

# DENR to explore more opportunities for Biotechnology

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) is committed to building opportunities in biotechnology to help address climate change and achieve sustainable and inclusive growth for all Filipinos.

The DENR, currently headed by Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo Loyzaga, made the commitment during the opening program of the 18th National Biotechnology Week (NBW) held on Nov. 21 in Pasay City.

Speaking on behalf of Loyzaga, DENR Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs Jonas R. Leones said biotechnology offers powerful solutions to mitigate the effects of climate change.

With climate change

already present and serious, Leones said the global phenomenon “compels us to act expeditiously and wisely, especially since the answer to the climate catastrophe requires systematic transformation in the fusion of various disciplines.”

“Biotechnology is one of the tools that we can use to boost economic growth, create jobs, develop healthcare solutions, improve agri-food systems, and rehabilitate and protect our environment and natural resources,” he pointed out. The DENR expressed its strong support for the NBW celebration, believing it was an opportu-

nistic forum for sharing the biotech advancements in the different fields of specialization, and for crafting scientifically informed

decisions in the agency’s areas of concern.

The DENR’s Eco-Systems Research and Development Bureau (ERDB), led by Director Maria Lourdes G. Ferrer, is the official representative of the agency for the said event. ERDB previously hosted the 16th NBW in November 2020.

This year, ERDB hosted sub-events for the NBW celebration from Nov. 21 to 25.

These included Envio-tech, which features bio-technology research and

applications that were presented by various Filipino biotechnology scientists, and Enviocon, a mobile photo essay contest for the youth.

For his part, Department of Trade and Industry Secretary Alfredo E. Pascual said that this year’s NBW “takes on a special meaning as the COVID-19 pandemic brought into sharp focus the opportunities that biotechnology may bring.”

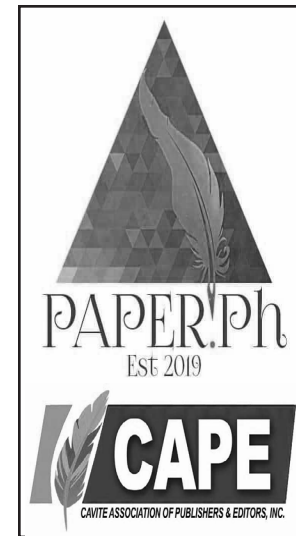
“Biotechnology’s breakthrough products and technologies feature multifaceted benefits. Aside from creating vaccines that combat debilitating diseases, biotechnology can produce clean energy, reduce our environmental footprint, feed the hungry, make industrial manufacturing processes safer, cleaner, and more efficient,” Pascual said.

NBW is celebrated every third week of November by virtue of Presidential Proclamation No. 1414. The weeklong celebration aims to highlight the many contributions of biotechnology in agri-

culture and food security, equitable health care services, development of industries and business enterprises, sustainable environment, and economic development, among others.

This year’s theme is “Responding to the Challenges: Business Opportunities in Biotechnology.”

Various national government agencies, non-government organizations, state colleges and universities, and private academic institutions participated in the event. Source: DENR



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# Policy reforms further encourage Foreign Investments in Renewable Energy

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. together with DTI Secretary Fred Pascual, DOE Secretary Raphael Lotilla, and the rest of the Philippine official delegation to China led the Roundtable Meeting on Renewable Energy (RE). It was also attended by Former President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, House Speaker Ferdinand Martin Romualdez, Senator Imee Marcos, other members of the Cabinet, and Chinese companies in the Renewable Energy Sector.



