

DENR celebrates Earthday 2021

As the country celebrates Earth Day on April 22, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Roy A. Cimatu emphasized the importance of having each Filipino play an active role to collectively make a substantial impact in addressing climate change and other environmental issues.

With this year's Earth Day theme "Doing our Fair Share to Restore

the Earth," Cimatu challenged the public to join efforts to combat climate change and environmental destruction, especially during a global health crisis.

"From individuals to communities, we can all be part of the solution in addressing climate change and many other environmental issues. When we stop environmentally harmful activities, not only do we save nature, we also

minimize the risk on the spur of new viruses," Cimatu said.

The DENR chief cited that water and energy conservation, proper waste segregation, and leading eco-friendly lifestyle are among the various actions one can do from the comfort of their homes amid the restrictions caused by the pandemic.

"When done consistently, the seemingly small things we do for the environment all together actually creates a significant impact for the Earth's healing," Cimatu said.

He added: "Amid the pandemic, the Department has been actively doing its part on reforestation, river and coastal cleanups, biodiversity conservation, and solid waste management, among many programs. May each of us also do our share in caring for our environment and planet in any way we can."

Earth Day Network Philippines (EDNP), the DENR's partner for the Earth Day celebration, has also recommended 30 environmental actions, such as composting food waste, buying local products, planting native trees, among many others.

Other tips are posted on EDNP's social media page. The DENR, in partnership with EDNP, urged the public to join the virtual celebration on April 22 from 8:00am to 5:00pm with main activities happening in the afternoon, including the delivery of the State of the Philippine Environment Address. The event will be live streamed on Facebook thru <https://www.facebook.com/earthdayphilippines>.

The said event will also launch the handbook Sustainable Development Goals--Laudato Si': Towards Ecological Solidarity by the Living Laudato Si' Philippines and the jingle-making contest by the DENR Task Force Tayo ang Kalikasan.

There are also scheduled webinars on "Eco Entrepreneurship: Opportunities and Challenges" on April 29 organized by DENR and EDNP. The "Mind Your

Business! An EnviPreneurship" webinar on April 27, led by the DENR-Environmental Management Bureau (EMB), aims to help micro, small, and medium enterprises on environmental sustainability for their businesses.

DENR-EMB is also inviting children five to 12 years old to join "E-Doodle Mo, Kid," a doodle art contest to express care for the Earth and the environment through art from the safety of their homes.

The contest will run until April 23 with voting via EMB's Facebook page from April 26 to 30.

Observed every April 22 of each year, Earth Day is a global movement celebrated by more than 190 countries that advocates for sustainable action for the environment in various ways and to change human behavior. Source: DENR

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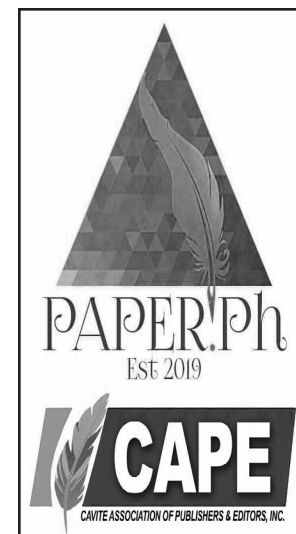
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DepEd sets Kinder to Grade10 curriculum roadmap

Adapting to new approaches in teaching and learning, the Department of Education (DepEd) has set a roadmap for the review and updating of curriculum for Kinder to Grade 10.

"We are also responding to the challenges of curriculum, education per se. This is a persisting challenge even before I came in and we continue the review of our curriculum, especially in this time with the pressure to rely on technology and the pressure to respond to what everyone describes as the new normal in the light

of COVID-19," Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones said.

Undersecretary Diosdado San Antonio mentioned that the Department has already laid down a roadmap for the 2022 ver-

sion of the K to 10 curriculum. "Ang initial agreement talaga namin para sa Kinder hanggang Grade 3, mas paingtingin natin at yung mga importanteng kaalaman at kasanayan.

