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Vice Mayor Ony Cantimbuhan  
Imus City, Cavite

# GOV'T MOVES SCHOOL OPENING TO OCT. 5

The government has moved this year's school opening to Oct. 5, 2020 from Aug. 24 as what has been previously scheduled, Department of Education (DepEd) Secretary Leonor Briones announced.

Citing a memorandum from Malacañang signed by Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea, Briones said they would have to comply with the decision, noting that delaying the opening would also help the DepEd to better prepare amid the

COVID-19 pandemic.

"We will now implement such decision to defer school opening to Oct 5 pursuant to RA 11480. It will be recalled that the law specifically states that the President can decide on the opening of school classes upon recommendation of DepEd secretary," she explained.

"We hope that this will be the final adjustment of the school opening. We look forward to a much prepared opening of classes," she added.

"We trust that this is the final schedule of school opening," she furthered

Briones, however, emphasizes that when classes start in Oct., there will be no in-person classes.

She said there were also challenges in the preparation of learning materials in areas under MECQ because of limitation of movement

"There has been much concern about the production of learning modules so magkaroon

(cont. P.5)



# National Task Force for COVID-19 visits Cavite



The Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases visited Cavite in a move to provide stronger support to local government units with high transmission of COVID-19 on August 13, 2020 at Eagle Ridge Golf and Country Club

(cont. P.4)

# DOH CALABARZON, NAGSIMULA NA SA POLIO VACCINATION

SINIMULAN na ng Department of Health (DOH) – CALABARZON (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, Quezon) ang pagsasagawa ng “house-to-house” polio vaccination sa mga batang may edad 5-taon pababa.

Ayon kay DOH-CALABARZON Regional Director Eduardo C. Janairo na kailangan nangtutukan ang pagbabakuna sa lahat ng bata upang hindi sila tamaan ng polio na maari nilang ikamatay at napapanahon ang pagbabalik ng MECQ dahil lahat ng bata at magulang ay nasa kanilang bahay.

“Kailangan nating tutukan ang pagbabakuna upang lahat ng mga bata ay mabigyan at maprotektahan laban sa polio. Ito ay maliwasan sa tamang pagbibigay ng bakuna sa mga batang limang taong gulang pababa upang hindi sila tamaan ng polio na maari nilang ikamatay,” ayon kay Eduardo C. Janairo.

“Nakabuti din ang pagbabalik natin sa MECQ dahil lahat ng mga bata at magulang ay nasa kanilang mga bahay. Dahil dito mas mapapadali ang paghahanap sa kanila at

pagbibigay ng bakuna ng ating grupo ng mga “Bakuna Doors” sa mga bata,” dagdag pa nito.

Ang Regional office ay kumuha ng karagdagang manpower na magsisilbing “Bakuna Doors” at magsasagawa ng polio vaccine.

Paliwanang ni Janairo na pinili nila ang door to door na pagbabakuna para maiwasan ang pag-umpukan ng mga tao at maiwasan ang COVID 19.

Matatandaan na matapos ang 19 taon na polio free ang bansa ay nagtala ng kaununa-unahang polio virus sa Laguna noong September 20, 2019 sa isang 5-taon na bata.

Wala rin dapat ipag-alala ang mga magulang dahil lahat ng mga health workers na magsasagawa ng polio vaccination ay sumusunod sa COVID 10 protocols at magsusuot sila ng protective gears at iiwasan nila ang close contact sa mga bata.

Ang schedule sa first round para sa vaccination ng monovalent type 2 oral polio vaccine (mOPV2) sa CALABARZON ay Laguna, na nagsimula na

mula August 3-16, Phase 2 August 17-30, 2020 - Cavite at Rizal at sa 2nd round

mula September 7-20, 2020 ay Cavite, Laguna at Rizal. MARGIE BAUTISTA



BAGO PA MAN NAGKAROON NG COVID-19 SA PILIPINAS, MAY OUTBREAK NA NG POLIO SA ATING BANSA.

