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LD makes assurance to FDHs:

'Sue abusive employers, EAs'



DARLING of the crowd. In his first meeting with the Filipino community in Hong Kong, President Duterte sang and vowed better lives for OFWs.

By Cheryl M. Arcibal

THERE is no need for a foreign domestic helper to return to their home country if they could provide evidence of being

abused and exploited.

This was the assurance given by the Labour Department to officials of the Philippine Consulate and the Philippine Overseas Labor Office in a recent Technical

Working Group (TWG) meeting.

The assurance was made after Philippine officials brought up a sworn statement by a Filipino domestic helper who was made to clean the windows of the flat

of her employer located at the fourth floor.

The Filipina initially refused, but the employer insisted saying that the helper

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'Insensitive FB comments hurt victim'

By Cheryl M. Arcibal

THE "insensitive" comments she got from Facebook had further hurt her.

The Filipina victim who gave evidence in court about the indecent assault and rape committed on her by her former employer read Facebook comments about her and these added to her anguish, Social Welfare Attache Elizabeth Lim Dy.

"Dapat nga proud pa tayo sa kanya kasi ipinaglaban niya ang karapatan niya at ng ibang workers dito. Ipinaglaban din niya ang mga kababaihan, the right of other women. Kaya nga sabi ko sa kanya maging strong siya," Dy told Hong Kong News.

The victim had seen and read the comments posted on Facebook, Dy said, and

some of those comments made her cry.

"Alam natin na may freedom of expression tayo dito sa Hong Kong at siyempre hindi natin makokontrol ang mga tao pero sana ang ating mga kababayan naiisip nila na hinuhusgahan nila ang biktima na nakikipaglaban at para din sa kanila iyan," Dy added. The victim had flown back to the Philippines, she said.

A High Court judge on May 17 sentenced a construction worker from Togo to nine years in prison after he was found guilty of raping his Filipino domestic helper in his home in Tuen Mun in 2015.

Justice Esther Toh Lye-ping sentenced 37-year-old Kokou Afla Apelete to nine years in prison for the offense of rape, and four years for indecent assault, but said the prison terms would be served concurrent-

ly.

She also ordered Apelete to pay \$48,120 to his victim for her loss of income.

In giving her sentence, Justice Toh said Apelete, who married a Hong Kong woman in 2012, showed no remorse as after raping the victim he told her not to worry and that he would be sending money to her children and family in the Philippines.

Justice Toh said there was "utterly no remorse whatsoever" on the part of the defendant when he told the victim after raping her to refrain from showing her crying face to his wife, who was at work when he raped the helper.

Justice Toh also noted domestic helpers are in vulnerable position as they leave their home country and working far away from their family.

She said foreign domestic helpers not only depend on their employers for salary but also for their safety and the defendant's actions were a "breach of trust".

She also cited as aggravating features

the actions of the defendant in delaying the trial for three days when he checked himself into a private hospital, seeking a Togo Ewe interpreter, and refusing to give instructions to his defense lawyers.

"It added to the victim's distress. I can imagine the victim being caused much distress, waiting to give evidence," said Justice Toh, who cited the victim's "integrity" after the latter testified in court that despite several incidents when Apelete would ask if she wanted a boyfriend in Hong Kong and offering her money to be his girlfriend, she would rebuff him and say that she was contented with her salary as a domestic helper.

In an impact report, the victim, who was referred to in court as "Madam X", said after the incident she was "depressed and got scared easily" if a person touched her on the back or if she encountered male strangers.

The 31-year-old Filipina, a mother of two and her family's breadwinner, also

said she could not sleep well after the incident and had been given an HIV injection about six months after the rape as she was worried the defendant gave her a sexually-transmitted disease because she did not see him wearing a condom when he raped her.

"Because of this traumatic event, (Madam X) was afraid to work in Hong Kong again...and because she was not able to bring herself to work in Hong Kong again, her family had a difficult time in the Philippines," Justice Toh said.

To fly to Hong Kong and give evidence in court, the victim had to resign from her work as a saleslady in the Philippines and was unsure if she could find another job.

Throughout the sentencing, the defendant was seen shaking his head, and later on was heard sobbing in court.

On May 16, a majority of a seven-member jury found Apelete guilty of indecently assaulting and raping a Filipino domestic helper on Aug. 25, 2015.

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CA confirms Catalla as ambassador to Lebanon



Catalla

By Cheryl M. Arcibal

CONSUL-General Bernardita Catalla has been confirmed by the powerful Commission on Appointments as ambassador extraordinaire and plenipotentiary to the Lebanese Republic.

Catalla told Hong Kong News she might leave her Hong Kong post in the third quarter of the year.

She said it took more than an hour of questioning before she got the CA's nod.

Catalla said there was still no information on who would replace her.

Catalla was appointed by then President Benigno Aquino III as consul general to Hong Kong in 2014.

She has previously headed the DFA's Office of Asian and Pacific Affairs and has earlier served as consul at the Philippine embassy in Indonesia.

Catalla's last major project in Hong Kong will be the presentation of ethnic minorities in Hong Kong to be held at the Queen Elizabeth Stadium in celebration of the 20th founding anniversary of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

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Trial for FDH in ill-neglect case

By Ally Constantino

A Filipino domestic helper will stand trial for allegedly hurting the 10-year-old daughter of her employer in North Point Hong Kong.

Emerolyne M. I. on May 19 pleaded not guilty to the charge of ill-treatment or ne-

glect by those in charge of child or young person.

Eastern Courts Principal Magistrate scheduled Emerolyne's trial date on July 14.

A pre-trial hearing will also be held before the trial is scheduled.

The prosecution charged the defendant

of hurting the child on Mar. 6 in the flat of her employer in North Point.

The action, the prosecution charged, could have "likely caused unnecessary suffering or injury" to the victim.

The prosecutor said five witnesses and a CCTV footage will be presented in court.



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Ex-helper jailed for renting out room

By Ally Constantino

A former domestic worker was sentenced to 15 months in prison after pleading guilty to operating an unlicensed guest-house despite being a torture claimant.

M.L. Abad first came to Hong Kong to

work as domestic helper in 2005, and in 2009 she filed a non-refoulement claim after giving birth to a son.

Her duty lawyer said the defendant had no relationship with the father of her son and Abad rented the extra room in the flat she is occupying with her son to augment

their finances.

The prosecution charged Abad of accepting through her mobile phone a room reservation for her flat in Wan Chai.

On Mar.31, 2017, agents of the Home Affairs Bureau posed as customers and contacted the defendant to book a room.

They then met on the afternoon of the same day, and at the 500-square-foot flat, the agents found an eight-year-old boy, who turned out to be the defendant's son.

The defendant then proceeded to show the agents the room, and the blankets, pillows, and said the room's rate is \$510 for two nights.

Police were then called, and the defendant was arrested.

Mitigating, Abad's duty lawyer said the defendant had no previous record, and it was the first time she rented out the room.

"There is no evidence that she had other clients," the defense said.

He added that she and her son were under the assistance of the ISS, and that she only wanted to earn additional income.

"She is remorseful and pleaded guilty, and she wants to be reunited with her son," the lawyer said.

Eastern Magistracy Principal Magistrate Bina Chainrai, however, said that besides the guilty plea, there was no other valid mitigation.

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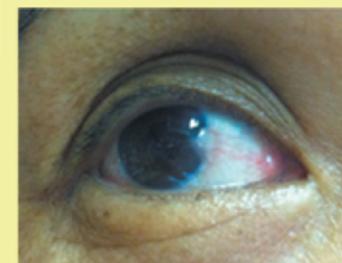
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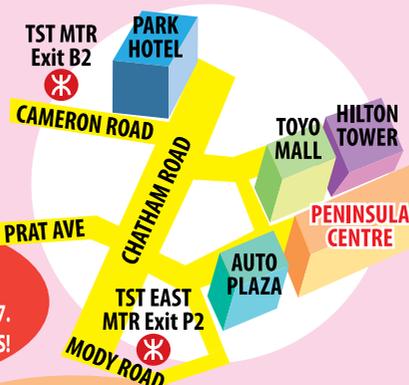
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OFWs secure OEC abolition

By Ally Constantino and Maia Lopez

PRESIDENT Duterte's first visit to the Filipino community here in Hong Kong proved to be eventful, with Labor Secretary Silvestre Bello III agreeing to a migrants' group's proposals that would address the complaints of Filipinos working in the city.

Eman Villanueva, chairperson of Bayan Hong Kong & Macau, said Bello on May 13 committed to abolish the overseas employment certificate in two to three months.

The OEC would be replaced by IDOL or the DOLE ID, which would be free of charge, Villanueva said in a post on Facebook.

Bello also committed to allow direct-hiring in Hong Kong on the condition that it is the worker or a close relative who found their employer for them.

Membership to the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration will also become lifetime, which means that even if a worker is unable to continue paying for membership, they will still get to avail of the agency's benefits.

The OWWA financial assistance would likewise be doubled from P10,000 to P20,000.

"Malinaw na mga konkretong tagumpay ito ng mga OFWs na walang humpay na nakipaglaban sa mahabang panahon... Dahil sa ating sama-samang pagkilos at walang humpay na pangangampanya, kinilala ng administrasyon ni Duterte ang lehitimong kahilingan ng mga OFW na kalakhan ay ilang dekada na nating ipinalalaban," Villanueva added.

10-year passport validity

In Manila, meanwhile, the Senate has approved on third and final reading a bill extending the validity of Philippine passports from five to 10 years.

Senator Cynthia Villar, vice-chairperson of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and sponsor of Senate Bill No. 1365 or the Philippine Passport Act, said the proposed law will make travel abroad easier, especially for overseas Filipino workers.

"We owe a lot to our OFWs. They keep our economy afloat with their remittances of approximately \$50 billion annually. Giving them a 10-year guarantee on their

right to travel abroad will certainly be a great help to them," Villar said.

