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# Staggered hours for FDHs sought



**Hong Kong-based groups mount a video production project depicting the busy lives of migrants in the city.**



Filipino youths perform the ati-atihan dance during the staging of "Ang Ugoy ng Duyan" on July 30 at the MacPherson Stadium in Mong Kok. The musical is about a Hong Kong-born Filipino boy discovering his identity and his country's traditions and history (story on page 5).

By Cheryl M. Arcibal

PHILIPPINE officials proposed that a staggered work schedule be granted to Filipino household service workers so the latter could enjoy rest hours within their working day.

The proposal was made during the lat-

est Technical Working Group meeting between Hong Kong and Philippine officials held on July 19.

The staggered working hours would grant rest hours within the working day of the domestic helpers.

Hong Kong's Labour Department raised the difficulty of setting fixed working

hours for foreign domestic helpers as even local employees had no standard working hours.

"They (LD) added that it is hard to quantify the working time of an FDH in a household setting," said a report about the meeting submitted by the Philippine Consulate General to its head office in Manila.

Instead, the LD said they would continue to encourage employers to be more humane and considerate in providing sufficient rest to their helpers.

"LD again vowed to step up the education (campaign) for employers," the report

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# 'Girl lied about assault', lawyer says

By Ally Constantino

THE Filipino domestic helper charged in court for allegedly beating up the daughter of her employer in March gave evidence on Aug. 10.

Emerolyne L. told an Eastern Magistrate Court that she only hit the shoulder and slapped the back and abdomen of the 10-year-old girl to stop the latter from screaming and shouting at her on the evening of Mar. 17.

The defendant said she lost control because the child was scolding her and using foul language for misplacing the latter's

swimsuit and putting it in a bag.

The defendant also said that owing to her limited English skills, she was unable to explain that she did not intentionally hit the child.

In her closing submission, the duty lawyer of the defendant told the court, the child gave conflicting statements and different versions about the events.

The defense said the medical report showed there were only minor injuries or "tenderness on the hips, and over the abdomen", contrary to the child's claims that she had injuries on the rear part of the head.

The duty lawyer added that on the next day, a pediatrician noted that the bruises were already fading.

The child, the defense added, was also diagnosed with oppositional defiant disorder whose symptoms include blaming others for their own mistakes, arguing often, and angry and resentful of others, authorities and even caring parties.

In a hearing on July 14, the girl, who could not be named for legal reasons, said that on the evening of Mar. 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 bumped 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 apart from some minor arguments with the defendant, their relationship was "OK" in the three years the Filipino helper was at their home.

She also 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".

The child also admitted that 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, 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.

After the phone call, the grandmother

then walked back to 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.

After several minutes, she returned to the house and found the defendant washing the dishes in the kitchen, and her granddaughter was crying.

The granddaughter then told her grandmother that "cheche hit" her.

The defendant walked out of the kitchen, when the grandmother asked what happened. As the grandmother's English was poor, she then decided to call the employment agency to report the incident.

She also lifted her granddaughter's shirt and saw some red patches in the abdomen and in the back and took photos of them.

Under cross-examination, the grandmother admitted that her granddaughter had a habit of blaming other people for her misdeeds, and that the latter was seeking some psychological treatment. She also said the defendant had complained to her that the child had asked to kiss her on the lips.

Asked by the duty lawyer if the defendant had also complained that the child wanted to kiss the helper's breasts, the grandmother said she could not remember.

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## POLO seeks approval to move to Wan Chai

By Cheryl M. Arcibal

THE Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO) has sought the approval of the Department of Labor and Employment to move to one of two buildings in Wan Chai.

"We'll throw it to the Central Office whether they want space or they want cheap," said Labor Attache Jalilo dela Torre, referring to the Sunlight Tower on Queen's Road East, and East Town Building on Lockhart Road, respectively.

The POLO chief said the Sunlight Tower had bigger space and was offering them 14,000 square feet, an increase by half compared to the 9,000 square feet their office is presently occupying in two floors of the Admiralty Centre.

The East Town Building, meanwhile, would be cheaper by \$10 per square foot. "We have to consult our main office kasi may mga renovation costs," Dela Torre said.

Meanwhile, the Licensure Exams for

Teachers would be held on Sept. 24 at the Delia Memorial School (Hip Wo) in Kwun Tong. As of August 9, POLO said 151 have registered to take the exams. Of the number, 78 would be taking exams for elementary teachers, and 73 for secondary teachers.

Last day for the online registration to take the exams is on Aug. 20 following the approval of a request to extend the deadline from the POLO to the Professional Regulation Commission.

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## Faster passport processing for new OFWs

A group of Philippine-based recruiters made an arrangement with the Department of Foreign Affairs to allow would-be overseas Filipino workers to skip the online scheduling to get their new passports.

Alfredo Palmieri, president of the Society of Hong Kong Accredited Recruiters of the Philippines (SHARP), told Hong Kong News the new recruits would be allowed to walk in instead of going online to schedule the date for them to process their passport.

SHARP is a member of the Federated Associations of Manpower Exporters Inc., which is made up of 15 industry associations.

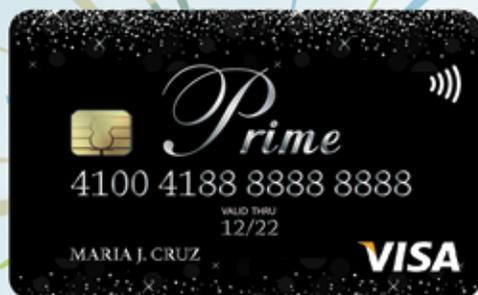
Presently, an OFW lane only allows current OFWs to skip the regular waiting lines to renew their passports. Palmieri said presently, passport applicants, both first-timers and those renewing their passports, would have to wait two to three months to process their application.

"There's no more waiting period of the would-be OFWs and they could get their passports in one month or shorter. Hopefully, this begins in September," he said.

Cheryl M. Arcibal



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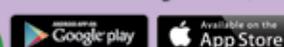
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# 'Roaming' health insurance for migrant workers urged

By Maia Lopez

A principal health specialist of the Asian Development Bank has underscored the need for "roaming" health coverage amid rising migration demands.

ADB's Eduardo Banzon said national health insurance systems in many Asian countries may not be able to provide suffi-

cient health coverage to migrant workers.

"Countries need to make their health coverage 'roam.' If increasing mobility, innovative thinking, and collaboration across countries have rapidly made phone roaming a reality, health coverage should be able to roam, too," Banzon added.

Asian countries have made impressive strides toward providing health coverage

for their citizens—particularly the poor—by setting up national health insurance systems (NHIs) that compel the formal sector to contribute to premiums. They also facilitate the enrolment of the non-poor informal sector, and fully subsidize the insurance coverage of the poor and other vulnerable populations.

Indonesia's NHI, for example, now covers 169 million people; while the Philippine government reports that 92 percent of all Filipinos are insured. India will soon expand health insurance coverage to over 800 million people, while the covered population in China is over a billion.

"But as countries expand health care

services for the covered population, they also need to guarantee the same health coverage for citizens when they are in foreign countries, as well as for foreign residents," Banzon said.

Asians, in particular, have been increasingly moving around the region, mostly to find jobs, with up to 31 million migrant workers in 2015 alone. That number is expected to rise as the Association of South-east Asian Nations Economic Community makes it easier for workers to cross borders. "The increasing movement across borders into growing and interconnected economies will surely make roaming universal health coverage a reality soon.

This is crucial for informal communities like migrant workers, who are vulnerable to a range of infectious and non-communicable diseases, mental health disorders, maternal mortality, substance use, alcoholism, malnutrition, and violence. They face barriers to decent health care—especially if their legal status is uncertain," Banzon said.

While the Philippines requires its outgoing migrant workers to get health insurance coverage, this means paying upfront and getting reimbursed later. Indonesia, Nepal and other countries are implementing similar schemes, and experiencing the same weaknesses and problems.

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## FDH denies hurting young ward

By Cheryl M. Arcibal

A 35-year-old Filipino domestic helper denied in court that she had intentionally hurt her seven-year-old ward while giving him a bath.

Julyn A., who is standing trial for allegedly hurting the son of her employer, on Aug. 1 testified at a West Kowloon court, saying the injury found on the boy's buttock as caused by an accident.

She said that at about 6:40 in the evening, the boy and his father arrived at the flat. She then proceeded to give the

boy a bath.

Julyn then said she took his clothes off. However, the boy was moving about, "dancing and jumping around" in the bathroom, which Julyn described as a small one. She said she closed the folding door of the bathroom to avoid the water spilling from the bathroom. As the boy still refused to listen to her, he then slipped and fell on her.

The boy, she said, then fell on her lap while she was holding the hair dryer. The hair dryer then touched the hip or the buttock area of the boy.

"The boy cried, and then he stood up. I looked at his body, but I did not see any mark. I asked him if he was hurt, but did not say anything," Julyn told the court through an Ilocano-English interpreter.

Asked by her duty lawyer how she would describe the contact, the defendant said it was accidental.

Before Julyn gave her testimony, the prosecution presented a doctor who wrote the medical report about the boy's injury.

Judge June Cheung Tin-ngan adjourned the case to Aug. 18 for verdict.



## Mga Katungkulan ng mga Dayuhang Kasambahay



Umiwas sa labis na pangungutang. Huwag bayaran ang iyong ahensiya sa pamamagitan ng pag-utang sa kahit na anong kumpanya na nagpapautang kahit na hilingin ito ng ahensiya.

Gawin lamang ang mga pamahay na tungkulin para sa pamamahay ng amo sa tirahan na nakasaad sa kontrata. Huwag manilbihan para sa ibang tao bukod sa iyong amo.



Umiwas sa "job-hopping". Kadalasan hindi pinapayagan ang pagpalit ng amo habang wasto pa ang iyong kasalukuyang kontrata maliban sa pambihirang pangyayari. Maaring hindi na payagan ang iyong pag-apply ng visa sa hinaharap kung aabusuhin ang pagputol sa kontrata nang wala sa panahon.



Mayroon kang libreng tutuluyan sa pamamahay ng iyong amo sa tirahan na nakasaad sa kontrata, at ditto ka lang puwedeng tumira. Maaring hindi na payagan ang iyong pag-apply ng visa sa hinaharap kung titira ka sa labas kahit na pinayagan o binayaran ito ng iyong amo.



Huwag tumanggap ng illegal na trabaho o pansamantalang trabaho kahit na pinayagan o pinakiusapan ka ng iyong amo o ahensiya na gawin iyon.