Gusto natin mas simple pero marunong na marunong," he said. "Ang importante marunong siyang magbasa at yung mga importanteng kaalaman at kasanayan. (Turn to page 2)

DOH/DOST call out media for publishing disinformation on COVID 19 vaccines

The Department of Health (DOH) and the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) on Friday called out media institutions continuing to publish disinformation on COVID-19 vaccines and said that misleading information on COVID-19 vaccines does more harm than good to Filipinos.

Contrary to insinuations that the Vaccine Expert Panel (VEP) is only promoting one brand of vaccines, the DOH and the DOST said that the panel is guided by science in evaluating vaccines. Moreover, the VEP is objective in evaluating the safety and effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines being used in the country.

"In times of crisis, clear and effective communication can spell the difference between life and death. We have seen how crucial clear and effective communication is and it is for this very reason that we continue to expand our capacities to communicate always in pursuit of equipping Filipinos with the

4.47B PHP distributed to 4.4M low earners in NCR: DILG

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) today said that local government units (LGUs) in the National Capital Region have distributed P4.47 Billion or 40.07% of the funds earmarked by the national government as financial assistance to 4,477,090

low-income individuals. "Pursigido po ang mga LGUs sa pamamahagi ng ayuda kaya they have been working hard to ensure that the financial aid reaches the intended beneficiaries," said DILG Undersecretary and Spokesperson Jonathan Malaya. (Turn to page 3)

PHILHEALTH IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN) HINDI KAILANGAN UPANG MAGPAREHISTRO SA BAKUNA O SA PAGTANGGAP NG COVID-19 VACCINE

Ang PIN ay kailangan lamang sa pag-claim ng PhilHealth benefits sa mga kasong tinatawag na adverse events following immunization (AEFI).

Source: Department of Health

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DOH/DOST call out media for publishing disinformation on COVID 19 vaccines

(From page 1) right knowledge to protect not only themselves but their loved ones as well.”

“We appeal primarily to our media partners to exercise caution when reporting potentially misleading information about COVID-19 vaccines. Vaccines are safe and effective in protecting against the severe form of COVID-19 and

that COVID-19 vaccines would prevent hospitalization due to severe disease. better understand the benefits of vaccines.

In times of crisis, vaccines can spell the difference between life and death,” explained Undersecretary Singh-Vergeire.

The DOST created the VEP as DOST is part of the vaccine selection and evaluation structure under the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF).

The VEP is composed of vaccine experts, technical experts, and scientists who will identify, evaluate, and recommend possible vaccine candidates for the Philippines.

Moreover, the government, through vaccine

czar Secretary Carlito Galvez Jr., is widening the country’s vaccine portfolio by securing more vaccines from manufacturers such as AstraZeneca, Sinovac, Novovax, Sputnik V, Johnson & Johnson, Moderna, and Pfizer.

The government calls on everyone to be a BIDA+ citizen and share verified information with the public. Being a BIDA+

citizen includes fighting disinformation regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and at the same time observing the minimum public health standards (MPHS). Source: DOH

“In dwelling, live close to the ground. In thinking, keep to the simple. In conflict, be fair and generous. In governing, don’t try to control. In work, do what you enjoy. In family life, be completely present.”

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(From page 1) Kasi kahit hindi mo na yan turuan pag naging interesado yan, magbabasa yan at magdi-discover ng mundo on their own,” added Usec. San Antonio.

In addition, DepEd will also review the Most Essential Learning Competencies (MELCs) implemented this school year and assess if these are sufficient for learners to acquire knowledge and skills.

San Antonio stressed that these competencies were chosen to simplify the process of learning, given the limitation of distance learning.

As part of the review process, the roadmap also identified the horizontal alignment of the curriculum to ensure learners’ progression from Grade 1 to Grade 10.

tin sa magiging curriculum sa mga susunod pagkapatapos ng COVID-19 ay nakatuon pa rin tayo sa lubhang mahalaga. Sisikapin natin na hindi siya kasing congested katulad ngayon kasi ang nakikita rin natin although wala kaming ebidensya.” San Antonio noted. The Department is eyeing to finalize the curriculum review by this year and conduct consultation sessions by early 2022. Source: DepEd




DEPED: KINDER TO GRADE 10 CURRICULUM ROADMAP SET

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MASS TESTING PARA SA MGA LGU STAFF, ISINAGAWA SA CITY HALL

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Enhanced Nutribun (E-Nutribun)