She said the passport's current period of validity of five years was in actuality less than five years because travel abroad is often disallowed for persons whose passports are valid for less than six months.

Villar said the measure also sought to prevent backlogs in the issuance of passports. Passports with 10-year validity, however, will be twice as expensive at P1,900 to P2,000 compared to current passports that cost only P950.

"Definitely, the materials will change. The materials are, of course, a bit more expensive because we want the booklet to be durable enough to last 10 years," said Ricarte Abejuela, DFA Office of Consular Affairs Passport Director.

"We're also going to increase the number of pages so definitely there are corresponding increases in cost as well," he added.

There are limitations set in the measure, however. Passports of children aged three and below will only be valid for three years while passports of children aged four to 18 will be valid only for five years.

A migrant group in Hong Kong, however, slammed the additional fee the extension of passport validity would entail.

In a statement, Dolores Balladares, chair of United Filipinos in Hong Kong (Unifil-Migrante-HK), noted overseas Filipinos pay up to three times the amount of passport cost in the Philippines.

"Overseas Filipinos do not live in the lap of luxury and even President Duterte knows that increasing passport cost goes against his expressed wish of unburdening Filipino migrants," she said.

Tax on remittance fees, rent

At the House of Representatives, lawmakers were set to discuss the proposal of the Duterte administration to tax money remittances, and apartment and housing rentals.

The tax reform bill is based on the proposals submitted by the Department of Finance.

Bayan Muna Rep. Carlos Zarate called the measure "anti-poor".

Zarate also said the tax on money remittance would lead to higher fees to be paid by workers, including those employed overseas.

17 years for Pinay drug mule from Brazil

A Filipina who pleaded guilty to bringing an estimated \$2.323-million worth of cocaine from Brazil to Hong Kong in 2015 was sentenced to 17 years in prison.

High Court Justice Kevin Zervos on May 25 said the starting point for S.B. Cumpio's custodial sentence was 23 years, and added one year owing to the "international element" of the crime as the defendant brought the drugs from Sao Paulo then to Dubai, and then arriving in Hong Kong on July 15, 2015.

While Cumpio pleaded guilty to the charge, which would make her entitled to a one-third discount, Justice Zervos said he was only reducing the defendant's sentence by 29 percent.

This then meant Cumpio was sentenced to 17 years in prison.

Justice Zervos made the ruling to reduce the discount given to Cumpio after he rejected her assertion that she tried to lead authorities to the persons who would be meeting her in Hong Kong to receive the drugs she was transporting.

The prosecutor asserted that with the court holding a full-day Newton hearing, the defendant showed a lack of remorse and insight into her case.

When Cumpio was intercepted by a Customs officer at the Hong Kong International Airport, a search on her luggage yielded no drugs, but during a body search, authorities found about two kilos of suspected cocaine wrapped around her thighs and that were hidden in her underwear.

The Filipina told the Court the arresting officer did not pay attention to her when she told her about the person waiting for her to meet her at the airport nor of the telephone numbers written in a piece of paper that was found among her belongings.

Justice Zervos, however, said Cumpio's evidence was illogical, and accepted the evidence of the prosecution that the defendant refused to cooperate with the authorities.

Cheryl M. Arcibal

Weight loss nakasolve ng depression

Lumobo nang husto si Jocelyn Salcedo dahil hindi niya matiis ang pagkain ng matatamis na deserts at tsokolate. Pagkatapos ng trabaho ay manonood siya ng mga pelikula sa youtube. Nadepress sa hitsura at naisip na magbawas ng timbang.

Kinalinguhan ay nakita ni Jocelyn ang kaibigan, nagulat ito sapagkat napuna ang pagtaba niya, iminungkahi nito na gumamit ng upgraded Dream Love 1000 5 in 1 body essence lotion, gawa sa England. Ito mismo ay gumagamit ng naturang lotion para pumuti at manatiling slim sexy.

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Filipino cleared of card fraud

THE Court of Appeal acquitted a Filipino accused of being part of a conspiracy to make a false instrument involving the use of stolen credit card data.

A decision by Court of Appeal Vice-President Michael Lunn and Court of Appeal Justices Ian McWalters and Derek Pang found that a District Court judge erred in convicting S.A.T. of conspiracy to make false instruments by relying on a CCTV footage taken at the Apple Store in Causeway Bay.

"The CCTV recording was the only evidence of the appellant being present and...we are of the view that the resemblance is not such that it can safely be inferred it must be the appellant," Justice McWalters said.

However, the court upheld the Filipino's second conviction of the same charge, noting that the District Court judge gave "very cogent and persuasive reasons for rejecting" the defendant's statement that other persons could have used his phone in communicating with the other defendants in the case.

In October 2015, S.A.T., who was a senior supervisor at the Play Club on On Hing Terrace in Central was found guilty of committing two counts of conspiracy to commit credit card fraud.

The judge said the prosecution was able to show that S.A.T. sent, through Whatsapp, encoded credit card data to one of his co-conspirators which were used in a false card transaction. It was used to buy a computer at the Apple Store in Hysan Place, Causeway Bay on July 15, 2014.

The judge sentenced the Filipino to three years in prison for each count of the case, but said the defendant would be serving it concurrently.

Ally Constantino



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Jail for FDH who stole cash for family

By Ally Constantino

A 27-year-old Filipino domestic helper admitted to stealing \$1,100 from her employer in Mid-Levels because she had to pay for the education and health expenses of her family members in the Philippines.

N. De Vera was sentenced to three weeks in prison for the charge of theft, but owing to her guilty plea, Eastern Courts Magistrate Kenneth Chan Ping-chau reduced it to two weeks.

De Vera was seen crying when the magistrate gave the sentence.

The prosecution said De Vera's employer had suspected her of stealing money

from him so he photocopied 10 \$1,000 banknotes and placed it in his wallet along with other \$500 and \$100 bank notes. His wallet contained \$10,800.

In the morning of May 9, 2017, he put the wallet in the drawer beside his bed in his room.

At 7:30 p.m., when the employer

checked his wallet again, he found that \$1,100 was missing.

When confronted, the defendant admitted to taking the money.

She said she took them because she needed to send money to her family in the Philippines for her siblings' education expenses.

Her mother also has breast cancer. De Vera was employed by her employer

since June 28, 2015 and previously had a clear record.

"Breach of trust is a very serious offense and an immediate custodial sentence is called for," said Judge Chan.

The judge, however, noted the defendant's clear record and her show of remorse by directly admitting the theft to her employer and pleading guilty in court in the first instance.



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An abandoned lifeboat on Pag-asa's powdery white beach.



Islanders put up a sign to encourage each other in this lonely outpost.



Pag-asa's calm waters belie the tension in the Spratlys.

Hindi inaasahang pagkakita sa long time crush at Delifrance results in an unexpected conclusion

Nasabi ni Amalia de Jesus na sa larangan daw ng pag-ibig ay hindi fair kung minsan. Sa edad niyang 30 ay saka lamang daw siya nagkaroon ng kasintahan na matagal na niyang crush noon pang siya ay naninilbihan sa amo na taga North Point.

Taong 2010 nang siya ay pinalad na makapagtrabaho dito sa Hong Kong bilang domestic helper. Ang mga amo niya ay sobrang demanding lalo na daw ang lalaking amo panay ang singal sa tuwing maguutos.

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(Article provided by: LT)



Amalia de Jesus

By Albert Hernandez

"If it's your birthday, they give you two chickens."

This was what a Coast Guard officer told me as we walked to the end of the 1,300-metre dirt airfield of Pag-asa island.

At 37 hectares, Pag-asa is the biggest island controlled by the Philippines in the Spratlys. It is 480 kilometers west of Puerto Princesa or 34 hours away by boat from Rizal, Palawan.

I visited the island with a group of government officials to see how it could be developed into a tourism site.

"We have pigs, goats, ducks, and chickens. If it's your birthday, they give you two chickens," the officer said, describing what is life like in the island.

"We have plenty of seafood here, from lapu-lapu to lobsters. Most of us here eat fish," he added.

The Philippines controls Pag-asa but China also lays claim over island. At the end of the airstrip, one could see in the far distance Subi Reef, which has been transformed by China into an artificial island with a military base, harbour, and airstrip.

Subi Reef is 26 kilometers away, but one could still make out from Pag-asa the Chinese installations.

But while tensions can run high in the Spratlys—the Chinese on Subi radioed our plane pilot that we should leave their airspace before we landed on Pag-asa—the turquoise waters on the beaches of Pag-asa were peaceful when we visited.

In fact, I wanted to strip my gear off, walked barefoot on the white sand, and dip into those inviting waters. When I last visited in 2011, some of the Filipino lawmakers took a swim.

For recreation, the soldiers play billiards, ping-pong, and basketball. With electrical generators, the island community of more than 100 civilians has electricity from 6 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. so they can watch television of DVDs.

There was no cellphone signal when we visited. One Philippine telco had previously put up a communication tower but it had been damaged.

Pag-asa definitely has tourism potential. But at this time, it still remains a lonely Philippine outpost in the Spratlys.



