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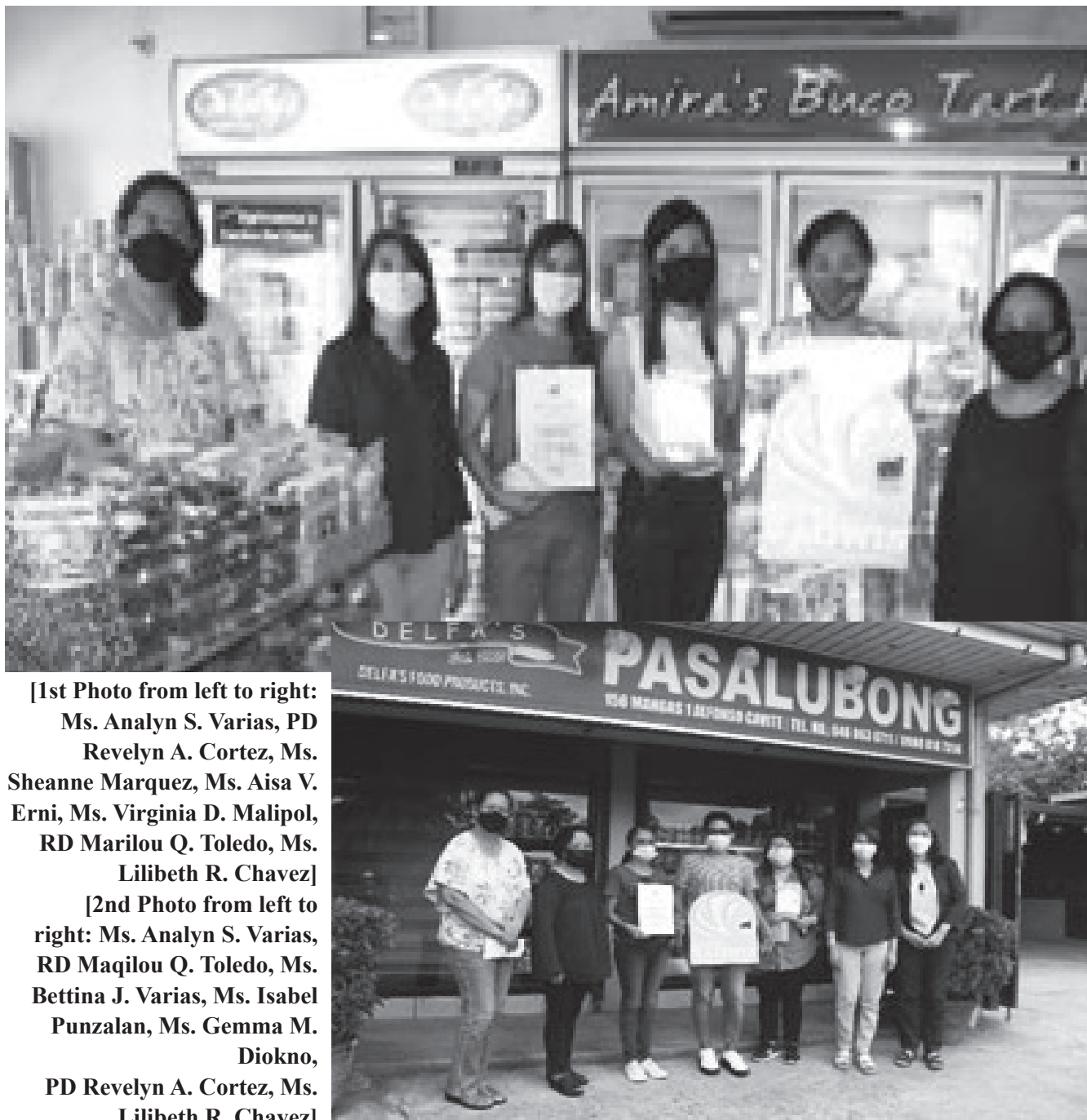
## Tagaytay allows minors in restaurants and amusement parks

TAGAYTAY Order issued by Mayor CITY – Individuals Agnes Tolentino on below 18 years old can Nov. 15. now dine in restaurants, Establishments in even if unvaccinated, as the popular weekend per the latest Executive Turn to page 2

# DTI Cavite awards Bagwis Seal of Excellence to MSMEs

Inspired by the Department of Trade and Industry's goal of developing globally competitive and innovative industry sectors, the DTI Cavite has embarked on a new initiative promoting the inclusion of micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in the implementation of consumer welfare programs.

On 18 November 2021, DTI Cavite, through its Consumer Protection Division, awarded 'Silver Bagwis' Seal to two Cavite homegrown enterprises— Delfa's Food Products, Inc. who was recognized in Septem-



[1st Photo from left to right: Ms. Analyn S. Varias, PD Revelyn A. Cortez, Ms. Sheanne Marquez, Ms. Aisa V. Erni, Ms. Virginia D. Malipol, RD Marilou Q. Toledo, Ms. Lilibeth R. Chavez]

[2nd Photo from left to right: Ms. Analyn S. Varias, RD Maquilou Q. Toledo, Ms. Bettina J. Varias, Ms. Isabel Punzalan, Ms. Gemma M. Diokno, PD Revelyn A. Cortez, Ms. Lilibeth R. Chavez]

ber and Amira's Bisco Tart Haus who was recognized in October. The award serves as recognition to both establishments for upholding the rights of consumers while practicing responsible business.

"Both MSMEs qualified under the 'Specialty Stores' type of establishment and initially applied for the Bronze Award. However, upon review of their applications, it was assessed that both establishments were already qualified for the Silver Bagwis Award, taking into account their compliance to Fair Trade

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## Drastic drop in Cavite virus cases reported

TRECE MARTIRES the provinces of Cavite, CITY, Cavite – Cases Laguna, Batangas, Rizal of Covid-19 in Cavite and Quezon. province have dropped Of 128,165 cases tallied since the deadly disease hit the province, 124,377 have recovered and 3,282 have died. There were 19,936 active cases at the height of the Covid-19 pandemic on Sept. 16, Calabarzon groups

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# Philippines to accept int'l tourists soon, says DOT

The Philippines will soon accept international tourists, the Department of Tourism (DOT) announced last Nov. 19.