Maari kang isakdal at paalisin sa Hong Kong kapag napatunayan kang lumabag sa kundisyon ng pananatili.



# Filipino youths perform 'Ugoy' musical anew

By Cheryl M. Arcibal

TEATRO Filipino, the theater group composed of Filipino youths in Hong Kong, once again staged the musical "Ang Ugoy ng Duyan (The Sway of the Cradle)".

The group performed the musical at the MacPherson Stadium in Mong Kok on July 30. The repeat performance was part of the 20th anniversary celebration of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. The play was directed by Cathe Tathing-Marsden.

The musical told of a story of a young Barry, a Hong Kong-born and -raised Filipino on his first trip to the Philippines to visit his relatives in Calamba, Laguna – also the hometown of Philippine national hero Jose Rizal.

During his trip, he got a taste of a Filipino fiesta—complete with dances and a harana—while meeting characters such as "Maria Clara", "Leonor Rivera" and Rizal himself. With the help of Rivera, Rizal's first love, Barry traveled back in time and

learned about Philippine history, ultimately meeting Rizal a day before the hero was set to be executed on December 30, 1896.

Rizal told Barry he had resided in Hong Kong, and practised medicine in the city. Hong Kong was also where Rizal met his wife – Josephine Bracken.

Rizal recounted to the youngster a story told by his mother about a young moth that was attracted by the flame and ended up burning its wings and dying, foreshadowing how the hero would be condemned to death for his "subversive" writings.



'Teatro' members performing

# Pinay files rape complaint vs employer

By Cheryl M. Arcibal

THE Philippine Consulate is assisting a 28-year-old Filipino domestic helper who filed a rape complaint against her Indian employer at the Western Police Station.

Sources from the consulate told Hong Kong News they sought the Hong Kong Immigration Department's help to extend the visa of the complainant.

The source added the ImmD allowed the Filipina to stay in Hong Kong for two more weeks.

One of the sources said the Filipina started working for the employer only on July 16.

The man's wife and children were allegedly overseas when the rape incidents took place.

Another source said the Filipina arrived in Hong Kong in March 2015 and was previously employed by another family.

After the alleged rape incidents, it took the Filipina a week to report them to the police.

The police are still investigating the complaint.

In March this year, another Filipina also filed a rape complaint against her Korean employer.

A PCG official said that after they sent the complainant's affidavit to the police, the Filipina, however, decided to leave Hong Kong and go home to the Philippines instead of pursuing her complaint.

"We asked her to sign a waiver because we explained to her what her action would mean, but she no longer wanted to pursue her complaint," the PCG official said.

In May, a High Court judge 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 concurrently.

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



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## 1.3 kilos of cocaine in parcel delivered by seaman

By Cheryl M. Arcibal

THEY were carrying 1,333 grams or 1.3 kilos of cocaine.

A government prosecutor on Aug. 3 told a Kowloon Courts judge a government chemist certified that the illegal drugs seized from the three defendants - Filipino Carlito B. P.; and Colombians Cristhian

E.V.P. and Jose W. G. U. - was found to contained 1,333 grams of cocaine. The prosecutor opposed the application for bail by Jose and Cristhian after they offered a bail of \$10,000 each. Kowloon Courts Presiding Judge Peter Law, however, said the previous criminal records of the two defendants and seriousness of the charges warrant their remaining in custody.

The prosecutor also asked Judge Law to adjourn the case to Oct. 28 as investigators were set to compare fingerprints and DNA samples from the seized parcel.

The three defendants were charged with one count of trafficking in a dangerous drug and three counts of obstructing a member of Customs and Excise Department.

## 44 months for Pinay over fake banknotes

By Ally Constantino

THE District Court has sentenced a 24-year-old Filipina to 44 months in prison for her involvement in an attempt to counterfeit Hong Kong banknotes.

Deputy District Judge Lily Wong on Aug. 1 rejected S.J. Legaspi's plea to give her a suspended sentence, saying it would be "inappropriate" owing to the seriousness of the offense.

"The defendant's role in this incident was not minor," the judge said.

During the sentencing, while Legaspi was in the dock, she could be seen looking at her boyfriend, who was in the gallery, and shaking her head. The Filipina was also seen wiping tears from her eyes.

Legaspi was on July 12 convicted of the offense of "having custody of counterfeit materials" after trial.

She previously pleaded guilty to the charges of possession of dangerous drugs, and possession of apparatus fit as an inhaling device.

Police officers found 0.60 grams of ice or methamphetamine hydrochloride in Legaspi's bedroom she shared with her boyfriend when their flat in Kennedy Town was searched in 2015.

For the offense of counterfeiting banknotes, Legaspi was sentenced to three and a half years, and for the other two charges

she was given a jail term of six months each, with four months being served concurrently and two months to be served continuously, bringing the defendant's total jail term to 44 months.

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 had been clean since then.



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# Quick launch of 10-year passports urged

By Maia Lopez

PRESIDENT Rodrigo Duterte has signed into law a measure extending the validity of Philippine passports from five to 10 years, except for those of minors which would only have a five-year validity.

Republic Act No. 10928, however, allows the Department of Foreign Affairs to limit the validity of some passports to less than 10 years "whenever in the national economic interest or political stability of the country" makes it necessary.

The law will take effect once the DFA has completed its implementing rules and

regulations.

Senator Juan Edgardo Angara urged the DFA not to delay the issuance of the IRR.

"I am calling on my good friend, Secretary Alan Peter Cayetano, to place a 'Do not delay sign' on the rollout of the 10-year Philippine passport," Angara said.

"The earlier it can be introduced, the better for millions of overseas Filipino workers and those who travel abroad on budget tours," he added.

Angara noted that an average of 250,000 Filipinos apply every month for renewal or new passports.

"If the passport with a longer validity

can be introduced six months ahead of schedule, then that would be 1.5 million Filipinos benefitting early because of the new law," Angara said.

Angara issued the reminder "out of the fear that red tape will delay the release of the 10-year valid passport if the DFA will decide to study first if they will have to introduce a new series that would include more pages."

Former president and Pampanga Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo said she was elated that the measure, which she co-authored at the House of Representatives, has already been signed into law.

"Extending the passport validity from five to 10 years has been one of the first bills I filed at the start of the present Congress because I have always believed that the five-year validity is too short considering the tedious process and the cost required to renew a passport," Arroyo said.

"With this new law, I am hopeful that Filipinos' unimpaired exercise of their constitutional right to travel will be enhanced," she added.

The President also signed into law Republic Act No. 10930, which extends the validity of drivers' licenses up to five years.

# Maid jailed for stealing diamond ring

By Cheryl M. Arcibal

A Filipino domestic helper who stole a diamond ring of her employer and replacing it with a fake one was jailed for four months.

On Aug. 4, Kwun Tong Magistrate Raymond Chow Chi-wei sentenced M.A.S. Robles, 39, to six months in prison, but reduced it to four months after she pleaded guilty to the theft charge.

Robles' employer on July 21 found that her diamond ring she hid in a drawer in their flat in Kwun Tong was missing. The ring was worth \$20,000. The employer then called the police, and when police officers arrived, Robles admitted stealing the ring and replacing with a fake one.

In mitigation, the Filipina's duty lawyer submitted a medical report from the Philippines stating that the defendant's 14-year-old daughter had a tooth extraction and a medical condition.

The duty lawyer added that Robles hoped to be allowed to go home to the Philippines soon to be re-united with her family.

However, Judge Chow rejected the report, saying it was hard to believe that the defendant could not provide more information about the supposed illness of her daughter.

"Defendant, what you committed is a serious offense and this is a case of breach of trust. Even without a previous record, there's no reason not to impose a custodial sentence," the judge told Robles.

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# Boston's Best

By William Tam

I had the opportunity to tag along my wife for a quick getaway to Boston in June, and it was such a blessing to be able to travel and explore the world on a whim. Ah, the perks of being married to a flight attendant.

Boston - home to the Celtics of the National Basketball Association, Red Sox of the Major League Baseball, and the Bruins of the National Hockey League. The city sure loves its sports but since ours was only a two-day trip, writing about it would probably best saved for future (and longer) trip back to Boston or "Beantown", as the locals fondly call it.

We got up early and took the free shuttle to the train station and we headed to the Quincy Adams station.

Our first destination was Harvard University, one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in the world.

## Train stop - Harvard Square

Harvard Square is a triangular plaza near the center of Cambridge, Massachusetts. The "Square" as the locals sometimes call it, serves as a commercial centre not only for Harvard students but also to residents

of western Cambridge and the inner western and northern suburbs of Boston.

We took a stroll along the grassy campus and took in the experience. And what a sight it was: students walking to their classes, tourists snapping on their mobile phones and cameras, and locals having coffee or a meal and people watching. The sight made me remember about a time not so long ago when things were simpler and I was just a university student.

After a hearty meal of tacos and burritos at the local Chipotle restaurant, we resumed our exploration of Harvard Square and ended up wandering into the Harvard Coop bookstore. We found a great selection of books and Harvard merchandise.

And if you are a book lover like I am, this is book heaven! You can spend all day just browsing through the neatly-arranged books.

There was also a Starbucks coffee shop, but empty seats were hard to come by. Oh well, you can't win them all, can you?

We started a bit later the next day with rains forecasted during the day but we did not let that spoil our second day.

The afternoon took us to another train ride and to Quincy Market/Faneuil Hall in

downtown Boston.

The main Quincy Market building continues to be a source of food for Bostonians, though it has changed from grocery to food stalls, fast-food chains, and restaurants. It is a popular and busy lunchtime spot for downtown workers. Further on, you can find stalls that sell trinkets, gifts, and other items. A few restaurants also occupied fully enclosed spaces at the ends of this enclosure.

One of these restaurants is "Cheers". Remember that hit comedy sitcom in the 80s "where everybody knows your name?" The shot of the exterior of this bar was what they used in that popular NBC sitcom. It was bustling and busy when we walked by and people were also lining up in turns to take a snapshot of the entrance/bar area. And if you are in Boston, you just got to have those juicy lobsters! After all, Boston is synonymous with seafood and lobsters.

We stopped by to savor the world famous New England clam chowder and lobster rolls at the market and even managed to bring some back to Hong Kong.

