

# Infrastructure building in full swing since 2021:DPWH

Department of Public Works and Highways

## 2021 ACCOMPLISHMENT

- 4,097 kilometers of Roads constructed, maintained, widened, upgraded and rehabilitated
- 510 Bridges constructed, widened, upgraded, rehabilitated and strengthened
- 1,593 Flood control structures
- 4,244 Classrooms
- 108 Evacuation Center
- 736 quarantine facilities with 28,195 beds for the treatment of infected individuals
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The golden era of infrastructure development is in full swing despite the limitations caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Secretary Roger G. Mercado said that the agency has exerted all efforts in Fiscal Year 2021, pushing the implementation of priority infrastructure projects to facilitate the rebound of the economy by providing 1.6 Million jobs.

“With the threat of the pandemic still looming, DPWH still managed to attain numerous achievements in our mission to provide quality infrastructure to the Filipino people”, added Secretary Mercado.

DPWH has completed from January to December 2021, the construction, rehabilitation, and improvement of 4,097 kilometers of roads; 510 bridges; and 1,593 flood control structures that improved travel time, ensured the safety of motorists, and protected lives and properties.

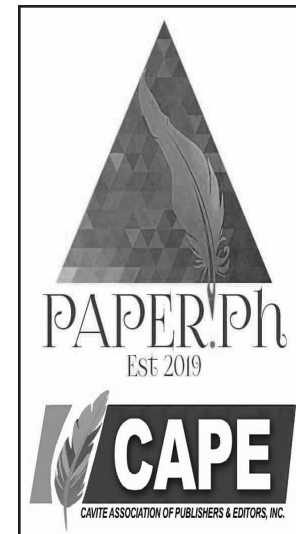
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## City Government of Tagaytay

# Botika on Wheels



Namigay ng mga prescription medicines sa mga senior citizens at PWD ang Botika on Wheels, isang proyekto ng Gov. Jonvic Remulla. Pinangunahan ang pagbibigay ng mga gamot sa 11 barangay ni Konsehala Athena "Tin" Tolentino, Dinaluhan ang pamimigay ng mga gamot nina Kgg. Mayora Agnes D. Tolentino, DMD, Bb. Aniela D. Tolentino, Dra. Liza Capupus - OIC CHO, at BM Rainier Ambion. Ang mga naunang barangay na nabigyan ng mga gamot ay Brgy. Asisan, Guinhawa South, Guinhawa North, Zambal, Neogan, Mendez Crossing West, Mendez Crossing East, Patuto Malaki South, Patuto Malaki North, Sambong, at Bagong Tubig.



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# SHS grad employability the focus of Oplan Tawid Program: DepEd

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“This is a great opportunity for our SHS students so they can see what lies ahead of them and to see what awaits them.

Partnerships like these emphasizes the impact we can make for our learners to support them not just in

school but after they finished their studies,” Education Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones said.

Oplan TAWID aims to enhance digital literacy of learners through various partners, strengthen soft skills such as communica-

tion, collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking, and increase employability by linking students to employers for relevant industry immersions.

“One of DepEd’s learning delivery objectives is to liberate students

from poverty. To attain this objective, we integrate technical-vocational courses with work immersion as a curriculum track for Senior High School Students to bolster their credentials if they decide to work after graduating,” DepEd Undersecretary Diosdado M. San Antonio shared.

The program follows the successful nationwide implementation of the

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## City Government of Tagaytay

Celebration of 77th Anniversary of Tagaytay Liberation. The offering of flowers was attended by Vice-Mayor Raymond Ambion, Kons. Athena "Tin" Tolentino, PLT-Col Rolando B. Baula - OIC Chief of Police of Tagaytay, and the President of our veterans.



# Airflow and vaccination important vs Airborne COVID19

Clarifications on the spread of COVID-19 through airborne particles and droplets were made by Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Singh-Vergeire in the latest press briefing with Cabinet Secretary Karlo Nograles, today, 28 January 2022.