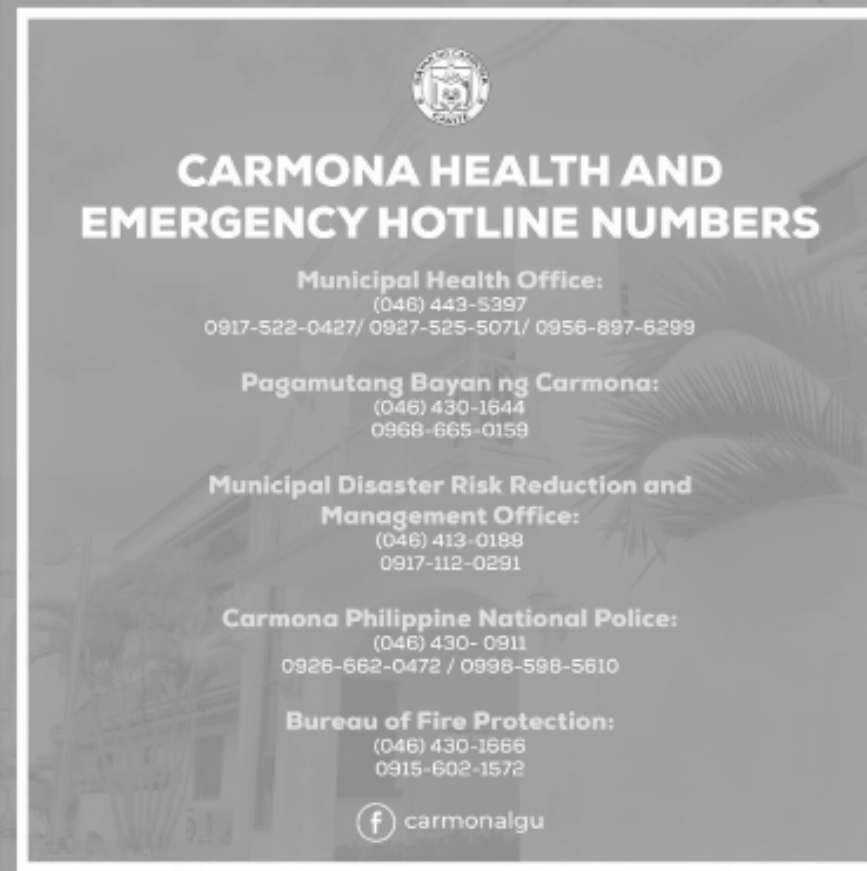
will include the production and distribution of E-Nutribuns to malnourished elementary level children (6-9 years old) from 17 municipalities in the province of Antique to help alleviate malnutrition.

Currently, there is an agreement between the University of Antique and the Department of Education Division of Antique for the school-based feeding program amounting to P28,332,720.00.

On the other hand, the DOST-VI project funds amounting to P250,000.00 will cover the

feeding activity, targeting 30 children-beneficiary per municipality. Tuesday and Thursday, considering the shelf life (3 days) of the Enhanced Nutribun. The production and distribution of E-Nutribuns in the Province of Antique is being implemented through the collaboration of the following: University of Antique (UA) - Sibalom Campus, Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Science and Technology (DOST) VI and the Antique Local Government Unit. (JJMoleño/DOST VI-KMU) Source: DOST

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MGCQ
INDOOR AND OUTDOOR NON-CONTACT SPORTS

Source: IATF Domestic Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines with Amendments as of April 3, 2021

DR. FRANZ DE LEON IS NEW DOST-ASTI DIRECTOR

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General Joel Joseph Marciano. He took his oath in front of DOST Secretary Fortunato T. de la Peña and DOST Undersecretary for Research and Development Dr. Rowena Cristina L. Guevara on 15 April 2021 at the DOST-ASTI Office in Diliman, Quezon City. He will be the ninth director to take the role at the DOST-ASTI.

