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POLO bars 5,800 employers

By Cheryl M. Arcibal

NEARLY 5,800 employers were placed by the Philippine Overseas Labor Office on its watchlist, latest data revealed.

As of the first half of the year or until June 30, employers who were barred from hiring a Filipino domestic helper numbered 5,791, said Maybelle Frianeza, POLO administrative staff.

POLO started putting employers on a watchlist in 2006.

From January to June this year, meanwhile, Frianeza said additional 265 employers were included on the watchlist.

Labor Attache Jalilo dela Torre told Hong Kong News the POLO has prepared a system that would allow it and the Indonesian Consulate to coordinate and consult with each other to blacklist abusive and erring employers.

“Tapos na ang system and we’re supposed to meet the Indonesian Consulate para mai-present sa kanila ang system. I told them to set the meeting already,” Dela Torre said.

He said the system would put an end to the practice of abusive employers hiring Indonesian domestic workers when they are barred from hiring Filipinos and



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Employers, agent sued over China work

By Cheryl M. Arcibal

A Filipina who was allegedly taken to the mainland and made to work there by the cousin of her Hong Kong resident employer testified in court in the prosecution of a

criminal charge filed by the Immigration Department against the two employers and an official of an employment agency.

Rowena Ubaldo gave her testimony at a Kowloon City Courts on July 18-20 in the conspiracy to defraud trial of defendants

of employers S.W. Wong and Z.Huang, and employment agent C.K. Chan.

The witness said she signed a contract on Apr. 15, 2015 to work as the domestic helper of Wong. The contract stated the helper would, among others, take care of the employer's daughter and son, and they would reside in an address in Hung Hom.

Ubaldo said it was Huang who interviewed her, and she was informed by Chan that the employer liked her.

After signing the contract, and staying in Macau while waiting for the ImmD to approve her new visa, Ubaldo said that on June 11, 2015, she started working in the address stated in her contract.

She said Wong did not reside at the address and it was Huang who would give her instructions and pay her salary. The witness added that Huang would pay her in cash and did not issue any receipts.

The two children that she took care of, she added, were also children of Huang instead of Wong's.

In her contract, Ubaldo said, it was stated that the children were Wong's.

In August 2015, Ubaldo said she was informed by Huang that they were going to China, and they would have a holiday there.

On Aug. 17, 2015, she, Wong and Huang's daughter went to apply for a visa so Ubaldo could enter the mainland.

Looking at her contract, Ubaldo said she asked if the name that was there was Wong's, and the latter confirmed that it was her name.

After learning of this, Ubaldo said she inquired from Chan if this was legal, the agent said "no problem because they're sisters."

Ten days after, Ubaldo, along with Huang, and her children left Hong Kong for Guangzhou.

In Guangzhou, the Filipina said she was made to work at the house. She cleaned the house, went to the market, and cooked dishes. She also took Huang's children to some exercise classes. In China, Ubaldo said, Huang took her passport.

"I did not like it because I was afraid that if something happened to me in China, how could they identify my body?" the Filipina told the court through an Ilocano interpreter.

She also said she got in touch with Chan to inform him that Huang took her passport.

"I was scared. If something happened to me, how would they identify me? Another thing was that she (Huang) was not my employer," Ubaldo said.

Chan assured her that her passport would be returned to her.

As her visa was set to expire, she then returned to Hong Kong on Sept. 25, 2015.

After returning to Hong Kong, Ubaldo was told by Wong and Chan that she would have to go back to China to serve Huang's family.

When she refused, she was terminated. Owing to this, Ubaldo said she went to the Philippine Consulate for consultation. On Sept. 30, the Filipina went to the ImmD to file a complaint against Wong, Chan, and Huang.

Under cross-examination, Ubaldo denied she still owed some money to Chan. She added she was made to take a loan from a finance company, but the money was used to pay for her boarding fees and other charges to Chan.

The prosecution also presented an Immigration officer, who said that only a Hong Kong resident and not someone from the mainland would be allowed to hire a foreign domestic helper in Hong Kong.

The witness, however, conceded there was nothing that would bar an employer from having her relatives or even friends stay in her residence and let her domestic helper serve them as well.

After the prosecution's case, Kowloon Deputy Judge Andrew Ma said he found there was a case to answer against each of the three defendants.

He adjourned the case for the defense's rebuttal to Sept. 14.

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DSWD 'temporarily' ceases HK operations

By Cheryl M. Arcibal

THE Social Welfare Office at the Philippine Consulate will be shut down temporarily starting July 31.

Social Welfare Attache Elizabeth Lim-Dy told Hong Kong News she was recalled by her home office as she finished her tour of duty here in the city.

"This is temporary kasi wala pa akong replacement. In the meantime, ang mga gamit namin is for safekeeping," she said.

Dy added that she could still communicate and counsel with distressed Filipinos in Hong Kong via mail or even phone calls.

She said she would also follow up the cases of Hong Kong-based Filipinos whose problems or concerns were about their family in the Philippines.



Dy and Villas

"We also have our counterparts here in the Assistance to Nationals section and other partners and stakeholders so open pa din ang ating services," she added.

Dy's sole staff - Marlyn Villas - meanwhile was recommended for a new post by

Consul General Bernardita Catalla.

"May mga recommendations na ginawasi ConGen kasi the service naman of Lyn is very good and she really performed especially sa correspondence with inmates," she said.



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Govt OK with P52:US\$1 exchange rate

By Albert Hernandez

GOVERNMENT would not mind if the Philippine peso depreciated further to P52 to a US dollar, according to Budget Secretary Benjamin Diokno.

Diokno said on July 14 that there was nothing to worry about the depreciation of the peso since the peso-dollar exchange rate was still within the government target range of P48-P52 to one US dollar.

He pointed out that peso depreciation also favored overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) and the country's exporters.

"I'm not worried about the peso depreciation...And right now our target, we'll relax it a little bit. It's up to P52, okay. So P48 to P52, I think. That's our target," Diokno said.

"My position has been that let's leave it to the market. Right now, a peso depreciation favors more than half of the Filipinos because of the overseas Filipino remittances, okay," he added.

On July 3, the peso slid P50.545:\$1, an almost 11-year-low.

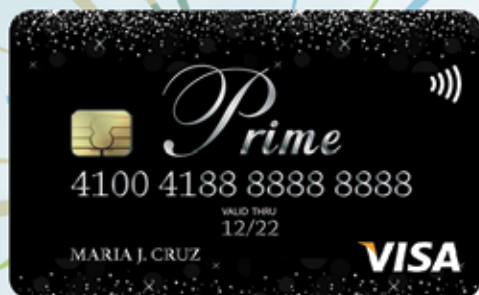
"You know, whenever you have a peso depreciation that is favorable to our exports sector, which will then create more jobs," Diokno said.

"And as I said, the families of overseas Filipino workers like this...the peso depreciation...because that will increase their purchasing power," he added.

Diokno also said the country was not "too dependent on foreign loans" due to the inflow of dollars through the business process outsourcing industry and OFW remittances. He also noted that the country's gross international reserves will be able to cover 11.7 months of worth of imports.



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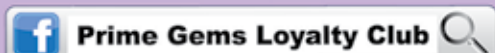
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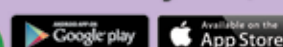
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Helper acquitted of \$500-theft case

By Ally Constantino

ANALIZA E.E., a Filipino domestic helper accused of stealing \$500 from her employer, cried in court and hugged her cousin when she was acquitted by a Kowloon Courts judge.

Deputy Magistrate Vennie Yee on July 18 ruled that the prosecution failed to prove beyond reasonable doubt that the defendant stole the money from her employer.