SABAYANG PATAK KONTRA POLIO

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## Matapos Manindigan ng IATF sa Paggamit ng Motorcycle Barrier, Hindi na Required ang Paggamit nito sa mga Magkasama sa Bahay



Simula ngayong Miyerkules, Agosto 19, 2020, hindi na kinakailangang gamitin ang motorcycle barrier kung ang driver at ang pasahero ay mula lamang sa iisang tahanan, ayon sa anunsyo ng Joint Task Force COVID Shield nitong Martes ng gabi.

Gayunpaman, nilinaw ni Police Lt. Gen. Guillermo Lorenzo Eleazar na commander ng JTF COVID Shield na ang paggamit ng barrier ay

kinakailangan pa rin para sa mga rider at back-rider na hindi nakatira sa iisang bahay.

Kinakailangan lamang umanong magpakita ng patunay na nakatira sila sa iisang bahay. “All they have to do is to present proof that they indeed live in the same house to avoid being apprehended and cited for violation of the motorcycle back-riding,” ani Eleazar.

Matatandaan na



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2. Dumating ang oras na nais mag-ayos, Palaging mabango't mahinhin ang kilos, May napupusuan dalagitan bubot, At luha lang pala ang maidudulot.
3. Pinahid ang luha at muling lumakad, Isa pang binata yaong nakatapat, Ngayon ay hindi na naging kulang-palad, At napangasawa ang binatang tapat.
4. Nang dalaga pa siya'y isa nang prinsesa, At nang mag-asawa, siya ay naging reyna, Unti-unti siya ay nagbagong porma, Naging emperatriz nang magka-anak na.
5. Tumibay ang loob nitong dating bata, Naging tila muog na merong bandila, Sa kanya pamilya ay umasang lubha Na ang desisyon niya sa bahay ay tama.
6. Ang kanyang asawa ay nagpaubaya, Dahil sa paghubog nitong mga bata, Ina ang malimit kasama sa gawa, At laging subaybay na mali'y itama.
7. Ang batang nang una'y mahilig sa laro, Ngayon ay Lola nang mahilig magturo, Kanyang mga apo'y kinupkop sa dako, At sila ang sentro sa lahat ng kuro.
8. Ang isang babae'y ganyan nagbabago, At kahit patuloy ang ikot ng mundo, Di rin nagbabago yaong papel nito, Babae'y babae, guro at modelo.

nanindigan ang IATF sa kabila ng payo ng mga eksperto na ang paggamit ng barrier ay mahigpit na ipapatupad simula noong Agosto 1 para sa lahat ng mga motorista na mayroong angkas kahit pa mag-asawa o magkasama sa iisang bahay ang mga sakay nito.

Ito ay hindi sinang-ayunan ng mga pasahero dahil sapat na umano ang facemask at helmet bilang proteksyon. Naglabas din ang pahayag ang Philippine Society of Mechanical Engineers (PSME) na hindi tama ang paggamit ng motorcycle barrier dahil magkakaroon umano ng turbulence ang nagmamaneho kapag mayroong barrier ang motorsiklo na maaaring maging sanhi ng aksidente.

Kabilang din sa mga

umapela dito si Senador Bong Revilla. Ayon dito, ang DIY or Do-it-Yourself installation ng makeshift barriers ay “fundamentally unsafe” at sasalungat sa motorcycle's engineering at balance, na pananaw mismo nito bilang isang motorcycle rider.

Sa kabila ng mga apela na natanggap ng IATF ay ipinatupad pa rin ang paggamit ng barrier. “Pag-aralan niyo muna bago kayo magcomment at hintayin natin na ma-infect ka ng COVID saka ka magcomment,” pahayag ni Año.

Ayon kay Eleazar, ang panibagong patakaran na ito sa motorcycle back-riding ay may bisa sa mga lugar na nasa ilalim ng General Community Quarantine kabilang ang Metro Manila, Rizal, Cavite, Laguna at Bulacan.