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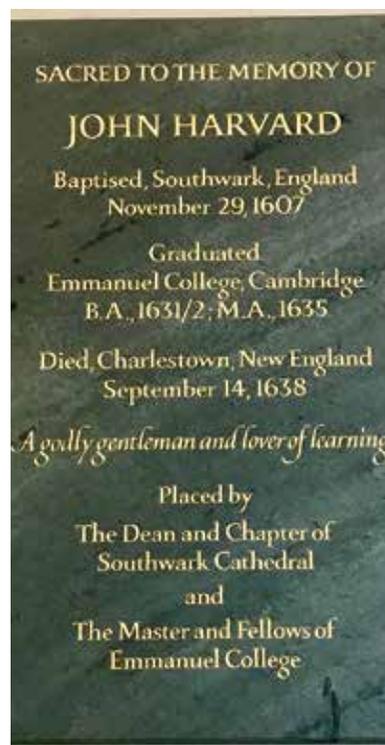
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Lobster roll with lobster bisque



South Market



Quincy Market



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Orthodox Church outside Harvard Square

# Staggered hours...

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said. "Post's counter-proposal to LD's concern is to specify in the attachment to the FDH contract the staggered work schedule of the helper, e.g. for 10-hour-a-day work, 5 a.m. to 9 a.m., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.," the report said.

In June, migrant domestic workers' groups slammed the LD's proposal that excluded them from "contract" working hours, saying the step affirmed Hong Kong's "total disregard" of their slave-like conditions.

The LD, however, defended the exclusion of MDWs from its proposal, citing the "nature of work" of the live-in domestic workers and its "socio-economic ramifications".

Leaders of Asian Migrants' Coordinating Body and the Progressive Labor Union of Domestic Workers in Hong Kong expressed their disappointment and anger over the proposal.

"The [standard] working hours could have been significant advancement to address modern-day slavery of migrant domestic workers. But it seems the Hong Kong government is promoting slavery and slave-like treatment of MDWs instead of resolving it," said AMCB spokesman Eman Villanueva.

Shiella Grace Estrada, chairperson of PLUDW-HK, said they were disappointed that despite consulting migrant domestic workers about standardizing working hours, they were still excluded from the proposal.

"Sa consultation na ginawa nila sa Hong Kong, lahat halos (ng labor unions) may representatives and they even accepted our statement about the need of MDWs to have standard working hours.

"Then if they already had in mind to exclude us, why did they include us in the consultation? That consultation was not real then because they know that domestic workers suffer the most because of long working hours," Estrada said.

She added that, ultimately, allowing migrant domestic workers to continue working long hours, would be detrimental to employers as insufficient rest could lead to ill health.

"Many employers do not allow their domestic workers to take a sick leave unless the (illness) is serious. Some employers, walang binibiling medical insurance...It's a shame as Hong Kong government keeps claiming that Hong Kong is the best place for domestic workers, but why is there exclusion from labor protection?" Estrada said.

The LD's proposal drew widespread criticism both from those who are supporting and opposing setting standard working hours in Hong Kong.

To address long working hours in the city, the LD proposed that employers include or state in the contract of low-income workers, or those earning \$11,000 or less each month, their contract working hours.

According to the 2016 UBS' annual "Prices and Earnings" study, workers in Hong Kong spent 50.11 hours a week at the workplace, the longest hours out of the 71 global cities included in the poll.

Many foreign domestic workers, meanwhile, have been complaining that they work between 12 and 18 hours a day to serve their employers.

On December 18 last year, the International Migrants Day, a group of migrant workers turned over to the office of Hong Kong Chief Executive C.Y. Leung a petition asking for standardized working hours, particularly "11 hours of uninterrupted rest." Migrant workers from the Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, and Nepal signed the petition.

Villanueva and Estrada lambasted the LD representatives' statement that "most of the employers are friendly" as the reason for the exclusion of migrant domestic workers from contract working hours, saying the need to ensure proper rest be given to them should be legislated.

Villanueva added that the latest proposal

from the LD showed the "blatant discrimination" and "unfair treatment" of MDWS.

"Kahit na sa contracted working hours, they still excluded MDWs. Officially, sa recommendation excluded daw ang lahat ng hindi covered sa Employment Ordinance or sa Statutory Minimum Wage ordinance. Nasa second category ang MDWs," he said.

Hong Kong, Villanueva said, has repeatedly taken steps that resulted in the social exclusion of MDWs.

"Noon sa minimum wage, excluded ang live-in [workers]. Around 98 percent or more of live-in domestic workers are migrants. After na-exclude kami sa Minimum Wage Ordinance, ngayon naman ay excluded ulit kami sa working hours regulation dahil excluded kami sa Minimum Wage Ordinance.

"The discrimination, exclusion, and slavery of MDWs have been made systematic and institutionalized here in Hong Kong," he said.

Hong Kong lawmakers had asked the LD to withdraw the proposal, he said.

In addressing the opposition to the Standard Working Hours Committee proposal, a LD spokesperson had told Hong Kong News they would "adopt a legislative approach to mandate employers to enter into written employment contracts with the lower-income grassroots employees, which shall include terms on working hours and overtime compensation arrangements."

"And specify that lower-income grassroots employees should be entitled to overtime compensation by way of overtime pay at a rate no less than the rate of the agreed wages or the equivalent timeoff in lieu."

The spokesperson added that the exclusion of live-in domestic workers was made owing to their "distinct working pattern and nature" of their work, and the "potential socio-economic ramifications and the long-established policy of FDHs."

The LD said it would continue to listen to the views of the "community in finalising the proposals".

# POLO eyes shared portal of banned employers

By Cheryl M. Arcibal

PHILIPPINE officials are set to propose a shared portal with the Indonesian Consulate for the cross-checking of employers in Hong Kong that were watchlisted or blacklisted by either of the two agencies.

"The portal is just a simple portal. We have our own database and they have their own database, but we can not in wholesale fashion share private information.

"Ang gagawin lang namin is that through the portal, we will encode the name of the employer, and it will answer back yes or no if the employer has a hit or a record," said Labor Attache Jalilo dela Torre.

He said this proposal would be presented to the Indonesian Consulate.

During the latest Technical Working Group meeting between Philippine and Hong Kong officials, held on July 19, the latter inquired about the practice of the Philippine Overseas Labor Office to watchlist or blacklist employers, according to a report submitted by the Philippine Consulate General to the Department of Foreign Affairs office in Manila.

"LD suggested that employer should know the criteria of watchlisting and/or blacklisting as this practice may result in public outrage.

"LD suggested that blacklisting should be applicable only for employers who violate wages ordinance or commit any criminal offense. LD suggests calling the employers to validate the complaint against them," the report said.

The report also added that the LD requested "updates" on the sharing of information for watchlisted/blacklisted employers with the Indonesian Consulate.

Asked by Hong Kong News to comment on the LD's suggestions, Dela Torre said Philippine and Indonesian officials were "just trying to protect" their nationals.

"It's a prerogative of the two consulates to protect their nationals. We're not sharing any private information," he said.

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, data from POLO showed. POLO started putting employers on watchlist in 2006. From January to June this year, 265 employers were also included on the watchlist.

Dela Torre said the portal to be shared with the Indonesian Consulate seeks to put an end to the practice of abusive employers hiring Indonesian domestic workers when barred from hiring Filipinos and 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 employer's application to hire a new Filipino domestic helper would not be approved.

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

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.

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- 4G
- Fingerprint

Price **\$1,298**  
Down **\$299**  
6 Monthly **\$275**

**Kata Selife** *0% Interest* *Hot Items*



- 5.5 Inch
- 18MP (Flip Camera)
- 32GB Storage
- 1.3GHz Octa Core
- 3GB RAM
- Android 6.0 Marshmallow
- 4G
- Dual SIM
- Fingerprint

Price **\$1,650**  
Down **\$199**  
6 Monthly **\$242**

Free Kata S100

**Sony Xperia XA1** *Hot Items*



- 5 Inch
- 23MP Rear + 8MP Front
- 32GB Storage
- 2.3GHz Octa Core
- 3GB RAM
- Android 6.0 Marshmallow
- 4G

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

**Sony Xperia XZ F8332**



- 5.2 Inch
- 23MP Rear + 13MP Front
- 64GB Storage
- 1.6GHz Quad Core
- 3GB RAM
- Android 6.0 Marshmallow
- 4G
- Dual SIM
- Fingerprint

Price **\$3,999**  
Down **\$599**  
6 Monthly **\$900**

**Kata C2** *Low Downpayment*



- 5.5 Inch
- 13MP Rear + 5MP Front
- 8GB Storage
- 1.3GHz Quad Core
- 1GB RAM
- Android 6.0 Marshmallow
- 3G
- Dual SIM

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

**Huawei Y6 Pro** *Low Downpayment*



- 5 Inch
- 13MP Rear + 5MP Front
- 16GB Storage
- 1.3GHz Quad Core
- 2GB RAM
- Android 5.1.1 Lollipop
- 4G
- Dual SIM

Price **\$1,180**  
Down **\$99**  
6 Monthly **\$289**

**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 **\$4,498**  
Down **\$699**  
6 Monthly **\$1,008**

**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 **\$223**

**Huawei Nova Plus**



- 5.5 Inch
- 16MP Rear + 8MP Front
- 32GB Storage
- 1.2GHz Octa Core
- 3GB RAM
- Android 6.0 Marshmallow
- 4G
- Dual SIM

Price **\$2,790**  
Down **\$199**  
6 Monthly **\$665**

**Huawei Nova** *Low Downpayment*



- 5 Inch
- 16MP Rear + 8MP Front
- 32GB Storage
- 2.0GHz Octa Core
- 3GB RAM
- Android 6.0 Marshmallow
- 4G
- Dual SIM

Price **\$1,690**  
Down **\$99**  
6 Monthly **\$406**

**Kata i5** *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 **\$999**  
Down **\$99**  
6 Monthly **\$225**

**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 F5112** *50 Downpayment*



- 5 Inch
- 23MP Rear + 13MP Front
- 32GB Storage
- 1.44GHz Octa Core
- 3GB RAM
- Android 6.0 Marshmallow
- 4G
- Dual SIM
- Fingerprint

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

**Samsung Galaxy On7**



- 5.5 Inch
- 13MP Rear + 8MP Front
- 32GB Storage
- Octa Core 2.0 GHz
- 3GB RAM
- Android 6.0 Marshmallow
- 4G
- Dual Sim