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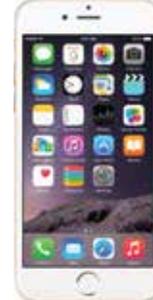
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Down **\$99**
6 Monthly **\$279**

Sony Xperia XZs *NEW*



- 5.2 Inch
- 19MP Rear + 13MP Front
- 32GB Storage
- 1.6GHz Quad Core
- 4GB RAM
- Android 6.0.1 Marshmallow
- 4G

Price **\$4,899**
Down **\$699**
6 Monthly **\$1,109**

Samsung Galaxy J1 (2016)



- 4.5 Inch
- 5MP Rear + 2MP Front
- 8GB Storage
- 1.3GHz Quad Core
- 1GB RAM
- Android 5.1.1 Lollipop
- 4G
- Dual SIM

Price **\$990**
Down **\$199**
6 Monthly **\$215**

Huawei Nova Plus *50 Downpayment*



- 5.5 Inch
- 16MP Rear + 8MP Front
- 32GB Storage
- 1.2GHz Octa Core
- 3GB RAM
- Android 6.0.1 Marshmallow
- 4G

Price **\$3,080**
Down **\$0**
6 Monthly **\$770**

Huawei Nova *NEW Low Downpayment*



- 5 Inch
- 16MP Rear + 8MP Front
- 32GB Storage
- 2.0GHz Octa Core
- 3GB RAM
- Android 6.0.1 Marshmallow
- 4G

Price **\$1,890**
Down **\$99**
6 Monthly **\$456**

Kata i5 *0% Interest Low Downpayment*



- 5 Inch
- 13MP Rear + 8MP Front
- 16GB Storage
- 1.3GHz Octa Core
- 3GB RAM
- Android 6.0 Marshmallow
- 4G
- Dual SIM
- Fingerprint

Price **\$1,290**
Down **\$99**
6 Monthly **\$199**

Asus Zenfone 3 Max ZC520TL *Low Downpayment*



- 5.2 Inch
- 13MP Rear + 5MP Front
- 32GB Storage
- 1.25GHz Quad Core
- 3GB RAM
- Android 6.0.1 Marshmallow
- 4G
- Fingerprint

Price **\$1,599**
Down **\$159**
6 Monthly **\$374**

Apple iPhone 7 Plus 128 GB



- 5.5 Inch
- 12MP Rear + 7MP Front
- 128GB Storage
- A10 Fusion Quad Core
- 3GB RAM
- iOS 10
- 4G
- Fingerprint

Price **\$7,968**
Down **\$1,999**
6 Monthly **\$1,659**

Apple iPhone 7 Plus 256 GB



- 5.5 Inch
- 12MP Rear + 7MP Front
- 256GB Storage
- A10 Fusion Quad Core
- 3GB RAM
- iOS 10
- 4G
- Fingerprint

Price **\$8,188**
Down **\$1,999**
6 Monthly **\$1,714**

Sony Xperia X *50 Downpayment*



- 5 Inch
- 23MP Rear + 13MP Front
- 32GB Storage
- 1.4GHz Hexa Core
- 3GB RAM
- Android 6.0 Marshmallow
- 4G
- Dual SIM
- Fingerprint

Price **\$3,298**
Down **\$0**
6 Monthly **\$825**

Samsung Note 4 *NEW*



- 5.7 Inch
- 23MP Rear + 3.7MP Front
- 32GB Storage
- 2.7GHz Quad-Core
- 3GB RAM
- Android 6.0 Marshmallow
- 4G
- Fingerprint

Price **\$2,290**
Down **\$199**
6 Monthly **\$578**

Sony Xperia XA *Low Downpayment*



- 6 Inch
- 21.5MP Rear + 16MP Front
- 16GB Storage
- 1.6GHz Octa Core
- 3GB RAM
- Android 6.0.1 Marshmallow
- 4G

Price **\$1,790**
Down **\$99**
6 Monthly **\$431**

LG Stylus 3 *NEW*



- 5.7 Inch
- 13MP Rear + 5MP Front
- 16GB Storage
- Octa-core 1.4 GHz
- 2GB RAM
- Android 6.0.1 Marshmallow
- 4G
- Dual SIM
- Fingerprint

Price **\$1,998**
Down **\$199**
6 Monthly **\$467**

Samsung Galaxy J7 Prime *Low Downpayment*



- 5.5"
- 13 MP Rear + 8MP Front
- 32 GB Storage
- 1.36GHz Octa Core
- 3 GB RAM
- Android 6.0.1 Marshmallow
- 4G
- Dual SIM

Price **\$2,190**
Down **\$99**
6 Monthly **\$531**

HTC Desire 10 Pro *50 Downpayment*



- 5.5 Inch
- 20MP Rear + 13MP Front
- 64GB Storage
- 1.8GHz Octa Core
- 4GB RAM
- Android 6.0 Marshmallow
- 4G

Price **\$2,998**
Down **\$0**
6 Monthly **\$750**

Samsung Galaxy C9 Pro *NEW*



- 6 Inch
- 16MP Rear + 16MP Front
- 64GB Storage
- 1.44GHz Octa Core
- 8GB RAM
- Android 6.0.1 Marshmallow
- 4G
- Fingerprint

Price **\$3,798**
Down **\$199**
6 Monthly **\$917**

Huawei P9 Lite



- 5.2 Inch
- 13MP Rear + 8MP Front
- 16GB Storage
- 1.7GHz Octa Core
- 3GB RAM
- Android 6.0 Marshmallow
- 4G

Price **\$2,180**
Down **\$199**
6 Monthly **\$512**

Huawei P10 Lite *NEW*



- 5.2 Inch
- 12MP Rear + 8MP Front
- 32GB Storage
- 2.15 GHz Octa-core
- 4GB RAM
- Android 7.0 Nougat
- 4G
- Dual Sim
- Fingerprint

Price **\$2,380**
Down **\$199**
6 Monthly **\$562**

Apple iPhone 7 - 256 GB



- 4.7 Inch
- 12MP Rear + 7MP Front
- 256GB Storage
- A10 Fusion Quad Core
- 3GB RAM
- iOS 10
- 4G
- Fingerprint

Price **\$6,998**
Down **\$1,399**
6 Monthly **\$1,514**

Samsung Galaxy J5 Prime



- 5 Inch
- 13MP Rear + 5MP Front
- 32GB Storage
- 1.4GHz Quad Core
- 2GB RAM
- Android 6.0.1 Marshmallow
- 4G
- Fingerprint

Price **\$1,790**
Down **\$199**
6 Monthly **\$415**

Samsung Galaxy C7 Pro *NEW*



- 5.7 Inch
- 16MP Rear + 16MP Front
- 64GB Storage
- 2.2GHz Octa Core
- 4GB RAM
- Android 6.0.1 Marshmallow
- 4G
- Dual SIM
- Fingerprint

Price **\$3,198**
Down **\$199**
6 Monthly **\$767**

Apple iPhone 7 - 128 GB



- 4.7 Inch
- 12MP Rear + 7MP Front
- 128GB Storage
- A10 Fusion Quad Core
- 3GB RAM
- iOS 10
- 4G
- Fingerprint

Price **\$6,188**
Down **\$1,299**
6 Monthly **\$1,331**

LG V20



- 5.7 Inch
- 16MP Rear + 5MP Front
- 32GB Storage
- 1.5GHz Quad Core
- 4GB RAM
- Android 7.0 Nougat
- 4G
- Dual SIM

Price **\$4,550**
Down **\$599**
6 Monthly **\$1,038**

Kata M3s *NEW*



- 5.5 Inch
- 13MP Rear + 8MP Front
- 16GB Storage
- 1.3GHz Quad Core
- 2GB RAM
- Android 6.0 Marshmallow
- 4G
- Dual SIM

Price **\$1,490**
Down **\$99**
6 Monthly **\$344**

Kata S100 *Low Downpayment*



- 2.4 Inch
- 0.3 MP Rear
- 32MB Storage
- Spreadtrum SC6531D
- 32MB RAM
- 2G

Price **\$99**
Down **\$39**
6 Monthly **\$19**

LG K10 (2017)



- 5.3 Inch
- 13MP Rear + 5MP Front
- 16GB Storage
- 1.14GHz Octa Core
- 2GB RAM
- Android 6.0 Marshmallow
- 4G
- Dual SIM

Price **\$1,498**
Down **\$199**
6 Monthly **\$342**

Samsung Galaxy S7 Edge



- 5.1 Inch
- 12MP Rear + 5MP Front
- 32GB Storage
- 2.3GHz Quad Core
- 4GB RAM
- Android 6.0 Marshmallow
- 4G
- Dual SIM
- Fingerprint

Price **\$4,690**
Down **\$699**
6 Monthly **\$1,056**

Samsung Galaxy S8 *NEW*



- 5.8 Inch
- 12MP Rear + 8MP Front
- 64GB Storage
- Octa-core 2.3 GHz
- 4GB RAM
- 7.0 Nougat
- 4G
- Dual Sim

Price **\$5,698**
Down **\$899**
6 Monthly **\$1,275**

HTC U Play *NEW*



- 5.2 Inch
- 16MP Rear + 16 Front
- 32GB Storage
- 1.6GHz Quad Core
- 3GB RAM
- Android 6.0 Marshmallow
- 4G
- Dual SIM

Price **\$3,450**
Down **\$399**
6 Monthly **\$796**

Samsung Galaxy C5 Pro *NEW*



- 5.2 Inch
- 16MP Rear + 16 Front
- 64GB Storage
- 2.2GHz Octa Core
- 4GB RAM
- Android 7.0 Nougat
- 4G
- Dual SIM

Price **\$2,998**
Down **\$199**
6 Monthly **\$717**

Sony Xperia X Compact



- 4.6 Inch
- 23MP Rear + 5MP Front
- 32GB Storage
- Hexa Core
- 3GB RAM
- Android 6.0 Marshmallow
- 4G
- Fingerprint

Price **\$2,998**
Down **\$499**
6 Monthly **\$667**

HTC U Ultra *NEW*



- 5.7 Inch
- 16MP Rear + 12MP Front
- 64GB Storage
- 2.15GHz Quad Core
- 4GB RAM
- Android 7.0 HTC Sense™
- 4G
- Dual SIM
- Fingerprint

Price **\$5,698**
Down **\$899**
6 Monthly **\$1,275**

LG G6 *NEW*



- 5.7 Inch
- 13MP Rear + 5MP Front
- 32GB Storage
- Quad-core 2.3GHz
- 4GB RAM
- Android 7.0 Nougat
- 4G
- Fingerprint

Price **\$5,398**
Down **\$599**
6 Monthly **\$1,250**

Sony Xperia XA Ultra *50 Downpayment*



- 6 Inch
- 21.5MP Rear + 16MP Front
- 16GB Storage
- 2GHz Octa Core
- 3GB RAM
- Android 6.0.1 Marshmallow
- 4G