Due to the policy projects, the Philippines manufacturing of equipment saw a significant increase in investment interests. These are focused on solar and wind, but also include

## City Government of Imus

### BAGONG PARAAN NG PAMAMAHAGI NG SENIOR CITIZEN SUBSIDY, INUMPISAHAN



Sa pangunguna ng Office of the Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA), sinimulan na ng Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Imus nitong Martes, Enero 3, 2023, sa Old Imus City Hall Building, ang bagong paraan ng pamamahagi ng senior citizen subsidy sa humigit-kumulang 30,000 senior citizens na miyembro ng Imus Senior Citizen Association Incorporated (IMUSCAI). Sa tala, 319 na lola at lola na mayroong kaar-

awan ngayong Enero ang kani-kanilang chapter sa mga barangay. Isang beses sa isang taon lamang maaaring magparchistro dito. Para sa iba pang mga katanungan, maaaring makipag-ugnayan sa tanggapan ng OSCA na matatagpuan sa Ground Floor, Imus City Government Center, Brgy. Malagasang 1-G. (Photos by: Imus CIO)

## VisMin families affected by LPA to receive aid

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) assured the public that it has prepositioned enough relief items to immediately respond to the needs of individuals and families hit by the trough of a Low-Pressure Area (LPA) in some parts of Visayas and Mindanao. The Department, through its Field Office (FO) VI, has prepositioned more than 14,900 Family Food Packs (FFPs) in 19 strategic locations in Western Visayas. Likewise, FO VI is in coordination with the concerned local government units (LGUs) in the region for the release of relief assistance from the Department today, January 4. The augmentation from the DSWD includes family food packs, hygiene (Turn to page 3)

## City Government of Bacoor

**Bukas pa rin ang registration para sa Operation Hope na magbibigay ng free surgery para sa mga may cleft/lip palate at physical deformities. Ito'y handog ng pamahalaang lungsod at ng Philippine American Group of Educators and Surgeons (PAGES) na gaganapin sa Southern Tagalog Regional Hospital (STRH) sa February 5-10, 2023.**

**Ang screening ay magaganap sa February 3-4, 2023. I-contact lamang ang PAGES Mission Coordinators na sina Mr. Benz Cueto, Mr. Willie San Diego, Mr. Larry Figueras Jr. at Ms. Violet San Diego sa 09953094085, 09275530333, 09453743107. Strike as One para sa serbisyong tumutugon sa pangangailangan medikal ng mga Bacooreño!**

## CAVITE DIGEST

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# CSC awards DepEd with PRIME Bronze Award

Continuing its outstanding practice in human resource management, the Department of Education Central Office (DepEd CO) received the Bronze Award in the Program to Institutionalize Meritocracy and Excellence in Human Resource Management (PRIME-HRM) from the Civil Service Commission (CSC).

In a recent CSC resolution, DepEd CO met the PRIME-HRM Level 2-Maturity Indicators of all the four (4) core HR areas, namely Recruitment,

Selection, and Placement (RSP), Learning and Development (L&D), Performance Management (PM), and Rewards and Recognition (R&R), during CSC PRIME Onsite Assessment.

The Commission also found DepEd CO compliant with civil service laws, rules, and regulations on issuing appointments and other HR programs and has maintained its HR records management.

Having been conferred the PRIME-HRM

Bronze Award, the CSC has granted privileges to the Department such as an authority to approve appointments, subject to post audit, and an exemption from Section 96 of the 2017 Omnibus Rules on Appointments and Other Human Resource Actions, among others.

CSC also gave the Department a 20% discount for the HRM Officer or one (1) agency representative in training/conferences conducted by the Civil Service Institute and a 20% discount for

the HRM Office head or one agency representative in CSC Regional Offices training and seminars.

Meanwhile, DepEd CO is now responsible for maintaining the PRIME-HRM status under Level 2 and improving its HRM systems to meet the maturity indicators of the next higher level. The Department should likewise continue to comply with the civil service laws, rules, and regulations in the issuance of appointments and implementation of other HR actions and partner



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Trade and Industry Secretary Fred Pascual emphasized the importance of the RE Sector in achieving economic development, “the energy sector is a vital driver of Philippine industrialization and economic growth. For industries to flourish in our country, we need a secure, resilient, and competitive supply of energy. In the face of climate change and the worldwide shift to green development, the Philippine government finds renewable energy to be a long-term solution to our sustainable development”, he said.