Reminding the public that COVID can easily spread through the air,

Undersecretary Vergeire stated that, “Kinakailangan ng pagpapasunod sa minimum public health standards gaya ng pagsusuot ng face masks at physical distancing - hindi lamang ating mga sarili kundi pati ng mga taong nakapaligid sa atin.”

Implementation of minimum public health standards (MPHS) and

the “mask-hugas-iwas-airflow” has been in place to remind Filipinos of the different health protocols. In line with that, Undersecretary Vergeire underscored that ensuring proper ventilation in homes, workplaces, and other establishments is highly-recommended to allow the circulation of clean air

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# LGUs tasked to ensure health protocol compliance of Sabong operations in areas under Alert Level 1-2

Amid the continued threat of the COVID-19 virus, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) directed all local government units (LGUs) to ensure that the resumption of cockpit operations and the return of traditional cockfighting (sabong) in areas under Alert Level 2 or lower will not become super spreader events of the highly transmissible Omicron variant.

DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año urged all provincial governors, city/municipal mayors, and

punong barangays to exercise sound judgment, undertake necessary actions, and ensure compliance to health and safety protocols in the management of cockpits and cockfighting activities in their jurisdictions.

“Kahit nasa Level 2 or 1 na kayo, mahigpit pa rin nating paalala na mag-ing maingat, disiplinado, at alisto sa inyong pagbabalik-operasyon ng sabong. Hindi pa napapanahon upang tayo ay makam-pante, lalo’t mataas pa ang kaso ng Omicron,” Año

said. In DILG Memorandum Circular (MC) 2022-003, Año said operations of cockpits and traditional cockfighting may be allowed in areas under Alert Level 2 or lower provided that there should be no objection from the concerned LGUs and that COVID-19 health protocols are strictly observed.

According to Año, the maximum venue capacity for indoor gatherings is only 50% for fully vaccinated individuals

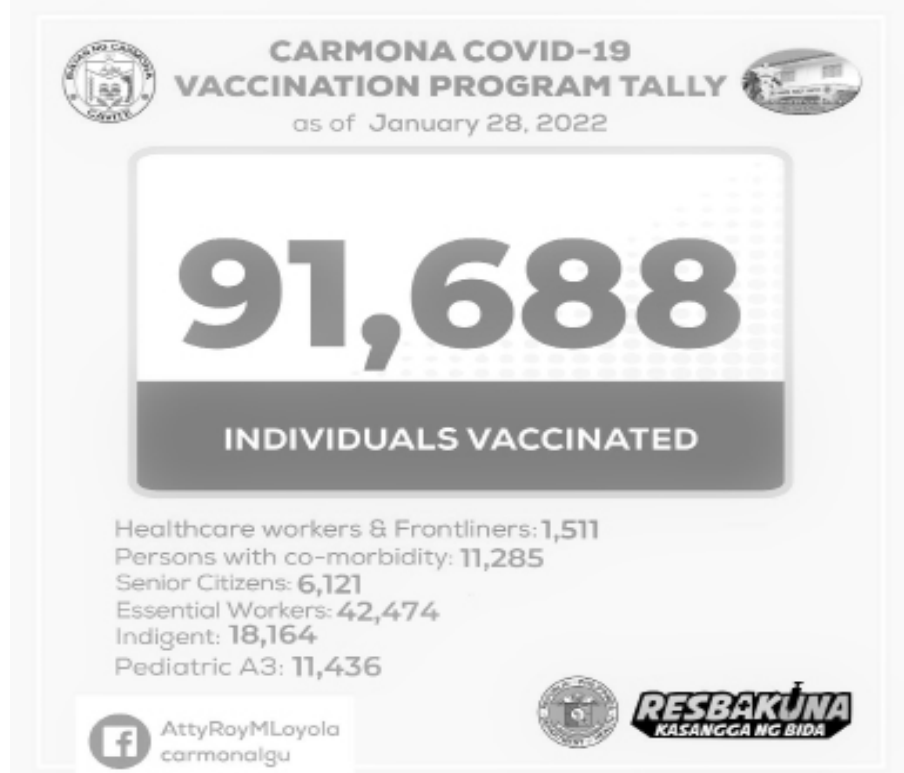
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## City Government of Carmona