Price **\$2,490**
Down **\$0**
6 Monthly **\$623**

Sugar Y7 Max



- 5.5 Inch
- 13MP Rear + 5MP Front
- 16GB Storage
- 1.3GHz Quad Core
- 3GB RAM
- Android 6.0 Marshmallow
- 4G
- Dual SIM
- Fingerprint

Price **\$1,198**
Down **\$199**
6 Monthly **\$287**

Kata M4s **NEW** *Pre-order Available*



- 5.5 Inch
- 18MP Rear + 8MP Front
- 32GB Storage
- Octa core 1.5GHz
- 32GB RAM
- Android 7.0 Nougat
- 4G
- Fingerprint

Price **\$2,499**
Down **\$199**
6 Monthly **\$571**

Acer ES1-432



Price **\$3,699**
Down **\$599**
6 Monthly **\$825**

Canon Power Shot G7X Mark II **NEW**



Price **\$4,580**
Down **\$399**
6 Monthly **\$1,079**

Casio G-Shock 120A **NEW** *Low Downpayment*



Price **\$730**
Down **\$99**
6 Monthly **\$179**

Casio G-Shock 100C **NEW** *Low Downpayment*



Price **\$899**
Down **\$99**
6 Monthly **\$224**

Casio G-Shock 100 *Low Downpayment*



Price **\$730**
Down **\$99**
6 Monthly **\$179**

Samsung Galaxy T285 Tab A7 LTE



- 7 Inch
- 5 MP Rear + 2 MP Front
- 8GB Storage
- 1.3 GHz Quad Core
- 1.5 GB RAM
- Android

Price **\$1,598**
Down **\$199**
6 Monthly **\$367**

Acer ES1-131



Price **\$3,190**
Down **\$699**
6 Monthly **\$681**

Go Pro Hero 5 Black Action Cam



Price **\$3,200**
Down **\$399**
6 Monthly **\$734**

Casio G-Shock 100H *Low Downpayment*



Price **\$490**
Down **\$90**
6 Monthly **\$106**

Casio G-Shock 7900 *Low Downpayment*



Price **\$840**
Down **\$99**
6 Monthly **\$208**

Casio Tough Solar Analog Digital 810 *Low Downpayment*



Price **\$580**
Down **\$99**
6 Monthly **\$129**

Alcatel POP4 7" **NEW**



- 7 Inch
- 2 MP Rear + VGA Front
- 4GB Storage
- Dual-Core 1.3 GHz
- 1GB RAM
- 4.2 Jelly Bean

Price **\$1,199**
Down **\$199**
6 Monthly **\$267**

Lenovo Ideapad 100-I3 **NEW**



Price **\$3,998**
Down **\$499**
6 Monthly **\$917**

Canon Power Shot G9X **NEW**



Price **\$3,380**
Down **\$299**
6 Monthly **\$796**

Casio Tough Solar Analog Digital 110 *Low Downpayment*



Price **\$590**
Down **\$99**
6 Monthly **\$131**

Alba Active 3111 **NEW**



Price **\$680**
Down **\$129**
6 Monthly **\$43**

Alba Prestige 8389 **NEW**



Price **\$450**
Down **\$79**
6 Monthly **\$107**

Huawei T2 7 LTE



- 7 Inch
- 2MP Rear + 2MP Front
- 16GB Storage
- 1.5GHz Quad Core
- 1GB RAM
- Android 6.0 Marshmallow
- 4G

Price **\$1,080**
Down **\$199**
6 Monthly **\$237**

Fuji Instax Share Sp-2 Printer **NEW**



Price **\$1,390**
Down **\$199**
6 Monthly **\$338**

LG Pocket Photo Printer **NEW**



Price **\$910**
Down **\$199**
6 Monthly **\$210**

Casio Baby G 110PP **NEW** *Low Downpayment*



Price **\$799**
Down **\$99**
6 Monthly **\$197**

Casio Baby G 110TX **NEW** *Low Downpayment*



Price **\$899**
Down **\$99**
6 Monthly **\$224**

Casio Baby G 110PP7 **NEW** *Low Downpayment*



Price **\$799**
Down **\$99**
6 Monthly **\$197**

Kata V5 **NEW** *Pre-order Available*



- 4.5 Inch
- 8MP Rear + 5MP Front
- 8GB Storage
- 1.3GHz Quad Core
- 1GB RAM
- Android 5.1 Lollipop
- 3G
- Dual SIM

Price **\$599**
Down **\$99**
6 Monthly **\$129**

Romoss DP10 10000mAh Power Bank **NEW**



Price **\$198**
Down **\$59**
6 Monthly **\$43**

Romoss Sense 4 10400mAh Power Bank **NEW**



Price **\$128**
Down **\$29**
6 Monthly **\$30**

Naviforce 9024 **NEW** *Low Downpayment*



Price **\$259**
Down **\$99**
6 Monthly **\$63**

Naviforce 9049 **NEW** *Low Downpayment*



Price **\$259**
Down **\$99**
6 Monthly **\$63**

Naviforce 9074 **NEW** *Low Downpayment*



Price **\$259**
Down **\$99**
6 Monthly **\$63**

Lenovo Tab3 7 Essential LTE **NEW**



- 7 Inch
- 2MP Rear + 2MP Front
- 16GB Storage
- 1.3 GHz Quad Core
- 1GB RAM
- Android
- 4G

Price **\$1,499**
Down **\$199**
6 Monthly **\$342**

Astru ET250 Bluetooth Earphones **NEW**



Price **\$99**
Down **\$29**
6 Monthly **\$16**

Astrum SM350 Bluetooth Speaker **NEW**



Price **\$199**
Down **\$59**
6 Monthly **\$44**

Special Offer

Asus Zenfone 3 Max ZC553KL **NEW** *Low Downpayment*



- 5.5 Inch
- 16MP Rear + 8MP Front
- 32GB Storage
- 1.4GHz Octa Core
- 2GB RAM
- Android 5.1 Lollipop

Price **\$1,999**
Down **\$99**
6 Monthly **\$484**

Free Romoss Sense Mini Php05 5000mAh Powerbank

Asus Zenfone Live **NEW**



- 5.0 Inch
- 13MP Rear + 5MP Front
- 16GB Storage
- Quad-core 1.2 GHz
- 2GB RAM
- 6.0 Marshmallow
- 4G
- Dual SIM

Price **\$1,299**
Down **\$199**
6 Monthly **\$292**

Free Romoss Sense Mini Php05 5000mAh Powerbank

Samsung Galaxy Tab 2 8.0 LTE *50 Downpayment*



- 8 Inch
- 8 MP Rear + 2.1 MP Front
- 32GB Storage
- 1.8 GHz Octa Core
- 3GB RAM
- Android

Price **\$3,588**
Down **\$0**
6 Monthly **\$897**

Astrum SM310 Bluetooth Speaker **NEW**



Price **\$159**
Down **\$59**
6 Monthly **\$33**

Jaybird Bluebuds X



Price **\$899**
Down **\$199**
6 Monthly **\$204**

OWTEL Appliances

Philips Shine Protect Hair Dryer 903



Price	\$358
Down	\$59
6 Monthly	\$86

Panasonic Wrist Blood Pressure Meter 10



Price	\$510
DP	\$159
6 Monthly	\$101

Rasonic Mini Rice Cooker - Y5H



Price	\$219
Down	\$29
6 Monthly	\$52

Samsung 32" 4003



Price	\$2,590
Down	\$399
6 Monthly	\$581

Philips Aquatouch Wet & Dry Electric Shaver 750



Price	\$648
Down	\$59
6 Monthly	\$163

Philips Electric Shaver 560



Price	\$498
Down	\$59
6 Monthly	\$123

Kenwood Blender Xtract Sport 060



Price	\$419
Down	\$59
6 Monthly	\$102

Kenwood Blender 470



Price	\$499
Down	\$59
6 Monthly	\$124

Samsung 22" 5001



Price	\$1,790
Down	\$199
6 Monthly	\$415

Samsung 24" 58



Price	\$2,390
Down	\$299
6 Monthly	\$548

Panasonic Men Shaver 34



Price	\$56
Down	\$19
6 Monthly	\$12

Philips Hairclipper 3410



Price	\$338
Down	\$59
6 Monthly	\$81

Kenwood Blender 011



Price	\$499
Down	\$599
6 Monthly	\$123

Kenwood Sandwich Maker 650



Price	\$498
Down	\$59
6 Monthly	\$123

Omron Pulse Massager



Price	\$840
Down	\$99
6 Monthly	\$201

Omron Wrist Blood Pressure



Price	\$588
Down	\$99
6 Monthly	\$136

Philips Hair Dryer 8112



Price	\$129
Down	\$39
6 Monthly	\$52

Panasonic Hair Dryer 51



Price	\$210
Down	\$79
6 Monthly	\$40

Kenwood Toaster 020



Price	\$628
Down	\$59
6 Monthly	\$158

Kenwood Weighing Scales 401



Price	\$319
Down	\$59
6 Monthly	\$76

Omron Body Composition Monitor HBF216



Price	\$760
Down	\$99
6 Monthly	\$187

Omron Upper Arm Blood Pressure Monitor Hem-7130



Price	\$699
Down	\$99
6 Monthly	\$165

Panasonic Eyelash Curler 2300



Price	\$110
Down	\$39
6 Monthly	\$21

Philips Essentialcare Hair Dryer 603



Price	\$218
Down	\$39
6 Monthly	\$52

Panasonic Lady Epilator



Price	\$290
Down	\$99
6 Monthly	\$56

Panasonic Rice Cooker 105



Price	\$359
Down	\$79
6 Monthly	\$80

Sony Radio 26



Price	\$138
Down	\$29
6 Monthly	\$32

Sony Radio 306



Price	\$259
Down	\$59
6 Monthly	\$60

Philips Easy Natural Curler 10



Price	\$348
Down	\$59
6 Monthly	\$83

Panasonic Hair Curler A11



Price	\$348
Down	\$59
6 Monthly	\$83

Panasonic Rice Cooker 185



Price	\$399
Down	\$79
6 Monthly	\$90

Philips Rice Cooker 3011



Price	\$289
Down	\$59
6 Monthly	\$65

Mitsubishi Fan 12



Price	\$328
Down	\$59
6 Monthly	\$75

Toshiba Radio Txpr-20



Price	\$119
Down	\$19
6 Monthly	\$29

Panasonic Iony Hair Brush 10



Price	\$280
Down	\$99
6 Monthly	\$54

Philips Essentialcare Ionic Straightener 403



Price	\$278
Down	\$39
6 Monthly	\$68

Philips Rice Cooker 3017



Price	\$369
Down	\$79
6 Monthly	\$83

Panasonic Blender 1011



Price	\$288
Down	\$59
6 Monthly	\$65

Panasonic Microwave 332



Price	\$769
Down	\$99
6 Monthly	\$183

Panasonic Water Purifier 225



Price	\$328
Down	\$59
6 Monthly	\$75

Napoles eyed as state witness

By Maia Lopez

THE Duterte administration is seriously considering tapping alleged pork barrel scam mastermind Janet Lim Napoles as a state witness in the Justice Department's forthcoming reinvestigation into the case. "The talks are just starting, so I have to

know what evidence she has," Justice Secretary Vitaliano Aguirre II said.