The judge noted that despite the employer's statement that the domestic

worker took the \$500 in September 2016, she continued to employ her and only terminated the contract two months after.

Judge Yee added that by the time the employer terminated the contract, the relationship between the latter and the domestic helper had turned sour owing to several

disagreements.

"I approach her (employer's) evidence with great caution...I did not find her a credible witness and she was evasive under cross-examination," Judge Yee said.

Moreover, the magistrate also said there was no reason to believe the employer's

statement that she had to wait for Analiza's replacement before firing the defendant. The magistrate ruled the employer was not a "reliable witness".

Analiza had maintained the \$500 came from her cousin and not from the employer.

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Girl testifies vs Filipino nanny

A 10-year-old girl gave her evidence in court against their former domestic worker, Emerolyne M. L., who was accused of beating her up in March in their house in North Point.

In a hearing on July 14 at a court at the Eastern Magistracy, the girl, who could not be named for legal reasons, said that on the evening of March 17, she had some words with her grandmother.

The girl then went to her bedroom and began venting her frustration by saying what she wanted to tell her grandmother to a wall. She then called Emerolyne to her room and scolded the latter about misplacing some of her stuff.

The helper then allegedly became angry and started hitting the child. The child said she was lifted from her armpits and then thrown onto the bed. Her head was also banged twice on the corner of the bed. The child said that after the incident, the defendant left her room and went to the kitchen and started washing the dishes.

The girl also said that while hitting her she saw Emerolyne smiling. After the incident, the girl said she called her maternal grandmother to come back to the house. She followed Emerolyne to confront the latter about her action.

Under cross-examination, the child admitted that after the incident and while she was in the hospital for medical examinations, she sent a text message to Emerolyne saying "I love you very

much, but I can't see you anymore. You can still call me and check with me on Facebook". She also said she had asked Emerolyne for a kiss on the lips.

The child's grandmother gave evidence and recounted that on the evening of the incident, after having dinner at the home of her daughter, and son-in-law, she was in a rush to leave so she could exercise and go back to her home in Tseung Kwan O. However, her granddaughter was "making a fuss" and wanted her to stay in the flat, but she said her parents were about to come home soon.

Several minutes after leaving the house, the grandmother received a phone call from the girl. The grandmother said she heard the girl crying and asking her to come back because "cheche or Malyne" was hurting her. The grandmother told her granddaughter to calm down, stay home, and keep the peace with the defendant. The grandmother then walked back to the house. While walking she received another call from her granddaughter and she said the granddaughter was even crying harder that time.

"Grandma, please return soon. Cheche is beating me to death. I'm in great pain," the witness quoted her granddaughter as telling her.

The case was adjourned to August 10 for the continuation of the trial. **Ally Constantino**

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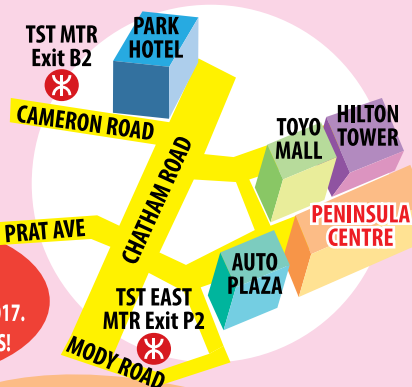
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Filipino model guilty of faking banknotes

By Ally Constantino

A 24-year-old Filipina, who was said to be working as a model, was found guilty of a charge relating to counterfeiting Hong Kong banknotes.

District Court Deputy Judge Lily Wong Sze-lai on July 12 convicted S. J. Legaspi of possessing counterfeit materials which

were found in 2015 in the bedroom she shared with her boyfriend in their home in Kennedy Town.

Judge Wong said there was no dispute the equipment, materials including laptop computers, tablets, papers, printers, and bottles of ink were seized in the possession of the defendant and her boyfriend.

In convicting Legaspi, Judge Wong said

the defendant's allegations about her being unable to understand what was said to her and unaware of her rights during a video recording interview conducted by police were unbelievable. Legaspi was also provided an interpreter so she could understand the caution statement.

"The video recording interview was played in court and the defendant was

willing and volunteered information [about the equipment and materials seized from her home]," said Judge Wong.

The magistrate dismissed the evidence given by the defense witness, the defendant's boyfriend, who said he only used the equipment, and the other gadgets to study the patterns of various banknotes because he was interested in skin tattoos.

However, Judge Wong said "one could see the sophisticated nature" of the patterns to "such minute details".

Mitigating, Legaspi's lawyer told the court his client had no prior conviction record, and at the time of her arrest, she was a "regular consumer of ice", but said she has been clean since then. Legaspi would be sentenced on Aug. 1.



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Ylagan still a no-show in court

FOR the second time, Ester Ylagan, the owner of the shuttered Emry's Employment Agency, failed to appear at the hearing of criminal charges against her at the Eastern Magistrates' Courts.

Representatives from the Labour Department on July 17 were left asking people in the gallery of Court 2 to inquire whether they were representing Ylagan after the defendant could not be found. The LD then asked the court to adjourn the cases to October 20 to allow another personal service of the summons to Ylagan.

Outside the court, LD prosecutor Gary Tsang said they would be coordinating with the Philippine Consulate to locate Ylagan after Edwina Antonio of the Mission for Migrant Workers told him about the refund cases pending against the

defendant at the Small Claims Tribunal and the District Court.

On Jan. 20, Ylagan was also a no-show at the Eastern Magistrates' Courts for the hearing of 21 criminal cases filed against her. Ylagan was charged with 21 counts of receiving payment other than the prescribed commission, but she sent no representative or lawyer to appear in court. Emry's was said to be the biggest provider of Filipino domestic helpers in Hong Kong. Ylagan had insisted to officials of the Philippine Overseas Labor Office that she did not intend to dupe the jobseekers and promised that she would refund the applicants. Emry's office in World Wide House in Central has been shuttered since June 2016.

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6 months for FDH for hitting baby

By Cheryl M. Arcibal

A Filipino domestic helper who pleaded guilty to hitting a baby after being jolted from her sleep was jailed for six months.

Eastern Courts Principal Magistrate Bina Chainrai on July 18 said that although she accepted that C.B. Sotto's act of hitting the baby was not pre-meditated, the offense was serious.

The magistrate said the only appropriate sentence for Sotto was a custodial sentence. She added that it was fortunate the baby did not sustain serious injuries and no apparent injury was observed.

Owing to the seriousness of the offense, the Filipina was originally sentenced to nine months in prison, but Judge Chainrai reduced it to six months owing to Sotto's guilty plea.

Mitigating, the duty lawyer of Sotto said the defendant had no intention of hurting the baby and that she had only momentarily lost control.

"She lacked sleep at the time and she felt remorseful," the duty lawyer added.

In a court hearing on July 4, a duty lawyer previously said the defendant was exhausted and when the 18-month-old baby that she was taking care of had not gone to sleep, she hit the child.

The prosecution said that at about 11:50 p.m., while the parents of the child were not at their home in Sheung Wan, the mother accessed the security camera in the flat through her mobile phone and she saw the helper hitting the child's head and body.

The parents then reported the incident to the police and the baby was taken to

the Queen Mary Hospital, where medical examinations revealed no injury to the victim.

At the police station, the defendant admitted that she hit the child and that she lost her self-control because she was exhausted and wanted to rest and go to bed.

Sotto's duty lawyer told the court the defendant had a series of late nights prior to the incident as the child's parents would go out and the helper would stay up late to take care of the baby.

"The defendant had been taking care of the baby 16 months prior to the incident. This was not premeditated. The act was not hidden, she had known all along that the camera was there," the duty lawyer said.

