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Labatt tells Filipino domestic helpers:

## 'Deal with EAs with POLO certificates'



TEST. Over 400 overseas Filipino workers in Hong Kong, who are hoping to be teachers, took the LET on Sept. 24 in Kwun Tong (story on page 10).

By Cheryl M. Arcibal

PHILIPPINE labor officials began awarding certificates to accredited employment agencies in Hong Kong as a way to discourage Filipino domestic workers from dealing with sub-agents.

The Philippine Overseas Labor Office has prepared certificates for its 359 ac-

credited employment agencies and began distributing the certificates on Sept. 18.

"We are awarding these certificates to make sure that Filipino workers know which ones are accredited or not. Now there's a physical proof that they can see when they walk into the offices of these agencies," Dela Torre said.

He said those agencies that do not have

these certificates may be licensed by the Hong Kong government, but were not accredited by the POLO.

"They should avoid the agencies that do not have a certificate because most of the problems with agencies are from the sub-agents because they can hide behind the cloak of anonymity," he said.

A 2016 report of the Hong Kong Labour

Department said overcharging remained the top complaint against employment agencies that supply foreign domestic helpers.

The LD said there were 120 complaints filed in 2013 against agencies for overcharging FDHs, 114 in 2014, and 102 last

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# Single ma sent to jail for overstaying

By Ally Constantino

A mother of two boys was sent to jail after pleading guilty to overstaying for two years and four months in Hong Kong.

The boys were seen playing outside Court 1 of the Shatin Magistracy, unaware that their mother was already sent to jail and the next time that they would see her, she would be in custody.

Magistrate Winnie Lau Yee-wan on Sept. 8 sentenced M.L. Galdo to nine weeks in prison, but reduced it to six weeks following the Filipina's guilty plea.

Galdo's duty lawyer told the court that following the dismissal of Galdo's non-refoulement claim, she was withdrawing her appeal.

The defendant's tourist visa expired on Oct. 29, 2010, but she overstayed in Hong

Kong and surrendered to the Immigration Department on Mar. 4, 2013.

The 42-year-old defendant was single and was a former domestic helper in Hong Kong. She then lived with her boyfriend, an Indian, and they had two sons, a four-year-old, and a two-year-old. In the Philippines, Galdo also had children.

Her duty lawyer pleaded for leniency, saying the defendant surrendered to authorities, had a clear record, and pleaded guilty.

"The defendant asks for leniency and for the court to consider that she is the

only one left taking care of her children," the duty lawyer said.

He also added that the United Nations agency International Organization for Migration was assisting Galdo so she and her children could go home to the Philippines. The IOM, the duty lawyer added, would pay for the flight tickets of Galdo and her children.

A representative from the IOM was present in court during the proceedings.

The lawyer also submitted to the judge a letter from the father of the children, stating that he did not want to take care

of the kids.

However, Judge Lau said a deterrent sentence was needed owing to the length of the period that Galdo had overstayed in Hong Kong.

"Even if I sentence the defendant, it's going to be for a short period of time," Judge Lau said.

During the sentencing, Galdo was seen wiping tears from her eyes.

The magistrate also directed that a social worker be assigned to ensure that the defendant's children would be taken care of and to extend assistance to them.

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## 3 Pinoy tourists jailed for theft try

By Ally Constantino

THREE Filipino tourists were jailed after pleading guilty to attempting to pick the bag of a Chinese woman at the Causeway Bay station a day after they arrived in Hong Kong.

Deputy District Court Judge Ada Yim on Aug. 28, sentenced C.D. Talao and S.M.M. Niduaza to 16 months in prison each for theft. The other defendant, A.P. dela Cruz, who was also charged with breach of deportation order and had a number of aliases and 12 previous convictions in Hong Kong, was sentenced to 42 months in jail.

Prosecutors charged that the defendants arrived in Hong Kong on Jan. 18, and on Jan. 19, they were then caught on the escalator of the Causeway Bay MTR station trying to pick the rucksack of a Chinese woman. Dela Cruz opened the bag's zipper, while the two defendants, who were standing nearby, acted as his cover.

The prosecution also said Talao, 33, and Niduaza, 39, had no previous records in Hong Kong.

Mitigating, Talao's lawyer said the defendant was born in Manila and used to earn \$2,300 or about P14,000 monthly as a taxicab driver, and was married and had two daughters in the Philippines.

He also lived with his grandmother, mother, and his stepfather. Talao, who finished a computer programming course, and his stepfather had to support the family. Meanwhile, Niduaza, who used to earn \$1,500 or about P9,000 monthly by selling vegetables, had a son, 21, and daughter, 20. Her husband was unemployed and was a drug addict, her lawyer told the court.

The two defendants also said they borrowed money for their airfare to Hong Kong and that they thought they could make quick money here by taking a job.

The two then stayed in a guesthouse in Tsim Sha Tsui and met Dela Cruz who offered them to make quick money by join-

ing him in his activity.

Meanwhile, Dela Cruz's lawyer said the defendant was a 68-year-old widower, and had three daughters - two who already have their own families, and one from his current girlfriend. The Filipino, who also used to be a taxicab driver, had a number of medical problems such as diabetes, a kidney illness, and hypertension.

In sentencing the defendants, Judge Yim told Talao and Niduaza that as they had been in custody since January, they could soon be released and admonished them to learn their lesson from their imprisonment.

"Be good models from now on to your children. Don't be used again by any other person to commit crime in the future," said Judge Yim. Niduaza was then seen crying in the dock.

On the other hand, the judge said she imposed the longer sentence on Dela Cruz owing to his previous convictions and that a deterrent sentence was needed.

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# First training for OFW crime ambassadors

By Victoria Reyes Munar

THE Hong Kong Police Force has formally launched on Sept. 24 at the Central Police Station in Sheung Wan a series of training for Filipinos working in the city.

Seeking to prevent domestic helpers from falling prey to crimes or breaking laws, enlist support to disseminate crime prevention messages to other Filipinos and to enhance mutual understanding between the Police and the Filipino helpers, the HKPF launched the program.

Participants of the program, who will be called "Crime Ambassadors", were mostly Filipino community leaders.

The participants were expected to attend a compulsory one-hour seminar on four topics namely: local laws, traffic regulations, law and order situation with the crime trends and crime prevention advice, Police procedures and activities. They were also required to finish first aid courses and one-day local tour in order to fully complete the program.