Price **\$1,450**  
Down **\$199**  
6 Monthly **\$354**

**Sony Xperia XA F3116** *Low Downpayment*



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

Price **\$1,598**  
Down **\$99**  
6 Monthly **\$383**

**LG Stylus 3** *NEW*



- 5.7 Inch
- 13MP Rear + 5MP Front
- 16GB Storage
- Octa-core 1.4 GHz
- 2GB RAM
- Android 6.0 Marshmallow
- 4G
- Dual SIM
- Fingerprint

Price **\$1,698**  
Down **\$199**  
6 Monthly **\$406**

**Samsung Galaxy J7 Prime** *Low Downpayment* *Hot Items*



- 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 **\$2,098**  
Down **\$99**  
6 Monthly **\$508**

**HTC Desire 10 Pro**



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

Price **\$2,699**  
Down **\$99**  
6 Monthly **\$659**

**Samsung Galaxy C9 Pro** *NEW* *Hot Items*



- 6 Inch
- 16MP Rear + 16MP Front
- 64GB Storage
- 1.44GHz Octa Core
- 8GB RAM
- Android 6.0 Marshmallow
- 4G
- Fingerprint

Price **\$3,198**  
Down **\$199**  
6 Monthly **\$820**

**Huawei P9 Lite**



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

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 **\$2,299**  
Down **\$199**  
6 Monthly **\$561**

**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** *Hot Items*



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

Price **\$1,698**  
Down **\$199**  
6 Monthly **\$392**

**Samsung Galaxy C7 Pro** *NEW*



- 5.7 Inch
- 16MP Rear + 16MP Front
- 64GB Storage
- 2.2GHz Octa Core
- 4GB RAM
- Android 6.0 Marshmallow
- 4G
- Dual SIM
- Fingerprint

Price **\$3,098**  
Down **\$199**  
6 Monthly **\$742**

**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**

**Kata M4** *0% Interest*



- 5.5 Inch
- 18MP Rear + 13MP Front
- 128GB Storage
- 1.3GHz Octa Core
- 3GB RAM
- Android 6.0 Marshmallow
- 4G
- Fingerprint

Price **\$1,799**  
Down **\$199**  
6 Monthly **\$267**

**Kata M3s** *0% Interest* *NEW* *Low Downpayment*



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

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

**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 **\$1,339**  
Down **\$199**  
6 Monthly **\$317**

**Kata C3** *Low Downpayment* *NEW*



- 5.5 Inch
- 13MP Rear + 5MP Front
- 8GB Storage
- Quad-core 1.3GHz
- 1GB RAM
- Android 6.0 Marshmallow
- 3G

Price **\$799**  
Down **\$99**  
6 Monthly **\$177**

**Samsung Galaxy S8** *NEW*



- 6.2 Inch
- 12MP Rear + 8MP Front
- 64GB Storage
- Octa-Core 4x2.35 GHz
- 8GB RAM
- Android 7.0 Nougat
- 4G
- Fingerprint
- Iris Scanner

Price **\$5,599**  
Down **\$899**  
6 Monthly **\$1,250**

**HTC U Play** *NEW*



- 5.2 Inch
- 16MP Rear + 16 Front
- 32GB Storage
- 1.2GHz Octa Core
- 3GB RAM
- Android 6.0 Marshmallow
- 4G
- Dual SIM

Price **\$2,298**  
Down **\$399**  
6 Monthly **\$508**

**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 **\$2,798**  
Down **\$199**  
6 Monthly **\$667**

**LG G6 Plus** *NEW*



- 5.7 Inch
- 13MP Rear + 5MP Front
- 128GB Storage
- Quad-Core 1.4GHz
- 4GB RAM
- Android 7.0 Nougat
- 4G
- Fingerprint

Price **\$4,999**  
Down **\$599**  
6 Monthly **\$1,150**

**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 **\$3,598**  
Down **\$899**  
6 Monthly **\$750**

**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 **\$4,999**  
Down **\$599**  
6 Monthly **\$1,150**

**Kata V5** *NEW* *Low Downpayment*



- 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**

**Kata Tmini 4** *NEW* *Low Downpayment*



- 6.95 Inch
- 8MP Rear + 5MP Front
- 8GB Storage
- 1.1GHz Quad Core
- 1GB RAM
- Android 6.0 Marshmallow
- 4G
- Dual SIM

Price **\$899**  
Down **\$99**  
6 Monthly **\$201**

**Kata M4s** **NEW** **0% Interest**

- 5.5 Inch
- 18MP Rear + 8MP Front
- 32GB Storage
- Octa-core 1.5GHz
- 2GB RAM
- Android 7.0 Nougat
- 4G
- Fingerprint

Price **\$1,999**  
Down **\$199**  
6 Monthly **\$300**

**HP Stream 11**



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

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



Price **\$3,199**  
Down **\$299**  
6 Monthly **\$804**

**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** **Hot Items** **0% Interest**

- 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** **Hot Items**

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

Price **\$1,999**  
Down **\$299**  
6 Monthly **\$484**

**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**

**Casio G-Shock GA-110** **NEW** **Low Downpayment**



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

**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 **\$246**

**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**

**Alba Fashion AC3U81X1** **NEW** **Low Downpayment**



Price **\$740**  
Down **\$29**  
6 Monthly **\$193**

**Alba Active 3111** **NEW** **Low Downpayment**



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

**Alba Fashion AG8494X1** **NEW** **Low Downpayment**



Price **\$960**  
Down **\$29**  
6 Monthly **\$252**

**Apple iPad 9.7 (4G) (32GB)** **NEW**

- 9.7 Inch
- 8MP Rear + 1.2MP Front
- 32GB Storage
- 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**

**Special Offer**

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

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

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

**Free Kata S100**

**Lenovo Tab3 7 LTE** **NEW**

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

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

**Astrum ET250 Bluetooth Earphones** **NEW**



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

**Soul Ultra Headphones** **NEW**



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

**Samsung Galaxy Tab S3 9.7 LTE** **NEW**

- 9.7 Inch
- 13 MP Rear + 5 MP Front
- 32GB Storage
- 2.15GHz Quad Core
- 4GB RAM
- Android 7.0
- 4G
- Fingerprint

Price **\$5,598**  
Down **\$899**  
6 Monthly **\$1,250**

**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
Down	\$39
6 Monthly	\$52

**Panasonic Hair Dryer 51**



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

**Chef Topf Pot 24cm High** *NEW*



Price	\$569
Down	\$59
6 Monthly	\$142

**Chef Topf Wok 28cm** *NEW*



Price	\$429
Down	\$59
6 Monthly	\$105

**Omron Body Composition Monitor HBF216** *NEW*



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 Ionity 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

# Asean, China approve sea framework

By Maia Lopez

THE Association of Southeast Asian Nations and China have finally approved the framework of a binding Code of Conduct in the South China Sea.

The development came 15 years after the bloc and Beijing signed the Declaration of Conduct, a non-binding edict that aimed to reduce the tensions in the region and prevent claimant-countries from aggressively pursuing their claims.

China claims nearly all of the South China Sea – through which \$5 trillion in annual shipping trade passes and which is believed to sit atop vast oil and gas deposits – including the waters approaching the coasts of Vietnam, the Philippines, Malaysia, Brunei and Taiwan.

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said Beijing has agreed to start the formal COC

consultations provided that “the situation in the South China Sea is generally stable and if there is no major disruption from outside parties.”

“That is a precondition,” Wang said during the sidelines of the Asean Ministerial Meeting in Manila.

“If there are still non-regional forces in the region, they don’t want to see stability in the South China Sea and they still want to stir up trouble in the South China Sea, we need to stand together and we need to say no to them together,” Wang added.

Despite the development on the COC framework, Asean partners United States, Australia and Japan still denounced Beijing’s island-building and militarization of the South China Sea.

Criticizing ongoing “land reclamation, construction of outposts, militarization of disputed features” in the disputed sea, the

trio said any Code of Conduct must be “legally binding, meaningful and effective.”

The three nations also called on China and the Philippines to respect last year’s international arbitration ruling, which dismissed much of Beijing’s claim in the sea.

The Philippines had been one of the most vocal critics of China and filed a case before a UN-backed tribunal, but after the election of President Rodrigo Duterte last year, Manila has played down the verdict in its favor and rekindled ties with Beijing.

Meanwhile, North Korea said it has no plans to use its nuclear weapons against any other country but the United States.

“We have no intention to use nuclear weapons or threaten with nuclear weapons any other country except the US, unless it joins the military action of the US against the DPRK,” Foreign Minister Ri Yong Ho said in a statement.

## Solons call for Faeldon’s resignation

By Maia Lopez

CUSTOMS Commissioner Nicanor Faeldon came under fire after lawmakers demanded his resignation over the bureau’s failure to stop the entry of P6.4 billion worth of shabu from China.

The shabu was found stored in sealed metal cylinders in a warehouse in Valenzuela during a raid last May 26.

House members threatened to give the bureau a zero budget in 2018 if Customs

officials cannot give a satisfactory explanation for such unprecedented breach.

Based on their initial investigation, the chief of the Customs risk management office, one Laribert Hilario, had failed to encode key information that could have flagged the system on the risk criteria, which inspectors use to stop suspect cargo. The particular shipment was routed to the greenlane so it easily left BOC premises at the ports without undergoing inspection.

Hilario has been placed under preventive suspension and will be charged with gross neglect of duty, Faeldon said.

Lawmakers, however, chided Faeldon for being “quick to point out scapegoats.” AAMBIS-OWA party-list Rep. Sharon Garin Garin said Faeldon cannot pin all the blame on Hilario.

Faeldon replied: “I will accept the command responsibility. All actions fall under me, that is my responsibility. But I never knew Hilario in my entire life.”

## Wife accuses Poll chief of ill-gotten wealth

THE wife of Commission on Elections chairman Andres Bautista has submitted an affidavit to the National Bureau of Investigation accusing her husband of amassing nearly P1 billion in ill-gotten wealth.

Patricia Paz Bautista earlier sought an audience with President Rodrigo Duterte before filing the affidavit where she recounted her discovery of several passbooks as well as bank and real property documents under her husband’s name that were not included in his 2016 Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Net worth.

The Comelec chief declared a net worth of P176.3 million in his 2016 SALN.

“I understand that since Andy holds the position of Comelec chair, he is liable to be impeached should there exist valid and sufficient grounds to hold him in trial for an impeachable offense,” Patricia said.

The poll chief, however, denied his estranged wife’s allegations as he welcomed the order of Justice Secretary Vitaliano Aguirre for the National Bureau of Investigation to conduct a probe on the issue. Bautista said his wife made up the allegations against him when he could not meet her demand for P620 million following their separation in 2013.