Tourism chief Berna Romulo-Puyat said the Inter-Agency Task Force on the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) "has approved in principle the entry of fully vaccinated tourists from Green List countries/territories/jurisdictions."

"Our Asean neighbors like Thailand, Vietnam, and Cambodia also did the same."

"Allowing tourists from green countries or territories that have the majority of its population vaccinated and with low infection rate, will greatly help in our recovery efforts —increasing tourist arrivals and receipts among others. This move will likewise aid in bolstering consumer confidence, which is a large contributor to our gross domestic product or GDP growth," Puyat said in a statement.

"We believe that it is also time for us to reopen our borders for inbound tourism as a way towards full recovery," she added.

An inter-agency Special Technical Working Group on Travel has been tasked to come up with guidelines for the country's reopening of tourism for international travelers subject to the final approval of the IATF.

The proposal to open leisure travel to those coming from "green" countries was based on strict conditions, Puyat noted.

The "green" countries were classified by the Department of Health as low-risk for COVID-19.

According to Puyat, only foreign tourists fully vaccinated against COVID-19 with jabs recognized by the country's Food and Drug Administration under an emergency use authorization (EUA) would be allowed to enter the Philippines for tourism.

## (TAGAYTAY... from page 1)

destination can operate at a maximum of 50 percent indoor venue capacity and 70 percent outdoor venue capacity.

Activities and establishments allowed to operate include restaurants, social event venues, amusement parks, arcades, swimming pools, cinemas, gyms, salons, and spas.

Gov. Jonvic Remulla also announced on Nov. 15 that playing basketball is permitted now that the province is under Alert Level 2.

However, the Tagaytay City Government said playing contact sports needs to be approved by the barangay where the game will be held.

social media page last Nov. 17.

Kawit," Aguinaldo said. "The calvary we went through in our fight against Covid-19 was very difficult. Many of us have lost our jobs, loved ones, even our usual lifestyle has been taken from us by the pandemic. Honestly, I was also speechless when our colleagues from Kawit RHU (rural health unit) brought us this very good news," he added.

"After 19 months of our unity to fight the spread of Covid-19, we have succeeded in reducing the number of active cases here in

The city of Gen. Trias has only 32 active cases recorded and 24 barangay out of its total of 33 villages are now Covid-free, according to City Health Officer Dr. Jonathan Luseco.

## (DTI... from page 1)

Laws, presence of Consumer Welfare Desk (CWD), and practice of Corporate Social Responsibility," said Ms. Lilibeth Chavez, CPD Division Chief of DTI Cavite.

so that our enterprises can increase customer satisfaction and boost customer retention," said DTI CALABARZON Regional Director Marilou Toledo.

"We are very proud that in Cavite, we already have these enterprises who now serve as our partners in protecting the welfare of our consumers," added DTI Cavite Provincial Director Revelyn Cortez.

An improvement to the previous awards dominated by big corporations, including department stores and supermarkets, the initiative encourages MSMEs to also take part in DTI's drive to effectively address consumer-related concerns.

"It is very important that our MSMEs understand the rights and responsibilities of businesses and at the same time, empowering consumers."

With continuous support from the MSME sector, DTI Cavite looks forward to certify more micro and small enterprises to realize DTI's mission of enabling businesses and at the same time, empowering consumers.

## (DRASTIC... from page 1)

2021, dropping to 5,337 active cases in its 23 barangays, Mayor Angelo Aguinaldo

Kawit posted zero posted on his official



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
Regional Trial Court  
Fourth Judicial Region  
Branch 120  
City of Imus, Cavite

SCHILLINGS FINANCE CORP.,  
Mortgagee,  
  
-versus -  
  
Extra-judicial Foreclosure of  
Real Estate Mortgage Under  
Act No. 3135, as Amended.  
Republic Act No. 4118

NELLYROSE I. ROBLES married to ERIBERTO  
B. ROBLES, and CHRISTINE I. ROBLES,  
Mortgagors.  
  
FC NO. 17146-21  
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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by **SCHILLINGS FINANCE CORP., mortgagee**, with principal office at 204 & 205 Cebu Holdings Center, Cebu Business Park, Cebu City and marketing office at Unit 1408B Robinsons Equitable Tower ADB Ave., Ortigas Center, Pasig City, Philippines, against **NELLYROSE I. ROBLES married to ERIBERTO B. ROBLES and CHRISTINE I. ROBLES, mortgagors**, residing at B5 L41 J Diamond Village, Anabu II-F, Imus, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of April 28, 2021 amounts to **FOUR MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS AND 00/100 (P4,500,000.00)** Philippine Currency excluding interest, penalty charges, attorney's fees, sheriff's fees and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff IV will sell at Public Auction on **December 7, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.** or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC-Imus, Bulwagan Ng Katarungan, Aguinaldo Highway, Imus, Cavite, to the highest bidder for cash and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all the improvements therein, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE  
No. 057-2019039220

A parcel of land (Lot 41-J OF THE SUBD. PLAN PSD-042109-060029, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 41, BLK. 5, PCS-04-006191, L.R.C. REC. NO.), SITUATED IN THE BRGY. ANABU II, MUN. OF IMUS, PROV. OF CAVITE, IS. OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 41-I OF THE SUBD. PLAN; ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 14; ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 13 BOTH BLK. 5 PCS-04-006191; ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 4-5 BY LOT 41-K OF THE SUBD. PLAN; & ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 5-1 BY RD. LOT 29 PCS-04-006191 (12.00 M. WIDE). x x x x containing an area of **ONE HUNDRED SEVEN SQUARE METERS AND FIFTY SQ. DECIMETERS (107.50) x x x**

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **December 14, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.** without prior notice.

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

Imus, Cavite, Philippines, October 21, 2021.