Kevin Leung, police community relation officer of the Central District, discussed the law and order situation in Hong

Kong in the first session.

Filipinos were also advised that in case of suspicious calls asking them for money, they should report about it to the anti-scam helpline 18222.

Leung told Filipinos that there were three common types of telephone scams, namely "guess who", "detained son or kin", and those to be "pretending officials" of the Immigration Department or other local law enforcement agencies.

Meanwhile, the second session discussed more about the Police Force, police powers, procedures, and services that Filipino workers might encounter.

There was also an open forum where participants were given the chance to ask questions regarding the topic.

"I am so happy to be a part of this program and I believe this will not only benefit me but my co-OFWs as well", Rowena Rosales said as she left the venue.

Aiza I. Rubio, a participant from Balikatan sa Kaunlaran said the first session was helpful as she believes the ignorance of Filipinos about Hong Kong laws often leads to violations and crimes in some cases.

The next session will be held this month.

-with Cheryl M. Arcibal



The participants and trainer at the Central Police Station



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# Defendants deny misleading ImmD

By Cheryl M. Arcibal

THE employer and employment agent who were charged with conspiring to defraud the Immigration Department in connection with the case of a Filipino domestic helper who was made to work in China had blamed each other for the offense.

S.W. Wong on Sept. 14 told a Kowloon City court that the papers submitted to the ImmD for her application to hire R. Ubaldo was given to her by the employment agent and second defendant, C.K. Chan, was blank and that she only signed it.

"I did not know that he filled in the form that way," Wong said on the witness box.

She also denied that she deliberately concealed the information that the two children that Ubaldo would be taking care of were not her children but her niece and nephew.

Wong, who came to Hong Kong from the mainland some 20 years ago and is now working as an insurance agent, also

said the Hung Hom address, which was stated in Ubaldo's employment contract, was her maternal address.

In her evidence given on July 18-20, the court heard that Ubaldo signed a contract on Apr. 15, 2015 to work as the domestic helper of Wong. The contract stated that the helper would, among others, take care of the employer's daughter and son, and they would reside in an address in Hung Hom.

Ubaldo said it was Z. Huang, Wong's cousin, who interviewed her, and she was informed by Chan that the employer liked her.

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

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

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

In her contract, Ubaldo said, it was stated that the children were Wong's. In August 2015, Ubaldo said she was informed by Huang that they were going to China, and they would have a holiday there.

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

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

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

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

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

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

As her visa was set to expire, she then returned to Hong Kong on Sept. 25, 2015. After returning to Hong Kong, Ubaldo was told by Wong and Chan that she would have to go back to China.

When she refused, she was terminated.

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

Wong said the forms that she filled out were in English, and with only secondary education from the mainland, her English was poor.

She added that some of the information in the application forms submitted to the ImmD were incorrect and that it was Chan who filled them out.

On the other hand, Chan denied misleading the ImmD about Ubaldo's work. He said all the information came from Wong herself.

He said that had he known that the two children were Huang's and not Wong's, he could have put that in the application form and the ImmD would still have approved it.

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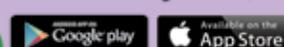
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# Over 40M victims of modern slavery

By Maia Lopez

MORE than 40 million people across the globe became victims of modern slavery in 2016, a study developed jointly by the International Labour Organization and the Walk Free Foundation showed.

Of the victims of modern day slavery, about 25 million were in forced labor while 15 million were in forced marriage.

"The message the ILO is sending today is very clear: the world won't be in a position to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals unless we dramatically increase our efforts to fight these scourges. These new global estimates can help shape and develop interventions to prevent both forced labour and child labour," said ILO director-general Guy Ryder.

SDG Target 8.7, in particular, calls for effective measures to end forced labor, modern slavery, and human trafficking, as well as child labor in all its forms.

"The fact that as a society we still have 40 million people in modern slavery, on any given day shames us all. This speaks to the deep seated discrimination and inequalities in our world today, coupled with

a shocking tolerance of exploitation. This has to stop," added Andrew Forrest, chairman and founder of the Walk Free Foundation.

Out of the total forced labor victims, 16 million people were exploited in the private sector for domestic work, construction, and agriculture, the study, titled "Global Estimates of Modern Slavery," showed.

Women and girls were also disproportionately affected by modern slavery, accounting for 29 million or 71 percent of the worldwide total. Women also represent 99 percent of the victims of forced labor in the commercial sex industry.

One in four victims of modern slavery or about 10 million are children. Some 37 percent or 5.7 million of those forced to marry were children.

The same study showed that 152 million children – 64 million girls and 88 million boys – were subjected to child labor last year, accounting for almost one in 10 children around the world. The highest number of children aged 5 to 17 engaged in child labor were to be found in Africa (72.1 million), followed by Asia and the



Over 40 million people across the globe are victims of modern slavery

Pacific (62 million), the Americas (10.7 million), Europe and Central Asia (5.5 million) and the Arab States (1.2 million).

Approximately one third of children aged 5 to 14 engaged in child labour are outside the education system. 38 per cent of children in hazardous work aged 5 to 14 and almost two-thirds of those aged 15-17

work more than 43 hours per week.

On the other hand, at least 4.1 million people were forced into state-imposed labor in 2016. These included citizens recruited by state authorities to participate in agriculture or construction work, young military conscripts forced to perform work that was not of military nature, those

forced to perform communal services that were not decided upon at the community level, and prisoners forced to work against their will outside the exceptions established by the ILO.

"The Global Estimates clearly demonstrate that forced labor and forced marriage have not yet been relegated to the past where they belong. Rather, these forms of modern slavery remain tragically common in today's world, affecting virtually all countries. Honoring our commitment to end modern slavery and human trafficking by the year 2030 will be an immense challenge," read the study's recommendation part.

ILO and Walk Free Foundation urged governments to implement stronger social protection systems, including social protection floors such as conditional cash transfer schemes and public employment programs.

"Ending modern slavery will require a multi-faceted response that addresses the array of forces – economic, social, cultural and legal – that contribute to vulnerability and enable abuses. There can be no one-size-fits-all solution."

## Nabawasan ang timbang kahit na mahilig kumain ng chocolates habang nakikipagchat

Lumobo nang husto si Flordelyn Barbosa, dahil hindi matis kumain ng matatamis na tsokolate. Pagkatapos magtrabaho at bago matulog ay kakain siya ng paboritong pagkain habang nakikipagchat. Ngunit pagdaan ng mga araw at linggo ay nagulat na lang siya sa nakita sa harap ng salamin. Nadepress siya sa hitsura kaya inisip na panahon na upang magbawas ng timbang. Tinigil niyang kumain ng matatamis na pagkain at sumubok ng slimming pills ngunit walang epekto.