The defense also said that the helper hit the child after she removed the baby from

the cot and was trying to lull the baby to sleep.

"Just to put context into the situation, she is very sorry, but she has not been able to get a proper rest. The defendant was up a lot at nights as the employers would go out regularly," the defense said.

Judge Chainrai, however, said being stressed at work was not "an excuse for hitting the child the way she did."

"This is out of character of the defendant, this was not planned. The child had not suffered any injury and the defendant is very remorseful. She has obviously lost her job," the defense said about the Filipina, who has a teenage son in the Philippines who lives with the defendant's mother.

"She is keen to return to the Philippines to be with her son," the duty lawyer said.

POLO considers Wan Chai buildings for new office

By Cheryl M. Arcibal

THE Philippine Overseas Labor Office is eyeing areas in Wan Chai and Admiralty to be its new office.

Labor Attache Jililo dela Torre told Hong Kong News they were considering offices offered to them in Wu Chung House and Sunlight Tower in Wan Chai as possible spaces for their new office.

A fifth floor area in Lippo Centre was also being considered.

"Hopefully within this month we firm up where our new office would be. Pina-paalis na kami [dito sa Admiralty Centre]," Dela Torre said.

He added they were considering offices in Wan Chai as the lease rate in the Admiralty area was expensive.

"Wala tayong magawa kasi mahal dito," he said when asked why POLO was considering moving out of Admiralty, where the Philippine Consulate is also located.

Meanwhile, Dela Torre said they were still looking for a venue for the Licensure Examination for Teachers to be held in September.

"We will take in as many examinees as possible, pero naghahanap lang ng venue kasi the Bayanihan Centre is already booked," he said.

If they are unable to find one, the POLO chief said they might "bite the bullet" and lease a space at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, which he said could set them back by \$300,000.

Meanwhile, POLO sources said Civil Service Exams could be held in October.

"That's tentative," the source said.

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Pinoy sent to jail for taking car, car keys

A 38-year-old Filipino resident in Hong Kong was jailed for 36 months after pleading guilty to four criminal charges at the District Court.

District Court Deputy Judge Ernest Lin on July 25 sent F. Ramos Jr. to jail over taking a private car, driving it, taking 23 other car keys, and stealing a laptop, and \$1,000 cash in two separate incidents in 2015 and 2016.

Judge Lin said the starting point for Ramos' sentence was 54 months, but discounted a third owing the defendant's guilty plea.

Prosecutor Judy Ma told reporters the defendant, married with kids, was charged with taking the private car of an owner of a second-hand automobile shop in Tsim Sha Tsui last Aug. 18.

He drove the private car and left it in a public car park in Yau Ma Tei.

After being charged, Ramos was then released on bail.

The car was recovered, but other car keys were not, the prosecutor said.

But last Jan. 22, Ramos took a laptop, several documents and \$1,000 from a KFC branch in Whampoa Garden.

Only the laptop was recovered, the prosecutor added.

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Catalla's eventful stint in Hong Kong

By Cheryl M. Arcibal

CONSUL-General Bernardita Catalla may have only stayed in Hong Kong for a little over three years, but with those three eventful years, it seemed like she has stayed here far longer than that.

Catalla is set to leave Hong Kong soon to assume being the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary (AEP) of the Republic of the Philippines to the Lebanese Republic.

Her stint here in Hong Kong could be described in two words: rebuilding, and revitalizing.

Consider this: she arrived on June 11, 2014, a day before the celebration of the Philippine Independence Day in Hong Kong. It was also a little over two weeks when Hong Kong and Manila officially

put a closure to the rift brought about by the Rizal hostage-taking incident where eight tourists from Hong Kong died in a botched rescue attempt.

A few months after, the Occupy Hong Kong protests took place. In the following year, the Philippine Consulate began preparations for the 2016 presidential polls. And the following year, the polls took place, and finally this year, the Philippine Consulate was among the lead organizers of "Celebrate Colours", an event featuring and showcasing talents and contribution of ethnic minorities to Hong Kong as the city celebrated its 20th founding anniversary.

Looking back at her stint here, Catalla described it as "fulfilling".

"This is my first assignment as head of post so now I can do whatever I want to



Catalla

do. I'm the boss and I give directions... Now it's my vision that I follow. So, how I think, how I believe an office should be run, and what activities should be undertaken and how to go about things.

"I was given the opportunity to do all the things that I wanted to do, [including] elevating the status of Filipinos here in Hong Kong and putting the Philippines [on the radar] of the businessmen," Catalla said. The PCG chief had hit the ground running on her first day in Hong Kong as it was the celebration of the Philippine Independence Day.

And the work had just begun then.

Those were the early days of the renewal of the ties between Manila and Hong Kong, and Catalla said they had to work hard to bring back Hong Kong tourists to the Philippines.

First up was convincing then Philippine Tourism Secretary Ramon Jimenez Jr., who visited Hong Kong in June 2014, to push for the inclusion of a contingent from the Philippines to participate in the annu-

al Lunar New Year parade, whose major sponsor was Cathay Pacific.

She said the parade had been held annually since some 20 years ago, but the Philippines was never invited.

"Sumasali diyan Germany, The Netherlands, pero hindi tayo iniimbata. Sabi ko kay Secretary Jimenez 'sir pa-imbata tayo'. Nakipag-usap kami and we expressed our desire to be invited through Cathay Pacific," she said.

Catalla said they had back channel dialogues with the Hong Kong Tourism Board, which paved the way for the regular participation of the Philippines in the parade.

In September 2014, Hong Kong was rocked by the Occupy protests, and Catalla said she felt it was the PCG's duty to remind Filipinos working in the city to stay away from local politics.

"We were certain of our moves to dissuade Filipinos from joining and going to the protest areas because it was very clear to me why Filipinos came here. They came here to work and if they engaged in such activities and they were identified, they could lose their jobs.

"The first thing was to protect them from losing their jobs because I believe the worst violation of human rights is depriving them of their means of livelihood," Catalla said.

The PCG also began an active partnership with various NGOs and stakeholders to initiate programs for Filipinos working in the city, particularly the household service workers.

Catalla cited projects, among others, with the Integrated Bar of the Philippines, which extends free legal advice and consultation for Filipinos.

The PCG also has an existing programs with other NGOs for the financial education of and for the health and well-being of Filipinos in the city.

In 2016, the PCG officials were deputized by the Commission on Elections to hold the presidential polls for the overseas voting here.

"We were able to prove that the poll was clean and that we did not do anything to damage it or to mar it in spite of some insinuations by some people," she said.

Catalla's last major project in Hong Kong was the "Celebrate Colours" multi-cultural extravaganza held on June 25 at the Queen Elizabeth Stadium in Wan Chai. The event was part of the 20th anniversary celebration of the establishment of the Hong Kong SAR. The PCG collaborated with the ISS Hong Kong and the Hong Kong government to recognize the contribution of the ethnic minorities to the city.

In Lebanon, Catalla said she is looking forward to the post as it was a promotion and being an ambassador is the "apex of the career" of every diplomat.

"Lebanon is also a new place for me. As a young and lower-level diplomat, I served in Asia, especially in Southeast Asia - in Malaysia, Indonesia, and now Hong Kong, which is very near the Philippines and there were not much differences in terms of culture. Lebanon is an entirely new one, so it excites me in that way," she said.

