

Duterte to state agencies: Finish paperwork by December 15

MANILA -- President Rodrigo Duterte on Wednesday issued an ultimatum demanding the completion of state offices and departments' paperwork by December 15.

The President gave the order, as he once again vented frustrations over the allegedly sluggish performance of some government offices when it comes to attending to several documents.

In a speech delivered on Wednesday night, Duterte was optimistic that workers in the government "can improve on [their] work".

"It seems that things are moving very slow. And that is why it is still a source of corruption. The longer you sit on the paper or nothing at all --- either you are not working, you are a... I don't know what you'd do with government," Duterte said during the 80th anniversary of the Department of National Defense held at Camp Aguinaldo in Quezon City.

"Even the Cabinet members they have one month to decide. I must have your decision of the papers before you. And I said last night, it has to be December 15. It's been so many months now. Papers that are on your table must be out with a decision. If it's for approval, good; if it is for denial, fine. But let it out," he said.

The President has persistently expressed disappointments over the slow delivery of public service in some state offices.

In January this year, Duterte told two un-

named officials from the Department of Agrarian Reform to either resign or face charges over their supposed failure to fast-track the processing of land conversion applications.

Duterte, in his latest speech, said he could not stomach delays in the processing of government transactions.

He cautioned that public servants who will fail to streamline the processing of documents will be "out of office".

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PRRD orders dismissal of PNP execs over body cam extort case

MANILA -- President Rodrigo Duterte on Wednesday said he has ordered the dismissal of three police majors accused of extorting money from bidders in the acquisition of 3,000 body-worn cameras.

Duterte bared this during a speech at the 80th anniversary of the Department of National Defense (DND) in Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City.

"The three majors who were working on the body camera. They were arguing because maybe...because of money, because of corruption. So I said, 'Fire them. Dismiss them,'" Duterte said.

"If they do not want to be dismissed, just do not allow them to enter the camp. Just tell him you are no longer a policeman," he added.

He said it did not matter to him if the accused police majors complained about being dismissed while investigation is ongoing.

"Never mind the investigation. We'll come to that later," he said.

Earlier, Philippine National Police (PNP) officer-in-charge, Lt. Gen. Archie Francisco Gamboa, identified the three cops as Majors Emerson Sales and Rholly Caraggayan, who are now both AWOL (Absent Without Official Leave); and Angel Beros, who is still in active service.

Gamboa bared that the PNP Internal Affairs Service had concluded its probe on the three police majors and had recommended their dismissal from service.

The three cops' illegal activities were exposed by one of the losing bidders in the PHP334-million body cam project, Gamboa said.

He noted that the trio allegedly asked for PHP5 million from the bidder who supposedly paid the amount but was still disqualified from the bidding.

Gamboa said he plans to sign the dismissal order for the three cops on Monday.

The trio will be given 10 days to appeal his decision, he said. (PNA)

you one month. The directors, if you sit on it any longer, then you're waiting for the guy could come to you again and you ask money," Duterte said.

"And I said that you do not have to do that. If you have an application, anybody of you here, any foreigner and you want your papers filed with government, give it to me and I will give it to the proper department with a corresponding order. Do that in one month or else you go out of the office," he added. (PNA)

Cavite Holds the Elderly Filipino Week Celebration

In recognition of the significant role and contributions of our elderly in nation building and appreciation of the responsibility of senior citizens' key leaders in the promotion and protection of the rights and welfare of the elderly, the Provincial Government of Cavite thru the Provincial Social Welfare Development Office led the annual Elderly Filipino Week Celebration with the theme: "Healthy and Productive Aging Starts With Me" held at the Provincial Gymnasium in Trece Martires City on November 18, 2019.

PSWD Officer Ms. Felipa Servañez warmly welcomed all the participants while Mr. Ciriano Angeles, newly elected President of the Regional Federation of Senior Citizens Association IV-A thanked the governor for his constant support to the senior citizens. On the other hand, Mr. Alvin S. Mojica, Provincial Administrator for Community Affairs reiterated that the provincial government led by Governor Jonvic Remulla and Vice-Governor Jolo Revilla remain steadfast in the provision and implementation of plans and programs for the senior citizens. Board Members Dennis Lacson and Khervy Salazar, Chairperson, Commit-

tee on Elderly, Women, Family, Children and Social Services and Chairperson, Committee on Health, respectively stressed that they will continue on studying additional ordinances that can be implemented in order to uplift the lives of the senior citizens in the whole province.

A discussion on Healthy and Productive Aging and Orientation on Pneumococcal Disease was facilitated by Dr. Maria Victoria C. Salvatus-Torres, Head, Family Health Unit of the Provincial Health Office. She explained all the issues pertaining pneumonia and flu, its symptoms, who can be affected and who can avail of the vaccines. She ended her lecture by reminding senior citizens not only to take care of their physical health but also



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make time to nurture their emotional wealth.

With more than 1000 participants, various activities were facilitated to showcase the talents and demonstrate the physical and mental health of the elderly. Simultaneous vaccination and ballroom and folk dance competition followed after the lecture participated by senior citizens from different cities and municipalities in the province.

Awarding of ballroom and folk dance competition highlighted the event as the Municipality of Mendez was hailed as the over-all champion while Carmona bagged the second place and Silang won the third place. They received cash prizes of P20k, 15K and 10k, respectively.

Closing remarks concluded the celebra-

tion as Mr. Reiner H. Miguel, Provincial Vice President of the Federation of Senior Citizens expressed his gratitude to the senior citizens, provincial officials and other attendees who participated in the celebration.

Also present to support the activity were Former Board Member Irene Bencito, Dir. Annie E. Mendoza, OIC-Regional Director DSWD Field Office IV-A, Dr. Romulo Lua, Jr., OIC-Cavite Provincial Health Office, Ms. Elena Estacio, Regional Vice President of Federation of Senior Citizen, Dr. Armie Camposagrado, Provincial Health Team Leader DOH Extension Office, Provincial Council for the Elderly members, LGU's C/MSWDO, OSCA Head, Partner Herbal Wellness, sponsors and other agencies and stakeholders.

stitutions in the country under the program.

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.

PCSO gives P3-M aid to charity institutions in Tacloban

MANILA -- Three charity institutions in Tacloban City received close to PHP3 million financial aid from Philippine Charity Sweep-

stakes Office (PCSO).

PCSO general manager Royina Garma on Thursday turned over the checks amounting to PHP2,890,500 to Or-

phanage of the Virgin of Guadalupe Foundation, Inc.; SOS Children's Village Calbayog, Inc.; and Western Samar Development Foundation, Inc.,

O. Gabrielles, assistant general manager for Charity Sector Larry R. Cedro, Charity Assistance Department OIC-manager Muriel, Samar

Branch OIC-manager Edmund Kaizer Hidalgo and Leyte Branch head Lady Jade Palabon.

The Orphanage of the Virgin of Guadalupe Foundation, Inc. in Sorogon provides home, security, care and support to 80 homeless, orphaned children and received a check amounting to PHP876,000.

Meanwhile, the SOS Children's Village Calbayog, Inc. in Samar, which gives family-like care, youth care and educational support to 94 children and youth re-

ceived PHP1,029,000.

Also, the Western Samar Development Foundation, Inc. helps 90 sexually abused children received an amount of PHP985,500.

Through the Institutional Partnership Program (IPP), the PCSO aims to augment the financial resources of institutions such as government organizations and non-government organizations such as orphanages and homes for the elderly and the abandoned.

To date, PCSO has been supporting 20 charitable in-