Naikuwento niya sa pinsan ang suliranin at nirekomenda nito na gumamit ng upgraded Dream Love 1000 5 in 1 body essence lotion, gawa sa England na may 3D hologram model image silver seal. Gamit din ito ng pinsan kaya naman naniwala siya. Kinalingguhan ay bumili siya nito mula sa Fiesta Mart sa Worldwide plaza sa halagang

HK\$98 lamang. Sinabi pa ng pinsan na ito ay napatunayang may phenomenal visual effects tulad ng super slimming, bust firming, whitening at anti-aging formulation.

Matapos gumamit nitong lotion ayon sa instruction sheet, naging excited si Flordelyn nang makita ang resulta sa katawan. Ipinagpatuloy pa ang paggamit nito umaga at gabi sa pamamagitan ng pagpapahid nang paitaas para pumayat at balutan ng glad wrap ang bahagi na gustong pumayat. Makalipas ang 7 weeks ay nabawasan na ng 2½ inches na taba sa baywang at balakang. Pumuti rin ang buong mukha at katawan. Naramdaman din ang paggaan ng timbang matapos gumamit ng Dream Love 1000 5 in 1 lotion at naging younger looking pa.

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Before

After

Flordelyn Barbosa

## Bail for overstaying Pinay

By Ally Constantino

A Shatin Court judge allowed the bail of a Filipina who was charged with breach of condition of stay.

Magistrate Colin Wong Sze-cheung on Sept. 8 approved the bail application of Jeneth P. after noting that she would have been detained for a month on the next mention of her case on Oct. 8.

Jeneth was charged with overstaying, and was seeking assistance from the Legal Aid Department for her appeal to the dismissal of her non-refoulement claim.

The defendant's duty lawyer said Jeneth received application forms so she could be represented by Legal Aid in her appeal.

The duty lawyer also asked the court to grant bail to the defendant, saying Jeneth could offer \$1,000 as bond. The prosecution opposed the application.

However, Judge Wong said by the time the defendant would be able to file all the requirements to process her Legal Aid application, she would have been in custody for quite some time.

The duty lawyer said that if allowed bail, the defendant could stay in the address of her husband.



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# Protest vs 'Duter-tyranny'



A PCG official (right) receives the petition from activists

By Ally Constantino

"WE did our part in resisting the old tyrant, we shall do our part in resisting the rising tyranny of the Duterte government. We say no to Duter-tyranny!"

This was declared by Eman Villanueva, chairperson of the Bagong Alyansang Makabayan Hong Kong and Macau chapter, as Filipinos and human rights activists in Hong Kong held a protest action at the Philippine Consulate General to commemorate the 45th anniversary of the declaration of Martial Law in the Philippines.

The protesters said President Duterte was "on his way to becoming the new

Marcos", citing the all-out war being conducted in countryside supposedly against the armed revolutionary CPP-NPA-NDF but is actually victimizing civilians, peasants, and indigenous peoples; the cancellation of the peace negotiations with the NDFP; and the immobilization of the Commission on Human Rights and attacks to members of the judiciary branch.

"The widespread killings with impunity in the name of war on drugs that deny victims of their rights to due process and create among the police the lack of accountability to their actions, show that Duterte and his government are much too willing to disregard civil and political rights and

freedoms.

The tyrannical madness of the US-Duterte regime must be stopped," Villanueva said.

Filipinos were also joined by local people and other nationalities in holding the protest action.

The other nationalities also slammed what they called as the "tyrannical tendencies" of Duterte.

A representative of the Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions, a group of trade unions in the city, said they join the fight of the Filipino people against human rights abuses in the name of Duterte's bloody war on drugs.

# Exams for would-be teachers held

By Ally Constantino

THE Professional Regulation Commission has allowed one applicant to take the Licensure Examinations for Teachers held on Sept. 24 despite failing to submit her requirements.

Owing to this, instead of 464, 465 actually took the exams at the Delia Memorial School Hip Wo in Kwun Tong.

After the registration on Aug. 20, the POLO said that out of the 464 applicants, 245 would be taking the exams for secondary teachers; and 219 would be taking the exams for elementary teachers.

At least 300 Filipino teacher-returnees, most of them used to work as domestic helpers in Hong Kong, have successfully secured permanent teaching positions through the Department of Education.

The reintegration program, called "Sa 'Pinas, Ikaw ang Ma'am/Sir", allows overseas Filipino workers who passed the LET to apply and be employed by the education department as teachers.

Those interested to avail of the program may check [www.nco.dole.gov.ph](http://www.nco.dole.gov.ph), while online application forms are available at <http://tiny.cc/ofwletpassers>.

# Bello OKs POLO transfer to Mass Mutual Tower

By Ally Constantino

LABOR Secretary Silvestro approved the planned transfer of the Philippine Overseas Labor Office to a building in Wan Chai.

"It's been approved, and we are now in

the process of choosing the contractor for the renovations needed for the new offices," said Labor Attache Jalilo dela Torre.

The POLO is targeting to move to two floors at the Mass Mutual Tower on Lockhart Road in Wan Chai by December.

Presently, the POLO is occupying two floors in its premises in Admiralty Centre, near the United Centre in Admiralty where the Philippine Consulate is located.

As initial deposit for its transfer, the POLO paid some \$1.227 million, which

included payment for two months of office rental and management fee.

Dela Torre earlier said the rent at Mass Mutual would be cheaper by \$10 per square foot than what they were paying for their present offices at the Admiralty Centre.

# Dobleng impact ng attraction napatunayan

Last year daw buwan ng December, sobrang haba ng pila para kumuha ng OEC at kahit gutom na gutom na si Jean Cabujoc ng Aplei Chau ay kailangan daw na magtiis. Pauwi siya bago sumapit ang Pasko at balak surpresahin ang kasintahan na ramdam niyang naging malamang ang pakikitungo sa kaniya buhat nang magwork siya dito.