The Court of Appeals recently cleared Napoles in her serious illegal detention case, saying that her cousin and aide Benhur Luy, who became a whistleblower on the scam, was never deprived of his liberty.

Aguirre said the DOJ will not be appealing the acquittal. Napoles, however, remains detained on malversation, graft and direct bribery charges for her alleged involvement in the Priority Development Assistance Fund scam.

Napoles was tagged by witnesses as the alleged mastermind of the scam, where

around P10 billion of taxpayers' money was coursed through her companies for non-existent government projects implemented by lawmakers. Aguirre said he has already met with Napoles' lawyer "but we're only scratching the surface."

He said that unlike his predecessor, detained Senator Leila De Lima, there will

be no selective justice in the reinvestigation, even as he hinted that former President Benigno Aquino III could be part of the new probe.

Napoles surrendered to Aquino in 2013, with the former president turning her over to then Interior Secretary Mar Roxas and former police chief Alan Purisima.

Duterte rejects EU aid

By Maia Lopez

THE Philippines stands to lose more than P13 billion (250 million euros) in aid from the European Union after President Rodrigo Duterte decided to reject any form of assistance tied to certain conditions from the 28-member bloc.

The Palace said accepting the aid will allow the EU to "interfere" in the country's internal affairs.

"The EU, they are sending us 200 million euros. They said, we will give you this grant, but it needs to be consensual. They told us, we're giving you to promote human rights, law and order," Duterte said.

Duterte said Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III warned that any future funding by the EU may result in further interference.

"He told me, 'Look Mr. President, if you receive, you accept the money, they'll have the right to question the money and interfere with you. Because we will accept it under that condition of human rights. Gago talaga itong mga puti. Mga bugok talaga kayo,'" the President added.

Duterte has repeatedly criticized European lawmakers and the EU for condemning his drug war, which has claimed thousands of lives and led to warnings from critics of a possible crime against humanity.

Newly-appointed Foreign Affairs Secretary Alan Cayetano, who described the bilateral relationship with the EU as being "rocky" and on a "roller coaster," said some of the bloc's member-states were even pushing for legalized abortion and drug use.

Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea added: "We are supposed to be an independent nation."

The EU delegation to Manila said it has already been informed verbally of the Palace decision to reject development aid.

EU Ambassador to the Philippines Franz Jessen said the biggest chunk of the 250 million euro aid was for new projects that will support the peace process in Mindanao. Other programs under the rejected funding, Jessen said, are those that promote "inclusive growth", sustainable energy and job creation, and the rule of law."

Since the EU delegation in Manila opened some 25 years ago, the bloc has already given more than 2.3 billion euros or P119.6 billion in development assistance to the Philippines.

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China warns war vs PH over oil resources

By **Maia Lopez**

CHINESE President Xi Jinping has threatened to wage a war against the Philippines if President Rodrigo Duterte proceeds with his plan to extract oil in the disputed territories in the West Philippine Sea.

Duterte made the disclosure as he downplayed admonishments from former Foreign Affairs secretary Albert Del Rosario and Supreme Court Associate Justice Antonio Carpio that he failed to push for the country's sovereignty over the areas being claimed by China.

Del Rosario and Carpio said the President should have raised the decision of a United Nations tribunal favoring the Philippines and junking China's nine-dash-line claim over the entire South China Sea.

“Do not believe their claims that I'm weak, that I did not use the arbitral award

as a leverage. I said (to Xi) that is ours and we intend to drill oil there. If it's yours, well, that is your view but my view is that I can drill the oil if there will be some, inside the bowels of the earth because it is ours,” Duterte said, recalling his conversation with the Chinese leader.

Xi appeared flustered with the suggestion and threatened to go to war, he said.

“He said, ‘If you force the issue, we'll be forced to tell the truth.’ Here's the truth. President Xi said: ‘We will go to war. We'll fight you. But if we remain friends, we will talk about the arbitral ruling. But it cannot be now. You know why? Because you're not the only claimant,’” Duterte said.

“Vietnam is also a virulent claimant. They would go to war for that. And he said if we do that (drill oil), all the claimants will go there, so they have to declare war

because we will be fighting on all fronts. That's what he said,” Duterte added.

Carpio, for his part, said instead of cowering, the Philippines should file damages against Beijing for the Duterte administration's failure to utilize resources in the disputed waters.

Carpio said China's recent warning was a “gross violation” of the United Nations Charter, the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Seas, and the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia.

Carpio added the government can also ask for damages for every day of delay that the Philippines is prevented by China from exploiting its EEZ.

There is a pressing need for oil exploration because the Malampaya gas field, a key source of energy for the nation's main island of Luzon, is due to run out in 10 years, according to Carpio.

DBM seeks P3.84T budget in 2018

By **Maia Lopez**

THE national budget will grow by 14.6 percent from P3.35 trillion this year to P3.84 trillion in 2018.

According to the Department of Budget and Management, it would be used to ramp up the administration's anti-corruption campaign to restore people's trust in public institutions.

The national budget and its P490-billion increase, the DBM said, is also meant to support the pillars reflected in the Phil-

ippine Development Plan, including enhancing of the social fabric of “malasakit” or compassion.

The DBM said the government's spending level for 2018 is based on the following macroeconomic assumptions: 7 to 8 percent in real gross domestic product or GDP growth; 2 to 4 percent inflation rate; and P48 to P50 to a dollar foreign exchange.

Based on the budget memo, the government is expected to generate some P2.91 billion in revenues.

Disbursements are expected to reach to P3.44 billion, resulting in a fiscal deficit of P532.5 billion.

Meanwhile, economic growth slowed down to 6.4 percent in the first quarter this year, the slowest rate in five quarters as government spending turned weak following last year's robust construction activities in the run-up to the May presidential elections.

GDP grew slower than the 6.8 percent recorded a year ago, and the 6.6-percent increase in the fourth quarter of 2016.

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Indecent case vs Filipino teacher in Illinois

By Maia Lopez

A Filipino teacher in Shorewood, Illinois has been charged for his alleged indecent behavior toward a teenage girl.

Lemuel Elechion was charged with grooming for sending "inappropriate" text messages to a 13-year-old girl with whom he was allegedly trying to lure into a phys-

ical relationship.

According to state law, grooming occurs when a person knowingly uses a device or online service "capable of electronic data storage or transmission to seduce, solicit, lure or entice" a child.

Elechion, a teacher at Trinity Christian School, sent messages that indicated he rubbed the thighs of the teen, whom he

touched while eating lunch at a fast-food restaurant.

The complaint against the teacher also accused him of rubbing the teen's thigh under a blanket while watching a movie at the home of other Trinity Christian School students.

In other messages, the 51-year-old told the girl he "enjoyed rubbing" her thighs

and told her he wanted to touch her lips again.

Elechion is currently out of jail on a \$10,000 bail and was placed on administrative leave by school administrators.

Meanwhile, a Filipino engineer in Singapore has been sentenced to 10 weeks in jail for taking up-skirt videos of women, including his colleagues in a high-paying

job, in 2014.

Angelo Salvador Beltran, 45, pleaded guilty to eight of 28 charges of insulting modesty as well as violations of the Films Act for using his phone to film his victims' inner thighs and underwear at various locations.

Beltran "is absolutely remorseful for his actions," his lawyer said.

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2 years for Pinoy in US bank fraud

A Filipino embroiled in a major swindling case over the past 30 years in the US was sentenced to two years in prison after pleading guilty to fraud that caused more than \$70 million in total losses to banks and individuals in the 80's.

A report on San Gabriel Valley Tribune said Eminiano Reodica Jr., 72, was sentenced to 10 years in jail after he pleaded guilty to 26 federal charges of bank fraud and making false statements to financial institutions.

Reodica was supposed to be sentenced in 2016 but his attempt to withdraw his guilty plea prolonged the sentencing. He admitted defrauding five banks from 1984 to 1988 and in 1994 which were used by his customers for their car payments to maintain their credit lines. He con-

fessed promising the same car contract as collateral to two banks at the same time through signatures forged by his employees, whom he ordered to sign for car loans to funnel money back to his business. Reodica allegedly amassed a fortune that left banks and individuals \$90 million poorer before fleeing the US in 1988. Under the false name Roberto Abrian Coscolluela Jr., Reodica remarried in Australia and ran a Filipino-Thai restaurant for 24 years.

He was picked up by Customs and Border Protection agents at the Los Angeles International Airport in 2012 a day before he was scheduled to undergo court proceedings for allegedly duping a widow out of \$250,000 in Australia.

