



COMMUNICATING WITH THE PEOPLE THRU UGNAYAN SA BARANGAY: Governor Jonvic Remulla remains committed to his duty to serve Caviteños visiting different barangays throughout the province to know the current situation of his constituents and bring hope of a better and safer Cavite. On November 12, 2019, the governor visited the citizens of Barangay Kaingen in the municipality of Kawit and delivered information regarding the modernization of the province through the free wifi connectivity. According to the governor, the people will benefit from the free wifi access – the youth for their studies, entrepreneurs for access in home-based business, and the entire community in terms of public safety and a host of other benefits. Aside from the good news on internet connectivity, the governor also provided packs of rice for the locals in exchange of plastic bottles in line with the crusade on waste management and environmental protection. Vice Governor Jolo Revilla was also present during the Ugnayan, with First District Representative Boy Blue Abaya, and Board Members Davey Christian Chua and Jigs Gandia. ---(PICAD)

BI deports over 300 Chinese involved in telco fraud

MANILA -- The Bureau of Immigration (BI) announced Thursday the deportation of more than 300 Chinese nationals reportedly involved in telecommunication fraud.

Commissioner Jaime Morente said 312 Chinese nationals who were among the 512 illegal foreign workers arrested in a massive raid of a business processing outsourcing office in Pasay City last month were already deported.

The BI conducted a raid in an office at the Millennium Building and found the aliens to be allegedly conducting scamming operations last October 9.

Aside from Chinese, those arrested consisted of Burmese, Malaysians, Vietnamese, Taiwanese, and Indonesians.

BI Intelligence chief Fortunato Manahan Jr. called the operation a success after the implementation of the mass deportation.

"They will be deported today (Thursday), and

we are very much thankful to the NCRPO (National Capital Region Police Office) for assisting us in this operation," Manahan said.

Also leaving with the 312 Chinese nationals are 21 minors whose custody were turned over to the Chinese embassy upon determination of their age.

They will be deported on Thursday via five chartered China Eastern flights to Shijiaxiang, Hebei Province and Changchun, Jilin Province. They will be escorted by BI Intelligence personnel as well as Chinese police officers.

Manahan added the passports of the deportees have already been canceled by the Chinese government, making them undocumented aliens.

Prior to their deportation, the arrested foreigners were temporarily taken into custody by the

inice and Changchun, Jilin Province. They will be escorted by BI Intelligence personnel as well as Chinese police officers.

Manahan added the passports of the deportees have already been canceled by the Chinese government, making them undocumented aliens.

Prior to their deportation, the arrested foreigners were temporarily taken into custody by the

NCRPO and held in a facility in Camp Bagong Diwa, Taguig.

Morente commended the BI Intelligence Division for the successful implementation of the operations.

"Let this serve as a warning to aliens planning to use the country as a base for their illegal operations. Expect more arrests in the coming days," he added. (PNA)

anti-illegal drugs law.

An investigation is still being conducted to determine if the operation is legitimate as there have been cases of planting evidence against arrested suspects they want to extort money from.

Sinas said the four policemen initially demanded PHP500,000 for the release of Panansang and that no drug charges would be filed against him.

The amount was later reduced to PHP200,000, he added.

4 Manila cops in hot water for P200-K extort try on drug suspect

MANILA -- Four Manila police officers were arrested inside a substation of the Ermita Police Station in Baseco, Tondo for allegedly extorting money from a drug suspect Wednesday evening, the National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) said on Thursday.

Brig. Gen. Debold Sinas, NCRPO acting director, identified the suspects as Corporals Nickson Mina, Juan Carlo Guzman, Francis Mikko Gagarino and Pat. Tom Hikilan.

"The four were mem-

bers of the beat patrol of Station 5, MPD (Manila Police District)," he added.

The four were arrested in the act of receiving the marked PHP200,000 from the complainant.

The NCRPO chief said the operation stemmed from the complaint of a woman at the Integrity Monitoring and Enforcement Group or IMEG, the anti-scalawag unit of the Philippine National Police.

Prior to the complaint, the complainant's husband Kelvin Panansang was arrested for violation of the

PRRD to visit wake of slain soldiers in Eastern Samar

MANILA -- President Rodrigo Duterte has postponed his scheduled meeting with farmers in North Cotabato on Friday, as he opted to first visit the slain and wounded soldiers who engaged New People's Army (NPA) rebels in a fire-fight in Eastern Samar last Monday.

