJ, PAO deserves a building of its own to be a place of productivity in providing free legal assistance to the ever growing influx of clients.

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