Dati daw ay madalas silang magtawagan noong unang buwan niya dito at kalaunan ay napuna niyang tila nanlamig ito sa pakikipagusap sa kaniya. Nabalitaan pa niyang mayroon itong nililigawan na iba. Naikuwento niya kay Maria ang suliranin at nirekomenda nito na try daw ang upgraded Dream Love 1000 seksuwal na pabango, gawa sa England na gamit nito. Napatunayan daw ni Maria na epektibo ito dahil halos parehas sila ng suliranin. Nagtungo sila sa Central at bumili nito mula sa worldwide plaza sa Sung Fung sa halagang HK\$88 lamang.

Pagkabili nitong pabango ay nagtungo sila Admiralty upang pumila para kumuha ng OEC at napansin daw niya

na halos hindi mapakali ang Pinoy na nakapila sa likuran nila. Bumulong si Maria at sinabing epekto ng gamit nilang pabango ang kakaibang kilos ng lalaki. Kapagdaka'y nasambit ng lalaki na ang bango ng gamit nilang perfume. Ngumiti at nagpasalamat si Jean, nagulat pa siya ng hingin nito ang kaniyang whatsapp number na sinabi niya hindi maaari dahil may nobyo na siya.

Araw ng pagdating niya sa Pilipinas at nang makarating siya sa kanila laking gulat ng mga magulang sa pagdating niya. Kinahapunan ay nagulat siya na panauhin ang nobyo at napansin niyang napakaromantiko nito habang naguusap sila. Nagyaya ito na lumabas sila upang magkasarilinan at damang-dama niya ang mapusok na halik nito sabay sambit na ang bango bango niya. Naging colorful ang bakasyon niya at muling nanumbalik ang pagmamahal ng nobyo bago pa siya bumalik dito ay naitakda na ang kanilang kasal sa susunod na taon.

(Article provided by: LT)



Jean Cabujoc

# Pinoy to be tried for upskirt video

By Ally Constantino

A Filipino domestic helper pleaded not guilty to the charge of committing an act outraging public decency.

A Kwun Tong court is set to try Nelson S.J. on Nov. 14-15 for allegedly taking a video of a woman who was on the escalator at the Megabox mall in Kowloon Bay in December 2016.

The prosecution said they would be presenting a five-minute video footage, and witnesses in court.

The video clip, the prosecutor said, was retrieved from the defendant's phone.



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Pearl of the Orient Seas:

# Jewelmer founder bags HK award

By Bea Santos

BACKED by 47 years of expertise in the pearl industry, Jacques Branellec – co-founder of Philippines-based pearl specialist Jewelmer – was instrumental in

bringing about groundbreaking developments in South Sea pearl cultivation.

In September, Branellec was honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the sixth annual JNA Awards during a gala event at the InterContinental Hong Kong.

Organized by UBM Asia Ltd, the JNA Awards is one of the most prestigious awards in the international gemstone and jewellery sector. Its highest accolade, the Lifetime Achievement Award, is conferred to leaders and visionaries who have

influenced positive and impactful changes in the global jewellery community.

Branellec established Jewelmer in 1979, together with Manuel Cojuangco, a Filipino entrepreneur working on a coconut hybridisation project in the island of Bugsuk.

Renowned as one of the pillars of the international jewellery industry, Branellec pioneered the production of two of the most exquisite living gems: The black Tahitian pearl and the golden South Sea pearl. The brand is now recognized for one of the world's most exquisite pearl variety, the South Sea pearl.

“Jewelmer has grown to champion a larger cause – not only to create the perfect pearl, but to nurture the environment that produces it,” said Branellec in his acceptance speech. “At the height of global warming, we have to change our ways. The whole world and the jewellery industry should consider not anymore the volume or quantity, but quality and sus-



Branellec (with trophy), and CG Bernardita Catalla (center).

tainability.”  
Fusing luxury with sustainability, Branellec has sought to create an alternative way of life where man works in harmony with nature.

“To me, this award means that if you innovate with the right intention, you will be rewarded beyond what you can imagine,” he said.



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By Boying Cruz

MAY 2017: It's a month to remember and the second Sunday was the day when nanay Fe, 59 at tubong Cebu, was greeted with a 'happy mother's day' and gifted with an early Pamaskong regalo when she comes home for good this Christmas.

Naalala pa niya ang sinabi ng anak na lalaki, "Nay, happy mother's day. We love you. Pag-uwi mo ngayong Pasko, may regalo kami sa iyo. May bahay ka na. Bahay para sa iyo, 'nay. Kami naman ang bubuhay sa iyo."

It brought her tears of joy. She did not expect that her children would be giving her a house that she can call her own, situated in Lapu-lapu City.

And she is excited to live in her house, but most importantly she is looking forward to be with her children to rediscover and recapture finally the 'home' she was dreaming of for so long, including the joy

of being a 'lola' in the near future.

Nanay Fe first came to Hong Kong in August 1991 and at the time, her son Ron was just nine years old, and daughter Jofe was only five.

Working overseas was a better choice than working at a day-care health center in Cebu dahil mas mataas ang sahod. Inisip niya na mas maayos niyang matutustusan ang mga anak, lalo na ang pag-aaral ng mga bata.

Sabi niya "Ang pangarap ko ay mapagtapos ko sila sa college. Gagawin ko ang lahat para sa kanilang kinabukasan. Masakit man na iwanan sila sa murang edad, ang gagawin ko ay para sa kanilang buhay".

She left the children in the care of her sister-in-law, who looked after them diligently and very kindly throughout the years she was working overseas. It was a blessing to see them grow and mature in the spirit of love and positive surround-

ing.

Kaya ang laking pasasalamat niya sa Maykapal nang makapagtapos ng kurso ang dalawa noong 2006, si Ron sa kursong B.S. Electronics and Communications Engineering sa Cebu Institute of Technology at si Jofe sa kursong B.S. Pharmacy sa University of San Carlos.

Proud nanay Fe was there to grace the momentous occasions. Her children are now both working professionals in their chosen careers in Cebu City.

Working abroad was not easy for Fe. Kahit mahirap ang trabaho, kahit kung minsan hindi makatulog at kahit maraming pagsubok, kinaya niya ang lahat.

Sabi niya "iniisip ko lang na ang sakripisyo ko ay para sa mga anak ko. Tiyaga, pananalig sa Diyos, respeto at pang-unawa sa amo, mapagpasensya...eto ang ginawa ko kaya naging maayos naman ang trabaho ko dito sa mga naging amo ko. Nagpapasalamat ako at naging daan ito para mas tumagal ako sa employer ko since 1997."

When Fe comes home for good this Christmas, it would be her final 'adieu' to her kind and understanding employer of 20 years, Mrs. Veronica Chan, whom she served so diligently.