(Sgd.) BENITO A. CARRASCAL  
Sheriff IV

Approved:

(Sgd.) ARMIE A. FRANCISCO  
Clerk of Court VI

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SCHILLINGS FINANCE CORPORATION  
204 & 205 Cebu Holdings Center, Cebu Business Park,  
Cebu City  
Unit 1408B Robinsons Equitable Tower ADB Ave.,  
Ortigas Center, Pasig City

NELLYROSE I. ROBLES married to ERIBERTO B. ROBLES  
B5 L41 J Diamond Village, Anabu II-F, Imus, Cavite

CHRISTINE I. ROBLES  
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Fourth Judicial Region  
Regional Trial Court of Cavite  
Office of the Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff  
New Justice Hall, J.P. Rizal Avenue, Kaybagal South, Tagaytay City

SECURITY BANK CORPORATION,  
Mortgagee,  
  
-versus -  
  
EJF NO. TG-21-014  
FOR: Application for Extrajudicial Foreclosure  
of Real Estate Mortgage under Act No. 3135,  
as amended

REYMUNDO MALVEDA CAPISTRANO  
represented by DONATO CAPISTRANO  
LANORIO,  
Debtor-Mortgagor,  
x-----x

SECOND NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-judicial foreclosure sale under Act No. 3135, as Amended, filed by Mortgagee, **SECURITY BANK CORPORATION**, a banking institution duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Philippines, with principal office address at Security Bank Centre, 6776 Ayala Avenue, Makati City, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Uniform Mortgage Loan Agreement ("MORTGAGE") executed and notarized on August 15, 2019 by *Debtor-Mortgagor*, **REYMUNDO MALVEDA CAPISTRANO**, Filipino, of legal age, with residence and postal addresses at (1) G. Medel St. Calauan, Laguna, (2) Barangay Kanluran G. Medel, Calauan, Laguna and (3) Lot 2 Block 23 Cayenne Avenue, Metrogate Tagaytay Estates, Brgy. Kaybagal North, Tagaytay City, Cavite represented by **DONATO CAPISTRANO LANORIO** as per Special Power of Attorney executed and notarized on April 3, 2019, in favor of the Petitioner/Mortgagee, over a real estate property including improvements thereon, described in and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title **No. 076-2019002979** of the Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of the Borrower/Mortgagor in the amount of **NINE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY PESOS & 96/100 (Php9,576,590.96)** inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges, as of April 15, 2021, the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru her deputy, Sheriff Ryan M. Genova, will sell at public auction on **January 6, 2022 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning** or soon thereafter, at the **New Hall of Justice of Tagaytay City**, to the highest bidder, for cash or Manager's Check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements thereon, to wit;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2019002979  
Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City

"IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BARANGAY KAYBAGAL, CITY OF TAGAYTAY, more particularly bounded and described as follows:

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 2 BLK. 23 OF THE CONSOLIDATION/SUBDIVISION PLAN PCS-042119-007132, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONSOLIDATION OF LOTS 1273-A, 1273-B, PSD-04-015593, 1269-B, 1269-C, 1269-D, PSD-04-026450 & 1270, 1272, 1276, CAD-355, TAGAYTAY CADASTRE, L.R.C. RECORD NO.) SITUATED IN THE BARANGAY KAYBAGAL, CITY OF TAGAYTAY, BOUNDED ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 1 BLK. 23; ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY ROAD LOT 1-A; ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 3, AND ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 34 BOTH BLK. 23 ALL OF THE CONSOLIDATION/SUBDIVISION PLAN. BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED "I" ON PLAN, BEING N. 81 DEG. 33'W 3370.97 M FROM BLLM NO. 1 KAYBAGAL TAGAYTAY CITY; THENCE S. 42 DEG. 45'W., 20.00 M. TO POINT 2, THENCE N. 47, DEG. 15, W. 15.00 M. TO POINT 3; THENCE N. 42 DEG. 45'E 20.00 M. TO POINT 4; THENCE S. 47 DEG. 15'E., 15.00 M. TO THE POINT BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF THREE HUNDRED (300) SQUARE METERS. ALL POINTS REFERRED TO ARE INDICATED ON THE PLAN AND ARE MARKED ON THE GROUND BY PS CYL. CONC MONS. 15 X 60 CM. BEARINGS TRUE DATE OF ORIGINAL SURVEY NOV. 19, 1962-DEC. 27, 1963 AND THAT OF THE CONSOLIDATION/SUBDIVISION SURVEY JAN. 10-MAY 10, 1992 AND WAS APPROVED ON

is registered in accordance with the provision of Section 103 of the Property Registration Decree in the name of

Owner: REYMUNDO M. CAPISTRANO, SINGLE, OF LEGAL AGE, FILIPINO  
Address: G. MEDEL STREET, CALAUAN, LAGUNA"

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **January 13, 2022** without further notice.

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate and verify for themselves the **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2019002979**, the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

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

Tagaytay City, November 8, 2021.

(Sgd.) ATTY. VARBRA ANN A. VARIAS-DIMAYUGA  
Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

(Sgd.) RYAN M. GENOVA  
Sheriff-in-Charge

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SECURITY BANK CORPORATION  
Mortgagee  
Security Bank Centre 6776 Ayala Avenue, Makati City

REYMUNDO MALVEDA CAPISTRANO  
REPRESENTED BY DONATO CAPISTRANO  
Debtor/Mortgagor  
Lot 2 Block 23 Cayenne Avenue, Metrogate  
Tagaytay Estates, Barangay Kaybagal North, Tagaytay City, Cavite

REYMUNDO MALVEDA CAPISTRANO  
REPRESENTED BY DONATO CAPISTRANO  
Barangay Kanluran G Medel St., Calauan, Laguna

REYMUNDO MALVEDA CAPISTRANO  
REPRESENTED BY DONATO CAPISTRANO  
Debtor/Mortgagor  
G Medel St., Calauan, Laguna

DONATO CAPISTRANO LANORIO  
Attorney-in-Fact of Reymundo Malveda Capistrano  
G Medel St., Calauan, Laguna

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# Suspend imports to protect local poultry, DA urged

Following the reemergence of avian flu across Europe and Asia, an industry group called last Nov. 17 for the suspension of chicken and other poultry importation until the country can fully implement a first-border inspection at major ports.

Even as the Philippines mostly imports poultry from the United States, Brazil and Europe, with nearby countries like Japan, South Korea and China reporting recent bird flu outbreaks, the Samahang Industriya ng Agrikultura (Sinag) expressed fear that lax inspection and smuggling may bring the highly pathogenic disease into local poultry farms.

Bird flu, like African swine fever (ASF), is easily transmissible and would require the culling of both infected and noninfected animals to prevent the virus from spreading. It was only in January this year that the Philippines was declared bird flu-free by the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) after outbreaks in Pampanga and Rizal province.