Pinay nakaakit ng lalaki habang nasa pilahan ng popular fast food sa Central

Si Rosalie Catostos ng Tai Wai ay pihikan sa buhay, ayaw muna niyang magkaroon nobyo dahil nais niyang makapagipon upang matupad ang pangarap na magkaroon ng magandang bahay. Sa tuwing magkikita sila na kaniyang kaibigan tuwing day off ay nalalanghap daw niya ang pabango nito na napakabango. Hindi daw siya mahilig gumamit ng pabango, baby cologne lang ay kuntento na siya ngunit nang malanghap niya ang samyo ng pabangong gamit ng kaibigan ay nagpabili siya nito.

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3	Samsung Galaxy J5 Prime	1	2	3					
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5	2 x Hotel Lunch Buffet Coupon	-	-	10					
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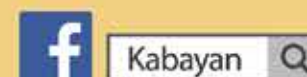
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POLO...

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vice-versa.

Reasons for being watchlisted included being a "terminator" or employers who frequently terminate FDHs, and refusal to settle the last month's salary or pay for the FDH's return flight to the Philippines.

Being on the watchlist means an em-

ployer's application to hire a new Filipino domestic helper would not be approved.

"When they submit their requirements, automatic iyan. Tinitignan namin ang pangalan ng employer, we verify their Hong Kong ID, and we are able to check if they are on the watchlist," Frianeza said.

Once they verify that an employer was on their watchlist, the POLO would in-

form the employment agency and would schedule an interview with the employer.

"Tinatanong namin kung ano ang nangyari sa previous workers kasi mayroon kaming employer's history...Tinatanong namin if they have settlement papers with them," she said.

If she is not satisfied with the employer's answers, then another interview either

with Dela Torre or Assistant Labor Attache Marnie German would be scheduled.

An employer may be removed from the watchlist if POLO sees the employer's latest domestic worker had renewed their contract.

"Kapag nakita namin na iyong mga sumunod na workers after the previous complaint had at least served out their two-year contract at nag-recontract si worker, so ang ibig sabihin kontento ang worker doon sa household," she said.

On the other hand, employers on the blacklist were those whose workers filed a police report against them, particularly those involving complaints of maltreatment, and assault.

They also consider the working conditions a worker would have in the employer's home.

"Kapag din nakita namin na mahihirapan ang worker, let's say ang bahay 3,000-square feet, at madami ang household members. Tapos nakita namin sa history na hindi natatapos ng worker ang

contract so that is one basis of denial.

"Mayroon din na walang settlement at hindi nagbayad at walang ticket o hindi naprovide, o mayroong settlement supposedly pero hindi nabayaran, then we deny their application to hire a Filipino domestic helper," she said.

In July last year, POLO records showed there were 4,990 employers on its watchlist. The number grew by about 100 since Dela Torre announced that he would be going after the employers who frequently terminate FDHs.

The POLO began listing names of abusive employers after popular Cantopop singer Jacky Cheung accused in 2006 his domestic worker, Preslyn Catacutan, of stealing a letter and three photos from him, and he was included on the list. It was discovered that he had 21 domestic helpers over a three-year period.

Dela Torre said the other employers on the list were accused of sexual molestation, maltreatment, not providing food to their FDHs, and other abuses.



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- 8MP Rear + 5MP Front
- 8GB Storage
- Quad-core 1.3 GHz
- 1.5GB RAM
- Android 5.1.1 Lollipop
- 4G
- Dual Sim

Price **\$719**

Down **\$99**

6 Monthly **\$176**

LG Stylus 2 DAB 0% Interest Hot Items



- 5.7" 5.7 Inch
- 13MP Rear + 8MP Front
- 8GB Storage
- Quad-core 1.2 GHz
- 1.5GB RAM
- Android 5.1.1 Lollipop
- 4G
- Dual Sim

Price **\$1,599**

Down **\$199**

6 Monthly **\$234**

Samsung Galaxy S7 Edge 0% Interest Hot Items



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

Price **\$5,199**

Down **\$599**

6 Monthly **\$767**

Nokia 6 NEW



- 5.5" 5.5 Inch
- 18MP Rear + 8MP Front
- 32GB Storage
- Octa-core 1.4 GHz
- 3GB RAM
- Android 7.0 Nougat
- 4G
- Dual Sim
- Fingerprint

Price **\$2,088**

Down **\$299**

6 Monthly **\$507**

Samsung Galaxy Note 5



- 5.7" 5.7 Inch
- 16MP Rear + 5MP Front
- 32GB Storage
- Octa-core 2.1 GHz
- 4GB RAM
- Android 5.1.1 Lollipop
- 4G
- Fingerprint

Price **\$3,799**

Down **\$399**

6 Monthly **\$1,000**

Samsung Galaxy J7 (2016)



- 5.5" 5.5 Inch
- 13MP Rear + 5MP Front
- 16GB Storage
- Octa-core 1.6 GHz
- 2GB RAM
- Android 5.1.1 Lollipop
- 4G
- Dual Sim

Price **\$1,599**

Down **\$159**

6 Monthly **\$400**

Samsung Note 4



- 5.7" 5.7 Inch
- 16MP Rear + 3.7MP Front
- 32GB Storage
- 2.7 GHz Quad-core
- 3GB RAM
- Android 6.0 Marshmallow
- 4G
- Fingerprint

Price **\$2,790**

Down **\$199**

6 Monthly **\$711**

Samsung Galaxy Tab 3 T113 0% Interest Hot Items



- 7.0" 7.0 Inch
- 2MP Rear
- 8GB Storage
- 2.7 GHz Quad-core
- 1GB RAM
- Android 5.1 Lollipop

Price **\$989**

Down **\$199**

6 Monthly **\$132**

Samsung Galaxy A9 Pro 0% Interest Hot Items



- 6" 6 Inch
- 16MP Rear + 8MP Front
- 32GB Storage
- Octa-core 1.8 GHz
- 4GB RAM
- 6.0 Marshmallow
- 4G
- Fingerprint

Price **\$3,299**

Down **\$399**

6 Monthly **\$484**

Samsung Galaxy J3 Pro Hot Items



- 5.0" 5.0 Inch
- 8MP Rear + 5MP Front
- 16GB Storage
- Quad-core 1.2 GHz
- 2GB RAM
- Android 5.1.1 Lollipop
- 4G
- Dual Sim

Price **\$840**

Down **\$99**

6 Monthly **\$208**

LG X Screen



- 4.9" 4.9 Inch
- 13MP Rear + 8MP Front
- 16GB Storage
- Quad-core 1.2 GHz
- 2GB RAM
- Android 5.1 Lollipop
- 4G
- Dual Sim

Price **\$890**

Down **\$159**

6 Monthly **\$211**

Samsung Galaxy J5 (2016)



- 5.2" 5.2 Inch
- 13MP Rear + 5MP Front
- 16GB Storage
- Quad-core 1.2 GHz
- 2GB RAM
- Android 5.1 Lollipop
- 4G
- Dual Sim

Price **\$1,199**

Down **\$159**

6 Monthly **\$294**

Samsung Galaxy J2 Prime NEW Low Downpayment



- 5" 5 Inch
- 8MP Rear + 5MP Front
- 8GB Storage
- Quad-core 1.4 GHz
- 1.5GB RAM
- 6.0 Marshmallow
- 4G
- Dual Sim

Price **\$918**

Down **\$99**

6 Monthly **\$229**

Samsung Galaxy A7 2017 NEW



- 5.7" 5.7 Inch
- 13MP Rear + 5MP Front
- 32GB Storage
- Octa-core 1.9 GHz
- 3GB RAM
- 6.0 Marshmallow
- 4G
- Dual Sim
- Fingerprint