She let Fe go on longer annual holidays so she could spend more time with her children. To Veronica, Fe is 'an angel from heaven', the title she used when she was asked by their local community in 2005 to write something about their helper. Because of that, Fe was awarded by the Hong Kong government as 'best home caretaker' and was given a trophy and a certificate of recognition for a job well done, in a ceremony held at the Sheungwan Civic Centre.

Mahirap man kay Fe na iwanan ang pamilya na tinuring na niyang kapamilya dito sa Hong Kong, ito na rin ang tamang panahon na umuwi siya para sa kanyang dalawang anak na tunay niyang 'angels from heaven'.

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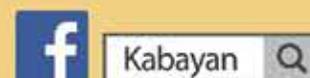
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## '...EAs with certificates'

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year. The second biggest complaint was operating without a license.

Owners of employment agencies who were awarded with certificates, meanwhile, said problems between domestic helpers and their employers could be resolved thru better communication.

"Hong Kong people are very busy, and have high expectations, but sometimes they can't express what they want specifically and that's the problem, and so, I think communication is important," said Joey Chung, whose husband owns a Mongkok-based employment agency.

She added that if a helper thinks the employer is not giving them sufficient and suitable food, they should inform the employer about it.

Kitman Cheung, who owns seven employment agencies in Hong Kong that were also given accreditation certificates, said employers could give higher salary than the present minimum allowable wage of \$4,310 to their domestic helpers.

"I think \$4,310 is low in the market, that's why we have some job orders whose offers are a minimum of \$5,000. This is why I think they still have room to increase [the wage]," he said.

Migrant domestic workers have asked the LD to increase the MAW to \$5,500 and their food allowance to \$2,500 from the present \$1,037. The LD is expected to issue its decision on the petition soon.

Meanwhile, Dela Torre said the POLO is set to release a mobile app to document the journey of overseas Filipino workers in Hong Kong. He said the app, to be developed by the same developer for the on-line portal of banned employers, will help Philippine officials craft better policy for the deployment and eventual reintegration of Filipino workers.

"The app will be updated by the workers themselves, and from there, we will get a better picture of how their journey here in Hong Kong unfolds," he said.

Dela Torre added that the app will help them collate a more comprehensive data of Filipino workers in the city.

## PCG chief defends blacklisting of employers

By Cheryl M. Arcibal

CONSUL-General Bernardita Catalla has defended the practice of Philippine authorities to place erring employers on a watchlist or blacklist, saying the Hong Kong government is aware of this.

"We informed Hong Kong officials that we do this and we exchange information with the Indonesian Consulate.

"What I said was that they have their own list and we have our own list. If the Indonesian officials suspect that an employer has been blacklisted, they give us the name and we reply 'yes' or 'no', that's all," Catalla said.

She added that even if no court case has been filed against an employer, Philippine officials also look into the number of complaints filed against them by Filipino domestic workers.

"If in a year and a half, you have three helpers leaving you and filing a complaint, there's a problem," she said.

Catalla added that employers in the watchlist "will still have a day in court".

"If they are in the watchlist, and they find that their papers are not processed, we ask them to come and explain their part. We told the officials of the Labour Department that," she said.

Catalla and other Philippine Consulate officials met with Labour and Welfare Secretary Law Chi-Kwong and other Labour officials on Aug. 30.

As of the first half of the year, employers who were barred from hiring a Filipino domestic helper numbered 5,791, data from the Philippine Overseas Labor Office showed.

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Labor Attache Jalilo dela Torre said they have prepared a system that would allow it and the Indonesian Consulate to coordinate with each other to blacklist abusive and erring employers.

He said the system would put an end to the practice of abusive employers hiring Indonesian domestic workers when they are barred from hiring Filipinos and vice-versa. Employers in the blacklist were those whose workers filed a police report against them, particularly those involving complaints of maltreatment, and assault.

Catalla also raised the Filipino domestic helpers' bid to be given the option to live out instead of staying in their employer's residence. But Dr. Law said allowing the nearly 300,000 foreign domestic helpers to live out would worsen the housing squeeze.

Catalla said the mandatory live-in policy also gives rise to the long working hours of foreign domestic helpers.

She said many employers, especially the expats are not used to living with their helpers in their own home, but Law said they could not issue different rules for different groups of employers.

"Dr. Law said he recognizes the difficulty of monitoring such, but he said there's only one regulation," Catalla said.

She also cited cases of foreign domestic workers being made to sleep in the kitchen, under the dining table, rooftops or even in a bathtub, but the LD said they would step up their education campaign to address this concern.

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- 1.2GHz Quad Core
- 3GB RAM
- Android 6.0 Marshmallow
- 4G
- Dual SIM
- Fingerprint

Price **\$2,298**  
Down **\$99**  
6 Monthly **\$508**

**HTC Desire 10 Pro** *Low Downpayment*



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

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

**HTC U Ultra** *NEW*



- 5.7 Inch
- 20MP Rear + 12MP Front
- 64GB Storage
- 2.15GHz Quad Core
- 4GB RAM
- Android 7.0 HTC Sense™
- 4G
- Dual SIM
- Fingerprint

Price **\$3,498**  
Down **\$499**  
6 Monthly **\$750**

**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**

**Kata M3s** *Low Downpayment*



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

Price **\$1,099**  
Down **\$99**  
6 Monthly **\$231**

**Kata i5** *0% Interest Low Downpayment Hot Items*



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

Price **\$1,399**  
Down **\$99**  
6 Monthly **\$217**

**Kata M4s** *0% Interest Hot Items*



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

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

**Lenovo Tab3 7 LTE** *NEW*



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

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

**Lenovo Tab4 8504X** *NEW*



- 8.0 Inch
- 5 MP Rear + 2 MP Front
- 16GB Storage
- 1.4 GHz Quad-core
- 2GB RAM
- Android 7.0 Nougat
- 4G
- Fingerprint

Price **\$1,599**  
Down **\$199**  
6 Monthly **\$367**

**LG K8 2017** *NEW Low Downpayment*



- 5.0 Inch
- 13MP Rear + 5MP Front
- 16GB Storage
- Quad-core 1.4 GHz
- 1.5GB RAM
- Android 7.0 (Nougat)
- 4G
- Dual Sim

