

Monitor on illegal online wildlife traders continues amid quarantine

Environment Secretary Roy A. Cimatu warned the culprits taking advantage of the internet for illegal wildlife trading that their activities are being monitored by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

“Mobility restrictions may cause some deterrence to our wildlife enforcers, but these shall not stop them from implementing environmental laws to protect our natural resources,” Cimatu said.

Cimatu made the statement following the arrest of a certain Benjie Saunar for illegal possession and selling of two Umbrella cockatoos (*Catua alba*) in a buy-bust operation conducted by the DENR’s Environmental Protection and Enforcement Task Force (EPETF).

The operatives also recovered a Palm cockatoo

(*Probosciger aterrimus*) from the suspect’s possession.

Saunar was monitored by the DENR-EPETF operatives to have been selling illegal wildlife species online. He was apprehended in an entrapment operation conducted by the DENR EPETF, in coordination with the Manila Police District Station 8 and Manila District Anti-Cybercrime Team, led by Maj. Reynaldo Salim.

During the operation last April 28, 2021 in a gasoline station in Sta. Mesa,

Manila, Saunar was not able to present any relevant permits such as a Certificate of Wildlife Registration or Wildlife Farm Permit and Local Transport Permit to support and prove that he is authorized by law to possess, transport, and trade wildlife.

The suspect Saunar is currently undergoing

inquest proceedings at the Manila City Prosecutors Office and shall be charged for violating Republic Act (RA) 9147 or the Wildlife Resources Protection and Conservation Act of 2001.

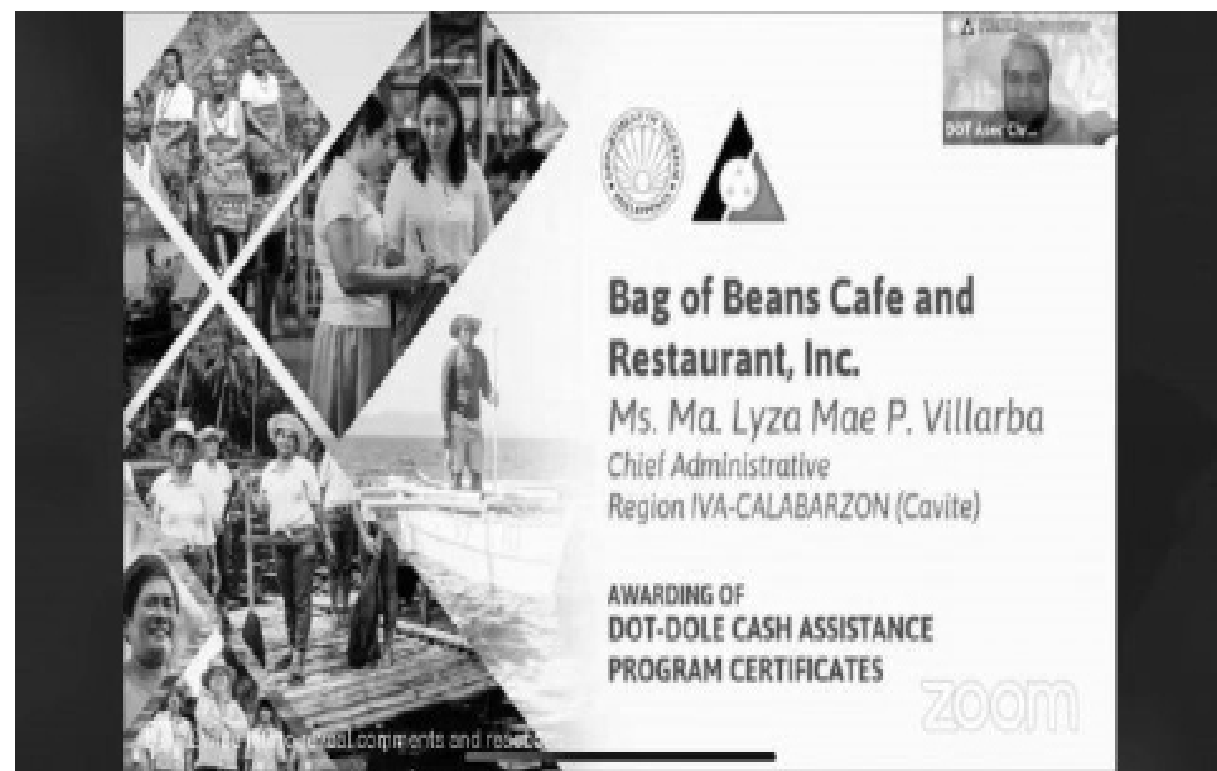
Section 23 of RA 9147 states that collection of threatened wildlife including the by-products and derivatives, shall be allowed only for scientific, or breeding or propagation purposes, and provided that only the accredited