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**Donors continue the spirit of #BayanihanMunaLagi this COVID-19 season.** Donors from the public and private sectors continue to help Carmona frontliners and residents through various donations.



**Congresswoman Dahlia Loyola and Carmona LGU distribute paper supplies to public schools in GMA.** The Office of the Fifth District of Cavite as headed by Congresswoman Dahlia Loyola, along with the Municipal Government of Carmona, distributed 520 reams of bond paper to public schools in the Municipality of General Mariano Alvarez that will be used for production of Self-Learning Modules under Modular Learning Distance Program. The said program was launched by the Department of Education to ensure safety of students against COVID-19.

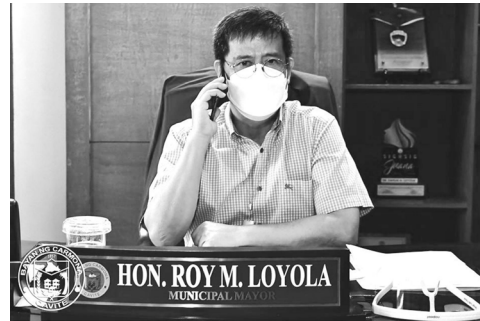


**Carmona Mayor Roy Loyola visits CarSiGMA Gymnasium for inspection.** Municipal Mayor Roy Loyola conducted an inspection at the CarSiGMA Gymnasium on August 18, 2020 where an additional isolation facility is being placed.

**Carmona LGU distributes financial assistance.** The Municipal Government of Carmona distributed financial assistance on August 18, 2020 at the Carmona Town Plaza in line with the local government's social services under the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office.



**"Bayan, Mayor Roy Listens" continues in Carmona.** The Municipal Government of Carmona continues to conduct the program "Bayan, Mayor Roy Listens" on August 17, 2020 wherein the queries and concerns of the residents in the community can be answered by Municipal Mayor Roy Loyola through phone calls. The said program is conducted every Monday afternoon as part of the local government's People's Day schedule.



**Carmona LGU conducts launching ceremony for new traffic light system.** On August 18, 2020, the Municipal Government of Carmona, as headed by Municipal Mayor Roy Loyola along with Vice Mayor Cesar Ines, Jr., and members of the Sangguniang Bayan, held a blessing and launching ceremony of the new traffic light systems at Barangays Mabuhay and Cabilang Baybay. Department of Public Works and Highway (DPWH) Assistant District Engineer Elena Castilan, barangay officials from Barangays Mabuhay and Cabilang Baybay, and representatives from Municipal Engineering Office also attended the said event.