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Regional Trial Court of Cavite  
Office of the Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff  
New Justice Hall, J.P. Rizal Avenue, Kaybagal South, Tagaytay City

METROPOLITAN BANK & TRUST COMPANY,  
Mortgagee,

-versus -

JOSEPH S. DUEÑAS and MARIA CRISTINA L. DUEÑAS,  
Mortgagors,

EJF NO. TG-21-021  
FOR: Foreclosure of REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE under Act No. 3135, as amended

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial foreclosure sale under Act 3135, as Amended by Act. No. 4118, filed by *Mortgagee*, **METROPOLITAN BANK & TRUST COMPANY**, a Philippine corporation with principal office and place of business at Metrobank Plaza, Senator Gil J. Puyat Avenue, Makati City, Philippines, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Real Estate Mortgage ("MORTGAGE") executed and notarized on July 31, 2012 by *Mortgagors*, **SPOUSES JOSEPH S. DUEÑAS AND MARIA CRISTINAL. DUEÑAS**, both of legal age, Filipinos, with residence and postal addresses at Block 7 Lot 12 Jerusalem Street, Villacarpio, Parian, Calamba, Laguna and (2) Lot 48 Blk. 22, South Forbes Golf City Villas, Inchican, Silang, Cavite, represented by Gliceria H. Luna as per Special Power of Attorney executed and notarized on February 9, 2011, in favor of the Mortgagee, over a real estate property including improvements thereon, described in and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. **076-2012000531** of the Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of the Mortgagors in the amount of **FOUR MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY SEVEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY ONE and 05/100 (Php4,757,951.05)** inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges, as of May 14, 2021, the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru her deputy, Sheriff Rhiz, Sañel C. Toledo, will sell at public auction on **December 13, 2021** at **10:00 o'clock in the morning** or soon thereafter, at the New Hall of Justice of Tagaytay City, to the highest bidder, for Cash or Manager's Check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2012000531  
Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City

"IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BRGY. INCHIGAN, MUN. OF SILANG, PROV. OF CAVITE, IS. OF LUZON, bounded and described as follows:

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 48 BLK. 22 OF THE SUBD. PLAN PSD-04-180338, BEING A PORTION OF BLK. 33, PCS-04-020895, LRC REC. NO. ), SITUATED IN BRGY. INCHICAN, MUN. OF SILANG. PROV. OF CAVITE, IS. OF LUZON, BOUNDED ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY ROAD LOT 18 (12.00 M. WIDE); ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 47 BLK. 22; ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 46 BLK. 22 AND ALONG LINE 4-5 BY LOT 45 BLK. 22; AND ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 5-1 BY LOT 49 BLK. 22, ALL OF THE SUBD. PLAN. BEGINNING AT A PT. MARKED "I" ON PLAN, BEING N 76-33 E., 8505.76 M. FROM BLLM #1 CAD, 452-D, SILANG CADASTRE, THENCE; S. 75-17 W., 10.00 M. TO PT. 2; N. 14-43 W., 15.00 M. TO PT. 3; N. 75-17 E., 2.93 M. TO PT. 4; N. 75-17 E., 7.07 M. TO PT. 5; S. 14-43 E., 15.00 M. TO PT. OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY (150) SQUARE METERS. ALL PTS. REFERRED TO ARE INDICATED ON THE PLAN AND ARE MARKED ON THE GROUND BY P.S.; BEARING TRUE; DATE OF ORIGINAL SURVEY; JULY 19, 2005 AND THAT OF THE SUBD. PLAN EXECUTED BY RAYMUND ARNOLD S. ALBERTO, GEODETIC ENGR. ON AUG. 15-30, 2005 AND WAS APPROVED ON SEPT. 16, 2005.

*is registered in accordance with the provision of the Property Registration Decree in the name of*

Owner: SPS. JOSEPH S. DUEÑAS AND MARIA CRISTINA L. DUEÑAS, FILIPINOS  
Address: BLOCK 7 LOT 12 VILLA CARPIO SUBD. PARIAN, CALAMBA LAGUNA"

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **December 20, 2021** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning without further notice.

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate and verify for themselves the **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2012000531**, the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

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

Tagaytay City, November 8, 2021.

(Sgd.) ATTY. VARBRA ANN A. VARIAS-DIMAYUGA  
Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

(Sgd.) RHIZ SAÑEL C. TOLEDO  
Sheriff-In-Charge

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**METROPOLITAN BANK & TRUST COMPANY**  
*Mortgagee*  
Metrobank Plaza, Senator Gil J. Puyat Avenue,  
Makati City  
**SPOUSES JOSEPH S. DUEÑAS AND MARIA CRISTINA L. DUEÑAS**  
*Mortgagors*  
Block 7 Lot 12 Jerusalem Street,  
Villacarpio Parian, Calamba, Laguna  
**SPOUSES JOSEPH S. DUEÑAS AND MARIA CRISTINA L. DUEÑAS**  
*Mortgagors*  
Lot 48 Blk. 22, South Forbes Golf City Vilas,  
Inchican, Silang, Cavite  
**GLICERIA H. LUNA**  
**Representative of Spouses Joseph S. Dueñas and Maria Cristina L. Dueñas**  
Block 7 Lot 12 Jerusalem Street,  
Villacarpio Parian, Calamba, Laguna

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT  
DASMARIÑAS CITY, CAVITE

PHILIPPINE SAVINGS BANK,  
Petitioner/Mortgagee,

-versus -

File No. FC-DC-0234-21  
EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118

SPS. GENEROSA C. DIZON and JOSE B. DIZON,  
Respondents/Mortgagors.