“She has been asking for a lot of money and I told her again, these monies do not belong to me, because those belong to my family members. And I do have substantial money which is shown in my SALN and I was willing to give her fair share of that but she just wants a lot more,” he said.

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## Ozamiz City mayor, 14 others dead in police raid

By Maia Lopez

THE mayor of Ozamiz City, who was tagged by President Rodrigo Duterte as a narco-politician, was killed along with his wife and 14 others in a pre-dawn police raid.

Ozamiz Mayor Reynaldo Parojinog is the third mayor in Duterte’s drug list to be killed since last year. In October, Samsudin Dimaukom, the mayor of Saudi Ampatuan, was killed in a shootout at a police checkpoint on suspicion he and his security personnel were transporting illegal drugs. In November, Rolando Espinosa, the mayor of Albuera town, was killed inside his detention cell during a night-time raid.

“Police were serving a search warrant when the security guards of the mayor (Parojinog) fired at them, so our policemen retaliated,” police regional spokesman Supt. Lemuel Gonda said.

The policemen responsible for serving six warrants on four separate properties of the mayor’s estate are under the supervision of Supt. Jovy Espenido, who was police chief of Albuera when Espinosa was killed inside the Baybay City sub-provincial jail last year.

Ozamiz provincial police chief Jaysen De Guzman said the exchange of fire lasted almost two hours, and officers recovered M-16 rifles and .45 caliber pistols, grenades, ammunition as well as shabu or methamphetamine in the raid.

Parojinog’s daughter, Vice Mayor Nova Echavez, and son Reynaldo Jr. were also arrested. Echavez has denied that she was in a relationship with drug lord Herbert

Colangco, who is detained in the national penitentiary.

Ozamiz City legal officer Jeffrey James Okang said Echavez was requesting a transfer to the National Bureau of Investigation for fear she might be assassinated by people out to silence the rest of their clan.

“It seems like Part 2 of the Espinosa case,” Okang said, referring to the Baybay raid which the NBI had described as a rebut.

Echavez and Reynaldo Jr. have already been indicted by the Department of Justice for violating drug and firearms laws.

Reynaldo Jr. was also charged with illegal possession of explosives after police seized a grenade from him.

“The searching officers positively testified that they clearly saw in plain view the illegal drugs while they were searching for firearms which were both in the constructive custody of respondent Nova Princess Parojinog. These is probable cause to separately charge respondent Nova Princess Parojinog for illegal possession of dangerous drugs,” read a resolution of DOJ prosecutors assigned to the case.

The slain mayor’s father, Octavio Sr., was the founder of the notorious Kuratong Baleleng gang that started out as an anti-communist group under the supervision of the military.

Over time, Kuratong Baleleng became a criminal group engaged in kidnapping, robbery, extortion and other illegal activities.

PNP chief Ronald dela Rosa said the killing of Parojinog should serve as a warning to other narco-politicians.

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## Christian Action Fun Day Isinagawa

By George G. Manalansan

NAGING mabunga ang araw ng pahingang mga migrant domestic workers dahil nakapag-aral sila ng mga bagong bagay sa Christian Action Fun Day na ginanap sa New Horizon Building.

Ang mga itinuro ay tig-isang oras ng aralin tulad ng pagsusulat, paggamit ng kamera, paggawa ng egg-tart at iba pa na ayon sa interes ng mga dumalo. Ingles ang mga aralin upang maintindihan ng lahat ng mga kasali na mula sa iba't-ibang bansa.

Dagdag-saya din ang mga palaro na may mga premyo tulad ng lipstick, pamaypay at iba pa. May mga mumurahin ding paninda tulad ng lumang aklat, gamit sa pananampalataya, at ccessories tulad ng hikaw na sadyang kinagiliwan din ng mga sumali sa nasabing kaganapan. Mayroon ding medical check-up tulad ng pagkuha ng blood pressure at blood sugar, kung saan marami ang nag-avail ng nasabing serbisyo.



Ilan sa mga dumalo sa Fun Day

“Di ako nagsisisi na pumunta at makibahagi sa Fun Day, marami akong natutunan at may mga give-aways at papremyo pa akong nauwi”, sabi ni Aisha Manahan.

“Sadyang napakahalaga ng proyektong ito para sa mga migrante, madadagdagan ang kakayahan namin na magiging tulay sa aming pansariling paglago sa antas ng kabuhayan o kaya ay maging libangan na makadadagdag sa aming tiwala sa sarili at maari ding maibahagi sa kapwa”, ayon kay Ching Baltazar, Balikatan sa Kaunlaran (BSK) chairperson.

## Video projects show lives of migrants

By Vicks Reyes Munar

PARA Site, Voices of Women Media (VOW), and the Department of Sociology at the University of Hong Kong presented 42 one-minute videos scripted and directed by domestic workers, asylum seekers, and ethnic minorities who participated in a video-making training as part of the Visualizing the Voices of Migrant Women Workers Project.

The video screening was held on Aug. 6 at the Para Site Education Room at the in Wing Wah Industrial Building in Quarry Bay.

The videos shown were the product of the 2017 VOW-HKU Participatory Video Workshop Series consisting of eight Sundays from February to April 2017. Fifty participants were trained on the rigors of video production.

Participants included members of the HKU Domestic Workers Empowerment Project, Enrich, Christian Action, Lensa-



The video screening at Para Site

tional and Refugee Union.

Each participant had the chance to write their own script and direct their own videos. They also collaborated with other participants while working as crews playing various roles like producers, art directors, gaffers, sound technicians, location scouts, camerapersons and actors.

The videos in the screening offered a meaningful glimpse into the lives and inner voices of domestic workers, asy-

lum-seekers, refugees, migrants and ethnic minorities.

Some videos showcased how they make their day-off and spare time productive by being artists, designers, community leaders, and volunteers. Other videos highlighted how these women play their roles as mothers, sisters, daughters, and friends despite distance.

Most of the videos emphasized the daily challenges in their work and featured wonderful stories of calmness and perseverance amid their demanding work and busy lives in Hong Kong.

After the screening, members of the audience were able to ask questions to the project organizers - Dr. Vivian Wenli Lin-Co-Founder of the VOW Media and Dr. Julie Ham from the Department of Sociology of HKU.

Members of the video production teams also shared their experiences and stories in making the videos.



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## UNIFIL's 32nd Anniversary

By Ally Constantino

A migrants' group celebrated its 32nd anniversary through a program on Charter Road held on July 15.

Dolores Balladares-Pelaez, United Filipinos Hong Kong chairperson, said she hoped more Filipinos partner with the group so they could continue initiatives for workers' rights.

Among the group's victories, she cited the Philippine Consulate's services every Sunday, which only began in 2009.



Unifil members

## Health Talks at DWEP

By Vicks R. Munar

WITH its vision of continuously empowering domestic workers, the Domestic Workers Empowerment Project (DWEP) held a series of health talks focusing on obesity, menopause, and cervical, and ovarian cancer on July 20.

Dr. Miguel Manio, DWEP founder, welcomed the participants, saying he hoped they would learn from the talks while enjoying them.

Dr. David Yin Cai, post-doctoral fellow of Manio at the Department of Anesthesiology, HKU, discussed obesity and shared tips to overcome this lifestyle disease. Manio then followed with a discussion on menopause. Participants then were given the chance to ask questions about the topic.

The afternoon session, meanwhile, focused on the causes, symptoms, treatment and prevention of cervical and ovarian cancers.

For more details about DWEP activities, please join its public group on Facebook.



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# 2,000 OFWs return from Saudi Arabia

By Maia Lopez

MORE than 2,000 overseas Filipino workers have been repatriated from Saudi Arabia after the kingdom extended its amnesty program for overstaying migrants.

The amnesty program originally ended on June 29, about which time at least 5,299 OFWs were able to avail of it and return to the Philippines.

Latest data from the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration showed that 2,398 more Filipino workers have been repatriated after the amnesty program was extended until July 24.

In total, the Philippine government has extended assistance to some 7,697 distressed OFWs in Saudi Arabia.

Majority of the repatriates are female (4,016) while more than 10 percent are minors (1,233).



President Duterte talks to a repatriated OFW from Saudi (file).

Labor Undersecretary Dominador Say said 695 OFWs are currently awaiting flights but already have exit visas.

Illegal migrants can leave the Middle Eastern country within 60 days from the issuance of their exit visas.

Aside from plane tickets, OWWA gave P5,000 cash assistance to male workers while the Department of Social Welfare

and Development gave P5,000 to female OFWs.

The Saudi Arabian government earlier estimated around 15,000 overstaying OFWs in the kingdom, which means only more than half of the expected distressed workers have been repatriated.

OWWA, however, said it has yet to track those who went home on their own without availing of the free plane tickets from the government while others chose to stay in Saudi Arabia.

Since the amnesty period has lapsed, Saudi Arabia is expected to crack down on illegally staying foreigners. Those who will be caught may be subjected to fines and deportation, or be banned from returning. The Philippine embassy in Riyadh is coordinating with local officials to ensure humane treatment for the remaining illegal Filipino migrants who will be caught.

## Young Filipinos win accolades

By Maia Lopez

A 17-year old Filipino, the son of two overseas workers in the United Arab Emirates, has won nine silver awards in the World Championship of Performing Arts at the Long Beach Performing Arts Center in Los Angeles, California.

Ian Cris Tacle bagged the awards for the Instrument, Vocal, and Vocal Self-Accompaniment categories.

"I won nine silver awards from different categories. One is through playing the piano piece 'Fly Me to the Moon' while blindfolded," he said.

He also won two other awards from playing and dancing the 'Phantom of the Opera' and 'Flight of the Bumblebee' in the violin and another for his original composition, 'Light Within You.'

Tacle is at present a ninth-grader at the GEMS Wichester School in Dubai where he lives with his parents Christopher and Irene Tacle.

The young performer was handpicked by Scott Murphy, national director of WCOPA in the UAE, to represent the country in the instrument, vocal, and vocal self-accompaniment categories.

Meanwhile, a nine-year-old British-Filipina snagged the gold medal in the Mini Acrobatic Solo category in the week-long Dance World Cup 2017 held in Offenburg, Germany, dubbed as the greatest all-genre competition in the world for children and young adults with some 22,000 competitors from 47 countries.

Chantelle Tonolete, who represented England, also received 5 more gold medals and 2 silver medals in the troupe categories. The young champion discovered her passion for dancing at the age of five.