individuals, business, research, educational or scientific entities shall be allowed to collect for conservation breeding or propagation purposes.

As of May 3, the wildlife species, along with other paraphernalia, such as the motorcycle and cellphone used by Saunar, are under the custody of the DENR-NCR Office, while awaiting the results of the case filed against the suspect. Source: DENR



8,422 TOURISM WORKERS BENEFIT FROM DOT-DOLE CASH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



The province recognizes the efforts of the tourism offices of Carmona and the cities of Tagaytay and Trece Martires for the successful applications of the Tourism Support Services (TSS) sector in their respective localities to the DOT-DOLE Cash Assistance Program.

Recipients of the financial assistance program received their certificates during the ceremonial awarding held via Zoom on April 12, 2021, where

DOT Secretary Puyat expressed her hopes that such aid may provide relief to some affected tourism stakeholders.

On the other hand, DOLE Secretary Silvestre Bello said that their agency will continue to support workers and help the economy bounce back.

Based from the records of DOT and DOLE, a total of 8,422 tourism workers in Cavite have already benefited; while others who applied last

March will be scheduled to receive the one-time Php 5,000 cash aid.

The beneficiaries are mostly employees of tourism enterprises, community-based tourism organizations, and members of the TSS sector.

In February, the DOT-DOLE JMC No. 2021-001 expanded its coverage of beneficiaries to include LGU-licensed TSS enterprises, providers and related associations.

On behalf of Provin-

cial Government of Cavite, the PTCAO appreciates the effort of DOT IV-A Regional Director Michael Palispis and DOLE IV-A Regional Director Henry Jalbuena on the assistance extended to the LGUs of Carmona, Trece Martires, and Tagaytay City on March 2-5, 2021 that paved way to the easier process of applications under the Cash-for-Work Program of the Bayanihan 2. —(PTCAO) cavite.gov.ph