Nasa 91,688 indibidwal na ang nabakunahan kontra COVID-19 as of January 28, 2022. Nais ipaunawa ng Municipal Health Office na ang bilang ng mga nababakunahan ay depende sa bilang ng dumadating na supply mula sa national government. Simultaneous ang pagbabakuna ng A1 to A5 groups at general population. Ginagawa ng MHO ang lahat ng makakaya nito upang mas mapabilis ang vaccination. Maraming salamat sa inyong pag unawa at pakikiisa sa Pamahalaang Bayan ng Carmona.

## SHS grad employability the focus of Oplan Tawid Program: DepEd

(From page 1) said. “Building an Impactful Resume and Online Professional Brand” program where DepEd learners were upskilled on online skilling platforms and over 1 million LinkedIn profiles were created.

“Closing those skills gaps is a critical, shared responsibility of leaders from both public and private sectors to ensure inclusive access and future success, whether it be for the workers of today or the workforce of tomorrow. With the right tools and solutions, each and every Filipino student today can be catalysts of positive impact for our nation in the future,” Microsoft Philippines Human Resources Director Grace dela Cruz

to simulate real-world exercises using advanced, expensive software tools through a virtual environment accessible on any device, anytime, anywhere,” Dann Angelo De Guzman, CEO of CloudSwyft, said. DepEd will also be partnering with organizations in the country from the Information Technology and Business Process Management (IT-BPM) and finance industries to immerse learners in working for an established company and gain strategic professional experience.

The pilot test of Oplan TAWID will run from November 2021 to March 2022 and will later expand to different regions of the country. Source: DepEd

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(From page 4) school workshop buildings, and other school facilities. It also completed 108 evacuation centers throughout the country. According to Secretary Mercado, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte emerged, quite expectedly, as the country’s “Infrastructure President” having completed from June 2016 to December 2021 the construction, rehabilitation, and improvement

of 34,291 kilometers of roads; 6,656 bridges; and 13,224 flood control structures. DPWH is also a major key player in the government’s fight against the coronavirus.

As of end of December 2021, DPWH has built 736 quarantine facilities with 28,195 beds for the treatment of infected individuals, 29 modular hospitals with 595 beds and 55 off-site dormitories for health workers with 1,444 beds.

Senior Undersecretary Rafael C. Yabut, in-charge of DPWH Regional Operations, said that DPWH looks forward to conquering Fiscal Year 2022 filled with challenges, opportunities and victories.

With the humble desire to be of service and to lend a helping hand even in

trying times, DPWH men and women have proven in the aftermath of a disaster like the Typhoon “Odette” on December 2021 and Taal Volcano eruption on January 2020 the willing-

ness to face any risk in the name of fulfilling duties and serving the public, added Senior Undersecretary Yabut. DPWH was at the forefront not only on disaster clearing but also of the rescue/evacuation and relief activities, braving strong winds and rains, to areas where people needed help the most. Source: DPWH

## DENR fast tracks rehab of typhoon-hit areas

(From page 4) contained and cohesive form in relation to current and future post-typhoon recovery and rehabilitation efforts,” Cimatu said at the DENR Expanded Executive Committee Conference on January 18.

The national TFBBB is co-chaired by the secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways with 26 national government agencies as its members tasked to assist the task force.

The DENR heads the Intensified Environment and Natural Resources Management, which is one of the six key result areas (KRAs) of TFBBB.

Other TFBBB KRAs include Better and Resilient Infrastructure headed by DPWH; Stronger Shelter and Resilient Settlement (Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development); Improved Systems and Essential Services (Department of National Defense-Office of Civil Defense); Restored Sustainable Livelihood (Department of Trade and Industry); and Strengthened Governance through Broad-Based Citizen (Department of Interior and Local Government).