## Australian jailed over Pinoy girl's sex show

By Maia Lopez

AN Australian national who arranged for an 11-year-old Filipino girl and her mother to have sex in a web show was slapped with a three-year jail term.

Victorian County Court Judge Mark Dean said the suspect, Steven Koscak, also had sexual conversations online with underage Australian girls over several years.

Koscak, whose crimes were discovered by an undercover police officer, asked his victims to send him explicit photos.

The 29-year-old pleaded guilty to 16 counts, including a federal charge of procuring the Filipino girl to engage in sexual activity overseas.

"You communicated with the mother and insisted she be involved in sexual activity with her daughter. This is a grave offense that concerns the sexual exploitation of a child in a developing nation," the judge said.

"You engaged in the ever-growing sexual exploitation of children. Your activities must be regarded as having caused your victims harm," Dean added.

Koscak, from Melbourne's northwest, spoke to several girls online between 2013 and 2016, asking them to send photos and having web cam chats. His illegal activities ended when Koscak spoke online to 14-year-old "Amber," an undercover police officer. The pair engaged in a number of sexual chats.

## Three Filipino workers dead in Saipan

By Maia Lopez

THREE Filipino workers died after inhaling toxic fumes while working in a septic tank in Saipan.

Saipan's Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services spokesman Derek Gersonde identified the victims as Ricky Quijano, 47; Amid Tapon, 41; and Danilo Paglinawan, 53.

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. said the three workers were employees of USA Fanter Corp., which the company contracted to install a new pump for its wastewater lift station.

Authorities said Quijano lost consciousness while fixing the sewer system of the 24-foot-deep septic tank at the CUC lift station at Pakpak Beach. Tapon and Paglinawan tried to save Quijano, but also fell unconscious after inhaling the toxic fumes. The three were brought to a nearby hospital but were declared dead on arrival.



Saipan

Department of Public Safety acting spokesman Sgt. Jason Tarkong said preliminary findings showed the three workers were exposed to high levels of hydrogen sulfide gas inside the well.

Tarkong said other factors include wastewater presence that was about six to seven inches deep, which may have possibly caused the victims to drown.

USA Fanter Corp. president Steve Qian said the company shouldered the burial expenses of the victims.

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## Free college education

WE applaud the decision of President Duterte to sign the free tuition law for state universities and colleges (SUCs).

The new law not only provides free tuition but also includes subsidies for standard miscellaneous fees starting academic year 2018-2019. It also expands the coverage of free tuition and miscellaneous to the 112 local government created universities and colleges nationwide.

The law also provides additional subsidy for poor students in the “two lowest income deciles” while providing a student loan fund for those who still need help.

The government needs a little over P20 billion to implement the law and is looking at current scholarship and financial assistance money already existing in the budget of several government agencies as sources of funding.

To avoid abuses, the law will cover those students who will enroll on a full load, finish their course on time, and are not taking a second degree.

This is all well and good but we hope government would think twice about requiring students to take a full load to get their subsidy. There are many working students who might not be able to meet this requirement.

Government might insist that they no longer need to work since their tuition is now free but it should remember that there are student workers who take jobs not just for themselves. These admirable students work not just to support their students but also their families who need support.

We hope the government would understand their situation and help them instead of adding to their burden.

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## Higher-paying jobs as DHs in China?

IS it really P100,000 a month? Or just P50,000 a month as a DH in China? Thousands of OFWs in Hong Kong are now eagerly awaiting when the Philippine government can finalize arrangements for OFWs or Filipino domestic helpers can start working in selected cities in China.

Without a doubt, dishonest recruitment agencies and individual recruiters in Hong Kong and Manila will soon move and offer high-paying jobs in China. This type of recruiters can be likened to vultures or the blood-sucking piranha fish that thrive in South America. If they smell blood, they won't lose time and strike. So what should OFWs do to avoid getting victimized and losing big money to scammers? Here are a few easy and practical tips:

1. AVOID SCAMMER RECRUITERS. If you're an OFW and if you are offered a very high-paying job in China or other places, what will you do -- believe right away? Or stop, look and ask around? Always bear in mind, most

sweet and tall promises are untrue. For instance, if a recruiter offers P100,000 in monthly pay in China and there's no Philippine government announcement on this yet, who will you believe -- a recruiter or the government?

### 2. VERIFY RECRUITERS.

If you come across recruiters with tall promises, just get their flyers, names and contact details. Then check with Labor Attache Jalilo dela Torre at the Philippine Overseas Labor Office if the recruiters are really accredited to recruit or not. Alternatively, you can check POEA's website. Don't be shy or scared to check with POLO and even this writer at alliancepinoy@gmail.com or FB -- Alliance of Overseas Filipinos.

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## Edukasyon bilang Karapatan

MALAPIT sa puso ng mga migrante ang usapin ng edukasyon. Hindi ba't isa sa dahilan kaya nag-abroad ang karamihan ay upang mapagtapos ang kanilang mga anak? Hindi ba't regular nang kasama sa badyet ng OFW ang pang-gastos sa pinapag-aral?

Kaya't tiyak akong ikatutuwa ng karamihan na mabalitaan na pinirmahan na ni Pangulong Duterte bilang batas ang “Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education” nitong Agosto. Sa ilalim ng batas na ito, gagawing LIBRE ang tuition sa 112 state universities and colleges, local na mga pamantasan at maging mga vocational schools sa bansa.

Sa isang banda, dapat ipagpasalamat kay Pangulong Duterte na pinimahan niya imbes na ibinasura ang nasabing batas tulad ng nirekomenda ng mga kontrabidang economic managers niya sa gabinete. Dapat ding pasalamat ang iba't-ibang mga kongresista at senador na

naging bahagi sa pagbubuo ng batas na ito. Pero huwag dapat kalimutan ang naging makasaysayang papel ng mga kabataan noon pang dekada '70, '80, '90 at ang mga aktibistang millennials dahil hindi sila napagod na nag-kampanya, nag-lobby, nag-rally para sa libreng edukasyon.

Tagumpay at makasaysayan ang pagkapasa ng Free Tuition Law ng kilusan ng mga kabataan at estudyante. Kung hindi sa kanilang pagpupursige – kahit na sinasabihan silang imposible na ibigay na libre ang edukasyon – ay nagayo'y naimarka na sa ating kasaysayan na pwede. Naging isa na itong realidad at hindi na lamang panaginip ng mga Kaliwa, ng mga aktibista at mga progresibo. Dahil sa matagal at mahabang pakikibaka, nagayo'y nagbunga na. Lahat y makikina-bang, hindi lamang yung mga lumaban.

Napatunayan na ang edukasyon ay isang KARAPATAN at hindi lamang pribilehiyo. Matagal nang sinasabi na tung-

kulin ng estado na tustusan ang edukasyon ng kanyang kabataan. Hindi ito isang kalakal na binebenta o isang negosyo, tulad nga nang nangyayari ngayon. Kaya nga natutulak tayong mag-abroad dahil ang gastos sa edukasyon ay pinapasan ng mga estudyante at magulang. Matagal na naging sinasabi ito –karapatan ang edukasyon, dapat ito ay libre at suportado ng pamahalaan. Pero dahil matagal nang nakasanayan natin na isang pribilehiyo ang edukasyon, mahirap unawain na ito ay obligasyon ng pamahalaan.

Kung kaya baguhin na natin ang pag-iisip. Posibleng makuha ang mga karapatan sa serbisyo publiko tulad ng edukasyon, pabahay, kalusugan, proteksyon sa mga migrante nang LIBRE. Obligasyon ito ng pamahalaan – sinuman ang nakaupo rian. Kung kailangang palitan ang sistema para makuha ang mga karapatan, eh di gawin. Huwag mapagod na ipaglaban ang karapatan nating mamamayan.

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Niung nakaraang taon, buwan ng Agosto isa ako sa mismong nakaranas na matulog sa gusali ng Immigration Department upang masiguro na mapabilang sa quota para sa pagkuha ng bagong visa. Natatandaan ko pa, andami namin noon na matiyagang

nagpalipas ng gabi anupaman ang sitwasyon doon upang kinabukasan ay makakuha ng visa. Maging ang mga iba pa na may ibang sadya sa Immigration ay matiyaga ding pumipila.

Ngunit ayon sa isang kaibigan na nagrenew ng kanyang kontrata nuong nakaraang buwan lamang ay nagbago na ang patakaran. Hindi na kailangang pumila ng gabi at matulog sa gusali ng Immigration. Alas-7 ng gabi pa lamang ay may Immigration Officer na nagbibigay ng numero para sa quota kinabukasan.

Maagap na nabigyang solusyon ang sitwasyong

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# Palibhasa ignorante

By Imelda Mae Bustinera

SA tuwing maghihimay ng gulay na Choy Sum si Jinky, 28, dalaga, taga-Mandaluyong, sa kasalukuyang pinagsisilbihang amo ay naaalala niya ang paraan ng paghi-may sa pinakaunang naging amo ng apat na taon.

Pinakauna ring naging kasambahay si Jinky kaya wala sa kanyang nagturo ng mga dapat gawin at kung paano ang paraan ng pagluluto. Nang unang araw raw ni Jinky ay hindi pumasok sa trabaho ang dating among babae para ituro ang mga bagay kung saan nakalagay na kakailanganin sa araw-araw.



Choy Sum

Ininama rin siya sa palengke at sinabi kung anong luto ng mga pinamili. Hapunan lang daw ang mahalagang makapagluto si Jinky dahil bihira naman silang mag-asawa kung umuwi ng tanghali para kumain.

Bilang pagtanggap ng mga amo kay

Jinky ay kumain sila sa labas ng hapunan. At pumasok na ang amo kinabukasan ibinilin lang na huwag pabayaang ang alaga at magluto ng hapunan.

Bago man sa paningin niya ang choy sum ay ginawa na rin niya ang alam niyang paraan at wala naman reklamo ang amo kaya akala ni Jinky ay tama kaya ganoon na lagi ang ginawa sa loob ng apat na taon.

Nalaman lang ni Jinky na mali yung paghimay ng lumipat siya ng ibang amo. Nakaramdam si Jinky ng pagkahiya sa pagka-ignorante at pagtataka kung bakit hindi siya sinita ng dating amo. Napakabit daw pala ng dating amo niyang iyon.

## Naawa sa alaga

HINDI nawawala sa magkapatid ang magkaiba ng hilig at ugali. Tulad ng alaga ni Salve, 30, may asawa at anak, at tubong Bulacan.