Price **\$2,988**

Down **\$299**

6 Monthly **\$747**

LG K8 2017 NEW



- 5.0" 5.0 Inch
- 5MP Rear + 5MP Front
- 16GB Storage
- Quad-core 1.4 GHz
- 1.5GB RAM
- Android 7.0 (Nougat)
- 4G
- Dual Sim

Price **\$899**

Down **\$99**

6 Monthly **\$224**

LG K4 2017 NEW Low Downpayment



- 5.0" 5.0 Inch
- 5MP Rear + 5MP Front
- 8GB Storage
- Quad-core 1.4 GHz
- 1GB RAM
- Android 6.0 Marshmallow
- 4G
- Dual Sim

Price **\$699**

Down **\$99**

6 Monthly **\$170**

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Kata M4s **NEW**



5.5 Inch
18MP Rear + 8MP Front
32GB Storage
Octa core 1.5GHz
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Android 7.0 Nougat
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Price **\$1,999**
Down **\$199**
6 Monthly **\$450**

Free 2X Kata S100

HP Stream 11



Price **\$2,349**
Down **\$399**
6 Monthly **\$560**

Canon EOS 1300D with 18-55mm **NEW**



Price **\$3,980**
Down **\$299**
6 Monthly **\$1,012**

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 Baby G 110PP7 **NEW** Low Downpayment



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

Samsung Galaxy T285 Tab A7 LTE **0% Interest** **Hot Items**



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

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

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 Baby G 110PP **NEW** Low Downpayment



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

Casio G-Shock 7900 Low Downpayment



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

Naviforce 9074 **NEW** Low Downpayment



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

Samsung Galaxy Tab A 10.1 **0% Interest** **Hot Items**



10.1 Inch
8MP Rear + 2MP Front
16GB Storage
Octa-core 1.6 GHz
2GB RAM
Android 6.0 Marshmallow
4G

Price **\$2,530**
Down **\$299**
6 Monthly **\$372**

Lenovo Ideapad 110-14 **NEW**



Price **\$4,399**
Down **\$599**
6 Monthly **\$1,074**

Canon Power Shot G9X **NEW**



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

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



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

Alba Active 3111 **NEW** Low Downpayment



Price **\$680**
Down **\$29**
6 Monthly **\$177**

Naviforce 9049 **NEW** Low Downpayment



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

Huawei T2 7 LTE **Hot Items**



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** **Hot Items**



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

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Dual-core 1.84 GHz
2GB RAM
iOS 10.3
4G
Fingerprint

Price **\$3,588**
Down **\$399**
6 Monthly **\$831**

Romoss DP10 10000mAh Power Bank **NEW** Low Downpayment



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

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



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

Lenovo Tab3 7 LTE **NEW**



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

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

Astrum ET250 Bluetooth Earphones **NEW**




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

Soul Ultra Headphones **NEW**



Price **\$599**
Down **\$199**
6 Monthly **\$127**

Kata T5 **Low Downpayment** **NEW**



7.85 Inch
8 MP Rear + 5 MP Front
16GB Storage
Quad core 1.3GHz
1GB RAM
Android 6.0 Marshmallow
WiFi


Price **\$999**
Down **\$99**
6 Monthly **\$225**

Astrum SM310 Bluetooth Speaker **NEW**




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

Jaybird Bluebuds X



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

Asus Zenfone 3 Max ZC553KL **Low Downpayment** **Hot Items**



5.5 Inch
16MP Rear + 8MP Front
32GB Storage
1.4GHz Octa Core
2GB RAM
Android 5.1 Lollipop
4G
Dual SIM

Price **\$1,899**
Down **\$99**
6 Monthly **\$459**

Free Romoss Sense Mini Php05 5000mAh Powerbank

Asus Zenfone Live **NEW** **Hot Items**



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

OWTEL Appliances

Philips Shine Protect Hair Dryer 903 **NEW**



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

Panasonic Wrist Blood Pressure Meter 10 **Hot Items**



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

Rasonic Mini Rice Cooker - Y5H **Hot Items**



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 **Hot Items**



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 **Hot Items**



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 **NEW**



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

Omron Wrist Blood Pressure **NEW**



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

Philips Hair Dryer 8112



Price	\$129
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6 Monthly	\$52

Panasonic Hair Dryer 51



Price	\$210
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Chef Topf Pot 24cm High **NEW**



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

Omron Upper Arm Blood Pressure Monitor Hem-7130 **NEW**



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

Panasonic Eyelash Curler 2300 **Hot Items**



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 **Hot Items**



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

Panasonic Hair Curler A11 **NEW**



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

Panasonic Rice Cooker 185



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

Philips Rice Cooker 3011 **Hot Items**



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

Extension of Martial Law approved

By Maia Lopez

CONGRESS, in a weekend joint session, has granted President Rodrigo Duterte's request to extend martial law and the suspension of the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus in Mindanao until December 31, 2017.

Duterte scraps peace talks with Reds

By Maia Lopez

PRESIDENT Duterte has finally decided to scrap peace talks with communist rebels following a series of attacks on government troops, including on members of the Presidential Security Group.

Duterte said the military will train its guns on the New People's Army after it has retaken Marawi City from Islamist terrorists as he vowed to "bully" the rebels for as long as he is president.

"I can fight for another 50 years. Let us agree to fight. And let us be ferocious with each other," Duterte said. "Let us stop talking. I'm tired. It's a great expense to be sending people there (peace talks) for nothing. So I might as well just use the money for whatever. Let's start fighting, stop talking... I will not talk, I will not even whisper."

"No quarter given, no quarter asked. That's the way it should be," he added.

The President also ordered the arrest of all consultants of the National Democratic Front who were given temporary freedom to hold talks with the government.

"They have to surrender or we will hunt them down," he said.

The Office of the Solicitor General has already asked the Supreme Court and several regional trial courts handling the cases against the communist leaders to recall the bail grant earlier given to them.

Solicitor General Jose Calida said the government would also ask the RTCs to re-issue commitment orders for those who are standing trial for various criminal cases, including communist leader Benito Tiamzon and his wife, Wilma Austria.

The rebels, however, responded to the President's hardline stance by egging on him to "do his worst."

"Let him do his worst. If he thinks by going on a killing rampage against the revolutionary movement he would achieve social change, he is absolutely mistaken," NDF chief negotiator Fidel Agcaoili said.

Five officers of the PSG were wounded in a recent NPA ambush in Arakan, North Cotabato while two Marines were gunned down in Palawan province.

"There is a strong resurgence, the NPA is coming back again. After we have crushed terrorists in Marawi, we will re-orient and target the NPA," Duterte said.

Voting 261-18, senators and congressmen overwhelmingly approved the extension of martial law which took effect on May 23 in the country's southern region after Islamist terrorists attacked Marawi City. Only four senators, namely Minority Leader Franklin Drilon, Francis Pangilinan, Paolo Benigno Aquino IV, and

Risa Hontiveros, and 14 House members opposed the move.

In his letter to Senate President Aquilino Pimentel III and House Speaker Pantaleon Alvarez, the President warned of more attacks by Islamic State-inspired extremists in Mindanao in the coming days as he sought to justify his request for a five-

month extension of martial law.

He said the extension will allow the government to deal not just with the Maute but with other extremist groups such as the Abu Sayyaf, Ansarul Khilafah Philippines and the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters which are still capable of violent attacks in Mindanao.

"Validated reports disclose that Hapilon and the Mautes have sent an operational fund to ASG sub-leader Furuji Indama in order to launch attacks in Basilan, Cagayan de Oro, General Santos City and Zamboanga City," Duterte said, referring to Abu Sayyaf head Isnilon Hapilon, who was appointed as the "emir" of ISIS.