Maia Lopez

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CAC's 24th graduation ceremonies

By Cheryl M. Arcibal

THE Culinary Arts Centre celebrated another milestone with its 24th graduation ceremonies held on May 21 at Regal Hong Kong Hotel. In its 15th year of training students, CAC's latest batch of graduates numbered 320, the biggest number of students.



CAC students show their talent.

Philippine Consul General Bernardita Catalla was the the guest speaker and gave an inspirational message to the graduates. "I congratulate you for spending your days off here in Hong Kong productively, wisely, and smartly," Catalla said, noting that with the Philippine economy being one of the fastest-growing in the region, business opportunities abound for OFWs who want to go back home.

CAC Administrator Jimmy Dator said it was the first time the Philippine Consul General was a guest speaker of the school's graduation ceremonies.

Jean Alfonso, the batch's most outstanding student, thanked the CAC teachers for their generosity and patience in teaching her and her classmates.

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CAC graduates singing "Journey".

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188 CARD grads get certificates

IT was another happy occasion for CARD MRI trainees who received their certificates on Apr. 30 after completing their financial literacy training.

A total of 188 graduates from Batch 37-40 received their certificates at the Duke of Windsor auditorium. CARD clients Carmelita Aguilar and Erlinda Labitoria also shared their rags to riches stories to the graduates. Aguilar is now a proud owner of a factory of banana chips, while Labitoria said her business of paper mache has created jobs for her townmates in Laguna.

Consul-General Bernardita Catalla, the keynote speaker, reiterated the importance of sticking with a budget and saving money.

For those interested to learn how to save money and budget, you may join the next CARD Financial Literacy Workshop on June 25. For reservations and inquiries, please contact 95296392 and 54238196.

Ally Constantino

Paano? Bakit? Saan?

By Imelda Mae Bustinera

UGALI na ng among babae ni Rhoda, 38, may asawa at dalawang anak, tubong Bulacan na pagkahatid ng baon pananghalian sa alaga ay pinapadaan na sa palengke para raw tipid oras dahil nadadaan pauwi.

Sa dami ng mga ipinabili ng amo ay kung saan-saang parte ng palengke nagagawi si Rhoda para lahat mabili.

Nakakaramdam na ng gutom kaya mabilis ang kilos at parang may hinahabol ang mga hakbang ni Rhoda.

Kahit natanggal na ang pagkakaipit ng buhok hinayaan na lang niya dahil ayaw

niyang mag-aksaya ng oras.

Nang matiyak na nabili na ang lahat ng kailangan ay saka lang naisipan ni Rhoda na ayusin ang buhok. Maiyak-iyak sa pagkainis at pandidiri si Rhoda ng may mahawakan siyang malagkit na basang parte sa kanyang buhok.

Nang tingnan niya ay dura na may kasa-

mang plema. Hindi niya maubos maisip kung sino, saan, at paanong naduraan ang kanyang buhok.

May nagsabi na baka raw napadaan siya sa gilid na may dumura galing sa taas ng gusali. Sa takot na maulit uli ay iniwasan na ni Rhoda ang dumaan sa gilid ng mga gusali.



Naging determinado dahil sa mga plano

By Vicks Reyes Munar

WALA pang isang buwan si Rowena, 40, tubong Batangas, sa kanyang bagong pamilyang pinagsisilbihan subalit nais na niyang putulin ang kanyang kontrata.

Mistula siyang trumpo magmula alas 5 ng umaga hanggang alas 11 ng gabi sa dami ng ginagawa lalong-lalo na sa pag-aasikaso sa kanyang dalawang alaga.

Malaking hamon din kay Rowena ang isang alaga dahil napakailap nito at sobrang iyakin.

Hindi birong hirap ang naranasan niya lalo na at stay-in ang kanyang among babae.

Naninibago din siya dahil halos di na niya mahawakan ang kanyang telepono sa maghapon sa kaabalahan.

Sa gabi naman ang nais pa ng amo ay ilagay sa airplane mode dahil sa kakwanto nito ang isang bata.

Sa payo ng kanyang mga kaibigan na magtiis muna dahil siya ay nasa adjustment stage pa lamang.

Sa kagustuhan niyang makapag-ipon upang maisakatuparan ang kanyang mga mithiin sa buhay, hindi na nya namalayan na naka-apat na buwan na pala siya sa kanyang mga bagong amo.

Dahil sa pagtyataga, unti-unti na niyang nahuhuli ang loob ng kanyang mga alaga at gayundin ang kanyang mga amo.

Labis siyang natutuwa dahil ang mga batang napakailap sa kanya noon ay marunong nang mag-aappreciate sa kanyang mga ginagawa.

Madalas siyang sinasabihan ng mga ito na masarap ang kanyang mga luto kahit na asin, asukal at toyo lang ang kanyang gamit dahil sa pagiging health conscious ng kanyang among babae.

Inienjoy na lang ni Rowena ang kanyang daily routine.

At kahit pagod ang kanyang katawan nakamit na rin niya ang peace of mind dahil nalampasan na niya ang period of adjustment.

Buo ang kanyang loob, ayon kay Rowena.

Tatapusin niya ang kanyang kontrata sa kagustuhan niyang matupad ang kanyang mga goals sa buhay kaya hinaharap niya ng may ngiti ang mga hamon sa kanyang trabaho sa araw-araw.

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Let our voices be heard

THE administration is trying to raise more revenue by introducing a tax reform package in Congress.

Budget Secretary Benjamin Diokno said the country could get another credit rating upgrade should if Congress approves the tax reform bill.

According to the Department of Finance, the tax reform package could raise an additional P82.3 billion in revenues for the government.

However, many overseas Filipino workers are concerned because the tax reform package includes the imposition of 12 percent value added tax (VAT) on remittances.

Bayan Muna party-list Rep. Carlos Zarate had sounded the alarm and pointed out that the law could mean higher remit-

tance fees for OFWs.

"This bill is against the poor, whom the President has repeatedly promised to protect and lift from poverty," Zarate said.

We would like to add our voice to this regressive provision that would put an additional burden on the shoulders of long-suffering OFWs.

Many OFW groups had voiced their opposition to this provision since February but apparently, the country's economic managers and lawmakers have not heard our outcry.

The many associations of OFWs from different countries across the globe should let their voices be heard until President Duterte hears our plea and junks this onerous provision that will only add to our woes.

Health Alert

Mental Health Campaign

"Joyful@HK" is a territory-wide 3-year mental health promotion campaign (Campaign), launched by the Department of Health (DH) in January 2016. The Campaign has the following two objectives:

- increase public engagement in promoting mental well-being; and
- increase public knowledge and understanding about mental health.

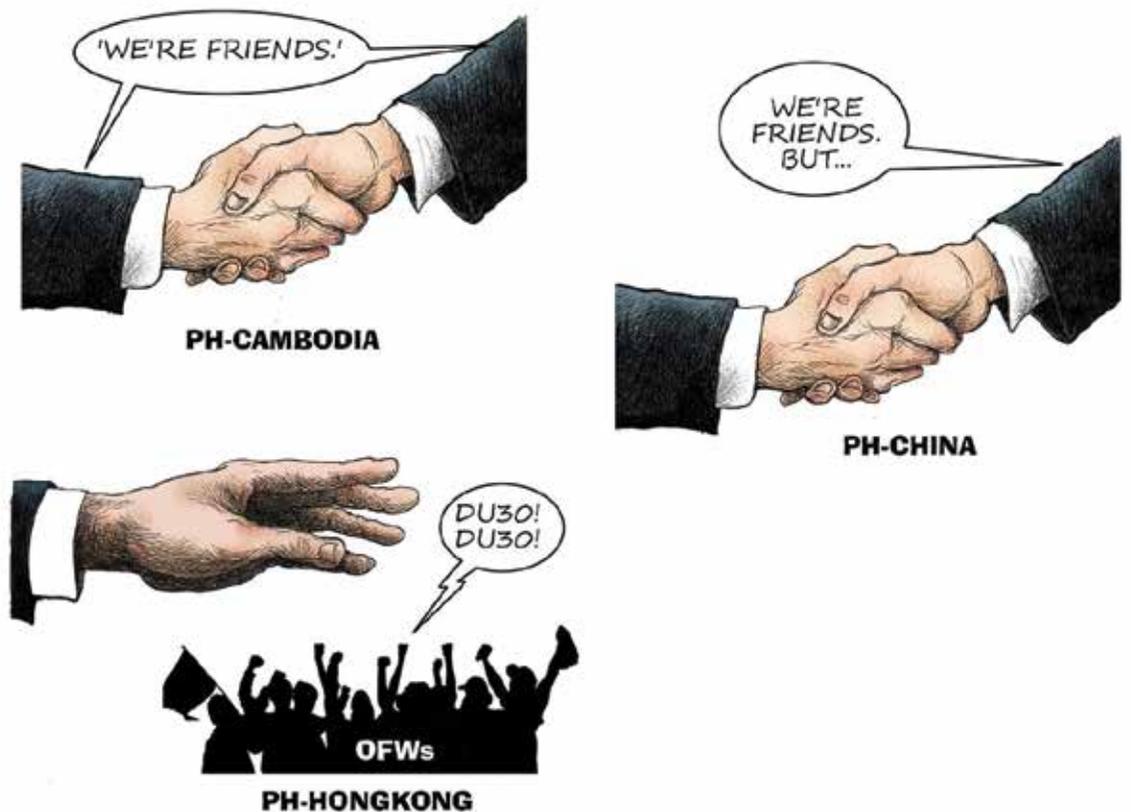
The key messages for objective (i) are ways to achieve or enhance mental well-being, which can be categorised under three main themes SME: sharing(與人分享), mind(正面思維) and enjoyment(享受生活). "Sharing" means sharing with family and friends and offering support to the needy. "Mind" refers to keeping an open mind, perceiving things with a positive attitude and optimism; and "Enjoyment" implies engaging in enjoyable activities to maximise potential and achieve satisfaction.