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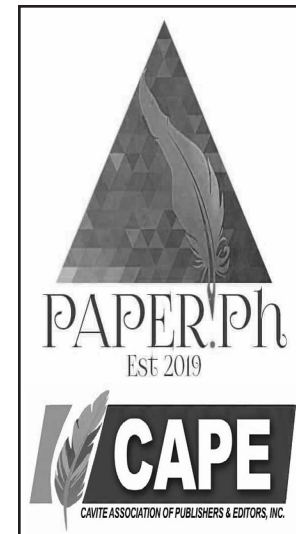
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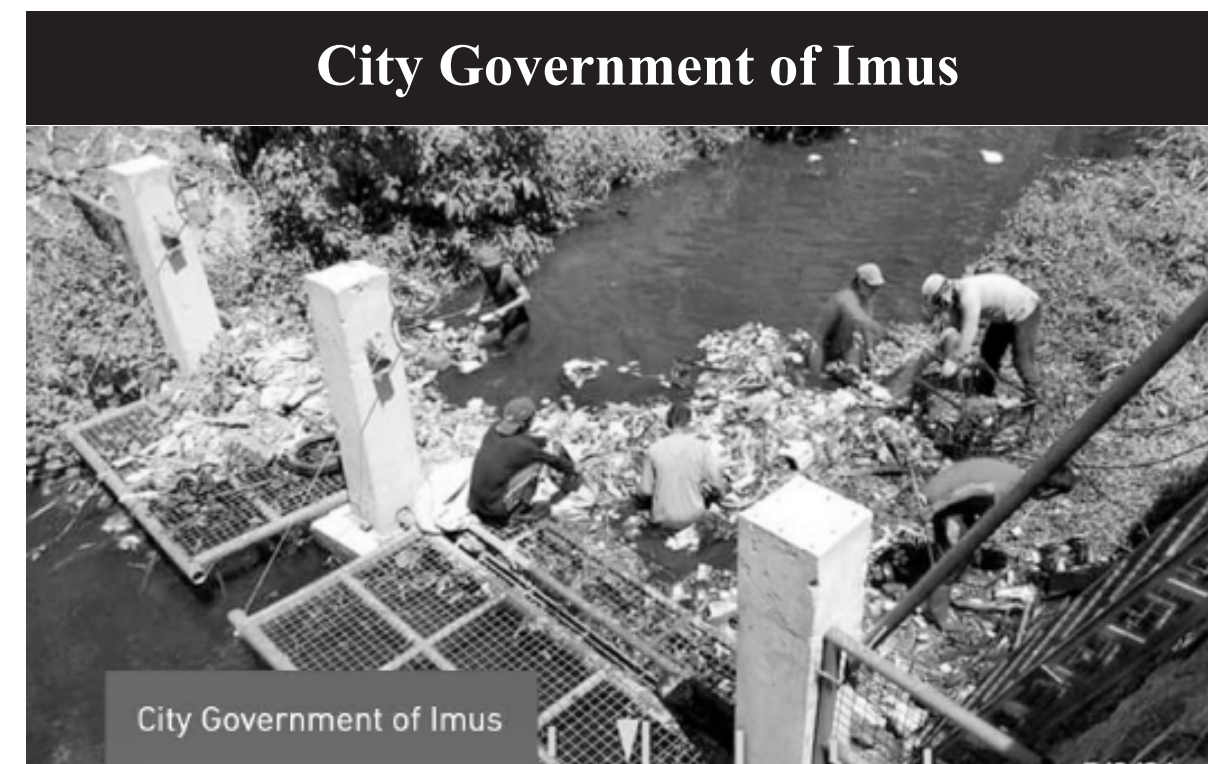
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DILG warns public of counterfeit Pfizer vaccines

Amidst the ongoing national vaccination program, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) has warned local government units (LGUs) and the public against buying fake Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines that are out in the market following an alert issued by the World Health Organization (WHO).



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Itinampok ni Mayor Emmanuel Maliksi ang tuloy-tuloy na paglilinis ng CENRO sa mga ilog ng lungsod, kung saan epektibong nagagamit ang mga inilagay dito na trash trap.

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“While there is no information yet on the presence of the fake vaccines in the country, LGUs should exercise increased diligence as these fake vaccines may be dangerous to early COVID-19 vaccines