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

**LG K10 (2017)** *NEW*



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

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

**LG Stylus 3** *NEW*



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

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

**LG Q6 Plus** *NEW*



- 5.5 Inch
- 13MP Rear + 5MP Front
- 32GB Storage
- 1.4GHz Quad Core
- 4GB RAM
- Android 7.0 Nougat
- 4G
- Dual Sim
- Fingerprint

Price **\$2,298**  
Down **\$299**  
6 Monthly **\$525**

**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 **\$4,699**  
Down **\$599**  
6 Monthly **\$1,075**

**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**

**Nokia 3** *NEW Hot Items*



- 5 Inch
- 8MP Rear + 8MP Front
- 16GB Storage
- Quad-core 1.4 GHz
- 2GB RAM
- Android 7.0
- 4G
- Dual SIM

Price **\$1,099**  
Down **\$299**  
6 Monthly **\$244**

**Samsung Galaxy J2 Prime** *NEW*



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

Price **\$938**  
Down **\$199**  
6 Monthly **\$217**

**Samsung Galaxy J1 (2016)** *NEW*



- 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**

**Samsung Galaxy T285 Tab A7 LTE** *Hot Items*



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

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

**Samsung Galaxy J5 Prime** *Hot Items*



- 5 Inch
- 13MP Rear + 5MP Front
- 8GB Storage
- 1.4GHz Quad Core
- 2GB RAM
- Android 6.0.1 Marshmallow
- 4G
- Fingerprint

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

**Samsung Galaxy Tab A 10.1** *Hot Items*



- 10.1 Inch
- 8MP Rear + 2MP Front
- 128GB Storage
- Quad-Core 1.6 GHz
- 2GB RAM
- Android 6.0 Marshmallow
- 4G
- Fingerprint

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

**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**

**Samsung Galaxy A7 2017** *NEW*



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

Price **\$2,699**  
Down **\$199**  
6 Monthly **\$642**

**Samsung Galaxy C7 Pro** *NEW Hot Items*



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

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

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



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

Price **\$3,698**  
Down **\$199**  
6 Monthly **\$892**

**Samsung Galaxy S8** *NEW*



- 6.2 Inch
- 12MP Rear + 8MP Front
- 64GB Storage
- Octa-Core 4x2.35 GHz
- 6GB RAM
- Android 7.0 Nougat
- 4G
- Fingerprint
- Iris Scanner

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

**Samsung Galaxy S8+ (128 GB)** *NEW Hot Items*



- 6.2 Inch
- 12MP Rear + 8MP Front
- 128GB Storage
- Octa-Core 4x2.35 GHz
- 6GB RAM
- Android 7.0 Nougat
- 4G
- Fingerprint
- Iris Scanner

Price **\$6,998**  
Down **\$1,299**  
6 Monthly **\$1,553**

**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 **\$1,990**  
Down **\$199**  
6 Monthly **\$465**

**Sony Xperia XA1 Ultra** *NEW*



- 6.0 Inch
- 23MP Rear + 16MP Front
- 32GB Storage
- 2.3 GHz Octa-core
- 4GB RAM
- Android 7.0 Nougat
- 4G
- Dual Sim
- Fingerprint

Price **\$2,599**  
Down **\$199**  
6 Monthly **\$595**

**Sony Xperia XZs** *NEW*



- 5.2 Inch
- 19MP Rear + 13MP Front
- 32GB Storage
- 1.6GHz Quad Core
- 4GB RAM
- Android 6.0 Marshmallow
- 4G
- Fingerprint

Price **\$3,990**  
Down **\$499**  
6 Monthly **\$915**

**Sugar Y9** *NEW*



- 5.5 Inch
- 13MP Rear + 8MP Front
- 32GB Storage
- 2.3GHz Octa Core
- 3GB RAM
- Android 6.0 Marshmallow
- 4G
- Fingerprint

Price **\$1,298**  
Down **\$299**  
6 Monthly **\$297**

**Kata C3 Kata V5 Kata Selife Kata Tmini 4**



**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**

**HP Stream 11**



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

**Nikon D3400 with 18-55MM** **NEW**



Price **\$3,780**  
Down **\$399**  
6 Monthly **\$879**

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



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

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



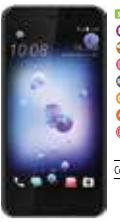
Price **\$899**  
Down **\$99**  
6 Monthly **\$224**

**Casio Baby G 110PP7** **NEW**



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

**HTC U 11** **NEW**



5.5 Inch  
16MP Rear + 12MP Front  
128GB Storage  
Octa-core 2.45 GHz  
6GB RAM  
Android 7.1 Nougat  
4G  
Fingerprint

Price **\$5,298**  
Down **\$99**  
6 Monthly **\$1,225**

**Acer Aspire 3 A314-31** **NEW**



Price **\$3,699**  
Down **\$599**  
6 Monthly **\$887**

**Go Pro Hero 5 Black Action Cam**



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

**Casio Baby G 110PP** **NEW**



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

**Casio G-Shock 7900** **Low Downpayment**



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

**Naviforce 9074** **NEW**



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

**LG K4 2017** **NEW**



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

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

**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**



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

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



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

**Naviforce 9049** **NEW**



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

**Nokia 3310** **NEW**



2.4 Inch  
2MP Front  
16GB Storage  
2G

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

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



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

**LG Pocket Photo Printer** **NEW**



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

**Alba Fashion AC3U81X1** **NEW**



Price **\$740**  
Down **\$99**  
6 Monthly **\$181**

**Alba Active 3111** **NEW**



Price **\$680**  
Down **\$69**  
6 Monthly **\$170**

**Alba Fashion AG8494X1** **NEW**



Price **\$960**  
Down **\$99**  
6 Monthly **\$240**

**Samsung Galaxy J7 Prime** **Low Downpayment**



5.5"  
13MP Rear + 8MP Front  
32GB Storage  
1.36GHz Octa Core  
3GB RAM  
Android 6.0 Marshmallow  
4G  
Dual SIM

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

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



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

**Remax RB-M15 Bluetooth Speaker** **NEW**



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

**Special Offer**

**Kata Selife** **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 **\$1,359**  
Down **\$0**  
6 Monthly **\$295**

**Kata T5** **Hot Items**



7.85 Inch  
8 MP Rear + 5 MP Front  
16GB Storage  
Quad core 1.3GHz  
1GB RAM  
Android 6.0 Marshmallow  
4G  
Dual SIM  
WiFi