Kung gaano ka-bossy at maldita ng bunso ay siya namang maunawain at maalalahanin ng panganay. Kaya naman nakonsensya at naawa si Salve nang hindi nadala ng panganay na pumunta sa ibang bansa para magsanay ng kursong tinapos ang mga paborito niyang damit dahil hindi agad

nalabahan.

Inilagay na ng panganay ang mga damit niya sa washing machine umaga pa lang pero hindi nagsabi na kailangan matuyo agad dahil dadalhin niya kinagabihan kaya hindi agad nilabahan ni Salve kasi hindi pa sapat para sa isang labahan.

Kaya nang nag-eempake na ang panganay at kukunin na ang inaasahang tuyo nang mga damit ay isinasampay pa lang ni Salve. Buong akala

ni Salve ay tinatantiya lang ng panganay kung gaano karami ang kailangan niya pang isilid sa kanyang bagahe kaya siniguro ni Salve na matutuyo sa pag-aakalang kinabukasan pa ang lipad ng panganay. Pero lilipad na pala ng gabing iyon at sa halip na magalit ay ngumiti lang at sinabing ayos lang daw. Nalungkot tuloy si Salve sa pag-alis ng panganay na mawawala sa loob ng tatlong buwan.

Imelda Mae Bustinera

# Expensive ang madalas sambit

By Vicks Reyes Munar

Si Ana, 30, ay limang buwan pa lang sa kanyang kasalukuyang amo. Galing siya sa mga among British kung saan siya ay apat na taong nanilbihan. Naghanap siya ng bagong amo dahil sa umuwi na ang dating amo sa kanilang bansa.

Si Ana, ay napunta sa isang pamilyang Intsik na may dalawang anak. Ordinary-

ong empleyado ang kanyang mga amo at ang tingin ni Ana ay di- naman gaanong mayaman ang mga ito. Mabait naman sila maging ang batang kanyang alaga. Wala siyang reklamo liban sa madalas sambitin ng kanyang amo lalo na kung siya ay bibigyan ng pagkain tulad ng prutas ay palaging sinasabi na "eat that because that is expensive". Noong una ay parang nai-insulto si Ana sa tuwing sinasabi sa kanya

ng kanyang among babae ang mga salitang iyon ngunit kalaunan ay nasanay na din siya at 'di na niya ito pinapansin.

Inisip na lang nya na parang expression lang ito ng kanyang amo at wala naming ibig sabihin o wala naming intensyon na insultuhin o maliitin siya. Kaya ngayon napapangiti na lang si Ana sa tuwing maririnig sa kanyang amo ang mga salitang "that is expensive".

# Wanted: Compatible workmate

By Vicks Reyes Munar

SI Rina, 45, tubong Batangas at 15 taon nang nagtrabaho sa Hong Kong sa isang masasabing may kayang pamilya sa Stanley. Siya ay naninilbihan sa mag-asawang doktor na Intsik at kanilang nag-iisang anak na lalaki.

Sa loob ng kanyang 15-taong paninilbihan sa kanyang amo, walo na ang nagdaang mga kasama niya.

Sa walong nakasama todo-todo pakikisama ang ginagawa ni Rina dahil gusto niya rin ng pangmatagalang kasama subalit sadya yatang wala siyang swerte dahil wala pa siyang natagpuang compatible work partner.

Sa walong nakasama niya, iba-ibang ugali ang mga ito at sari-saring karanasan din.

Andyan kang may super tamad at nagpapakitang gilad lang sa trabaho pag nakikita ng amo.

May isang bata at bagong salta na super

ang pagkahilig sa telepono at Facebook kaya napapabayaang ang trabaho.

Kahit na ganito ang naranasan ni Rina, dahil siya ay sadyang mabait at matiisin ay pinagtitiyagaan niya lamang anuman ang ugali ng kaniyang mga nakakasama sa trabaho.

Kahit 'di ugali ni Rina na magkwento sa mga amo ng mga ugali at gawain ng kanyang mga nakasama, ang mga amo niya mismo ang nakakatuklas sa kung ano ang kanilang mga ginagawa.

Kaya kadalasan ay tinatapos lamang ang mga kontrata nila at may isa pang 'di tinapos dahil sa 'di magandang ginawa nito na natuklasan mismo ng amo.

Sa ngayon, nag-hire na naman ang kanyang amo ng bagong kasama at darating na sa susunod na buwan. Dalangin niya na sana ang parating mula sa Pilipinas ay maging compatible partner na niya upang mas maging masaya at may peace of mind ang kanyang pagtrabaho dito sa Hong Kong.

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# Alexander Lee is Heart's leading man

AFTER months of anticipation, GMA Network is proud to announce that Alexander Lee is Heart Evangelista's leading man in My Korean Jagiya.

Alexander is a professional actor in Korea and former member of the boy band U-Kiss. He bagged the coveted role of Jun Ho in My Korean Jagiya which is the

first and original Kapuso series partly shot in Seoul, South Korea. Aside from him, several Korean actors will also play important roles in the primetime soap.

The former K-Pop idol said he is very excited on his latest project with GMA 7, "I'm really glad to finally work with GMA again after so many years. I remember the

last time was when U-Kiss performed in Walang Tulagan with the Master Showman and Party Pilipinas. I had really good memories with GMA because they were very kind, friendly and caring."

Alexander said he did not think twice about accepting the role because he is thrilled to return to the country and to fi-

nally work with Heart.

"First, when I heard the word "GMA", I was already confident that it would be a good project. Afterwards, knowing that Heart Evangelista would be in it, it won my heart completely! Of course, it was a tough decision to give up all my current work here in Korea for this project, but I'm definitely sure it will be worth it. After seeing the project proposal, I was really excited because it is very meaningful. I personally really love the cultural exchange between the Philippines and Korea. It would be a never-before-seen project so I decided to join," said Alexander.

The production team of My Korean Jagiya recently went to Seoul to tape im-

portant scenes for the drama series.

Heart, meanwhile, revealed that working with Alexander is a breeze, "He is so easy to work with and as time goes by, we are more comfortable with each other. He is really a good actor. And I'm so excited for everybody to get to know him and see the show."

Completing the all-star cast of My Korean Jagiya are Janice de Belen, Ricky Davao, Iya Villania, Edgar Allan Guzman, Valeen Montenegro, Frances Makil, Jinri Park, Myke Salomon. Under the helm of award-winning director Mark Reyes, catch Alexander and Heart in My Korean Jagiya soon on GMA's flagship international channel, GMA Pinoy TV.



ALEXANDER and HEART



ALEXANDER expresses his excitement to be working with the GMA team.

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## Happy news mula sa showbiz!

By Cristy Kasilag

MAYROONG dalawang magandang balita mula sa showbizlandia kamakailan.

Una, matapos ang limang-taong pag-sasama na nagbunga ng isang cute at gwapong anak na si Zion, na ngayon ay apat na taong gulang na, pinagtapat na nina Richard Gutierrez at nobya nitong si Sarah Lahbati na engaged na silang dalawa.

Sampung taon ang pagitan nina Richard at Sarah. Ang lalaki ay 33 anyos na samantalang ang Swiss-Filipina beauty ay 23 anyos pa lamang.

Nagpropose si Richard sa partner nang magtungo sila sa bayan ni Sarah sa Zermatt, Switzerland. Base sa mga litratong naglabasan ay nag-propose na si Richard sa gitna ng yelo at malamig na hangin sa Swiss Alps.

Makikitang nakaluhod pa ang isang tuhod ni Richard nang mag-propose.

Naiyak daw si Sarah nang mga limang minuto matapos niyang suotin ang engagement ring na bigay ni Richard. Matapos nito ay sumakay pa sina Richard at si Sarah sa isang helicopter para mamasyal.

Sa kanyang Instagram post, tinawag ni Sarah na best friend ang kanyang fiancé

na si Richard "The stars aligned in the universe and this happened. I'm marrying my best friend."

Nasabi ni Richard na umabot ng limang taon sa kanilang relasyon bago siya nag-propose dahil naghintay daw siya ng "perfect timing" para sa espesyal na araw nang mag-propose. Nais lang daw niyang gawing tama para kay Sarah at sa anak nilang si Zion tatal magkakasama naman silang naninirahan sa iisang bahay.

Ang pangalawang magandang balita ay ang panganganak ni Kylie Padilla sa anak nila ni Aljur Abrenica.

Nanganak ang 24-anyos na aktres noong ika-4 ng Agosto.

Lalaki ang naging anak nila na pinangalanan nilang Alas Joaquin.

"After four days of hard labor, here we are, my love. Everything was worth it. I'm so proud of you. To the world, meet Alas Joaquin Abrenica. 7.5 pounds, born at 10:31 p.m. on August 4 2017. The love of our lives @ajabrenica. Welcome to the world, our little prince," ang ibinalita ni Kylie sa kanyang Instagram account.

Samantala, ang bagong amang si Aljur ay pinuri ang kanyang partner dahil nag-ing matatag ito noong siya ay nag la-labor.

# Wynwyn sumali uli sa beauty contest

By Cristy Kasilag

ISANG hirit pa ang battle cry ng dancer at aktres na si Teresita Seen "Wynwyn" Lacsamana Marquez sa muli niyang pag-sali sa isang prestiyosong beauty contest.

Isa ang 25-anyos na si Wynwyn sa 35 naggagandahang mga Filipina na sasab-

ak sa gaganaping Miss World Philippines 2017 sa ika-3 ng Setyembre sa SM Mall of Asia (MOA) Arena, Pasay City.

Pangalawang pagkakataon na para kay Wynwyn, ang anak ng dating alkalde ng Paranaque, basketball player, at komedyanteng si Joey Marquez at "Miss Loveliness" Alma Moreno, na sumali sa isang

beauty contest.

Ang unang sinalihan ni Wynwyn ay ang Binibing Pilipinas nuong taong 2015 kung saan napasama lamang siya sa 15 finalists. Siya din ang nanalo noon ng Best National Costume, Miss Talent at She's so JAG Award. Si Wynwyn ay pamangkin ng 1979 Miss International Melanie Marquez, na

kapatid ni Joey.

Sinabi ni Wynwyn na ang boyfriend niyang si Mark Herras, na tinaguriang Bad Boy on the Dance Floor dahil sa husay niya sa pag-sayaw, ang nagkumbinsi sa kanya na muling sumubok na sumali sa isang beauty contest.