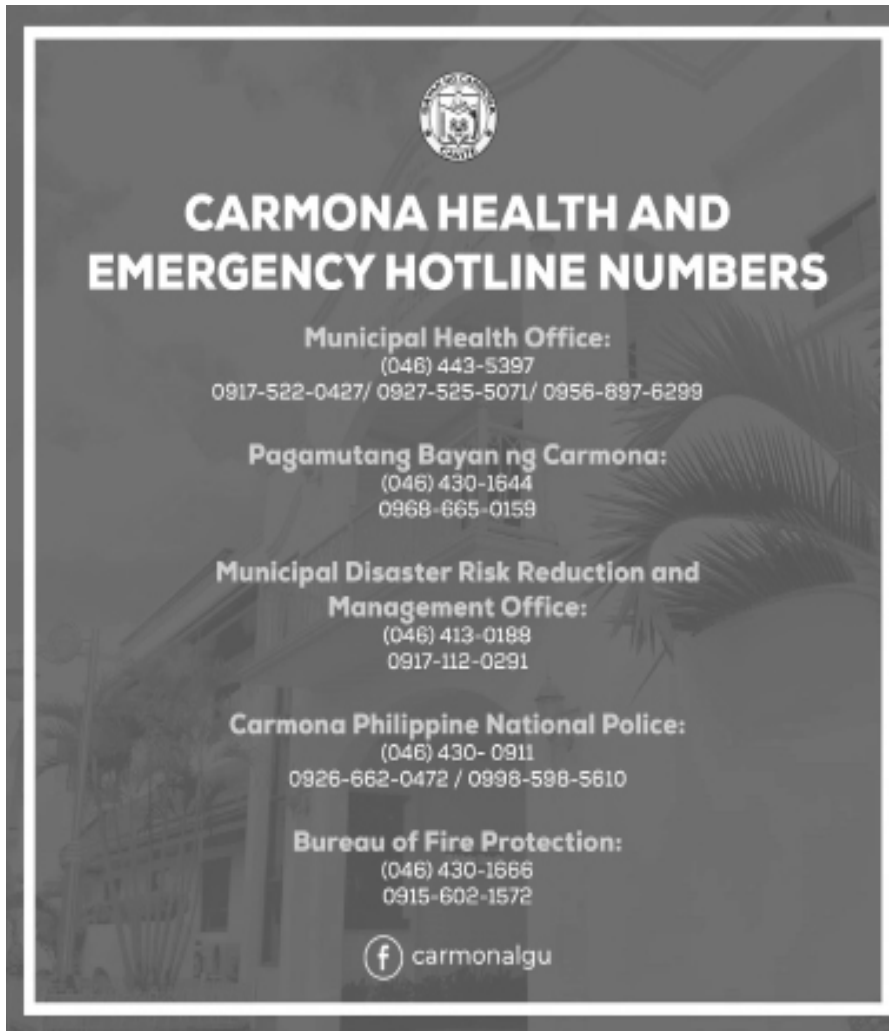
PhilSys aimed to amplify National ID campaign introduced to student leaders

Committed to providing learners better public services and opportunities, the Department of Education (DepEd) spearheaded the National Orientation on the Philippine Identification System (PhilSys) for Student Government Officers last Tuesday.

Hosted by the Bureau of Learner Support Services-Youth Formation Division (BLSS-YFD), representatives from the Department of Finance and the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)

“We are engaging our youth leaders in our National ID program to provide them better knowl-

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explained the benefits and features of PhilSys to around 170 student-leaders nationwide during the orientation.

“The introduction for the national campaign for the Philippine Identification System is very important. It is an introduction of centralized national ID system that brings with it a handful of advantages and benefits that the Filipino people can avail and enjoy,” BLSS-YFD Chief Adolf Aguilar said.

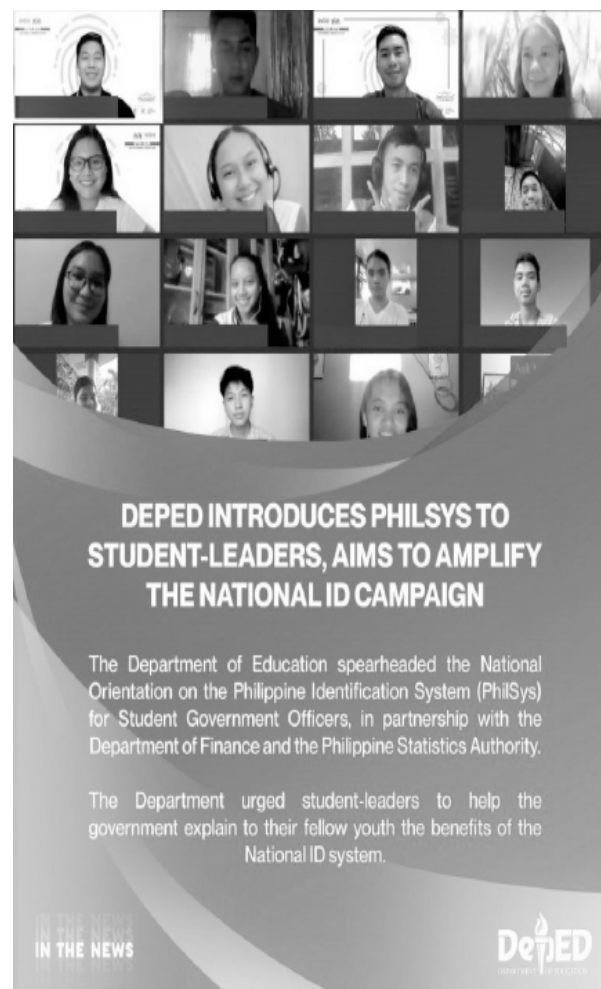
The PhilSys will provide the youth and Filipinos easier access to services like opening bank accounts, facilitating online payments, and social protection programs, healthcare, and education services.