Price **\$699**  
Down **\$99**  
6 Monthly **\$153**

Free Kata S100

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



6 Inch  
21.5MP Rear + 16MP Front  
16GB Storage  
1.6GHz Octa Core  
3GB RAM  
Android 6.0 Marshmallow  
4G

Price **\$1,390**  
Down **\$99**  
6 Monthly **\$331**

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



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

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



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

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



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**



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

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Price **\$3,656**  
Down **\$299**  
6 Monthly **\$682**

# OWTEL Appliances

**Philips Shine Protect Hair Dryer 903** **NEW** *Low Downpayment*



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

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



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

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



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** *Low Downpayment*



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

**Philips Electric Shaver 560** *Low Downpayment*



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

**Kenwood Blender Xtract Sport 060** **Hot Items** *Low Downpayment*



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

**Kenwood Blender 470** *Low Downpayment*



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** *Low Downpayment*



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

**Philips Hairclipper 3410** **Hot Items** *Low Downpayment*



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

**Kenwood Blender 011** *Low Downpayment*



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

**Kenwood Sandwich Maker 650** **\$0 Downpayment** *Low Downpayment*



Price	\$498
Down	\$0
6 Monthly	\$133

**Omron Pulse Massager** **NEW** *Low Downpayment*



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

**Omron Wrist Blood Pressure** **NEW** *Low Downpayment*



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

**Philips Hair Dryer 8112** *Low Downpayment*



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

**Panasonic Hair Dryer 51** *Low Downpayment*



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

**Chef Topf Pot 24cm High** **NEW** **\$0 Downpayment** *Low Downpayment*



Price	\$569
Down	\$0
6 Monthly	\$152

**Chef Topf Wok 28cm** **NEW** **\$0 Downpayment** *Low Downpayment*



Price	\$429
Down	\$0
6 Monthly	\$115

**Omron Body Composition Monitor HBF216** **NEW** *Low Downpayment*



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

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



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

**Panasonic Eyelash Curler 2300** **Hot Items** *Low Downpayment*



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

**Philips Essentialcare Hair Dryer 603** *Low Downpayment*



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

**Panasonic Lady Epilator** *Low Downpayment*



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

**Panasonic Rice Cooker 105** *Low Downpayment*



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

**Sony Radio 26** *Low Downpayment*



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

**Sony Radio 306** *Low Downpayment*



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

**Philips Easy Natural Curler 10** **Hot Items** *Low Downpayment*



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

**Panasonic Hair Curler A11** **NEW** *Low Downpayment*



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

**Panasonic Rice Cooker 185** *Low Downpayment*



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

**Philips Rice Cooker 3011** **Hot Items** *Low Downpayment*



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

**Mitsubishi Fan 12** *Low Downpayment*



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

**Toshiba Radio Txpr-20** *Low Downpayment*



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

**Panasonic Ionity Hair Brush 10** *Low Downpayment*



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

**Philips Essentialcare Ionic Straightener 403** *Low Downpayment*



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

**Philips Rice Cooker 3017** *Low Downpayment*



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

**Panasonic Blender 1011** **\$0 Downpayment** *Low Downpayment*



Price	\$288
Down	\$0
6 Monthly	\$77

**Panasonic Microwave 332** *Low Downpayment*



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

**Panasonic Water Purifier 225** *Low Downpayment*



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

# House panel OKs Sereno impeach bid

By Maia Lopez

THE House committee on justice, voting 30-4, ruled the first impeachment complaint against Chief Justice Maria Lourdes Sereno was sufficient in form and substance.

The House panel, however, dismissed

the second impeachment complaint against Sereno filed by the Volunteers Against Crime and Corruption and the Vanguard of the Philippine Constitution.

The first complaint, filed by lawyer Larry Gadon, was endorsed by 25 lawmakers.

Gadon has sought Sereno's impeachment for allegedly committing culpable

violation of the Constitution, corruption, high crimes, and betrayal of public trust.

He accused Sereno of failing to consult the High Court en banc in making decisions, being dishonest in her Statement of Assets, Liabilities, and Net Worth, committing tax misdeclarations, and making unauthorized expenses, among others.

Several lawmakers opposed the motion to declare the first complaint sufficient in form and substance, arguing that Gadon did not have "personal knowledge" of his complaints against Sereno even as he secured documents from the Supreme Court.

Gadon said at least three justices of the Supreme Court may testify.

Earlier this year, De Castro released a five-page memorandum asking colleagues in the Supreme Court to look into certain decisions and orders by Sereno. She questioned vacancies that were yet to be filled up at the judiciary, among others.

Sereno has denied the allegations leveled against her.

## Bank denies existence of Trillanes account

By Maia Lopez

SINGAPORE bank DBS said it has no account belonging to Senator Antonio Trillanes IV, who has been accused by the President of maintaining two offshore accounts.

President Rodrigo Duterte earlier claimed Trillanes had two bank accounts in Singapore: one in DBS Bank along Alexandra Road with account number 178000296012 and a balance of 193,000 (without specifying the currency) and another in "Hongkong Shanghai Bank" in "Raffles Branch."

Duterte also initially claimed that the account, which he said was already closed, was placed under the name of the senator's late father, Antonio F. Trillanes.

Trillanes flew to Singapore to get a certification from DBS Bank in Alexandra Road that the account was non-existent.

The bank said neither the senator nor his father had an account with them.

"You're caught, Duterte. You're lying. About the certification, the bank manager told me they could not give it to me because I am not their client and was never one," the senator said.

Trillanes also went to the Raffles City Tower where there was no "Hongkong Shanghai Bank" nor a Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited.

Aside from Singapore, Duterte alleged that Trillanes has bank accounts with Chinese nationals in Canada and New Zealand.

"So this means, with the two fake accounts here in Singapore, all those accounts are fake. They just made it up. They just invented it," said Trillanes, who has already submitted bank secrecy waivers to the Anti-Money Laundering Council and the Office of the Ombudsman to scrutinize his local and foreign bank accounts.

Trillanes has challenged Duterte to issue the same waivers but the President has consistently refused to sign one.

Duterte, after news of Trillanes' Singapore trip came out, admitted that the Singapore bank account number he accused the senator of owning was something he just invented.

"That number I invented, I made it up," the President said. "He copied what I invented, that fool."