In DENR Special Order (SO) No. 2022-32 he signed on January

17, Cimatu provided the mechanism by which the RTFBBBs will “organize and convene” in coordination with the RTFBBB-member line government agencies “as may be applicable.”

The DENR chief said the creation of the RTFBBB draws inspiration and lessons learned from the success made in the first three focus areas of TFBBB in rehabilitating the Marikina, Cagayan and Bicol river basins after they were ravaged by typhoons Rolly and Ulysses in 2020.

Some of the RTFBBB’s tasks are to identify rehabilitation and recovery measures in typhoon-affected areas and formulation of the KRA implementation plans, budgetary requirements, and funding proposal for the areas in their respective regions.

Identified as a priority for the implementation of the order are areas that bore the brunt of Typhoon Odette in December 2021. “Beginning with those hardly-hit by Typhoon Odette, the DENR regional executive directors for Caraga, Regions 6, 7, 8, 10, and MIMAROPA as chairpersons of the Regional TFBBB in their respective regions shall, in coordination with the concerned regional line agencies and local government units, conduct damage assessment and identify appropriate interventions for recovery and rehabilitation,” Cimatu said.

DENR Undersecretary and TFBBB Secretariat head Atty. Analiza Rebueta-Teh said Cimatu’s order underscores the urgency for a clear mechanism on how to have a “total response” at the regional level based on the mandate of EO 120, including the need to strengthen the link between the national and local levels to efficiently respond to the demands and realities in typhoon’s post-disaster recovery and rehabilitation phase as shown in Odette’s aftermath.

With the mechanisms in place, RTFBBB can link directly with concerned TFBBB member national agencies “in case their regional members are not responsive” through the concerned DENR undersecretaries and assistant secretaries who have been designated as focal persons responsible for coordination with the concerned agencies as head of each of the six TFBBB KRAs concerned lead as per DENR SO 2020-470. Source: DENR

### HEALTHY TIPS

#### Lift heavy weights

Strength and resistance training are some of the best forms of exercises you can do to strengthen your muscles and improve your body composition.

It may also lead to important improvements in metabolic health, including improved insulin sensitivity — meaning your blood sugar levels are easier to manage — and increases in your metabolic rate, or how many calories you burn at rest.

If you do not have weights, you can use your own bodyweight or resistance bands to create resistance and get a comparable workout with many of the same benefits.

The Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans recommends resistance training twice per week

## City Government of Bacoor

### PUBLIC ADVISORY

Activity	Extension Dates
Business Permit Renewal	March 31, 2022
Payment of Real Property Tax	June 30, 2022
20% Discount on Early Payment of Real Property Taxes	February 28, 2022
Renewal of Public Utility Tricycle Franchises	February 28, 2022

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# Briones highlights Philippines' role in helping Jews fleeing Holocaust

(From page 3) The activity reminded the human cost of ethnic discrimination and hate, and encouraged individuals to speak up and re-tell the stories of the victims and survivors of the holocaust.

"We see this as a strategic partnership because the only way to get the message out to the younger generation is together with the DepEd. What I would like to see is that this event is not the first and the last one, but from here we can continue either in the curriculum and find ways how to bring the message or issues discussed here today to the younger generation," Israel Ambassador to the Philippines Ilan Fluss said.

During the event, real-life survivors shared their testimonials. Film shows, lectures, panel discussions, and a virtual tour of the Yad Vashem Museum in Israel were also conducted.

"I am very sure that the teachers and students who participated today were able to learn some new things about the heroic deeds of our past leaders. I hope this will increase their awareness of this commemorative event, the lessons from the past, and learnings we can apply," Undersecretary for Legislative Affairs and External Partnerships Service Tonisito M.C. Umali said. Source:DepEd



## DENR fast tracks rehab of typhoon-hit areas

In a bid to fast track the government's recovery and rehabilitation programs in typhoon-ravaged areas, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Roy A. Cimatu has ordered the creation of Regional Build Back Better Task Forces (RTFBs), which will be chaired by the 16 DENR regional executive directors within their respective jurisdictions.