The new DOST-ASTI director is a graduate of BS Electronics and Communications Engineering and MS in Electrical Engineering in 2003 and 2005, respectively. He earned his PhD in Electronic and Electrical Engineering at the University of Southampton in the United Kingdom in 2014. During that time, he also served as part of the UP faculty for engineering students. With interests in Digital Signal Processing for Audio and Communications, he was involved in one of the collaborative projects of DOST-ASTI with UPD-EEEI as the project leader for the Development of a Philippine Indigenous Instrument Sounds Database, also known as KATUNOG (KAlipunan ng KaTu-tubong TuNOG).

"During these challenging times, there is a need for solutions and applications that will uplift our spirits and help us adjust to the new normal. As the new ASTI Director, I want to make the Filipinos enjoy the benefits of innovative solutions in the field of ICT, Microelectronics and Space Technology. We will continue to work closely with our stakeholders to meet their expectations. We will also continue to invest not only in upgrading the facilities, but more importantly in our human resources to be agile and ready for the next generation technologies",

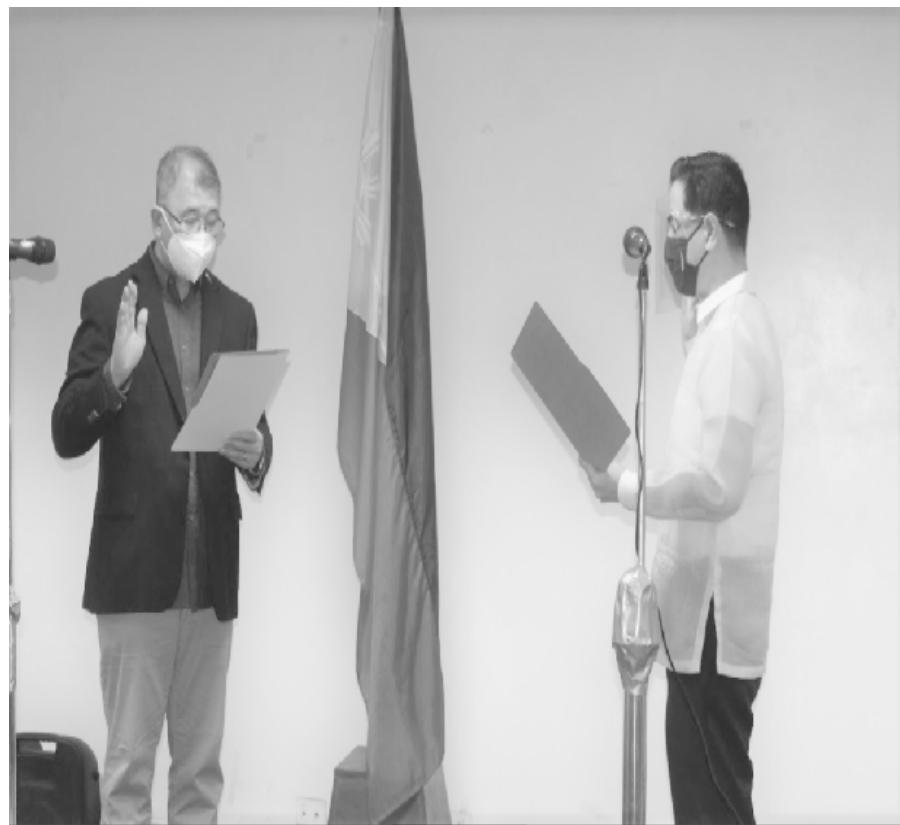
said Dr. de Leon on his appointment as Director.

He will lead DOST-ASTI which is mandated to spearhead various activities and initiatives such as research and development (R&D) projects in the advanced fields of Information and Communication Technology and Microelectronics and long-term researches to strengthen and modernize science and technology infrastructure.

Some of the notable achievements of the Institute in recent years include the PHL-Microsatellite Program which was responsible for the development and deployment of the country's two satellites, DIWATA-1 and DIWATA-2, and the establishment of the satellite ground receiving station called the Philippine Earth Data Resource and Obser-

vation (PEDRO) Center housed at the DOST-ASTI grounds and another one in Davao City.