*Pagbati Mula kina:*



**Cong. Jonjon Ferrer**  
Gen. Trias, 6th Dist. of Cavite



**Cong. Alex "AA" Advincula**  
3rd District of Cavite



**Mayor Nonong Ricafrente**  
*Rosario, Cavite*

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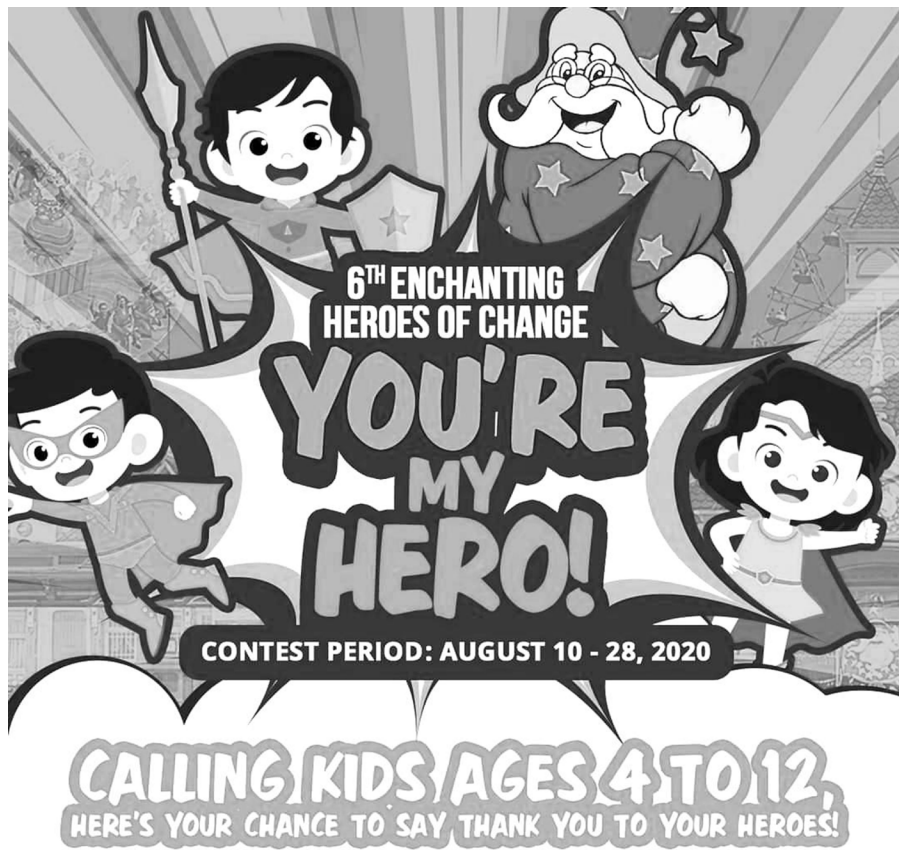


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By  
**ENG'R. VER CAMPAÑA BAUTISTA**  
*F & A.M. Luis Olimpo Ferrer Lodge 366*

**TOCLONG** - May Toclong, Kawit at may Toclong ,Imus, Ang Toclong ay maliit na Bahay Dasalan.

**Enchanted Kingdom pays  
homage to the unsung heroes  
in the time of pandemic**



**NOMINATE** and post a **PHOTO of your chosen HERO** (such as frontliners you know or even family/friends who have helped your community during the pandemic) on the comments section and tell us why they should get a well-deserved trip to Enchanted Kingdom!

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The spotlight will gleam on the tireless individuals who are working above and beyond the call of duty in these challenging times as Enchanted Kingdom officially announces the opening of nominations for the 6th Enchanting Heroes of Change: You're my Hero.

This year, the premier and word-class theme park is paying tribute to these unsung heroes of today who are selflessly devoting efforts on the frontlines and continuously making positive impacts in many lives during the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

For kids ages 4-12 years old, this is your chance to show your support and give cheers to the real-life superheroes. If you know an individual, a friend or a family member that you consider a hero, nominate them by sharing a photo as well as their inspiring story. Enchanted Kingdom wants to hear about them.

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Nominate your hero by posting his/her photo with a description of his/her incredible deeds to the community and tell us why he/she deserves a trip to EK.

Post the photo entry at EK Heroes of Change 2020: You're My Hero FB post's comment section

Tag your hero on the post (if they have an FB account).

Use the hashtags: #EKHeroesOfChange2020, #iloveEK and #EKatHome.

Submission of entries is until August 28, 2020 and winners will be announced on August 31, 2020 (National Heroes Day). Five (5) chosen heroes will win three Regular Day Passes each, and the kids **(cont. P.7)**

**National Task Force... (from p. 1)**

in the City of General Trias. Cabinet members led by Department of Health (DOH) Secretary Francisco Duque III had an interface with the provincial task force where the local situation and response was presented followed by a dialogue with local chief executives of cities and municipalities of Cavite.

Insights and best practices, even the challenges discussed during the forum will help both the national and local counterparts in assessing the current situation of LGUs in light of the pandemic. The activity aims to help all the agencies who are the forefront of the battle against COVID-19 to come up with a more targeted approach in battling the disease by assessing the response actions, what can be improved as well as the innovations that may be replicated.