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China jobs warning

By Maia Lopez

A senior Philippine diplomat in Beijing has reminded Filipinos seeking employment in the mainland that foreign domestic helpers are still prohibited from working in China.

Consul General Julius Flores said Filipino workers illegally employed as maids will be arrested and deported by Chinese authorities.

"While there is a demand, it is not yet allowed. There are no legal contracts (for foreign domestic helpers)," Flores said.

He said both employers and employees who will violate the law will be slapped with a minimum penalty of about P37,450 each.

Foreign workers would also be detained while waiting for their deportation to their home countries.

Filipino household workers are preferred by Chinese families because of their ability to speak English, serving not only as maids but also as tutors to their

children.

Filipinos illegally employed as household helpers in China are mostly overstaying workers whose contracts and visas have expired. They earn between P29,960 and P44,940 a month.

Philippine Ambassador to China Jose Santiago Sta. Romana said China is exploring the possibility of relaxing its ban on the employment of foreign maids.

"They want to open but not in the same scale as in Hong Kong. They want to hire nannies who can teach their kids English or English-speaking domestic helpers," Sta. Romana said.

Meanwhile, talks are ongoing between Manila and Beijing for the entry of more Filipinos to teach English in Chinese universities and primary and secondary schools.

"China has expressed its willingness to add the Philippines in the list of countries that are given employment opportunities for English teachers in China. Talks are underway," he said.

Macau police nab 2 Pinoys over theft

TWO overseas Filipino workers were arrested by Macau policemen for allegedly stealing valuables from local residents.

A 20-year-old male OFW was charged with one count of theft for stealing 22,000 patacas (P138, 298) in cash and valuables from a drunk man.

The victim reported the incident to the police after he realized his briefcase had been stolen while he was lying on a bench on Fong Son Tong Street.

The police said the suspect had been linked to several theft cases in Macau.

Police arrested the Filipino in his home and found the clothes he was wearing when he took the briefcase.

A local resident who positively identified the Filipino suspect was also arrested himself after authorities found out that the latter was the first to try to steal the briefcase.

The second suspect, identified only as Chan, admitted that while he was trying to take around 1,000 patacas in cash out of the briefcase, he was caught red-handed by the Filipino.

Chan, thinking that the Filipino was a friend of the victim, immediately handed him the briefcase as well as the cash, and left.

Chan later returned to the scene to find the drunk man still lying on the bench but now without the briefcase, prompting him to report the Filipino to the police.

Meanwhile, a 32-year-old Filipino woman was arrested for overstaying and stealing valuables worth 95,000 patacas (\$11,816) in two separate cases.

The OFW was accused of stealing a diamond ring from a former employer in 2015. The jewelry later turned up in a pawn shop in Taipa.

Last year, the suspect also allegedly stole a notebook computer, a luxury watch and 47,000 patacas in cash from another employer.

The OFW faces charges of theft, fraud, falsification of documents and overstaying

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Sexual assault charge eyed vs Fil-Am

By Maia Lopez

A Filipino-American teacher was arrested in California for allegedly sexually assaulting a teenager at his tennis school.

Normandie Santos Burgos, 53, was arrested by Richmond Police Department after receiving a tip that he sexually assaulted a 16-year-old student.

RPD's Domestic and Sexual Violence Unit said Burgos, who founded the Burgos Tennis Foundation in Sausalito, California, had been assaulting the boy since he was 14.

RPD Felix Tan said parents employed the suspect for "intimate one-on-one lessons."

The victim opened up to his mother about the abuse he suffered at the hands of the coach which lasted for two years.

Prosecutors are expected to file felony charges against Burgos who is currently held in the county jail under a \$1.5-million bail. The suspect was first arrested in August 2006.

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By Imelda Mae Bustinera

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Maswerte din si Rina dahil may mga kamag-anak siya at kakilala na tumulong sa kanyang mga unang araw sa Hong Kong. Ang tita ng kanyang asawa ay matiyagang gumagabay sa kanya at alaga siya sa mga paalala tungkol sa kung ano ang dapat gawin sa mga trabahong bahay at kung paano makibagay sa mga amo.

Binigyan din siya ng allowance, mga damit, at kung anu-ano pa at sinabayan siya ng dalawang beses sa araw ng kanyang Sabadong day-off. Sa mga sumusunod na day-off ni Rina, dahil hindi na niya makakasama ang kanyang tita ay

nakipagkita siya sa kanyang mga kaibigan at mga kalugar sa Isabela. Naging mada-lang na ang kanilang pag-uusap ng kanyang tita dahil na rin sa may mga kaibigan na siya at kakilala na madalas nakakausap at nakakasama.

Isang araw ng kanyang day-off, tumawag si Rina sa kanyang tita at ikinu-wentto niya na may balak siyang umutang sa bangko sa pagkukumbinse ng isang kaibigan para daw maumpisahan na niya ang pagpapatayo ng pangarap niyang bahay.

Sinabi din niya na ang sabi pa ng kaibigan ay makikishare ito sa utanging ni Rina. Pinagsabihan siya ng kanyang tita na huwag sumubo sa utang sa bangko na maaring magpahamak sa kanya sa trabaho lalo na at kabilin-bilinan ng kanyang amo na huwag gagawin ang ganun dahil sa karanasan nito sa mga nakaraang helper.

Muntik na talagang mapahamak si Riza dahil nalaman niya sa isang kaibigan na ang kaibigang kumukumbinse sa kanya ay lubog sa utang. Lubos siyang nagpa-pasalamat sa kanyang tita sa paggabay sa kanya upang makaiwas sa kapahamakan.

Dahil sa YouTube, hindi nagising sa oras

By Imelda Mae Bustinera

SALAMAT at kahit papaano ay marami na tayong napaglibangan para maibsan ang pagod at hirap na dinaranas sa pagiging malayo sa pamilya at kabiguan na magamit ang mga pinagtapusan sa pag-aaral dahil napilitang magtrabaho bilang kasambahay.

Dati-rati noong mga panahon ang kada-lasan mapaglibangan sa tuwing araw ng pahinga ay ang pagsusugal, pagpunta sa diskohan, sa karaoke o kaya yung mga walang pangastos ay umuupo na lang sa isang lugar at nagbabasa ng pocketbooks at ang iba nagtitsismisan na nagdudulot pa ng away.

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May nakikipag-usap sa Facebook at may nanonood ng palabas sa YouTube na nagdudulot rin minsan ng kapahamakan. Hindi nakagising sa oras para maghan-da ng almusal si Gracia ,38, may asa-wa at anak, tubong Leyte, at 14 na taon ng naninilbihan bilang kasambahay sa kasalukuyang mga amo, dahil madaling araw nang tumigil sa panonood ng mga pelikula. Nagdahilan na lang si Gracia na masama ang pakiramdam kaya hindi agad nakabangon.



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'Be careful of fake POEA websites'

By Albert Hernandez

THE Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) has warned overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) to be wary of "fake" Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) websites.

Labor Undersecretary Bernard Olalia, acting POEA chief, said OFWs and those who plan to work abroad should first verify the legitimacy of job vacancies being peddled on the Internet, especially after the proliferation of fake POEA pages in the social media, particularly on Facebook.

Olalia said the POEA received reports that "unscrupulous individuals and groups" were illegally using the name and logo of POEA to advertise job vacancies in countries such as Australia, Canada, Germany, Japan, New Zealand and the United States.

He said some of the "illegitimate and fake POEA Facebook pages" included Donald HRserv, POEA Jobs Online, OFW POEA Jobs Abroad, POEA Jobs Abroad,

POEA Job Hiring USA, POEA Job Hiring Australia, POEA Job Hiring UK, POEA Job Agency Hiring, POEA Trabaho Abroad Hiring, POEA Jobs in Dubai, Work Abroad-POEA Licensed Company, and POEA Accredited Licensed Agency.