"DOST Secretary de la Peña also shared a message to Dr. De Leon after his oath taking ceremony, "I wish to congratulate Dr. Franz Asunta de Leon on his appointment and on his assumption as Director of the DOST-ASTI. The field that has been assigned to ASTI is something that will really transform the Philippines, and so we expect a lot of innovations and transformations that will come out of ASTI. I count on ASTI to contribute not only to new knowledge generation, to new technology generation, but towards the support for more commercial technologies that will boost our initiatives towards being competitive in the region". Source: DOST



Dr. Franz Asunta de Leon was sworn into office on 15 April 2021 as the new director of DOST-ASTI. Together with him during his oath taking were Secretary Fortunato T. de la Peña, DOST Undersecretary for Research and Development Dr. Rowena Cristina L. Guevara, and other DOST-ASTI officials. This was held at the DOST-ASTI office in Diliman, Quezon City. (Photos from Office of the Secretary)

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4.47B PHP distributed to 4.4M low earners in NCR: DILG

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Earlier, the President approved the release of some P22.9-billion ayuda to 22.9 million low-income individuals in NCR Plus, including Bulacan, Rizal, Laguna, and Cavite. Each target beneficiary shall receive P1,000 or up to a maximum of P4,000 per family.

In Metro Manila, Mandaluyong, San Juan, Quezon City, and Navotas topped the list of LGUs that have distributed the most financial assistance to their constituents and are more than halfway through their distribution.

Mandaluyong has distributed P243.368-million (66.75%); San Juan has given out P62.77-million (63.78%); Quezon City has disbursed P1.559-billion (62.83%); Navotas has released P108.36-Million (54.22%), and Caloocan has released P639.8-million (47.89%).

Under the implementing guidelines on ayuda distribution, LGUs are given 15 days to distribute cash assistance and 30 days for in-kind assistance upon receipt of the funds from the national govern-

ment. Both the DILG and the DSWD have committed to grant requests for an extension for justifiable reasons.

The DILG commended the LGUs for their hard work and perseverance in distributing the ayuda even beyond office hours and sometimes until the wee hours of the night to ensure that the aid gets to poor families immediately.

"Saludo po ang DILG sa ating mga LGUs sa sipag at tiyaga na ipinapamalas nila sa pamimigay ng ayuda. Pinapatunayan lamang nito na kayo ay matino, mahusay at maa-sahang mga kawani ng pamahalaan," said Malaya.

Under the Joint Memorandum Circular, priority target beneficiaries of the said financial assistance are low-income individuals and those working in informal economies who were beneficiaries of the first tranche of Social Amelioration Program (SAP), additional beneficiaries in SAP 2, SAP wait-listed beneficiaries, and those belonging to vulnerable groups such as low-income individuals

living alone, persons with disabilities (PWD), solo parents, and the like.

Malaya reminded LGUs to strictly impose physical distancing and wearing of face masks and face shields during the distribution of ayuda in distribution centers.

"While we want the ayuda to reach our people quickly, we do not want the distribution to become super spreader events. We, therefore, call on our LGUs to enforce measures to ensure that the public observes minimum public health standards during the distribution proper," he said.

The Philippine National Police has also been directed to assist the LGUs in implementing minimum health standards. The PNP is part of the Joint Monitoring and Inspection Team headed by the DILG.

Malaya lauded the efforts of some LGUs like the City of Biñan in Laguna, where Mayor Arman Dimaguila mobilized city government employees and other volunteers to distribute the ayuda right at the doorsteps of the beneficiaries.

"Maayos ang ang ayuda sa tahanan mis-on-ipon ang mga tao at pamimigay sa Biñan kasi mo ng mga beneficiaries. maiwasan ang pagkalat sinusuyod talaga nila ang Sa ganitong paraan, hindi ng virus," he said. Source: mga barangay at inihahatid na kailangang mag-ip- DILG

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Patuloy ang pamamahagi ng financial assistance para sa ating mga kababayan. Paalala na magsuot ng face mask at face shield at sumunod sa health at safety protocols sa mga nakabilang.

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By Luigi Lim



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Dr. Franz Asunta de Leon, an associate professor from the Electrical and Electronics Engineering Institute of the University of the Philippines Diliman, was appointed as the new director of the Department of Science and Technology-Advanced Science and Technology Institute (DOST-ASTI).

Dr. de Leon replaced now Philippine Space Agency (PhilSA) Director

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