As for objective (ii), the key messages are: mental well-being concerns everyone. SME apply to all. Mental health problems are common. It is therefore important for all to understand the risk factors and symptoms of common mental health prob-

lems (including anxiety disorders, mixed anxiety and depressive disorder, and dementia for adolescents, adults and the elderly respectively) and know when to seek help and treatment.

A Kick-off ceremony was launched on 29 January 2016 in Kowloon Park. Ms Sammi Cheng (鄭秀文) was appointed as the Campaign Ambassador to help promote and raise awareness for the Campaign. A designated website has been launched with a pledge wall (www.joyfulathk.com). A designated Facebook page has also been set up ([fb.com/joyfulathk](https://www.facebook.com/joyfulathk)). Posters and pamphlets were designed for different target groups including the general public, elderly, adults and adolescents. Various mass media and publicity initiatives have also been implemented including radio and TV API, radio programme, promotion van, and comic strips published on FB. A family run activity was organised in December 2016. Application for "Your Joyful Record" Video Competition started in January 2017 and ended in May 2017. A prize presentation ceremony for the video competition will be held in July 2017.

As We See it



Currents

Norman Uy
Carnay

Usapang Alipin

NABASA mo na ba 'yung artikulong sinulat ni Alex Tizon na nag-viral sa Internet? Tungkol ito sa kasambahay nilang si Lola. Ipinagkaloo ang 12-anyos na Lola sa nanay ni Tizon ng lolo niya. Noong nakapag-asawa ang nanay, at lumipat sa Estados Unidos ang pamilyang Tizon, sinama si Lola. Walang tanong-tanong.

Sa ibang salita, siya ay katulong. Sa mas matalas na salita, siya ay alila.

Walang sahod si Lola. Kung saan-saan siya natutulog sa loob ng bahay. Minamaltrato rin siya ng magulang ni Tizon. Ito ang kinamulang niyang ayos ng mundo. Nabasag ito noong una niyang natutuhan ang salitang "slave".

May kilala ka bang slave?

Ayon sa research ng Mission for Migrant Workers, 43% ng sinurvey na migrant workers dito sa HK ang walang sariling kwarto, samantalang 10% ang hindi binibigyan ng beddings ng kanilang amo.

'Yung may kwarto, wala pa ring privacy.

May migrante na natutulog sa banyo. May natutulog sa cabinet sa kusina. Meron ding natutulog sa pinagpapatuyuan ng damit. Kapag summer, may mga hindi binibigyan ng electric fan man lang kahit napakainit sa pwesto nila. May mga babaeng migrante na hindi makapagpahinga nang maayos, dahil may kasamang matandang lalaki sa kwarto. May nangyari na ring pananamantala.

Pamilyar ba?

Kaya nais ng MFMW na gawing option ang pag-live out. Nais din nito na i-specify ng Labour Department kung ano ang karapat-dapat na tulugan ng mga kasambahay rito.

Balik tayo kay Tizon.

Sinubok bumawi ni Tizon dahil sa guilt na naramdaman niya bilang bahagi ng pamilyang umabuso kay Lola. Pinagtanggol niya si Lola sa kanyang nanay. Binigyan ng allowance si Lola. Pinaggamot tuwing

may sakit. Kinausap na 'wag na silang pagsilbihan, kundi mag-relax na lang.

May happy ending ba si Lola? Nakabalik siya ng Pilipinas, ngunit umalis din siya dahil iba na ito sa nakasanayan niya. Namatay na ang karamihan sa kamag-anak niya, at iba na ang lugar nila. Hindi na 'yun maibabalik ni Tizon. At alam niya 'yun.

Hindi pa huli para sa atin.

Maraming tulad ni Lola sa mundo, lalo na rito sa Hong Kong. Hindi natin kailangan ng mabait na amo tulad ni Tizon para mailigtas sa kapahamakan, kung tayo ay magsasama-sama at aalalayan ang isa't-isa para makamit ang dapat. Nakabubuhay na sahod? Ligtas na lugar ng trabaho? Makatarungan na oras ng trabaho? Walang pananamantala? Tsek lahat 'yan kung tayo ay mag-oorganisa.

Abo na si Lola, pero tayo hindi pa. Dapat itaguyod natin ang ating dignidad.

Dear Editor

Dear Editor,

Pagbati sa inyong lahat!

Ako ay isa sa masugid na mambabasa ng inyong pahayagan at mahilig din akong magbasa ng mga online news. Itong mga nakaraang araw, madalas kong nababasa ang patungkol sa di magandang kalagayan ng ibang kapwa OFWs dito sa Hong Kong tulad ng di maayos na tulugan.

Nagulat din ako sa lumabas na survey, na may mga katulad ko palang OFWs ang ganun ang kasalukuyang kalagayan na nagitiis ng husto dahil sa tindi ng pangangailangan sa trabaho at walang choice kundi mag-adjust na lang anupaman ang hirap.

Isa ako sa maswerteng may sariling kwarto at maayos ang accommodation sa aking kasalukuyang amo subalit di ko pa rin maiwasan na mag-alala at mag-isip tungkol sa kalagayan ng iba kaya nagpasya akong sumulat sa inyo upang kahit papaano ay maparating sa kinauukulan at mabigyan ng mas maagarang pansin at aksyon.

Umaasa akong ang ating mga opisyaes sa Konsulado ay gagawin ang lahat ng paraan upang makipag-ugnayan sa Hong Kong Government upang masiguro na ang lahat ng helpers ay magkakaroon ng maayos na tulugan.

Di birong hirap sa trabaho ang karamihang nara-

ranasan sa buong maghapon at tanging ang pagtulog ang pag-asang makapagpahinga kaya sana sa lalong madaling panahon ay mapabuti pa ang batas at alituntunin patungkol sa usaping ito.

Malaki po ang kompanya ko na di magtatagal ay magkakaroon na din ng sagot ang aking panalangin na mas mapabuti ang kalagayan ng ilan sa amin na nagitiis nang husto sa kagustuhang kamita.

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US, Canada fans flock to AIDub shows

THOUSANDS of Kapuso fans from various states in the US and Canada came out in full support to see the phenomenal AIDub love team of Alden Richards and Maine Mendoza during their US shows dubbed, "KS sa US" last April 9 and 12.

The events held at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium in California and at the Kings Theatre in New York were the first international shows headlined by Alden and Maine (Yaya Dub), popularly known as AIDub from Eat Bulaga's Kalyeserye. They were joined by the comedic trio of Jose Manalo (Lola Tinidora), Wally Bay-

ola (Lola Nidora), and Paolo Ballesteros (Lola Tidora).

As soon as Alden and Maine arrived at the airport, the US-based AIDub Nation and Dabarkads welcomed them with open arms. Their fans were excited to meet the cast from the hilarious Eat Bulaga segment that they followed dearly on TV.

The shows were filled with laughter and kilig as the crazy gang entertained them with their spontaneous banters along with song and dance numbers. Members of AIDub Nation even came with banners and wore fan shirts to show their support.

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Appointment ni Mocha kinwestyon

MAY ilang nagtaas ng kilay at kinwestyon ang pagtalaga sa sexy dancer at blogger na si Mocha Usong bilang assistant secretary ng Presidential Communications Operating Office (PCOO).

Unang itinalaga ni Pangulong Duterte si Mocha bilang myembro ng Movie Television Review and Classification Board ang 34-angyos na si Margaux "Mocha" Justiniano Usong, pero matapos ang ilang buwan ay nagbitiw ito sa pwesto.

Ngayong Mayo itinalaga ni Duterte si Mocha bilang assistant secretary ng PCOO na ang opisina ay nasa Malacanang mismo.

Ayon kay Mocha, bilang PCOO Asec ay lalabanan niya ang "fake news" na nakakasira sa mga ginagawa ng Duterte administration. Tutukan daw niya ang social media para mailapit si Presidente Duterte sa mga ordinaryong Filipino.

Mabilis na kinontra ng bagong Bb.Pilipinas International Mariel de Leon. Nag-tweet daw si Mariel, "What is happening Philippines" nang maibalita ang pagtalaga kay Mocha

"I love my country so it breaks my heart to

know someone like her got a position in the govt...There are so many other unbiased, educated, and respected (and respectful) people who deserve her place," ang sabi ni Mariel.

"Sorry po Bb Pilipinas. I'll take note po of your tweets at pagbubutihin ko po para sa bayan at para sayo po," ang sagot ni Mocha.

Eto naman ang tugon ni Mariel, "It proves that we can accept each other's opinions and differences and still let peace, democracy, and love for country prevail. It is done." **Cristy Kasilag**



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Marian Rivera hosts 'Tadhana'

EVERY day, thousands of Filipinos go abroad to seek greener pastures and provide a better life for their loved ones back home. Their sacrifice and endurance to face the unknown for the sake of their families, as well as helping the country's economy through their remittance, have earned them the title, "Bagong Bayani".

On May 28 via GMA Pinoy TV, GMA Public Affairs proudly presents "Tadhana", a weekly drama anthology featuring the colorful, heroic, and inspiring stories of OFWs. Hosting the program is Kapuso Primetime Queen Marian Rivera.

"Every Saturday, iba't ibang story ang mapapanood nila mga kuwento ng ating

mga kababayan na nagtrabaho at nakipag-sapalaran sa ibang bansa," reveals Marian of her latest program with the Kapuso Network.

She adds that Tadhana will be very different from her previous projects: "First time ko ito as story teller at happy ako kasi may matututunan ako sa bawat istorya."

Every week, Tadhana will feature a story of an OFW, showing his struggles and sacrifices to fit in a world that is unknown to him and his readiness to face separation and to battle sadness across tumultuous seas, snow-covered cities, and barren deserts in the hope of giving his loved ones a better future.