Likewise, he boasted

that the Philippines now has a healthy and competitive business environment that will enable RE companies to thrive.

“Investors will find that the Philippines, with its geographical advantage, is home to abundant sources of renewable energy. On the policy front, investors will find it relevant that in our existing

Renewable Energy Act, foreigners can own up to 100% of renewable energy projects in solar, wind, and tidal energy. This should help the Philippines increase renewable energy’s share to 50% of its total energy supply by 2040”, Secretary Pascual

shared.

Chinese RE companies have responded positively towards the Philippines’ policy directions and have conveyed their interest to invest and help the country realize its National Renewable Energy Program (NREP) 2020-2040 goals. In total, there are about USD13.76 billion worth of investments in the RE Sector in varying stages in the investment pipeline. As issues involving climate change become even more pressing, investments in the RE sector will help the Philippines navigate the path towards a more sustainable business ecosystem. Further, the sector creates employment opportunities up and down the supply chain. Source: DTI

*Give me a lever long enough and a fulcrum on which to place it, and I shall move the world.* -Archimedes-

# NRCP chair urges PH to invest in green economy

“We really need to move away from inefficient energy systems, inefficient technologies.”

This is according to Dr. Lawrence Dacuycuy, chair of the National Research Council of the Philippines (NRCP), Division of Social Sciences of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and one of the resource speakers in the Expert Class webinar in “Gas Prices Rising Amidst Ukraine-Russia Crisis,” conducted by the DOST-NRCP.

Dacuycuy explained that it will not be easy to sustain growth due to several constraints that people need to be mindful of, and one of them is the capacity of the energy sector to supply the energy that people would want so that the economy will grow.

Also, there’s a need for the government to focus its energy, in terms of transforming the economy in modernizing certain sectors that are strategic, like services, manufacturing, at least to sustain industrialization at this point, and to

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five trustworthy persons, whose names he did not divulge for their security, who will be on top of going through the pertinent records to find out who are involved in illegal

acknowledge the presence or the importance of the fourth industrial revolution and technologies.

Dacuycuy cited the policy approaches of Germany and Portugal, where in Germany became an export powerhouse because of Russian gas. They partnered with Russia to stabilize their energy needs, while Portugal invested in technologies that would allow them to no longer be that dependent on the Russian oil.

That is policy anticipation, when Portugal thought it’s not good as far as the national security is concerned to be solely or largely dependent on foreign supply. If the Philippines is going to transform its economy, it is imperative for it to seriously consider to gradually shift away from fossil fuel for sustainability.

“We have to broaden the economic frontier. We have huge reserves in West Philippine Sea, but then there’s a political process that we need to observe. But that’s one

“Please be with me in this fight. Ang laban nito ay hindi para sa atin, kundi para sa ating mga anak, sa ating bansa, at para sa kinabukasan,” he said. Source: DILG

way for us to push our economic frontier, otherwise, we will be dependent on foreign resources,” Dacuycuy explained. It must be considered that inflation is contagious. It is no longer completely domestically determined, meaning, there may be shocks coming from other countries, so there may be cause-shocks introduced by their failure to adjust to certain turbulence that may interact with price shocks, especially now coming from the Ukraine-Russia crisis.

“So, if you’re the policy-maker you really have to at least acknowledge that there’s a possibility that foreign shocks get transmitted to the Philippines because the Philippines is an open economy, so we really have to be mindful of how foreign government interventions are transmitted to our economy,” Dacuycuy pointed out.

The economist added that many governments will say that they don’t intervene in the foreign exchange market, but they do, especially when they have large reserves, they do intervene. So, the problem that is being observed now is that the federal reserve in the United States has been quite aggressive in activist’s monetary policy. This translated to the dollar’s strengthening at the expense of highly indebted countries and at the expense of developing countries that are highly dependent on imports.

“Before they’re not mindful of this, but then

they were stunned by the criticism coming from India.” Dacuycuy said on the current strengthening of the dollar against the Philippine peso and other currencies.

