



USPA-CAVITE HOLDS CHRISTMAS PARTY 2019: Capping the year in the season of giving, the United Solo Parents' Association-Cavite Inc. held its Christmas party on December 19, 2019 at the Ceremonial Hall, Provincial Capitol Building, Trece Martires City. Ms. Analie B. Rodil, USPA President welcomed the solo parents and gladly informed the participants of the many gifts in store for them. Ms. Precyl T. Ramos, Social Welfare Officer III of the Provincial Social Welfare Development Office welcomed the new members and thanked those who continuously support the solo parents' activities and programs. During the event, a Re-orientation of the Solo Parents Welfare Act of 2000 (RA 8972) and its Proposed Amendments was facilitated by Ms. Marisa D. Basada, DSWD IV-A Solo Parent Focal Person. The participants were enlightened and encouraged to support the proposed amendments and Senate bills filed for their additional benefits. They also enjoyed the many prizes from the raffle which made the activity more exciting. In closing, Ms. Felipa Servanez, PSWDO Head, thanked all the 68 solo parents who were present greeting them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.--- PICAD

Filipino Inventor Establishes a Next Generation Pharmaceutical Firm

The renowned Filipino Scientist and Inventor Dr. Richard Nixon Gomez realizes a ten-year endeavor with the establishment of the Bauertek Corporation – a 100% Filipino-owned research, development and production facility for all-natural herbal supplements which are 3 to 4 generations ahead of the norm. The concept of the whole project started with a high school project of his son in 2009, which the family later on decided to register for patent and then officially introduced to the market. This embraces their company motto: "Imbensyong-Pinoy, GawangPinoy".

Bauertek Corporation was inaugurated through a soft opening ceremony on 16 December 2019. The event has been attended by various special guests such as the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Secretary Hon. Fortunato T. DelaPena as the Special Guest of Honor; Mr. Francisco "Popoy" Pagayon, the current President of the Filipino Inventor Society Producer Cooperative (FISPC); Hon. Anastacia R. Vistan, the current Municipal Mayor of Plaridel; among others. After the ceremonial ribbon cutting, Dr. Gomez led the guests for a special tour inside the newly constructed Bauertek building in order to introduce the different facilities inside.



Figure 1a & 1b. DOST Secretary, Hon. Fortunato T. DelaPena (middle), leads the ribbon cutting for the soft opening of the Bauertek Corp., together with its General Manager Dr. Richard Gomez (leftmost), Hon. Mayor Anastacia Vistan, and Mr. Francisco Pagayon.

Bauertek Corporation, which is located at Sitio Kabilang Bakood, Sta. Rita, Guiguinto, Bulacan, is a pharmaceutical facility dedicated to producing world class and Food and Drugs Administration (FDA)-approved food supplements. One of their products, PiCUR, is the first and only Philippine made food supplement that is approved by the German Government for over-the-counter selling.

The company plans to partner with various government agencies in order to benefit the local farmers, from which the company acquires its plant raw materials. Instead of im-

porting plant raw materials, the company plans to work with Filipino-owned plantations and government managed growing areas, such as the 1000-hectare herbal plant farm in Isabela State University.

DOST will also play a major role in terms of providing technology needed as well as equipment and machineries in order to convert the locally produced plants into globally acceptable products

Chinese national nabbed; P802-M shabu seized in QC buy-bust

MANILA -- Anti-narcotics agents nabbed a Chinese national in Quezon City and seized from him some PHP802.4 million worth of shabu in buy-bust, Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) said on Tuesday. PDEA Regional Office-National Capital Region director III Joel Plaza identi-

fied the Chinese suspect as Zhang Yun Quan alias Francis, 30, who were arrested during the anti-drug operations in Barangay Sienna.

Plaza said authorities monitored the suspect for two weeks in his apartment that allegedly served as a drug warehouse.

The suspect yielded

Christmas celebration generally peaceful: PNP

MANILA -- The celebration of Christmas has so far been generally peaceful nationwide, the Philippine National Police (PNP) said on Wednesday.

"The PNP finds Christmas Eve and today (Wednesday) to be generally peaceful and orderly with no major untoward incident reported," PNP spokesperson Brig. Gen. Bernard Banac said in a statement sent to reporters.

"We continue providing assistance to LGUs (local government units) and locals affected by Typhoon Ursula, even as we remain vigilant and on full alert to prevent (the) occurrence of crime and possible attacks by armed groups," Banac said.

National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) acting chief, Brig. Gen. Debold Si-

nas, likewise said Metro Manila has had a safe and peaceful Christmas Eve due to the intensified preparations they have done, which they were able to strictly implement.

"It took more than serious preparations," Sinas said, describing the tactical and strategic deployment of personnel, continuous conduct of "Oplan Sita", checkpoints, "Oplan Galugad" and other police operations geared against all forms of criminality in the metropolis.

"We give back the success of this endeavor to the people of Metro Manila for their continuing support to NCRPO and the Philippine National Police. In addition to this, I would like to recognize the efforts of our comrades and the sacrifices of their families and loved ones who, for the love

of country, once again celebrated Christmas Eve away from their presence. Our labor is not in vain," he said.

Meanwhile, PNP officer-in-charge, Lt. Gen. Archie Gamboa, said the true meaning of Christmas varies among people, but for them in the uniformed service, it signifies the sharing of one's self with others in the performance of duty and giving one's best to help others who are in need.

"In this Christmas season, may we remember that as PNP personnel, we have the duty to give our service and help with utmost sincerity. I pray, along with my family, for our happiness and prosperity this Christmas season. May we end the year with a grateful heart and start hope for another year," Gamboa said in his Christmas message. (PNA)

PCSO releases P89-M calamity aid in Q4

MANILA -- The Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) has reported providing PHP89 million in calamity assistance to areas hit by earthquakes and typhoons during the last quarter of the year.

"As of October to December, released was PHP89 million calamity assistance and (in) Mindanao, I turned over PHP3.1 million to (the) North Cotabato and Davao del Sur governors," PCSO General Manager Royina Garma

said in a statement on Tuesday.

She said as a Christmas present, the agency turned over PHP16 million in calamity fund to the four municipalities affected by the 6.9-magnitude quake that struck Davao del Sur last December 15.

Early this week, Garma joined Senator Christopher Lawrence "Bong" Go in Davao del Sur for a two-day giving of assistance to the municipalities of Padda, Hagonoy, Matanao, and Kiblawan.

Additional medicines worth PHP50,000 was also given to Padda.

Garma had earlier said the PCSO would introduce more games in 2020 and strengthen its campaign to patronize only legitimate number games.

Their focus next year, she said, would be on sales and marketing to generate more funds to support more

government projects. The PCSO serves as the principal government agency for raising and providing funds for health programs, medical assistance and services, and charities of national character.

The Individual Medical Assistance Program (IMAP) is considered the flagship program of the PCSO, which was institutionalized in 1995 to provide timely and responsive financial assistance to individuals with health-related problems.

Aside from the IMAP, the PCSO's other charity programs include the Endowment Fund Program, Institutional Partnership Program, Procurement of Medical Equipment, AFP/PNP Health Facilities Capability Building Project, Calamity Assistance Program, Milk Feeding Program, Integrated Health for Overall Productivity and Empowerment (I-HOPE), and Out-Pa