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**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118 filed by the petitioner/mortgagee, **PHILIPPINE SAVINGS BANK**, with postal address at PSBank Center, 777 Paseo de Roxas corner Sedeño Street, Makati City against the respondents/mortgagors **SPS. GENEROSA C. DIZON and JOSE B. DIZON** with postal address at 215, General Bautista Street, Imus, Cavite and Blk. 36 Lot 1 Amore at Portofino Phase 2 Salawag, Dasmariñas City, Cavite and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of 20 October 2021 amounts to **THREE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY ONE PESOS & 06/100 (Php3,745,591.06)**, exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned sheriff will sell at public auction on **December 16, 2021** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in the Court Room of Branch 90, Regional Trial Court, Ground Floor, Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Building, Congressional Road, Buro I, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite to the highest bidder and for **CASH** or **CERTIFIED CHECK**, in Philippine Currency, the following described real property together with all the buildings and other improvements existing thereon, to wit:

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 057-2017046976

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED *that certain land situated in* BARANGAY OF SALAWAG, MUNICIPALITY OF DASMARIÑAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON, *bounded and described as follows:*

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 1 BLOCK 36 OF THE CONS.-SUBD. PLAN PCS-04-026479, BEING A PORTION OF CONSOLIDATED LOTS 7019, RS-04-004674 AND 7020 FLS-2231, L.R.C. RECORD NO. ), SITUATED IN BARANGAY OF SALAWAG, MUNICIPALITY OF DASMARIÑAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE NW., & NE., ALONG LINES 1-2-3 BY ROAD LOT 1; ON THE NE., & SE., ALONG LINES 3-4-5-6-7-8-10 BY ROAD LOT 7; ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 10-11 BY LOT 10; ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 11-1 BY LOT 2, BOTH OF BLOCK 36, ALL OF THE CONS.-SUBD. PLAN. BEGINNING AT A PT. MARKED "I" ON PLAN, BEING S. 12 DEG. 29'W., 618.61 M. FROM MON. NO. 61, IMUS ESTATE. THENCE N. 89 DEG. 57'E., 17.58 M. TO PT. 2; THENCE S. 80 DEG. 20'E., 2.03 M. TO PT. 3; THENCE S. 60 DEG. 54'E., 2.03 M. TO PT. 4; THENCE S. 41 DEG. 28'E., 2.03 M. TO PT. 5; THENCE S. 22 DEG. 02'E., 2.03 M. TO PT. 6; THENCE S. 02 DEG. 35'E., 2.03 M. TO PT. 7; THENCE S. 16 DEG. 51'W., 2.03 M. TO PT. 8; THENCE S. 15 DEG. 55'W., 4.33 M. TO PT. 9; THENCE S. 16 DEG. 50'W., 4.33 M. TO PT. 10; THENCE S. 89 DEG. 57'W., 20.49 M. TO PT. 11; THENCE N. 00 DEG. 03'W., 17.00 M. TO THE PT. OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY SEVEN (377) SQUARE METERS. ALL PTS. REFERRED TO ARE INDICATED ON THE PLAN AND ARE MARKED ON THE GROUND BY PS CYL. CONC. MONS. 15X40 CM. BEARINGS TRUE; DATE OF ORIGINAL SURVEY, JULY 27, 1905-JUNE 1, 1908 AND THAT OF THE CONS.-SUBD. SURVEY, OCTOBER 15-19, 2010 AND WAS APPROVED ON

*is registered in accordance with the provision of the Property Registration Decree in the name of*

Owner: SPS. GENEROSA C. DIZON AND JOSE B. DIZON, BOTH OF LEGAL AGE, FILIPINO

Prospective buyers and/or bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of the said real property and the encumbrance thereon, if there be any.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date.

In the event the publication auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on **December 23, 2021**, at the same time and place without further notice.

15 November 2021, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite.

(Sgd.) RODRIGO C. ESTOGERO, JR.  
Sheriff IV

(Sgd.) ATTY. MARCELA L. BAYBAY  
Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

Copy furnished:  
**PHILIPPINE SAVINGS BANK**,  
PSBank Center, 777 Paseo de Roxas corner Sedeño Street, Makati City  
**SPS. GENEROSA C. DIZON and JOSE B. DIZON**  
215, General Bautista Street, Imus, Cavite and  
Blk. 36 Lot 1 Amore at Portofino Phase 2 Salawag, Dasmariñas City, Cavite  
Notice posted at:  
  
1. The Bulletin Board of Regional Trial Court, Dasmariñas City, Cavite  
2. The Bulletin Board of Dasmariñas City Hall  
3. The Bulletin Board of Dasmariñas City Post Office  
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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
Branch 16  
Cavite City

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION FOR  
CANCELLATION OF THE CERTIFICATE  
OF LIVE BIRTH OF LEGERYN KAINDOY  
WITH REGISTRY NUMBER 2001-882

LEGERYN KAINDOY PIA,  
Petitioner

SP. PROC. NO. N-9321

-versus-

MUNICIPAL LOCAL REGISTRAR OF  
NOVELETA, CAVITE, REPUBLIC OF  
THE PHILIPPINES (as represented by  
THE OFFICE OF SOLICITOR GENERAL)  
LEONARDO T. PIA and GERTRUDES  
S. KAINDOY,

Respondents.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

A verified petition was filed by petitioner Legeryn Kaindoy Pia, praying that after due notice and publication, an order be issued for the cancellation of her certificate of live birth with Registry No. 2001-882.

It appearing that said Petition is sufficient in form and substance, the hearing of this petition is set on March 8, 2022 at 8:30 am, on which date, hour and place, interested parties may appear and show cause why the same should not be granted.

Let this Notice be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within the Province and the City of Cavite.

Furnish the Office of the Solicitor General, the Municipal Local Registrar of Noveleta, Cavite and the petitioner with copies of this Notice of Petition.

WITNESS the Honorable **ETHEL R. ANDICO-MALABANAN**, Presiding Judge of this Court, this 21st day of July 2021.

(Sgd.) **DIANNE LIZ A. NGO**  
Clerk of Court V

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION  
BRANCH 19  
CITY OF BACOOR

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP  
OVER THE PERSON AND PROPERTY  
OF THE MINOR, SOPHIE ARRIANA  
HERNANDEZ DISCAYA,

BSP 2021-43

ROSITA E. DISCAYA,

Petitioner,

x-----x

AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

There is a petition filed by petitioner through counsel for the petition for guardianship over the person and property of the minor, Sophie Arriana Hernandez Discaya on the grounds alleged therein.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT said petition has been set for hearing on **January 31, 2022 at 8:30 in the morning**, in this Court, on which date and hour and place, any person interested is cited to appear and show cause why the same should not be granted.

Let this Notice be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Cities and Province of Cavite.

Let a copy of this Notice and that of the Petition be furnished the Office of the Solicitor General, Makati City.