"These job vacancies advertised on social media are not verified nor approved by the POEA," he said.

Olalia said the public can either validate the legitimacy of the job vacancies or the recruitment agencies through the official website of POEA at www.poea.gov.ph/.

He also clarified that the only official POEA Facebook accounts of the POEA are www.facebook.com/mypoea and www.facebook.com/poea.official.

"These pages have check marks which are authenticated by Facebook," Olalia said.

"For inquiries, concerns, and to verify legitimate job vacancies and recruitment agencies, the public may call the POEA hotline numbers at 7221144 and 7221155," he added.

HK traders to visit PH

By Cheryl M. Arcibal

A delegation of Hong Kong business leaders may visit the Philippines in November in search of investment options.

"We'll do some research on what industries they want to look into so that we can help them meet the right people. So yes, we'll be welcoming them," Philippine Trade Secretary Ramon Lopez told Hong Kong News on the sidelines of the Asean-Hong Kong Business Conference held on Jul. 12 at Cyberport.

In an earlier address to those who attended the conference, Lopez cited manufacturing, agricultural and highly-skilled and highly-educated labor force as among the Philippines' strong points.

Deputy Consul General Roderico Atien-

za, in a follow-up interview, said the Hong Kong Trade Development Council was arranging the details of the trip with the Philippine Consulate.

He said around 20 business executives could join the visit.

Meanwhile, Lopez said the DTI has ramped up its efforts to encourage overseas Filipino workers to become entrepreneurs in the Philippines.

"We have seven 'Ms' for the OFWs. These seven Ms are: changing mindset; mastery of how to do; business mentoring; we give money - may pautang sa MSMEs from P5,000 to P200,000; market access; machines and equipment; and business models including franchising models," Lopez said.

Duterte in fighting form in second SONA

PRESIDENT Rodrigo Duterte delivered a fiery second State of the Nation Address where he took a swipe at two enemies of the state – the ISIS-inspired extremists in Mindanao and the communist rebels – whom he said deserved to be "bullied" with the full might of the government.

"Times have changed because God placed me here. They call me a bully. You sons of whores, I'm really a bully, especially to the enemies of the state," Duterte said in his expletive-laced speech that lasted for more than two hours.

The President, who secured a five-month extension for his proclamation declaring martial law and suspending the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus in Mindanao, said the government is determined to finish off jihadist forces.

"I declared martial law in Mindanao because I believed that that was the fastest way to quell the rebellion at the least cost of lives and properties. At the same time, the government would be adequately equipped with the constitutional tool not only to prevent the escape of rebels who can

easily mingle and pretend to be civilian evacuees only to re-group in another place to fight another day, but also to prevent them from spreading their gospel of hate and violence in the rest of Mindanao," he said.

Duterte, who recently called off peace talks with communist rebels after the New People's Army ambushed his a convoy of his security detail, took potshots at his former professor, Jose Maria Sison, the founding chair of the CPP.

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New rules for Balikbayan boxes

By Maia Lopez

THE Bureau of Customs is implementing two new rules for balikbayan boxes sent by overseas Filipino workers, a move that Migrante International slammed as an “insult, an added chore and a killjoy” for OFWs and their families.

Starting August 1, only relatives of the sender can receive balikbayan boxes.

Customs Memorandum Order 04-2017 also states that by October 15, all balikbayan boxes should include an itemized list of its contents as well as receipts for items that are newly purchased.

BOC Commissioner Nicanor Faeldon issued the order despite warnings from consolidators abroad that the additional requirement will only cause delay on the release of balikbayan boxes.

The policy should have taken effect in January but consolidators, who have to forward the itemized list to the BOC, have been asking for extensions.

Forwarding companies also frowned

on the new regulations, saying these will make sending packages burdensome to Filipinos abroad.

“This will burden our kababayans abroad. If you send the balikbayan boxes to a friend or to a girlfriend or boyfriend, you will not be able to avail of the incentives provided by the law because the recipients are not your relatives,” said James Ian Dela Vega, legal counsel for Door To Door Consolidators Association of the Philippines.

“And the sender can be slapped with duties and taxes if the itemized list turns out to be incomplete, or if the receipts are lacking,” he added.

Migrante International spokesman Arman Hernando said the new regulations also reek of a money-making scheme.

“These people from Customs, they obviously do not have empathy nor respect for OFWs. Do they not know that part of the joy that balikbayan boxes bring is the element of surprise for the recipients when they open the box? They want to suck the

joy out of receiving balikbayan boxes,” Hernando said.

“The balikbayan box is sacred to OFWs. The most humble of balikbayan boxes contains the most personalized translation of love and affection for its recipients. Sending and receiving it is a delightful event in itself. The least the government could do is to make sure that this simple vehicle of love is not burdened by unnecessary requirements and money-making schemes at the expense of OFWs and their families,” he added.

But according to Athena Dans, chief of the Manila International Container Port’s Informal Entry Division, all the provisions under the Customs order are basic and similar to what is being practiced in other countries.

“That’s a declaration. You are declaring what’s inside the box. That is basic for all Customs all over the world – you have to declare what you are importing,” Dans said. “We in the Bureau of Customs have to protect government revenues.”

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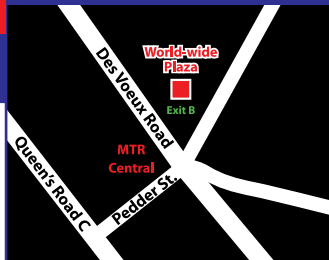
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Leni bumisita sa HK

By Imelda Mae Bustinera

BUMISITA si Vice-President Leni Gerona Robredo sa Hong Kong noong kalagitnaan ng Hulyo. Ilang mga OFW dito ang nagkaroon pagkakataon na makasama at makausap si Robredo

Kasama ni Robredo ang anak na si Tri-

cia para makapanayam ang mga OFW na nagtagumpay sa kabila ng mga pagsubok para sa programang “Angat Buhay” na ipalalabas sa TV sa Pilipinas.

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THE word war between President Duterte and the communist leaders continue to escalate. Mr. Duterte said the Communist Party of the Philippines founder Jose Ma. Sison has colon cancer and should commit suicide.

The President said it was the Norwegian government that was paying for Sison's treatment. Sison denied he had cancer and countered that it was Duterte who should reveal the real condition of his health.

While the word war has escalated, government has decided to cancel the informal talks with the communists. The President said he no longer wants to talk with the rebels.

We hope he would reconsider. There won't be peace in Mindanao, and other parts of the country, if the peace talks col-

lapse. President Duterte would not be able to fulfil his hope of developing Mindanao if the insurgency continues.

We are concerned with the President's statements that the lumad schools in Mindanao should be "bombed" and that he would divert funds to the military to put it on "war footing."

Language like that will not help attract investors and tourists to the Philippines and would only reinforce the country's image as a strife-torn country. The country needs peace. President Duterte's victory in the presidential race last year on a law-and-order platform showed this. We hope the President would deliver on his promise and not make statements about having another 50 years of fighting with the insurgents.

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- Wear loose and light-coloured clothing to reduce heat absorption and facilitate sweat evaporation and heat dissipation;
- Avoid vigorous exercise and prolonged activities like hiking or trekking as heat, sweating and exhaustion place additional demands on your physique;

- Perform outdoor activities in the morning or late afternoon;
- For indoor activities, open all windows, use a fan or use air-conditioning to maintain good ventilation; and
- Reschedule work to cooler times of the day.
- If working in a very hot environment is inevitable, introduce shade in the workplace where practicable, and start work slowly and pick up the pace gradually. Get into a cool area for rest at regular intervals to allow the body to recuperate.