The Department then urged student-leaders to help the government explain to their fellow youth the benefits of the National ID system.

“Why the youth? Because the youth, using your puso, galing, at talino, we can mobilize and raise awareness for the importance of national ID system ten folds.

This is a step towards our goals and achieve a Makabagong Pilipinas. And with your help, we’re surely able to live in nation where no one gets left behind,” he added.

As steps to raise awareness on the PhilSys campaign, youth leaders are encouraged to share testimonials and experiences in registering for PhilSys, and sharing informational materials posted on the official PSA PhilSys



Facebook Page. the national campaign for “As our youth are digital natives who are adept in navigating online tools, we saw this opportunity to bring our student leaders at the forefront for the Philippine Identification System that will help their fellow youth and Filipinos to access public services,” Secretary Briones said. Source” DepEd

Invermectin safety and efficacy vs COVID19 not approved for lack of data- DOH, FDA

The Department of Health (DOH) and the Philippine Food and Drug Administration (FDA) today reiterated that the agencies DO NOT RECOMMEND the use of antiparasitic drug ivermectin for the treatment of COVID-19 due to insufficient scientific evidence.

The DOH and FDA jointly emphasized that the agencies have always been consistent in their guidance to the public, and echoed that to date, ivermectin is not approved for the treatment of COVID-19. “We have said this many times before and we will say it again. We do not recommend the use of ivermectin for the prevention and treatment of COVID-19 as the benefits of this antiparasitic drug

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for this purpose has not been established. President Rodrigo Duterte has also ordered DOST PCHRD to conduct a clinical trial to test the efficacy of ivermectin against COVID-19, let’s wait for the results,” FDA Director General Rolando Enrique Domingo said.

However, investigational drugs for the treatment of COVID-19 may be used provided that all regulatory processes in place

are strictly followed. Specifically, off-label use can be allowed under a compassionate special permit (CSP) or when it is compounded by a duly licensed pharmacy and properly dispensed by a pharmacist to a patient with a valid prescription.

Following the distribution of ivermectin capsules to different communities in Quezon City, the DOH disclosed that it has received reports of alleged invalid prescriptions being

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the health of those who get inoculated,” Año said.

The World Health Organization (WHO) recently issued a global medical product alert on a falsified COVID-19 vaccine with the product name “BNT162b2” which claims to be manufactured by Pfizer Biontech. Said product contains the lot number “783201” and stated an expiry date of “AUG 24.”

In its global alert, WHO said the fake vaccine, which was first discovered in Mexico, “deliberately and fraudulently misrepresents its identity, composition or source”. WHO is still conducting laboratory analysis of the contents and will provide updates as soon as the results are available.

“Ngayong mara-mi na namang kaso ng COVID-19, ang kailangan natin ay pag-iingat at proteksyon laban sa sakit na ito sa pamamagitan ng

given to individuals. The DOH likewise assured that it will officially endorse the reports to the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) to investigate the veracity of the reports and impose sanctions as deemed necessary, based on existing laws.

The DOH and FDA further echoed the statements of various medical and pharmacist associations on the distributed prescriptions and strongly advised the public on what constitutes a valid prescription. According to the DOH, a valid prescription should contain the date of prescription, the patient’s name, age, and sex. Perti-

dent details about the prescribing physician should also be included such as name, office address, professional regulation number, and professional receipt number (if applicable). Given the necessary content of valid prescriptions, the DOH and FDA urged the public to be vigilant and sufficiently assess any prescriptions provided to them, as these prescriptions will protect them and ensure accountability from the issuing professional.

The agencies also called on those who received the prescriptions and the drugs to report any invalid prescriptions to the PRC, and any adverse reactions to

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