This was confirmed by his former long-time aide and now Senator Christopher Lawrence Go in a text message sent to Palace reporters on Thursday.

"President Rodrigo Duterte postponed his meeting with North Cotabato farmers on Friday to visit six dead and 20 wounded soldiers attacked by NPA (rebels) in Eastern Samar," Go said.

In a media advisory sent to Palace repor-

ters on Wednesday, Malacañang announced that Duterte will meet with farmers in Pigcawayan, North Cotabato on Friday.

The Palace also announced early Thursday morning that the tentative meeting with the farmers was rescheduled.

At least six soldiers were killed and 20 others were wounded when the NPA detonated six explosives in Pinanag-an village in Borongan City, Eastern Samar on Monday.

The NPA is the armed wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines listed as a terrorist organization by the United States, the European Union, the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and the Philippines.

Duterte busy with paperwork

Speaking to Palace

reporters on Thursday, Presidential Spokesperson Salvador Panelo guaranteed that Duterte's health condition has nothing to do with his decision to reschedule his meeting with North Cotabato farmers.

The Palace official explained that the 74-year-old President was just busy attending to a lot of paperwork.

"No. It has something to do with what he was doing yesterday. He was reading briefs, documents pouring over them," he said when asked if health concerns prompted the Chief Executive to call off the planned visit to Pigcawayan.

The public has once again raised concerns over Duterte's health after he figured in a minor motorcycle accident in Manila on October 16, which

caused "unbearable" pain in his back.

The President, however, earlier assured the nation that there was no need for him to issue a bulletin on the state of his health because he remains fit to work.

Duterte is working from his home in Davao City since Tuesday to avoid "distractions" in Manila.

Asked if the President would stay at home to continue with his unfinished paperwork, Panelo said: "Actually, nasa kanya 'yun. Siya ang nagde-decide kung anong gustong gawin niya (Actually, it's up to him. He will be the one to decide about the things he wants to do)."

On Wednesday, Go said the President will return to Malacañan Palace in Manila next week due to his "very busy" schedule. (PNA)

Navy, CEZA ink MOA on Fuga Island detachment

MANILA -- The Philippine Navy (PN) and the Cagayan Economic Zone Authority (CEZA) on Wednesday signed a memorandum of agreement (MOA) on the proposed construction of a naval detachment on Fuga Island, Aparri.

The signing took place at PN headquarters in Naval Station Jose Andrada, Roxas Boulevard, Manila, said Navy public affairs office chief Lt. Commander Maria Christina Roxas.

CEZA chief executive officer, Secretary Raul Lambino and PN flag-officer-in-command, Vice Admiral Robert Empedrad, signed the MOA. The signing was witnessed by other ranking officials of the two agencies.

"Through the memorandum of agreement we have just signed today... the Navy and CEZA can indeed accomplish more as we mutually enhance each other's capacity to

perform our respective mandates," Empedrad said.

Empedrad also thanked Lambino and his team for agreeing to expand the previous memorandum of agreement, effectively accommodating more possibilities for the Navy to enhance its capability in safeguarding our northern frontier and at the same time contribute to the socio-economic development in Northern Luzon.

Lambino reiterated the importance of PN-CEZA partnership, adding that the geographical configuration of the Philippines requires an active Navy.

"As a Filipino and as an Ilocano together with Vice Admiral [Empedrad] we are going to make Northern Luzon an area where the Philippine Navy can be most effective in protecting our country and our people," he said.

The MOA formalizes the proposed Navy detachment which will be built in the CEZA-managed

zone.

The zone comprises the entire municipality of Santa Ana and the islands of Fuga, Barit, Mabbag, and Aparri in Cagayan.

This area has both access to the Pacific Ocean and the South China Sea, which is vital for the country's national security.

The PN, through the Naval Forces Northern Luzon, is mandated to conduct naval and maritime operations to secure the Philippine sovereignty and integrity of national territory from foreign and domestic threats with "in the Northern waters of the country including the Philippine Rise".

Meanwhile, the CEZA is tasked for the development of a self-sustaining industrial, commercial, financial, investment and recreational center and freeport with suitable retirement/residential areas to create employment opportunities in and around the zone. (PNA)