Governor Jonvic Remulla who leads the local COVID-19 response of the province of Cavite was joined by the different response clusters in the talks with the national counterpart.

On the NTF side, DOH Secretary Duque was joined by Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) Sec-




retary Martin Andanan, Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Secretary Mon Lopez, Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) Secretary and testing czar Vince Dizon, Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Secretary Silvestre Bello III. Also present were Baguio City Mayor and tracing czar Benjie Magalong, Usec. Jonathan Malaya and Usec. Bernard Florece, Jr. of DILG, Asec. Ma. Francia Laxamana of DOH, Asec. Dominic Tolentino of DTI, and other heads of regional offices.

The NTF also introduced the Coordinated Operations to Defeat Epidemic (CODE) Team as part of the collaborative and people-centered response of the national government to the health crisis in partnership with the local government units. The team's task is

to provide technical guidance to LGUs in developing action plans and strategies putting emphasis in prevention. On this note, Mayor Magalong stressed the importance of contact tracing and the need for LGUs to step-up their strategies to identify close contacts of positive cases and isolate them immediately to prevent further transmission of the virus.

A ceremonial distribution of face mask was later held at Brgy. Javalera, City of Gen. Trias where DOH Secretary Duque appealed to the locals to observe the basic health and safety protocols like physical distancing, wearing of face masks and handwashing. He was joined by City Mayor Oni Ferrer and Board Member Kerby Salazar other members of the NTF delegation and the provincial task force. (PICAD)



**HUMANITY TRIVIA**

(IT TELLS THE DATES OF INVENTION, PLACES OF PLANT ORIGIN AND CURES OF DISEASE)

ENGR. VIR CAMPAÑA BAUTISTA  
(TWIN BROTHER OF VER)

**Tranquilizer - 1952**  
**Silk - 2640 BC**  
**Horseradish - Europe**  
**Mustard - Europe, Asia**  
**Kalabasa - arthritis**

# GenTri head welcomes joint national task force teams against COVID-19



General Trias Mayor Antonio 'Ony' Ferrer shared the local government's support to the different sectors severely affected by the pandemic during an interview with Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) Secretary Martin Andanar. (Photo: Mark Bryan I. Lito, PIA-4A)

GENERAL TRIAS CITY, Cavite -- Mayor Antonio 'Ony' Ferrer on Aug 13 led the city government in welcoming the joint national task force teams composed of the National Task Force (NTF) Against COVID-19 Coordinated Operations to Defeat Epidemic (CODE) Team, and the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID), in their move to support the local government units with high number of COVID-19 positive cases.