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As We See it



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Para Kanino ang Tapang?

MATAPOS ang mahigit dalawang oras na talumpati ni Pangulong Duterte nitong State of the Nation Address, walang kaduda-dudang matatayang ang mga pahayag niya. Subalit ang tanong ay: Kani-no ba naka-target ang tapang niya?

Tinarget niya ang ilegal na droga. Kulungan o impyerno daw ang patutunguhan ng mga user at pusher. Ipabalik niya ang death penalty. Pero sa mahigit 7,000 na napatay na sa war on drugs, karamihan ay mga mahihirap at wala pang napupuksang cartel o lider-sindikato.

Tinarget niya ang ISIS at terorista sa Marawi. Naglitanya siya tungkol sa mga Maranao at Muslim at kung gaanong kalat sila sa Pilipinas. Na kung hindi niya ipataw at palawigin ang Martial Law, kapag inatake daw niya ang Maute, walang katiyakan na hindi sisimpatiya ang mga Moro sa kanila.

Mahaba rin ang pagmumura at pag-

atake niya sa National Democratic Front at sa mga taga-Kaliwa. Hindi na raw niya sila kakausapin. Sumusobra na sila. Sila raw ay "enemies of the state" at talagang i-bu-bully niya ang mga ito.

Pero bakit wala siyang ipinakitang tapang sa mga oligarkiya na dati ay galit na galit siya pero ngayoy tila hindi niya makanti? Totoong binalaan niya ang mga nasa mining corporations na magbayad ng tamang buwis at linisin ang kanilang paninira sa kalikasan. Pero sa nakaraang taon eh wala naman siyang pinarusahang korporasyon. Inamin pa nga niya na ang ilan sa kanila ay mga kaklase o ka-fraternity niya. Pero muli, wala naman sa sinumang kaklase nya ang naging target ng kanyang tapang. Nasaan ang tapang ng Pangulo nang ibinasura ang appointment ni Gina Lopez na siya ngang matapang na nagsuspinde ng mga minahang abusado? Bakit wala akong nakitang tapang

na ipatupad ang pangako na tapusin ang ENDO kasehodang kalabanin niya ang mga malalaking kapitalista? Bakit hanggang ngayon wala ang pangakong national minimum wage? Nasaan ang tapang laban sa mga asendero na nagkakait ng lupa sa magsasaka? Bakit ang tapang niyang manakot na bombahin ang mga eskwelahan ng mga Lumad? Bakit kaya niyang bale-walain at pagalitan pa nga ang mga biktima ng Martial Law, ng pambobomba, ng pamamaslang pero hindi niya kayang pagalitan ang mga militar at pulis? Bakit yung may mahabang rekord pa ng mga pang-aabuso ang kanyang kinakitan? Para kanino nga ba ang tapang ng Pangulo?

Akala ko ba'y "Tapang at Malasakit" ang motto niya? Bakit tila target ng kanyang tapang ay ang mga hinaing at interes ng karaniwang tao na dapat sana ay target ng kanyang malasakit?

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Isang sorpresa para kay Joey Mead King

By Cristy Kasilag

LABIS ang galak, kasiyahan at tuwa ng Filipina-Iranian model and lifestyle host na si Joey Mead-King itong mga araw na ito. Hindi ka ba matutuwa kung makatanggap kang regalo na kotse mula sa iyong asawa? At hindi lang ito basta-basta

na kotse. Isa itong custom made na sports car, isang 67' Eleanor black Mustang na kotse na tinatanyag nagkakahalaga ng mahigit P12 million.

Isa daw ito sa pitong uri lamang ng ganitong kotse sa buong mundo.

Customized ang kanyang kotse mula hood hanggang mags at pinalagyan pa ito

ng kanyang asawang si Ian King, na isang transgender na ginagamit ang pangalan na Angelina Mead King, ng initials ng kanyang pangalan "JMK".

Pinangalanan itong kotse na "Angelina" para hindi daw makalimutan ni Joey ang asawa niya. Matagal nang mahilig sa kotse si Angelina, na ang pamilya ay may ari ng

chain hotel na Victoria Court.

Sinurpresa ni Angelina ang kanyang maybahay. Pinacustom made pa niya ito sa Fusion Motor Company na naka-base sa Los Angeles, California.

Sinubaybayang mabuti ni Angelina ang paggawa sa kotse na inabot din ng isang taon. Sulit naman ang paghihirap ni Ange-

lina dahil sobra ang tuwa ng kanyang misis. Nung araw na sinurpresa ni Angelina si Joey ay dinala niya ito sa Fusion shop. Tapos sa isang garahe nakatakip sa itim na tela na mayroong malaking pulang ribbon ang sorpresa ni Angelina para sa kanyang "Honey". Ito na daw ang pinaka "crazy" na surpresang nakuha ni Joey.

Solenn dumalaw sa mga sundalo sa Marawi

By Cristy Kasilag

KAMAKAILAN ay binisita ng sexy Filipina-French artist and model Solenn Heussaff-Bolzico ang mga sundalo na nakikipaglaban sa terroristang grupo Maute sa Marawi City, probinsya ng Lanao del Sur.

Naimbita si Solenn ng AFP Health Service Command para bisitahin ang tropa na mag-dadalawang buwan nang nakikipaglaban sa Marawi. Ayon kay Solenn ang alam niya lang sa mga nagaganap sa patuloy na bakbakan sa Marawi ay mula sa diyaryo, TV, Internet, at radyo.

Kaya naman naging eye-opener para sa kanya ang makita ang kalagayan ng mga sundalong nasugatan dahil sa pakikipaglaban sa Maute. Ang sabi ni Solenn sa kanyang blog na solenn.ph ay hindi niya alam kung ano ang masasaksihan niya nang inimbita siya ng AFP para dalawin ang mga sugatan na sundalo. Tila nadala siya ng mga nasaksihan niya doon at naisip na niya na ang mga ito ay hindi basta simpleng sundalo pero sila ay mga bayani ng bansa. Para daw isang set ng isang pelikula ang kanyang nakita habang pinuntahan niya isa-isa ang mga kama kung saan may nakaratay na sugatan na sundalo. Pero hindi ito pang pelikula lamang.

"I wanted to hug all of them, wanted to thank them as much as I could, but it never felt enough. As I went from bed to bed, I came across men who were smiling, but whose souls were crying out. My tears welled up and I felt my heart pounding in my throat as I held their hands one by one. Some were 'better' than others, some couldn't really react. Many were missing a finger, a leg, an arm. Some of them were smiling through pain and some had smiles I couldn't even see due to severe burns," sabi niya sa kanyang blog.



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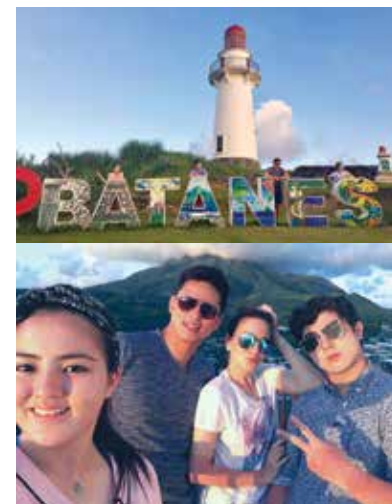
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either a couple or a group of celebrities as they get out of their own little corners and embark on a journey they will not forget. Against the picturesque scenery of some of the must-visit destinations, celebrities will take viewers along a fun-filled excursion.

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