An over-valued currency does not necessarily mean that the currency is of good standing. There is a need to analyze on a case-to-case basis. For the

Philippines, there is really a need to strengthen the way it reacts to inflation because inflation has real effects.

“That’s why it’s good to observe the strengthening of the Philippine peso because it’s really bad if the peso will continue to weaken,” Dacuycuy said.

The DOST-NRCP is a collegial body of high-

ly trained and productive scientists and researchers addressing the demand for knowledge, skills and innovations in the sciences

and humanities, a way to effectively and efficiently contribute to nation building and improvement of the quality of life of the Filipino people by 2025.

(Geraldine Bulaon-Ducusin, DOST-STII)

## City Government of Imus

### Pinagpatuloy ng Imus Task Force ang road clearing operations ngayong unang linggo ng taon sa iba’t ibang pampublikong daan sa Lungsod

Pinapaalalahanan din ng Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Imus ang publiko sa pagsunod sa road clearing ordinance ng Imus, kung saan walang anumang bagay o istraktura ang dapat na humaharag sa mga pampublikong daanan ng mga tao at ng trapiko.





EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT with WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice of hereby given that the estate of the late FRED OCAMPO CORTEZ who died intestate on October 8, 2015 at Medical Center Parañaque City and MELINA LARA CORTEZ who died intestate on September 11, 2022 at UBHI-Parañaque Doctors Hospital left real property particularly described as Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) No. T-598940 is subject to Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights as per Doc. No. 34, Page No. 8, Book Nol30, Series of 2023 by Notary Public for Parañaque City, ATTY. AUGUSTUS CAESAR M. BAÑARES.

CD-Dec. 26, 2022, Jan. 2 & 9, 2023

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION REGIONAL TRIAL COURT BRANCH 15 NAIC, CAVITE

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In the Matter of the Petition to Approve the Will of Deceased, Ricardo C. Demerin

SP PROC. CASE NO. NC-2022-10 For: Probate of Will and Issuance of Letters Testamentary

ROWENA C. DEMERIN, Petitioner

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ORDER

A petition has been filed by Rowena C. Demerin, respectfully praying that after proper notice, publication and hearing, the above-mentioned will of deceased RICARDO C. Demerin be approved, allowed and admitted to probate; that the letters testamentary (or of administration) be issued to petitioner without bond and the properties of the deceased be adjudicated in accordance with the said holographic will and applicable rules and laws.

Notice is hereby given that the petition has been set for hearing on February 28, 2023 at 2:00 in the afternoon in the Regional Trial Court Branch 15 Naic, Cavite, on which date, hour and place, all concerned parties may appear and show cause why the petition should not be granted.

Petitioner is directed to furnish copy of this Order with attached petition to the heirs, legatees and devisees of the testator and to cause the publication of the same once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Cavite.

SO ORDERED.

Naic, Cavite, November 14, 2022.

LERIO C. CASTIGADOR Presiding Judge

CD- Dec. 12, 19 & 26, 2022

Republic of the Philippines Fourth Judicial Region REGIONAL TRIAL COURT OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT City of Bacoor Email: rtc1bcrocc@judiciary.gov.ph Telephone No 09273707489

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund), Mortgagee

-versus- Foreclosure No 2022-235 For Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage

CHEERY LOU POLANCOS CENIZA, Mortgagee

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NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE

Upon Extra-judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135 as Amended by Act 4118 filed by the mortgagee, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund) at The Petron Mega Plaza Bldg. No 358 Sen Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City, and against the mortgagee, CHEERY LOU POLANCOS CENIZA at 9743 Plaridel St., Gat Mendoza, Parañaque City, to satisfy the mortgagee indebtedness which as of November 14, 2022, amounts to FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINETY TWO PESOS & 50/100 (P421,692.50) Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest and penalty charges, but exclusive of other fees incident to this foreclosure, the undersigned or her duly authorized representative will sell at the public auction on January 26, 2023 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 properties with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-1165631

A parcel of Land ( Lot 22 Blk 2 of the subd Plan, Psd-04-159384, being a portion of Lot 4891, Imus Estate (RS-04-003419), L.R.C Rec. No. ), situated in the Brgy of San Nicolas, Mun of Bacoor, Province of Cavite. X x x, containing an area of THIRTY FIVE (35) 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 February 2, 2023, 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, December 19, 2022.