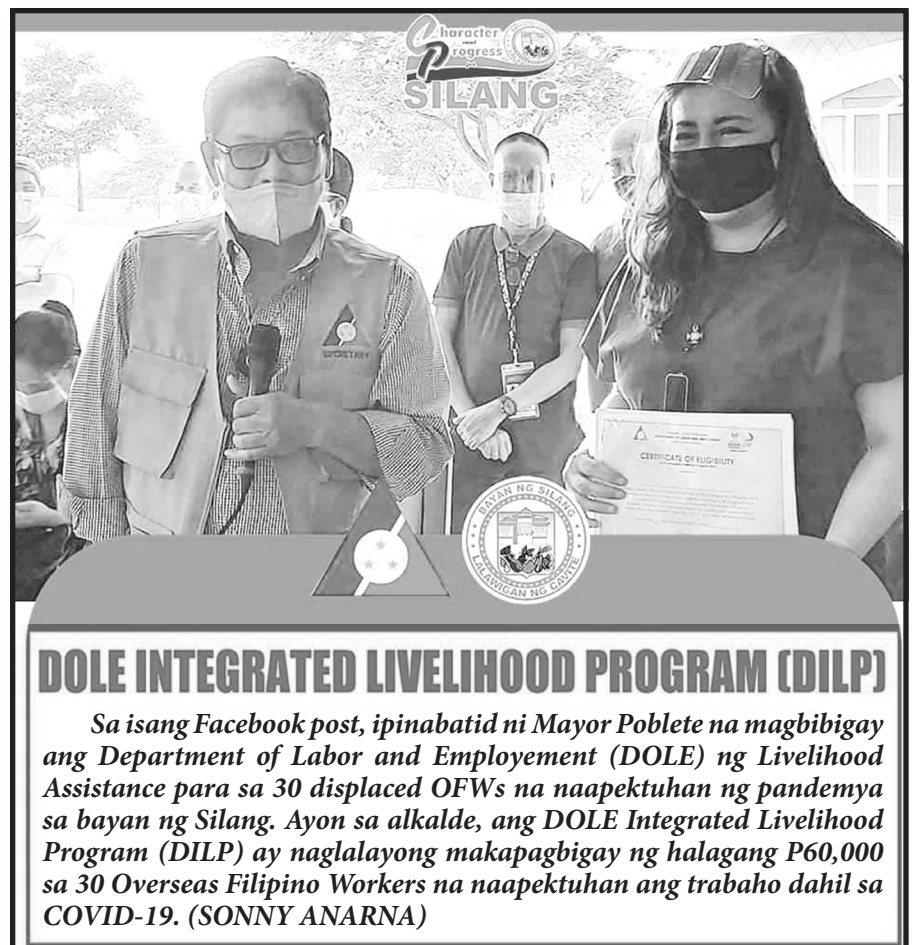
During his interview with the Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) Secretary Martin Andanar, Mayor Ferrer shared the local government's support to the different sectors severely affected by the pandemic. The mayor said the local government had always been in coordination with the City Schools Division Superintendent and the Department of Education to stay on top of the situation especially for the gadgets acquisition

for the online/blended learning modalities of education in the New Normal setting.

Meanwhile, Mayor Ony revealed that there were 22 Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the city that had closed due to the adverse effect of the pandemic.

In support of the struggling businesses in the city, "The local government had issued an ordinance to waive penalties and surcharges for the payment of business taxes, and the like, and the provision of free training programs for would-be entrepreneurs," said Mayor Ferrer.

He also mentioned that although the city have a limited agriculture sector because the city is primarily an industrial city, the city government in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture (DA) had distributed free vegetables seeds to barangays to promote



## DOLE INTEGRATED LIVELIHOOD PROGRAM (DILP)

Sa isang Facebook post, ipinabatid ni Mayor Poblete na magbibigay ang Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) ng Livelihood Assistance para sa 30 displaced OFWs na naapektuhan ng pandemya sa bayan ng Silang. Ayon sa alkalde, ang DOLE Integrated Livelihood Program (DILP) ay naglalayong makapagbigay ng halagang P60,000 sa 30 Overseas Filipino Workers na naapektuhan ang trabaho dahil sa COVID-19. (SONNY ANARNA)

backyard gardening for food security during the health crisis.

The economic recovery plan of the city government mainly relies with the continued operation of the two (2) industrial estates in the city, the Cavite Economic Zone and the Gateway Business Park.

Mayor Ony said, "We continue to have a dialogue with the employers of the locators in the industrial estates to inform us what support they need from the

city government, like the establishment of halfway houses for their workers who need go home to their families

and expose them to health risks from the COVID-19 disease." (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite)

## EDITORIAL

Tayo ay isang bansang binubuo ng li-bo-libong pulo. Ang dagat ay nag-uugnay sa atin kung marami tayong mga barko na magdadala ng kagamitan at kalakal sa isa't-isa. Isang larangan na di natin pinagtutuunan ng pansin ay ang paggawa ng mga barkong likhang Pilipino na ugma sa pansariling kalakalang dagat. Tayo ang isa sa mga pinakamahusay na supplier ng mga marino sa buong daigdig, subali't sumasakay tayo sa mga barkong hindi naman atin.