WITNESS THE HONORABLE ARNEL G. ESPIRITU, Assisting Judge of this Court this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021 at Bacoor City, Cavite.

(Sgd.) **ROSELLE ANNE B. CATIPAY**  
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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE  
WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the deceased **WILLIAM C. QUILATAN** who died intestate on May 9, 2021 in Las Piñas City, consisting of the following:

- a parcel of land with a residential house which WILLIAM C. QUILATAN, married to ERLINDA C. QUILATAN, is the registered owner, situated in Brgy. Pamplona Tres, Las Piñas City, Metro Manila. Is. Of Luzon;
- a parcel of land situated in the Bo. Of Anabu, Mun. of Imus, Prov. Of Cavite which SPS. WILLIAM C. QUILATAN AND ERLINDA C. QUILATAN are the registered owners, containing an area of sixty six sq. m. & fifty sq. deg. (66.50) sq. meters; and
- cash deposits at Philippine National Bank, Branch 1238 Las Piñas Branch RBU with passbook number 101959600022 valued at P38,235.86 and Philippine Savings Bank, Las Piñas, Alabang Zapote Road Branch 043 with account number 043111035938 valued at P13,753.49

has been adjudicated and extrajudicially settled by and among his hers;

whereas, ERLINDA C. QUILATAN has agreed to CEDE, TRANSFER and CONVEY unto GERTRUDES C. QUILATAN-ORFILA, GRACE MARIE C. QUILATAN, MICHAEL JOHN C. QUILATAN and WILLIAM C. QUILATAN, JR., their heirs and assigns the full ownership and possession of the above-described property located in Las Piñas City;

whereas ERLINDA C. QUILATAN, GERTRUDES C. QUILATAN-ORFILA, GRACE MARIE C. QUILATAN and MICHAEL JOHN C. QUILATAN have agreed to CEDE, TRANSFER, and CONVEY unto WILLIAM C. QUILATAN, JR., his heirs and assigns the full ownership and possession of the above-described property located in Imus, Cavite

on October 30, 2021 at Muntinlupa City, Philippines before Notary Public Atty. Patricio L. Boncayao, Jr. and entered in his Notarial Register as Doc. No. 92; Page No. 20; Book No. 278; Series of 2021

(Sgd.) **All Heirs (WILLIAM C. QUILATAN, JR. represented by Michael John C. Quilatan)**

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF BANK ACCOUNT  
WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the deceased **CESAR E. RAMIREZ** who died intestate on March 4, 2021 at 108 Mambog 3, Bacoor, Cavite, consisting of a Savings Account deposit with Land Bank Imus Branch, under Savings Account No. 1421-0662-95 with an outstanding balance of Php 179,731.33 has been adjudicated and extra-judicially settled by and among his heirs; that they hereby bound themselves answerable to all and any kind of damage that may accrue to Land Bank Imus Branch as to the withdrawal from said savings account on October 26, 2021 at Bacoor City before Notary Public Atty. Antonio T. Nicolas and entered in his Notarial Register as Doc. No. 478; Page No. 97; Book No. XV; Series of 2021

(Sgd.) **Affiants**

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE  
WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the deceased **MARIVIC AGUARIN NAVARRO** who died intestate on May 27, 2020 at Roxas, Oriental Mindoro, consisting of a certain parcel of land without any improvement, situated in the Barrio of San Roque, Municipality of Bulalacao, Province of Oriental Mindoro, Island of Mindoro, covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-20918**, containing an area of **TWENTY THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED NINETY FIVE (23,495) SQUARE METERS** has been adjudicated and extra-judicially settled by and among her heirs; that FURTHER, and for and in consideration of the sum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Pesos (Php 120,000.00), Philippine Currency, they do hereby SELL, CONVEY, and TRANSFER by way of Absolute Sale unto **Spouses Rosemarie Aguarin Equal and Carlito Tamio Equal**, their heirs, assigns and successors-in-interests all their rights, interests and participation over the above-described parcel of land without improvement on November 8, 2021 in Tanza, Cavite, Philippines before Notary Public Atty. Jason Almond P. De Guzman and entered in his Notarial Register as Doc. No. 6; Page No. 2; Book No. XVII; Series of 2021.

(Sgd.) **Heirs/Sellers with marital consent of husband of Angelica Aguarin Navarro-Garbo**

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EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE  
WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **JOAQUIN C. ADLAWAN** who died intestate on April 8, 2020 in City of Dasmariñas, Cavite, the last known address of the deceased at the time of his death is Blk. K2, Lot 10, Brgy. San Francisco I, City of Dasmariñas, Cavite, consisting of a certain property located at Lot. No. 1165-A, Brgy. Tagakpan, City of Davao, Island of Mindanao, containing an area of Three Thousand Two Hundred Eighty (3,280 sq.m.) square meters, embraced and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) No. 146-2018011475 of the Registry of Deeds for Davao City has been adjudicated and extra-judicially settled by and among his heirs in pro indiviso equal shares with waiver of rights, interest, and participation in the said parcel of land in favor of BIBIANAR. ADLAWAN on November 13, 2021 at Dasmariñas City, Cavite before Notary Public Atty. Kareen T. Hermosa and entered in her Notarial Register as Doc. No. 326; Page No. 65; Book No. 140; Series of 2021.

(Sgd.) **Transferors/Heirs and Transferee/Heir**

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EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **SIMONA DIALA ASTORGA** who died intestate on April 23, 2015 in City of Dasmariñas, Cavite, the last known address at the time of her death is Blk. E-15, Lot 8, Brgy, San Andres 1, City of Dasmariñas, Cavite, consisting of a lot located at Blk. E-15, Lot 8, Brgy. San Andres 1, City of Dasmariñas, Cavite, containing an area of One Hundred Fourteen (114 sq.m) square meters, embraced and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) No. T-883579 of the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Cavite has been adjudicated and extra-judicially settled by and among her heirs in pro indiviso equal shares on November 13, 2021 Dasmariñas City, Cavite before Notary Public Atty. Kareen T. Hermosa and entered in her Notarial Register as Doc. No. 329; Page No. 65; Book No. 140; Series of 2021.