MELY C. HERMOSURA-VISTA OIC-Clerk of Court V

By ROBERT JON A. DELA CRUZ Sheriff IV

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CD- Jan. 2, 9 & 16, 2023

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES Fourth Judicial Region REGIONAL TRIAL COURT BRANCH 112 City of Bacoor

IN RE: PETITION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NEW OWNER'S DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE OF TCT LRC CASE NO. 8843-2022-134 NO. T-601331, BK 3064, PG. 31, REGISTRY OF DEEDS FOR THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE.

GEINAH CEJALVO ABORDE, Petitioners,

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ORDER

This is a petition instituted by Geinah Cejalvo Aborde for Petition for the Issuance of New Owner's Duplicate Certificate of TCT No. T-601331, Bk, 3064. Pg. 31, Registry of Deeds for the Province of Cavite.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that said petition is set for hearing on March 22, 2023 at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon. All those interested are cited to appear and show cause why the same should not be granted.

Let this Order be published once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Cavite.

The Process Server of this Court is ordered to post copies of this Order in three conspicuous places in the City of Bacoor, where the subject property is situated, particularly in the main entrance of the City Hall Building of Bacoor, Barangay Hall where the property is situated, and entrance of the Hall of Justice.

Furnish copies of this Order and Petition the Office of the Solicitor General, the Register of Deeds for the Province of Cavite and the City of Bacoor and the adjoining owners.

SO ORDERED.

In chamber, this 18th day of October 2022 in the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

AMALIA S. GUMAPOS-RICABLANCA Presiding Judge

CD- Jan. 2 & 9, 2023

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice of hereby given that the estate of the late TEODORO A. UNICA who died intestate on March 5, 2013 at Magdalo, Kawit, Cavite and his wife LOLITA SEVILLE UNICA who died intestate on July 1, 2015 at Cavite City left the following properties as their estate:

(a) A aparcel of residential lot covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 2014000894 (formerly TCT No. T-96107

(b) A one story residential house standing on the above-described lot, declared under Tax Declaration No. 11 0007 02207

has been extrajudicially settled by and among their heirs as per Doc. No. 387, Page No. 79, Book No. 58, Series of 2022 by Notary Public for Kawit, Cavite, MANOLO E. LAZARO.

CD-Dec. 26, 2022, Jan. 2 & 9, 2023

City Government of General Trias

Inaprubahan ni Mayor Jon-Jon Ferrer at ng Sangguniang Panlungsod ang City Ordinance No. 22-46 na nag-eexempt sa mga sari-sari store sa Lungsod ng General Trias sa pagbabayad ng business permit para sa taong 2023. Para maka-avail ng exemption, kinakailangang mag-punta sa Business One-Stop, 2nd Floor, Robinsons Place - General Trias ng mga sari-sari store owners upang mag-apply ng barangay business clearance at i-submit ang kanilang valid DTI Registration bilang sari-sari store, gayundin ang picture ng kanilang tindahan



Kasabay din nito, nilagdaan din nila Mayor Jon, Vice-Mayor Jonas at mga Sangguniang Panlungsod Members ang City Ordinance No. 22-39 na nagbibigay ng karampatang panahon sa mga Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) na makapag-comply sa mga requirements para makakuha ng business permit.