Marapat na ang Gobyerno ay pag-isipan ang sistemang magpapaunlad sa mga sasakyang dagat na atin at gagamitin sa kalakalang panloob.

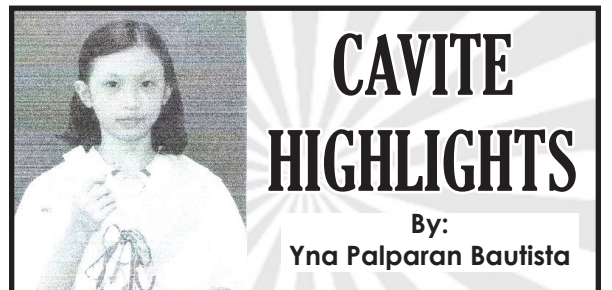
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tayo ng additional time.

Briones also emphasized that dry runs of schools and capacity and skills training of

teachers will continue.

"There will be adjustments in the school calendar," she added. (PIA NCR)



Jose Basa was a lawyer and a delegate to the Malolos Congress. He was exiled to Guam for complicity in the Cavite Mutiny of 1872. He was brought home to be exiled again in 1892 to Mindanao together with Jose Rizal. Born in San Roque where he taught Emilio Aguinaldo in high school, he was selected by the President as a delegate to the Malolos Congress in 1898. The Americans selected him as Judge of the Court of First Instance in Manila after the Philippine-American War. He died of old age in 1912.

# CONGRATULATIONS! Dasmariñas City Police Station wins 2020 CALABARZON BEST CITY POLICE STATION



PLTCOL Richard Ian Tubiera Ang, Head of PNP Dasmariñas City received the prestigious recognition during the 119th Police Service Anniversary Awarding Ceremony held at PRO4A, Camp Vicente Lim, Canlubang, Laguna at noon today, 6th August 2020.

This honor is a resounding testament to the dedication, hard work and genuine effort of the local government and its men in uniform to keep up to their mandate of maintaining peace and order in the City of Dasmariñas amidst a crisis brought by the pandemic.

THE City of Dasmariñas, headed by outstanding lady Mayor Jenny Austria-Barzaga Congratulates the city police for its excellent and outstanding achievement!  
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# Cavite mayors back localized lockdowns



tify probable areas that we need to strengthen protection, especially for our people and where and how to rally our resources to respond appropriately. Rapid testing keeps the morale of your workers up," he said.

Meanwhile, Maliksi, the mayor of Imus, said 1,315 individuals were tested using the RTKs donated by Project Ark. Maliksi said that they used nearly all of the 3,500 RTKs to screen workers in two public health markets.

Maliksi admitted the importance of RTKs due to its affordability and ability to offer a good insight into infection levels.

"We are able to isolate cases and enhance our contact tracing with the use of the rapid tests," Mercado-Revilla said.

She and Jenny Barzaga of Dasmariñas City, who received RTKs from Wilcon Depot shared that the test kits they received have been a viable help for the probable patient examination.

Project Ark is advancing pooled testing, a system that would enable the testing of more people at lower cost.

Concepcion said that the result of the pooled testing in Makati City will

guide other local government units.

"With favorable results for the PCR pooled testing to be released on Monday (August 17), the system could further be tried on the rest of the 16 cities [and one municipality] in the National Capital Region," he said.

Concepcion noted that this testing method could work in a high-prevalence area if the number in the pool is reduced.

Pools of five or fewer can be used in such areas and up to 20 in low-prevalence areas, he said.

"It will work. We just have to be more careful. If it will not be cost-efficient, don't go for [a pool] of 10," Concepcion said, adding that pool testing should be done "regularly."

Under pooled testing, swab samples of multiple individuals would go through a single RT-PCR test. If a positive result emerges from one batch, further individual assessments will be made.