MARIAN

Aside from showing these difficulties, Tadhana will also present the other face of an OFW — a person who, through his resilience, has been able to rise above the situation and succeed. Each episode aims

to inspire viewers to never give up and continue reaching for their dreams.

Marian knows how difficult it is to be away from her loved ones. "Bilang anak, nakalulungkot 'yung lumalaki ka na nasa abroad yung nanay mo, buti andiyan ang lola ko para alagaan at gabayan ako," she shares.

This is also why her new TV project is teaching Marian to value her family even more. For its pilot episode, Tadhana presents the story of Elvie, a former OFW who worked in Saudi Arabia. Playing Elvie is Kapuso star Kris Bernal while veteran actress Cherie Gil portrays Hannah, Elvie's employer.

Buntis na si Pauleen-Vic

By Crysty Kasilag

SA edad na 63-anyos ay maging ama muli sa ika-limang pagkakataon si "Bossing" Vic Sotto.

Masayang ibinalita ni Marvic Valentin "Vic" Sotto nuong ika-9 ng Mayo na 10 linggo nang nagdadalang tao ang kanyang maybahay na si Pauleen "Poleng" Marie Jimenez Luna. Ginawa ang anunsyo sa pananghalian nilang palabas na "Eat Bulaga!"

Nung una ay pabirong sinabi ni Vic na "Gusto ko pong i-announce sa Pilipinas at sa buong mundo na buntis ako, hindi po ako, ang aking asawa."

Pero naging seryoso ang kanyang hiling sa kanilang mga manunood o "Dabarkads" na isama sa kanilang dasal ang matagumpay na pagbubuntis ni Poleng ng kanilang magiging anak.

Sinabi ni Poleng na nagulat siya nang isinapubliko ng kanyang Mister ang tungkol sa kanyang pagbubuntis dahil wala daw silang pinagugustuhan na sasabihin ito sa "Eat Bulaga!"..

Ang sabi niya ay hindi naman mahirap ang una niyang pagbubuntis, ayaw lang niya ng mga matatayang na amoy at ang gusto lang niya ay itlog dahil wala daw itong amoy. Nagkaroon din daw siya ng taghiyawat.

Si Vic daw gusto sana maging lalaki ang anak nila. Pero siya, wala siyang pili kung lalaki man o babae, basta maging malusog lang ang kanilang anak. May apat na anak si Vic. Dalawa sa kanila, sina Danica at Oyo Boy, ay sa dati niyang asawa si Dina Bonnevie. Si Vico naman ay si Connie Reyes ang nanay, at si Paulina ay anak niya sa dating modelang si Angela Luz.



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Aquarius January 20 to February 18
May oras na kailangan mo lang mag-isa at pakinggan ang nangyari sa isipan at puso mo. Kailangan mong ipahinga ang damdamin dahil apektado nito ang kalusugan mo.

Pisces February 19 to March 20
Pakinggan mo ang kaibigan mo. Mas nakikita niya ang nangyayari sa isipan at puso mo.

Aries March 21 to April 19
Sumama ka na lang muna sa agos. Iwasan mo ang maging kontrabida dahil hindi ka mananalo sa argumento.

Taurus April 20 to May 20
Hindi nakatago ang ligaya sa mga lugar na kailangan mong gumasta ng malaki para mapuntahan. Wala kang pondo para magbakasyon ng grande, huwag mong ubusin ang ipon mo.

Gemini May 21 to June 20
Kaunting tiis na lang at makakamit mo na ang iyong pinakamimithi. Magiging matagumpay ka sa larangan ng negosyo, trabaho o pag-ibig.

Cancer June 21 to July 22
Habaan mo ang iyong pasensya at lawakan mo ang pang-unawa. Kung kailangan ng kalahati dagdagan mo pa.

Leo July 23 to August 22
Tandaan mo, pakinggan mo ang iyong katawan. Kung pagod, magpahinga ka, kung gutom kumain ka.

Virgo August 23 to September 22
Masaya ang buwang ito para sa iyo. Magpahinga ka muna at kung pwede, magbakasyon ka.

Libra September 23 to October 22
Walang masama kung pipiliin mong manatili lang sa bahay ng ilang araw at pabayaan mo na lang na dumaloy ang agos ng buhay sa labas. Kung gusto mo, magpunta ka sa isang retreat na walang mang-aabala sa iyo.

Scorpio October 23 to November 21
May pangangailangan ka na hindi naibibigay ng tao na inaasahan mong magpapaligaya sa iyo. Kapag kinakausap mo siya, pakiramdam mo'y binabalewala mo siya.

Sagittarius November 22 to December 21
Huwag mong aksayahin ang panahon sa mga walang kwentang bagay. Nauubos ang mahahalagang oras mo sa mga hindi kapaki-pakinabang na pag-iintindi sa tsismis o sabi-sabi.

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salt and pepper to taste

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2. Rub the lamb chops with the garlic, paprika and season with salt and pepper.
3. Using a grill pan, grill one side for 2 minutes to sear, then turn over the

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4. Remove from the grill and garnish with sliced onions and spring onions.



By Chef Jay Dator

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JOKES
Juan: Sinong fish ang pumapalit pag wala ang boss?
Pedro: Sino?
Juan: Eh di ang o-FISH-er in charge
Juan: Saang bansa ang paboritong pasyalan ng mga fish?
Pedro: Saan?
Juan: : Eh di FIN-land.
Juan: Bakit pumupunta ang mga fish sa pari?
Pedro: Bakit?
Juan: Eh di para magkum-FISH-al.
Juan: Anong tawag sa fish na peke?
Pedro: Ano?

Juan: Eh di, Arti-FISH-al.
Juan: Anong tawag sa tagapagmana ng fish?
Pedro: Ano?
Juan: Eh di, Beni-FISH-ary.
Juan: Ano ang tawag sa fish na sosyal?
Pedro: Ano?
Juan: Eh di So-FISH-ticated.
Juan: Anong fish ang pinakabata?
Pedro: Ano?
Juan: Eh di Youngstown Sardines
Juan: Anong fish ang laging basa?
Pedro: Ano?
Juan: Eh di, Hito (HITO ako ohh, basang basa sa ulan).
Juan: Anong fish ang palaging ending sa Mortal Combat?
Pedro: Ano?
Juan: Eh di FISH-nish...him.
Juan: Ano ang sabi ng isda sa isa pang isda?
Pedro: Ano?
Juan: Eh di, Yo! Sapsap!
Juan: Anong tawag sa isda na nahati ng limang beses?
Pedro: Ano?
Juan: Eh di, 555 Tuna.
Juan: Anong pinakamatinih na isda?
Pedro: Ano?
Juan: Eh di, yung di pa nahuhuli.
Juan: Saan nagsasama-sama ang mga fish?
Pedro: Saan?
Juan: Eh di, sa FISH-ta.
Juan: Anong tawag sa mataas na fish?
Pedro: Ano?
Juan: Eh di, ofFISHyal.
Juan: Paano mo malalaman ang mood ng mga fish?
Pedro: Paano?
Juan: Eh di tumingin ka sa FISHal expression nila.
Juan: Anong pinakamahal na fish?
Pedro: Ano?
Juan: Eh di, Gold Fish.
Juan: Anong isda ang mahilig mangarate?
Pedro: Ano?
Juan: Eh di, Tilap-Yaaaaaaa!!!

Crossword Puzzle

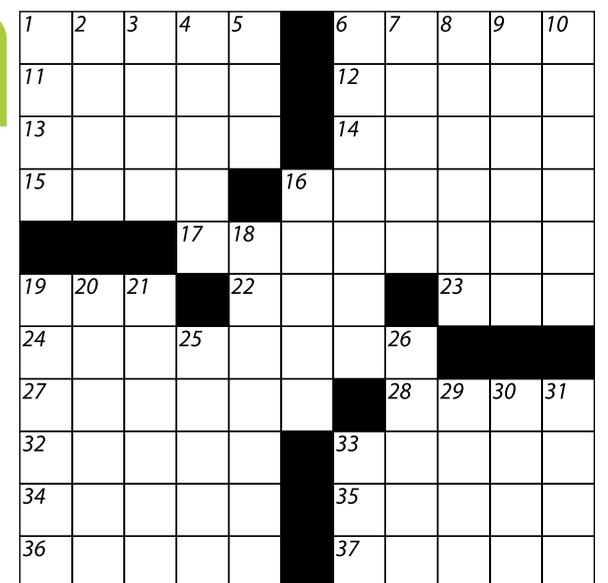
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- 1 Bintang
- 6 I-korek
- 11 Ligasgas
- 12 Tabla
- 13 Bahay-ampunan
- 14 Dahilan
- 15 Tagapag-alaga ng kabayo
- 16 Kaso
- 17 Squash; Tagalog
- 19 Higit
- 22 Martin After Dark
- 23 Tatak ng gatas ng bata
- 24 Ikukula
- 27 Tanong kung sino ang may-ari
- 28 Balita
- 32 Lugar sa Makati
- 33 Gipit
- 34 Harang
- 35 Utas

- 36 Shadow; Tagalog
- 37 Pangalan ng babae

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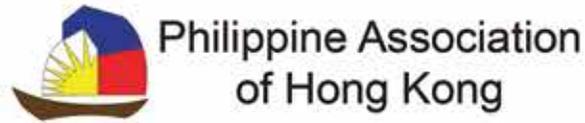
- 1 Dinugo
- 2 Usapin
- 3 Minsan pa
- 4 Halu-halong kilatis ng ginto
- 5 Kaaway ng pusa
- 6 Ibiyahe
- 7 Bisa
- 8 Bubungan
- 9 Epektibo
- 10 Lagyan ng asin
- 16 Sira ng kamote
- 18 Tanggap ang kasalanan
- 19 Tatak ng bola
- 20 Konsortehan
- 21 Sinambit
- 25 Pasabi
- 26 Anting-anting



Answer to last puzzle

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- 29 Hindi alam ang gagawin
- 30 Pag-aari ko
- 31 Parang
- 33 Also Known As



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