(Sgd.) **Affiants/Heirs for Themselves and other Affiants/Heirs**

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE  
WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **ELPIDIO CAMANDANG FAUNI** who died intestate in Imus, Cavite on July 20, 2018, consisting of a parcel of land situated in the Barrio of Alapan, Municipality of Imus, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-1184627, containing an area of ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED (1,200) SQUARE METERS, more or less, has been adjudicated and extrajudicially settled by and among his heirs with FILOMENA E. FAUNI freely and voluntarily waiving her rights and interest over the said property in favor of her children, in the following shares:

NAMES	SQUARE METERS
LOLITA F. REYES	103 square meters
MELENCIO E. FAUNI	91 square meters
ABELARDO E. FAUNI	90 square meters
OSCAR E. FAUNI	90 square meters
NORBERTO E. FAUNI	90 square meters
ROLANDO E. FAUNI	90 square meters
AIREEN F. DELA CRUZ	90 square meters
LEAH F. VASSIL	89 square meters
JENNETH E. FAUNI	90 square meters
ELPIDO E. FAUNI, JR.	89 square meters
LEAH F. VASSIL and JENNETH E. FAUNI	174 square meters with house

on November 16, 2021 in the City of Imus, Cavite before Notary Public Atty. Angelita P. Ramos and entered in her Notarial Register as Doc. No. 48; Page No. 11; Book No. XXI; Series of 2021.

(Sgd.) **Affiants (JENNETH E. FAUNI as Attorney-In-Fact of Leah F. Vassil)**

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Meralco group’s shift to clean energy comes with a hefty price tag

The Meralco (Manila Electricity Power Supply Electric Co.) group’s push for Industry covering the Asia-sustainable power generation Pacific Region, Azurin said will cost P76 billion to be the shift to clean energy viable, according to Meralco needed the attention and full Powergen president and chief commitment of a company’s executive Jaime T. Azurin. board, partly because of Speaking at the ongoing the huge capital investment 23rd Conference of the needed.

# Trade group lobbies for full reopening of PH economy

The country's enterprises that make up the bulk of its membership—has put the full reopening of the economy at the top of its 10-item wish list to Mr. Duterte, a copy of which was sent to the media in advance last Nov. 17. It was followed by a call to the government to help the private sector keep jobs and create new ones.

The Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI)—which lobbies mainly for small and medium

now, even before we achieve herd immunity from COVID-19, to rescue, revive and rejuvenate commerce and industry before it irreversibly plunges into deep recession,” it read.

“We will not concede this projected future amid all the grim outlook from many sectors. We, at PCCI, believe we still have what it takes for a nation to become one of the most robust econo-

mies in the world. The Philippine business sector will lead this change,” said PCCI president Benedicto Yujuico in a statement last Nov. 17.

While other business groups called for the easing of quarantine restrictions during the pandemic, the PCCI went further by calling for a full reopening. It first made this call in a press statement on Sept. 8, around the time when the country

was experiencing a surge in new infections and deaths.

In PCCI's statement back then, it said the public must “remove our overblown fear of this virus,” adding that some health experts opined that it seemed “impossible” to reach herd immunity because of a constantly mutating virus. It remains to be seen if the recent decline in new cases would make the government amend-

able to PCCI's position this time around, especially now that the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases had been allowing more businesses to reopen. Declining infection rate

On Nov. 14, the Department of Health said the daily positivity rate was at 3.9 percent, the lowest in 18 months.

## WB: Remote learning jacked up learning poverty in PH to 90% in 2021

School children in the Philippines struggled with remote learning, aggravating learning poverty in the country to a new high of 90 percent amid the prolonged COVID-19 pandemic, a new World Bank report showed.

Citing preliminary evidence, the World Bank said in a Nov. 18 statement that its report titled “Remote Learning During COVID-19: Lessons for Today” found out that “while remote learning has not been equally effective everywhere, hybrid learning is here to stay.”

“Going forward,

for remote learning to deliver on its potential, the analysis shows the need to ensure strong alignment between three complementary components: effective teaching, suitable technology, and engaged learners,” the World Bank said.

Due to one of the most stringent and longest lockdowns in the region, the Philippines stopped in-person schooling and relied on online classes or its hybrid wherein students answered “modules” or watched television or listened to the radio for lessons.

Only last week did

the Department of Education (DepEd) pilot face-to-face classes in select schools located in areas with the lowest risks of COVID-19 transmission.

The World Bank said that in March 2021, remote learning in the Philippines covered only 20 percent of households with school children — the lowest rate alongside Ethiopia.

This jacked up learning poverty — the share of 10-year-olds who cannot read nor understand a simple story — in the country, which was estimated to have risen to as much as

90 percent as of August, World Bank calculations showed.

In 2019 or before COVID-19 struck, learning poverty in the Philippines was already a high of 69.5 percent.

Also, the World Bank said that “children's engagement with remote learning is generally low where parents or caregivers lack any type of education and, in several countries, these children were three-to-four times less likely to engage in a learning activity compared to households where parents have tertiary education, as seen in the Philippines and

Peru.”

Lack of access to the internet and slow connection also hindered remote learning. World Bank estimates showed that only 26.9 percent of students in the Philippines have broadband internet access, although a bigger 88.8 percent have access to mobile technology.

Broadcast media also have a relatively wide reach as TV reaches 76.9 percent of learners, while a lower 51.2 percent have radio access.

“Hybrid learning — which combines in-person and remote learning -- is here to stay.



# SSS says end-Sept unemployment benefits further rose to P866.9M for 67,937 jobless members

The state-run Social Security System (SSS) has released P866.9 million in unemployment benefits from January to September for its members who lost their jobs amid the prolonged COVID-19 pandemic.

In a statement last Nov. 18, the SSS said the end-September unemployment benefits it disbursed covered 67,937 affected members. As of Nov. 19, the SSS did not reply to a query on the year-on-year comparison of unemployment benefit disbursements.

To recall, the SSS last August said the end-June unemployment benefits it released amounting to P732.2 million were 407-percent bigger compared to a year ago levels, while the 54,282 beneficiaries were 355-percent larger.

“We fully understand the plight of our private-sector workers who have been laid off from their jobs. With this milestone benefit, we remain committed to providing financial aid amid the pandemic,” SSS president Aurora Cruz-Ignacio and chief executive said.

Under Republic Act (RA) No. 11199 or the Social Security Act of 2018, the SSS releases unemployment benefits worth half of a member’s average monthly salary credit during a two-month period.