Sa ilalim ng ordinansang ito, ang mga MSMEs ay maaaring mabigyan ng Provisional LGU Integrated Permit para makapag-negosyo basta HINDI sila nagbegenta o nagiim-

bak ng highly-combustible materials at hazardous chemicals; hindi rin sila involved sa extraction/generation o distribution ng tubig at kuryente; ang kanilang business establishment ay hindi hihigit sa 2 storeys ang taas at area na hindi hihigit sa 500 square meters; hindi rin dapat naka obstruct/encroach ang negosyo sa kahit anong public o private road o sidewalk; hindi rin nakakapinsala sa kalusugan ng publiko, peace and order at ng kalikasan; ang negosyong isinasagawa ay hindi taliwas sa public morals;

at walang derogatory record o formal complaint na naka-file sa Barangay at anumang tanggapan ng gobyerno laban sa kanilang negosyo. Layunin nila Mayor Jon na matulungan ang mga maliliit na negosyante na makabangon mula sa epekto ng pandemya at maging legal ang kanilang pag-negosyo sa lungsod sa pamamagitan ng mga maliliit na negosyante na makabangon mula sa epekto ng pandemya at maging legal ang kanilang pag-negosyo sa lungsod sa pamamagitan ng mga nasabing ordinansa na inakda ni Kon. Alfred Ching. Let's Join Forces for a More Progressive City of General Trias!

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kits, sleeping kits, and blankets that are intended for families whose houses were damaged by the tornado incident in Iloilo City and Oton, Iloilo.

As of January 3, the Department recorded a total of 118 damaged houses in the said localities.

A report from FO VI said that some 232 families or 1,160 individuals were affected by the weather disturbance. Of this number, 23 families or 120 persons decided to temporarily stay with their relatives and friends.

On the other hand, in Northern Mindanao,

the DSWD, through its FO X, maintains more than 34,000 FFPs that are available for augmentation to the affected LGUs.

The FO, likewise, reported that some 1,304 families or 6,345 individuals from Lanao del Norte were affected by the heavy rains brought about by the trough of an LPA. Furthermore, a total of 45 houses were damaged by the incident.

Meanwhile, in Davao region, the Department, through its FO XI, has already provided Php123,300 worth of humanitarian assistance to

the affected population.

The flood incident brought by the trough of an LPA affected some 5,123 families or more than 17,000 individuals in six municipalities in the province of Davao del Norte. To date, FO XI reported that 202 families or 702 individuals are currently taking temporary shelter in five evacuation centers in the province.

The Department continues to coordinate with the concerned LGUs to monitor the situation and ensure that the immediate needs of the affected population are met. Source:DSWD

PNP officials involved in illegal drugs asked to resign as act of courtesy

Amid reports of the continued existence of so-called "ninja cops" in the Philippine National Police (PNP), Department of the Interior and Local Government Secretary Benjamin "Benhur" C. Abalos, Jr. today called for the courtesy resignation of full colonels and generals of the PNP as part of the government's efforts to cleanse the ranks of the police organization of those involved in illegal drugs, saying that it will be an "act of honor" to rebuild the reputation and integrity of the PNP.

According to Abalos, the ranks concerned are the most sensitive and critical positions in the PNP, hence the need for a swift solution to the problem. "I am appealing to

our full colonels and generals in the PNP to submit a courtesy resignation because this is the only way that we can cleanse the ranks of the PNP nang mabilis," said Abalos during this morning's press conference held at the PNP national headquarters in Camp Crame, Quezon City. Abalos clarified that the courtesy resignation is effective only upon acceptance. Pending acceptance, the officer may continue in his position.

"Kung wala kang ginagawang masama, there's nothing to worry about. Tuloy lang ang trabaho. We just want to start fresh with a clean slate," he added.

He said there is a need to take a radical ap-

proach versus illegal drugs by cleansing the PNP because it is unfair to the majority of the police officers who are putting their lives on the line everyday to combat illegal drugs while some of their bosses in the organization are behind illegal drug trade.

"Maraming pulis ang binubuwis ang sarili nilang buhay para sugpuin ang iligal na droga, ayun pala boss nila ang kalaban nila. Napaka-unfair naman sa majority sa ating kapulisan na matinong nagtatrabahaho," he said.

Ninja cops are police officers involved in the illicit re-sale of confiscated illegal drugs.

Abalos said there will be a committee of (Turn to page 5)