



Cavite PCPC Launches the First Milk Feeding Program in Trece Martires City

In accordance with Republic Act No. 11037 or the Masustansiyang Pagkain Para sa Batang Pilipino Act – a law on the establishment of a national feeding program for undernourished children in public day care centers, kindergarten and elementary schools, the Cavite Provincial Council for the Protection of Children launched the first Milk Feeding Program in the City of Trece Martires on December 16, 2019 at Sunshine Ville Child Development Center, Barangay Cabuco.

Selected as pilot LGU of the newest program, Trece Martires City is one of the LGUs with high number of undernourished children due to the transfer of residences of former informal settlers from other cities. The PCPC aims to assist the Child Development Center (CDC) with high incidence of undernourished children by providing the Milk Feeding Program. With the target 100 beneficiaries from Sunshine Ville 1 & 2, the program will benefit the vulnerable group of children aged 2-4 years old.

Mayor Gemma Lubigan in her short message thanked the provincial government and the PCPC for selecting the City in the program launching. She urged the parents to give their full support to the program to improve the nutritional status of their children. Likewise, Ms. Nora de los Santos, City Social Welfare and Development Officer reminded the parents to avoid giving their children artificial drinks. The City government provided playpen, educational materials, building blocks and rubber mats during the launching. On the other hand, Ms. Brendalyn Salazar, Social Welfare Officer IV of the PSWDO gave a brief orientation of the program from identifying a CDC with high prevalence of underweight children, initial weighing, deworming and monthly reweighing to monitor and evaluate the progress weight of the child. Aside from the supplementary feeding, mothers' class sessions will also be conducted among the guardians and mothers of the recipients. The 120-day MFP will start on January 6, 2020.

Also present in the event were City Councilors, Provincial and City Social Welfare and Development staff, and parents of the children beneficiaries.--- PICAD

RECOGNIZING THE PARTNER AGENCIES FOR ARBOR DAY 2019:

In recognition for the valuable assistance and active participation of the partner agencies in the conduct of the Arbor Day celebration in different cities and municipalities in the province, the Provincial Government - Environment and Natural Resources Office (PGENRO) led by Ms. Anabelle L. Cayabyab awarded the certificate of participation to the local government units, academe, private stakeholders, provincial offices and departments and other organizations who have exerted their efforts in order to partake in planting trees and help conserve the ecological balance of the environment. On December 18, 2019, PGENRO head Ms. Cayabyab has echoed their gratefulness to the people who have been their ally in environmental protection and behind the success of the tree planting activities along the streambanks and contributed in the rehabilitation of the Ylang-Ylang River and Pasong Camachile River watershed. PGENRO has facilitated various tree planting activities held on July 31, 2019 at Barangay Calubcob and Luksuhin, August 22 in Barangay Alapan II-B in the City of Imus, September 27 in Barangay Navarro in the City of General Trias, October 25 in Barangay Iba in the municipality of Silang, and November 22 in Barangay Pasong Camachile II in the City of General Trias. More than 5000 seedlings comprised of Kawayan , Langka , Atis , Duhat , Caballero , Guyabano , Atimoya , Suha , and Irok were planted during the tree planting activity with environmental volunteers from the academe, the Bureau of Fire Protection, Cavite Provincial Police Office, ARESCOM, representatives from national agencies, private stakeholders and employees from the local and provincial government. Also present during the awarding were Provincial Administrator for Community Affairs Alvin Mojica, DENR-PENRO Reynaldo Belen, city and municipal environment and natural resources officers, members of the academe, representatives from various organizations in the province and some environmental enthusiasts.



P141-M shabu seized at FedEx warehouse in NAIA

**MANILA** -- About 20.8 kilos of shabu worth PHP141 million were seized at the FedEx warehouse in Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) on Wednesday.

The drugs were shipped from the United States and were concealed in two parcels declared as speakers, Customs NAIA Collector Carmelita Talusan told the Philippine News Agency (PNA).

Customs personnel assigned at the warehouse discovered the drugs when the parcels passed the X-ray machine. The white crystalline substances tested positive as methamphetamine.

Talusan did not identify the consignee and sender because of the ongoing investigation. The drugs were turned over to the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency.

Caviteño OFs and OFWs Celebrate Balikbayan Day



Cavite Provincial Government through the initiative of Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office and Cavite Migration and Development Office spearheaded the celebration of Cavite Balikbayan Day in observance of the International Migrants Day on December 18, 2019 at the Provincial Gymnasium, Trece Martires City. Hundreds of Overseas Filipinos, Overseas Filipino Workers and their respective families attended the affair.

Provincial Administration for Community Affairs Alvin Mojica officially opened the program by welcoming the guests and participants of the event. He stressed that the provincial government under the leadership of Governor Juanito Victor Remulla will continuously provide assistance and services to Caviteños especially to the OFWs.

Several topics of interest to OFs were discussed. Ms. Aileen Constantino Peñas, Executive Director of Atikha, Inc. talked about the migration and development regional situation. According to the data, CaLaBaRZon has the biggest share of OFWs in the country with 17.9% of OFWs coming from the region. She also tackled the GEAR UP (Go Earn Achieve Return Uplift Philippines) Reintegration Preparedness Program that focuses on bringing home OFWs and providing them with sustainable jobs and businesses through social and economic programs such as facilitation of savings, investments and engaging in entrepreneurial activities. Likewise, Ms. Rozelle Carrera, Administrative Officer III of the Commission on Filipinos Overseas discussed the Balinkbayan – overseas Filipinos' one stop online portal for diaspora engagement. Mr. Rommel Ramalosa, Supervisor of Pag-ibig Fund - Dasmariñas Branch, explained the Modified Pag-ibig 2 Program and encouraged OFs to save and invest under the MP2 Program. Furthermore, a former OFW, Mr. Roel Pamintuan shared the hardships and trials they went through after leaving the country and returning home as well as their story of success as entrepreneur.

Participants were entertained by the cultural dance presentations performed by the senior citizens from the municipalities of Carmona, Mendez and Naic and the cities of Bacoor and Imus. Municipality of Mendez took the first place while Carmona and City of Bacoor got the second and third spot, respectively.

Moreover, certificate of recognition was awarded to the municipalities of Carmona and Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo as well as to Kaysuyo OFW Association of Alfonso, Daine I and II OFW Association and Agus-os OFW Association of Indang for their efforts and initiatives in promoting programs on migration and development in their localities.--- PICAD



**FUN RUN FOR A CAUSE:** The Personal Protection Division led by Mr. Alexander Villanueva has organized a charitable event entitled "Fun Run For A Cause" in which the participants have raced ranging from three, five and seven kilometers from Trece Martires City to the entry point in the municipality of Naic on December 14, 2019. The event was initiated for the benefit of the abandoned special children from Bukal ng Kapayapaan in line with the spirits of gift giving for the Christmas season.