“With the inclusion of the unemployment benefit application in the e-services tab of the My.SSS portal, involuntary separated members have a more convenient option to submit their application online,” Ignacio said.

The Philippines’ unemployment rate climbed to 8.9 percent in September, the highest this year, equivalent to 4.3 million jobless Filipinos mainly due to job losses in the seasonal and weather-vulnerable agriculture sector.

## Gov’t procurement board OK with going local, but warns vs delays

The interagency body overseeing public procurement is amenable to giving priority to local products to support Philippine industries as long as supply is assured to avoid delaying projects.

In a resolution, the Cabinet-level Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB)—chaired by acting Budget Secretary Tina Rose Marie Canda—said “any policy adopting domestic or local preference should be weighed against the overarching principle of competition in government procurement as this directly affects economic efficiency, consumer welfare, and an overall favorable business climate.”

“Thus, domestic or local preference policy should be strategic, focusing on local industries that can sufficiently provide governmental requirements,” the GPPB said.

During the implementation of the Bayanihan to Recover as One Act or Bayanihan 2 Law in 2020, the government put in place a domestic preference policy when sourcing goods for COVID-19 response. However, domestic preference also meant adhering to an antiquated rule requiring competitive bidding for local suppliers.

The Procurement Service of the Department of Budget and Management (PS-DBM), for instance, had been limited by the rule that would award a supply contract to the lowest local bidder—through a domestic bidder (DoBid) certificate of preference—only if its bid was not more than 15 percent of a foreign supplier’s.

DoBid certificates were being issued by the Department of Trade and Industry’s Competitiveness Bureau (DTI-CB) to certify that the products forming part of a bid were substantially composed of articles, materials or supplies which had been grown, produced or manufactured locally, the PS-DBM said last year.

As of mid-2021, the number of DoBid certificates issued by the DTI to qualified suppliers more than tripled to 101 from 31 in October 2020, during Bayanihan 2’s implementation, the GPPB noted.

The GPPB added that more homegrown manufacturers were now qualified—from ammunition, food, garments, machines, medical devices and medical sector.

However, the GPPB cautioned that “even by limiting preferential treatment in favor of goods with domestic preference certificates, there is no assurance that a bidder with such certificate will ultimately join government bidding.”

“If the DTI’s proposal to limit bidding opportunities among domestic or locally produced goods is to be adopted and the government will be mandated to procure only local or domestic goods (in effect, those with DoBid certificates), then procuring entities will have to limit the participation of bidders with domestic preference at the outset, excluding all others,” the GPPB said.

“This means that [the PS-DBM and agencies] can only hope that bidders with domestic preference actually submit their bid come opening date. If no such bidder joins, procuring entities will have to repost and re-bid their procurement project,”

# Japan commits to remain s PH's top development partner

Japan has committed to keep official development assistance (ODA) flowing to the Philippines and to remain as the top source of concessional financing for priority programs, especially infrastructure.

In a statement on Nov. 19, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (Jica) said it injected 145 billion yen—or almost P64 billion—into projects implemented in the Philippines in 2020.

On top of two loans each amounting to 50-billion yen extended by Japan to the Philippines for COVID-19 response, Tokyo also gave Manila 2.7 billion yen through

two grants to provide medical equipment and support the Department of Health's (DOH) crisis response emergency program in 2020.

Cumulative active Japanese ODA reached \$11-billion worth as of end-2020, accounting for the biggest share—36.4 percent—of the country's total portfolio, Jica Philippines chief representative Eigo Azukizawa said.

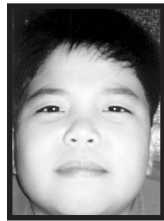
“This is testament to the trusted bilateral relations between Jica and the Philippines and our collective goal to overcome not just the pandemic challenges, but also to support the rule of law, and economic prosperity

through infrastructure, connectivity, and regional peace and stability,” Azukizawa said.

“We will continue to work with the Philippines in mutually beneficial ways to ensure a better future for all,” he added.

Jica noted that it was currently financing big-ticket rail projects, like the Metro Manila subway, North-South commuter railway (Malolos-Tutuban and Malolos-Clark-Blumentritt lines) and capacity enhancement and rehabilitation of mass transit systems in Metro Manila.

It also provided technical assistance to the Philippine Railway Institute (PRI).



## PH eyes sovereign green bond issuance

Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III on Nov. 19 said the Philippines' maiden green bond offering is in the pipeline, to raise government financing for climate projects.

“The Philippines recently launched a sustainable finance roadmap to provide a framework that will create a synergy between public and private investments in greening the financial system,” Dominguez said in a speech.

“We are also in the

process of completing sovereign green bond our sustainable finance framework for the issuance of our first-ever sovereign green bonds,” he added.

Dominguez did not give a timetable for the government's planned green bonds sale.

In a recent joint report on green infrastructure investment opportunities, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the Manila-based multilateral lender Asian Development Bank (ADB) noted that issuance of a sov-

ereign green bond would “send a strong signal to the market” of the Philippines' commitment to green finance.

“Sovereign bonds are well-understood, frequently issued products that are included in most investment strategies,” the report said.

“A sovereign green bond can kickstart a local green bond market by bringing scale to domestic markets through benchmark pricing, liquidity, and precedent,” it said.

## More debts: ADB OKs \$600M loan for universal health care in PH

With the implementation of the Universal Health Care (UHC) law in full swing amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has extended a \$600-million loan to the Philippines to ensure health access

for all Filipinos.

In a statement on Nov. 19, the Manila-based ADB said the newest financing to support the Department of Health's (DOH) build universal health care program would “support the government's

initiatives to improve the financing and delivery of health services and implement measures to monitor the performance of health service providers.”

The ADB said the program will “expand the use of digital tools

for the sector and ensure sharing of data among health information systems and databases.”

This seeks to enhance the capacity of the DOH and state-run Philippine Health Insurance Corp. (PhilHealth) to implement

UHC along with other government agencies, local government units and the private sector.

With the gradual devolution of health services to LGUs starting in 2022 due to the implementation of the Supreme Court's Man-

danas-Garcia ruling, the ADB loan will also “support LGUs' efforts to expand health promotion and help improve access to health care workers and health care facilities, particularly in underserved LGUs.”