The test is designed to be sensitive enough to come up positive when at least one sample in the batch is positive. If the swab test of multiple individuals comes back negative, then individual tests are not needed. ###(TMT)

SOME Cavite mayors have adopted localized and granular lockdowns along with targeted testing to contain coronavirus infection rates in local clusters, according to Presidential Adviser for Entrepreneurship and Go Negosyo founder Jose Maria "Joey" Concepcion 3rd.

"Bringing innovation into testing is very important for us because this is the only weapon we have to create visibility. By creating visibility, then we know what areas or barangay (village) to lockdown and that's very important. I believe our mayors are the most capable people in determining where to lockdown," he said.

Concepcion joined mayors Lani Mercado-Revilla, Antonio Ferrer and Emmanuel Maliksi, and representatives of other cities during a briefing on August 12.

The official stressed the importance of balancing public health and the economy.

"What is important is we have to save both. It is not a choice of either[or], but it is saving lives, jobs, and livelihoods. Saving all three to the best we can. My focus is on a granular lockdown and avoid

[broad] locking down which disrupts the economy much more. Massive targeted testing plus a granular approach is the best way forward," he said.

Mercado-Revilla, mayor of Bacoor City, agreed on the use of rapid test kit and reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) to curb transmission.

"We will continue to use both just to monitor and help us isolate, treat, and do minimum lockdowns," she said.

Project ARK (antibody rapid test kit) Medical Team Lead Minguita Padilla emphasized the importance of quality, high-specificity rapid test kits (RTKs). She said that RTKs can help companies stay open.

"Like any weapon, the key is to use it properly," she said. "At the beginning, there was nothing so we used RTKs but [they should be used] always in strategic combination with RT-PCR when necessary and always following DoH (Department of Health) guidelines. [Our] knowledge about the virus has evolved and is continuing to evolve. What we know today is different from what we know tomorrow. That's the nature

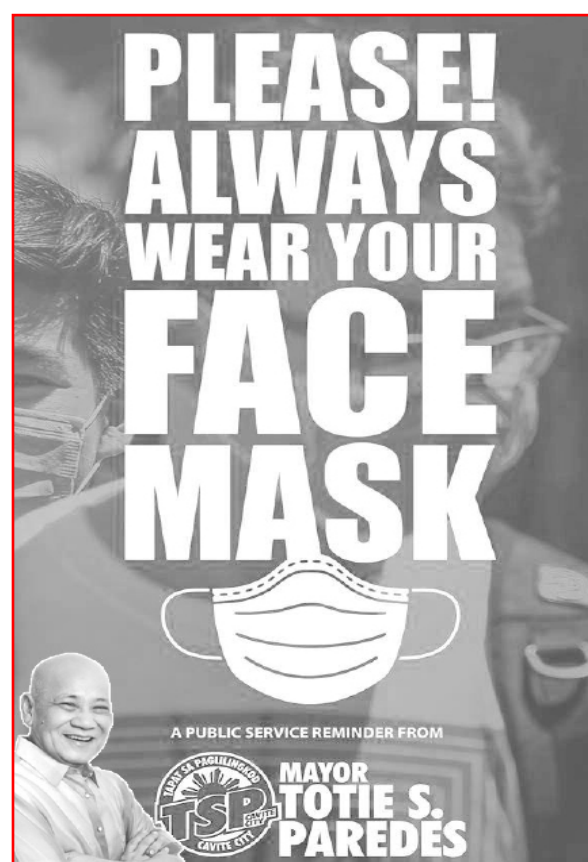
of medicine. There are no absolutes. We started with RTKs, we have RT-PCR, now we're going to pooled PCR then perhaps there's also rapid antigen testing. We have to keep our minds open and make the most of what we have — technology-wise."

The mayors agreed that RTKs supported their surveillance efforts and augmented their limited

testing capacity.

Ferrer, mayor of General Trias, thanked Project ARK for donating RTKs, which were used to test medical frontliners and barangay personnel.

"By making these [rapid] test kits available, we were able to address the need and obtain information that can guide us to our way forward. Testing helps us to iden-



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