The move was pursuant to Cimatu's mandate as chair of the Task Force Build Back Better (TFBBB) under Executive Order 120 issued by President Rodrigo Duterte on November 18, 2020, to expedite and lead the preparation, implementation, and monitoring of post-disaster rehabilitation and recovery program for typhoon-ravaged areas.

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(From page 2) should also be fully immunized. He stressed that only technology-based platforms, as well as cashless betting are allowed to prevent the physical exchange of cash anywhere in the cockpit.

The DILG Chief stressed that minimum public health standards (MPHS) shall be strictly observed in areas where traditional cockfighting is conducted. These include proper wearing of face masks and strict enforcement of no facemask, no entry; physical distancing of at least one meter; and hand hygiene (alcohols/hand sanitizers/disinfecting materials) should be made available for all patrons, employees, and visitors.

Per IATF-MEID Resolution No. 154, Series of 2021, operation of cockpits and traditional cockfighting shall be allowed in areas under Alert Level 2 provided that there is no objection from the LGUs where the activity may take place and subject to the strict observance of protocols.

He stressed that failure to comply with the guidelines shall result to automatic closure of the cockpits.

All concerned officials and employees shall be dealt with in accordance to the strict observance of regulations. Source: DILG



"Ako muna ang lumalabas sa bahay para sa mga pangangailangan ni lola."

## City Government of Bacoor

### CENRO river warriors recently performed clearing operations at Camella Lessandra 2 and Salinas 1



## Airflow and vaccination important vs Airborne COVID19

(From page 1) possible, limit interaction indoors, which helps further prevent the spread of the virus.

The DOH noted that proper ventilation can be achieved by always keeping windows or doors open for fresh air to flow or putting an electric fan in front of a window for good air circulation. If the weather's too hot to keep windows open, one can open it for a few minutes every hour.

Vergeire also reminded the public that in case they're meeting with friends, colleagues, or relatives, they should make sure the meeting is in a well-ventilated space. It is best to practice social distancing and the wearing of face masks at all times. If

children aged five (5) to eleven (11) years-old this coming February. As children are also susceptible to the virus, and cases around the country remain high due to the Omicron variant, it is imperative that younger populations have access to the safe and effective vaccines.

The DOH urges the public to strictly follow all of the minimum public health standards and protocols implemented by the Department. In addition to vaccination, these practices will help in achieving maximum protection from the virus. These collective efforts in preventing further transmission of COVID-19 is a step towards living in the 'new normal'. Source: DOH

Preparations are also underway for the rollout of pediatric vaccinations for

## Briones highlights Philippines' role in helping Jews fleeing Holocaust

In commemoration of the International Holocaust Remembrance Day, Education Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones underscored the compassion and humane act of Filipinos in helping Jewish refugees fleeing the Holocaust.

"During that time, I knew about the arrival of the Jewish refugees because one family settled in our home island of Negros Oriental. I saw the film on how President Manuel L. Quezon made the decision to bring in and welcome Jewish refugees to the Philippines. I wept after watching that film," Sec. Briones shared during a virtual memorial symposium hosted by DepEd.

"I believe it is also appropriate for our children to be taught that one does not have to be the richest country in the world. One does not need so much to be able to help and to extend shelter, and we have done that on several occasions as a country," she added.

The Education Chief was alluding to Quezon's Game (2018), a historical drama film set during the pre-World War II era, narrating the story of President Manuel L. Quezon and his efforts to give Jewish refugees escaping Nazi persecution sanctuary in the Philippines.

"I wonder how many Filipinos, particularly young learners, know about the humane act of then-President Quezon. I thought that it is high time that we teach our learners these lesser-known stories of our history," Sec. Briones said.

Spearheaded by the External Partnerships Service (EPS), in cooperation with the Embassy of the State of Israel, the virtual symposium commemorated the victims of the Holocaust, the genocide of European Jews by Nazi Germany between 1941 and 1945 with the theme, "Memory, Dignity, and Justice."

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