Sa Miss World Philippines, apat na titu-

lo ang paglalaban-laban ng mga contestants at ito ay nag Miss World Philippines 2017, Miss Eco International Philippines, Miss Multinational Philippines at Reina Hispanoamericana Filipinas 2017.

Alam daw ni Mark kung gaano niya kagusto maging isang beauty queen dahil lagi niya itong nababanggit sa boyfriend.

## Ai-Ai delas Alas still a Kapuso, signs anew with GMA Network

PHILIPPINE Comedy Queen Ai-Ai delas Alas remains a Kapuso as she renewed her exclusive contract with GMA Network today, July 24.

Present during the contract signing were GMA Chairman and CEO Atty. Felipe L. Gozon; GMA Entertainment TV Senior Vice President Lilybeth G. Reasonable; GMA Vice President for Drama Productions Redgie Acuña-Magno; GMA Vice President for Corporate Affairs and Communications Angela Javier Cruz; and GMA Senior Assistant Vice President for Alternative Productions Gigi Santiago-Lara. Also in attendance was Rowena Salido of Asian Artists Agency, Inc.

"God is so great and good. Ako pa rin po ay isang Kapuso. Binigyan ako ng chance ni Lord na maging Kapuso ulit. So nandito po ulit ako. Thank you sa lahat ng bosses namin sa GMA," shared Ai-Ai during her contract renewal attended by the network's top executives.

Ai-Ai revealed that she is thankful to GMA for their continuous trust and support all these years, "Kasi di ba dito naman talaga ako nag start. Parang coming home ulit. Siyempre mahal nila ako at binibigyan nila ako ng work."

Aside from Sunday Pinasaya, Ai-Ai said she will have a new show together with Bossing Vic Sotto and an upcoming soap.

Meanwhile, Atty. Gozon said he is delighted that Ai-Ai continues to stay with GMA 7, "Si Ai-Ai ay tinatawag natin na balikbayan. Alam naman niya kung naasaan ang puso niya ngayon."



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**Aquarius**  
 January 20 to February 18  
 May darating na bwenas sa buhay mo. Sana lang ay alerto ka pagdating ng swerte nang sa ganun ay magamit para sa kabutihan mo at mga nagmamalasakit sa iyo.

**Pisces**  
 February 19 to March 20  
 Ipakita mo sa kaniyang mahal mo siya. May duda siyang nanghihinawa ka na sa kaniya.

**Aries**  
 March 21 to April 19  
 May magandang mangyayari sa isang kamag-anak kaya magkakaroon kayo ng dahilan para magsaya ang pamilya. Bwenas ang negosyong may kinalaman sa pagbenta ng bahay.

**Taurus**  
 April 20 to May 20  
 Huwag mong ilagay ang iyong sarili sa sitwasyon na para kang nasa isang kahon-hindi makakilos, nasasakal at hindi makahinga. Huwag ka matakot sa mga bagong karanasan.

**Gemini**  
 May 21 to June 20  
 Mapapansin mong ngayon lang kumikita ang puhunan mong inilagay noon sa isang negosyo na halos nakalimutan mo na. Kunin mo na at huwag mo nang ilagay uli sa nasabing negosyo.

**Cancer**  
 June 21 to July 22  
 Masaya ang buwan ng Agosto para sa iyo at sa mga mahal mo sa buhay. Maaring may mga bago kang pakikipagsapalarang gagawin, hinay hinay lang muna.

**Leo**  
 July 23 to August 22  
 May nagkakagusto sa iyo pero pinipilit mong huwag bigyang pansin kahit nakikilili ang iyong puso tuwing makikita mo siya. Bigyan mo ng pagkakataon ang iyong sarili na lumigaya.

**Virgo**  
 August 23 to September 22  
 Ipagpatuloy ang pagsisikap upang maabot ang mga pangarap. Tandaan na hindi nagtatagumpay ang mga sumusuko.

**Libra**  
 September 23 to October 22  
 Mayroon kang kaalaman na higit sa iba, huwag mong itago iyon. Mas mabuti kung makikita iyon, lalo na ang mga tao na hindi ka gaanong kakilala.

**Scorpio**  
 October 23 to November 21  
 Maikli lang ang buhay kaya huwag mo sanang ubusin ito sa pagmumukmok. Magsaya ka, bumiyaha ka sa mga lugar na hindi mo pa nakikita.

**Sagittarius**  
 November 22 to December 21  
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 1 red chili, seeded and thinly sliced  
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 3 cups hot chicken stock  
 ½ cup straw mushroom cut into half  
 4 pcs. Kaffir leaves  
 Salt & pepper to taste

**Procedure:**  
 1. Place the chicken strips, chopped ginger, lemongrass and chili in a pot.  
 2. Add the halved baby corn.

3. Pour over the hot chicken stock and cover the pot for 10-20 minutes.
4. Add spring onions/kaffir leaves and straw mushrooms, cover and return the pot for 10 more minutes.
5. Finally, season with salt and pepper. Serve hot.



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By Chef Jay Dator



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**Juan:** Use JULY in a sentence?  
**Pedro:** How dare you, why did JULY to me?

**Juan:** Use ADIEU in a sentence?  
**Pedro:** If you are ADIEU the Nazis will kill you.

**Juan:** Use DEDUCE, DEFENSE, DEFEAT, and DETAIL in a sentence?  
**Pedro:** DEDUCT jumped over DEFENSE, first DEFEAT then DETAIL.

**Juan:** Sinong THOR ang naging Pokemon?  
**Pedro:** Sino?  
**Juan:** Eh di si WarTHortle

**Juan:** Sinong THOR ang mortal na kaaway ni Eugene?  
**Pedro:** Sino?  
**Juan:** Eh di si THORugo.

**Juan:** Sinong THOR ang magaling magpiano?  
**Pedro:** Sino?  
**Juan:** Eh di, si BeeTHORven.

**Juan:** Sinong THOR ang pinakamatandang senador sa Pilipinas?  
**Pedro:** Sino?  
**Juan:** Eh di si Manong Johnny THOR (Sen. Enrile)

**Juan:** Sinong superhero ang mukhang pwet?  
**Pedro:** Sino?  
**Juan:** Eh di si BUTTman (Batman)

**Juan:** Sinong superhero ang nandyadyan?  
**Pedro:** Sino?  
**Juan:** Eh di si There!devil (Daredevil)

**Juan:** Sinong superhero ang nabulok na?  
**Pedro:** Sino?  
**Juan:** Eh di sin a PANISher ( The Punisher)

**Juan:** Sinong superhero ang bulok?  
**Pedro:** Sino?  
**Juan:** Eh di si the incrediBULOK (The Incredible Hulk)

**Juan:** Sinong superhero ang nagcommute?

**Pedro:** Sino?  
**Juan:** Eh di, si BUS Lightyear (Buzz Lightyear)

**Juan:** Ano ang tawag sa maliit na tsunami?  
**Pedro:** Ano?  
**Juan:** Eh di tsuNANO (unano)

**Juan:** Ano ang tawag sa maliit na aso?  
**Pedro:** Ano?  
**Juan:** Eh di, KapirASO.

**Juan:** Ano ang tawag sa maliit na pusa?  
**Pedro:** Ano?  
**Juan:** Eh di CATiting.

**Juan:** Ano ang tawag sa maliit na kambing?  
**Pedro:** Ano?  
**Juan:** Eh di kapirangGOAT.

**Juan:** Ano ang tawag sa maliit na kapre?  
**Pedro:** Ano?  
**Juan:** Eh di KAPREyanggot.

**Juan:** Ano ang tawag sa bahay ng mga shoe??  
**Pedro:** Ano?  
**Juan:** Eh di palaSHOE...(Palasyo)

**Juan:** Ano ang mga paboritong pagkain ng mga shoe?  
**Pedro:** Ano?  
**Juan:** Eh di SHOEmai.

## Crossword Puzzle

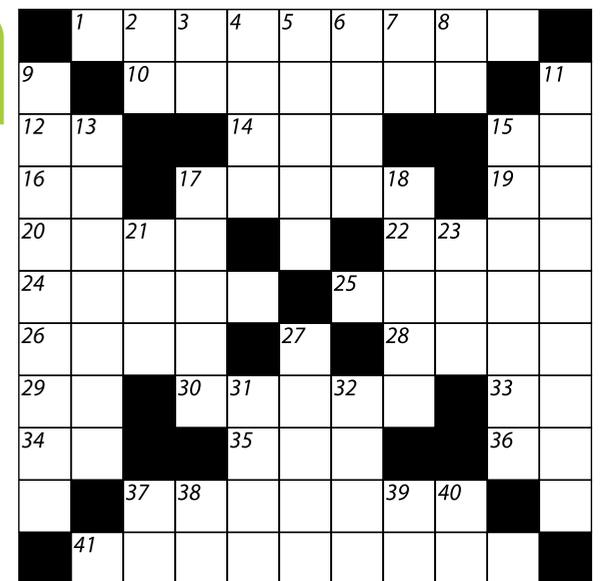
### PAHALANG

- 1 Kumikirot
- 10 Nalalagas ang buhok
- 12 International Model
- 14 Gapas
- 15 Personal Assistant
- 16 Pantukoy panao
- 17 Iwasto
- 19 United States
- 20 Supling
- 22 Hindi bago
- 24 Coward; Tagalog
- 25 Pia \_\_\_\_\_
- 26 Mataas na baraha
- 28 Kimi
- 29 South Africa
- 30 Bintang
- 33 Bigkas ng pagkagulat
- 34 Pangatnig
- 35 First; Tagalog
- 36 Sundalong Amerikano

- 37 Katunggali
- 41 Paiba-iba ng pasya

### PABABA

- 2 United Nations
- 3 Tawag sa nanay
- 4 Sunod sa tatlo
- 5 Bihasa
- 6 Bago ang pito
- 7 Knock Out
- 8 Termino sa taguan
- 9 Pinapanalangin
- 11 Tuturuang mabuti
- 13 Dinilat
- 15 Sumang-ayon
- 17 Ihanda ang baril
- 18 Bati sa Hawaii
- 21 Habag
- 23 Klase
- 27 Lusaw
- 31 Bilad
- 32 Uri ng saging



### Answer to last puzzle

K	O	N	T	R	A		U	S	A	D	
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A	S	A	P		P	U	G	I	T	A	
L	O	N	A		I	K	A	L	A	T	

- 37 Kris Aquino
- 38 Palayaw ni Alejandro
- 39 Bulalag ng naginghawahan
- 40 Nora Aunor

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