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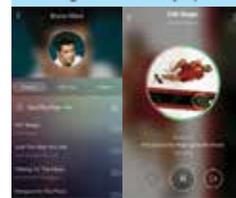


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**Left photo:** Ms. Barkadahan 2017 Champion Aiza Aigelie Bolalin Olmoguiz, 25 years old from Camarines Sur with Ms. Cindy Leung Assistant General Manager of SmarTone

**Middle photo:** From left to right - Alicia Tart Alariao Formalejo, 32 years old from Cagayan Valley is 1st Runner Up & My Favorite Ms Barkadahan 2017; Aiza Aigelie Bolalin Olmoguiz, 25 years old from Camarines Sur of Filipino Star Association Hong Kong is Ms Barkadahan 2017 Champion; Maricris Sabrina Esteva Mondejar, 32 years old from South Cotabato is 2nd Runner Up

**Right photo:** My Favourite Best Partners 2017 winner is also the 1st Runner Up & My Favorite Ms Barkadahan 2017 Alicia Tart Alariao Formalejo, 32 years old from Cagayan Valley with her partner Trhikz

# 7 Pinoys nabbed over Abu Sayyaf links

By Maia Lopez

SEVEN Filipinos were arrested in Malaysia for alleged involvement in activities of the Abu Sayyaf group.

Inspector-General of Police Mohamad Fuzi Harun said the Filipinos worked as security guards for private companies in the capital, Kuala Lumpur, and the sur-

rounding state of Selangor,

"One suspect, a 22-year-old, was an Abu Sayyaf group member involved in clashes with the military and kidnapping of hostages in the southern Philippines," he said

The Abu Sayyaf, whose members have pledged loyalty to Islamic State, is notorious for beheadings, extortions and kid-

nap-for-ransom activities in Mindanao.

An extremist faction of the Abu Sayyaf also collaborated with the Maute Group in seizing parts of Marawi City in May.

Malaysian police said the arrests were based on information after authorities thwarted a plan by an Abu Sayyaf member to stage an attack at the closing ceremony of the Southeast Asian Games.



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Skilled and semi-skilled workers can earn from P50,000 to P100,000 a month as starting pay and can even apply for residency. Applicants, however, are required to learn the German language which will be paid for by their employers once they pass the initial application test.

Filipinos with knowledge in information technology as well as both skilled and semi-skilled workers are also in demand in Singapore, Malaysia and Qatar. **Maia Lopez**

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# Nabisto at nasisante!

By Victoria Reyes Munar

SI Kristina, 36, tubong Nueva Ecija, ay tatlong taon nang nagtrabaho sa mag-asawang may edad na sa Pok Fu Lam. Kasama niya sa trabaho ang kanyang ate na si Kristy na 10 taon na sa kanilang amo. Masasabing maswerte sila dahil ang mag-asawa lang na napakabait ang kanilang pinagsisilbihan. Mabilis nilang natatapos ang trabaho at may panahon silang magpahinga sa hapon bago magluto ng hapunan. Kadalasan alas-otso pa lang ay tapos na sila sa kanilang trabaho. Kaya maaga silang nasa kani-kanilang kwarto. Ngunit may ugali si Kristina na tumakas at matulog sa boarding house ng kaibigan. Pinagsasabihan siya ng kanyang ate na huwag gawin iyon dahil mahirap na

at baka malaman ng amo ngunit sadyang pasaway si Kristina at sinasagot pa ang kanyang ate na malalaman lang naman nila iyan kung sasabihin mo. Sa tuwing hindi natutulog si Kristina sa bahay ng kanilang amo ay 'di maiwasang mabahala ni Kristy. Sumasagi sa isip niya na paano kung biglang hanapin si Kristina at isa pang bumabagabag sa kanya kung ano ang ginagawa ng kanyang kapatid sa boarding house ng kaibigan. Madalas kasi napapansin ni Kristy na parang pagod na pagod at puyat si Kristina sa araw ng trabaho kapag natutulog siya sa ibang bahay. Hindi rin niya nagagampanan nang maayos ang kanyang trabaho subalit nagsasawalang-kibo na lang si Kristy dahil ayaw niyang madalas silang mag-away na magkapatid.

Isang gabi nangyari nga ang kinatatakutan ni Kristy, at biglang hinanap si Kristina ng kanyang mga amo dahil may importanteng bagay lang na tatanungin. Dahil sa nasukol na si Kristy, 'di niya nagawang magsinungaling at nasabi nga niya na nagstay out ang kapatid at nakitulong sa isang kaibigan. Tumahimik lang ang kanyang among babae. Kinabukasan, termination letter at kaagad-agad na pinababa sa bahay si Kristina. Walang nagawa ang kanyang ate na pigilan ang desisyon ng amo kahit na ano pa ang kanyang pakiusap na bigyan pa ng isa pang pagkakataon ang kanyang kapatid. Nagsisisi man si Kristina ngunit huli na at kailangan niyang harapin ang sitwasyon na bunga ng kanyang pagiging pasaway na naging sanhi ng kanyang pagkasisante sa trabaho.

## Napakaantipatika

By Imelda Mae Bustinera

BAKIT kaya may mga taong hindi makuha sa tingin? Ang iba naman dahil sa gustong ipaalam na nakakahigit sila o ang estado sa buhay kaya walang pakialam kung makasakit at magdulot ng kapahamakan sa taong nakakasalamuha nila. Tayong mga Pinoy ay hinahangaan sa pagkakaunawaan kahit sa mga galaw lang ng mata at labi. Pero may pagkakataong nakakatagpo tayo ng kapwa natin na antipatika. Nainis si Susan nang minsang kasama niyang sumakay ang amo sa lift ay may isang kasambahay na sa loob. Sumenyas si Susan na amo niya ang kasama ibig sabihin huwag siyang kau-

sapin. Pero sa halip ay sinadya pang magsalita ng magsalita. Bakit daw takot si Susan makipag usap? Samantalang siya daw malayang makipag usap kahit kasama ang mga amo. Hindi na lang kumibo si Susan na sa loob niya napakaantipatika ng babaing ito. Simula noon umiiwas na lang si Susan kapag natatanaw o kaya kung makakasakay sa elevator ay nagkukunwari may hinihintay pa dahil hindi pa rin nakakalimutan ni Susan ang pagkapahiya sa amo at ayaw niyang may kaaway. Pinalaki raw siya ng mga magulang ng maayos at madalas daw sabihin sa kaniya na makuha ka sa tingin kapag may mga taong kaharap o bisita noong bata pa siya. Si Susan ay 28, dalaga, at tubong Ilocos.

### Naloka kay ate

MAGTATATLONG dekada nang kasambahay si Gina, 53, dalaga, tubong Cebu kaya marami na siyang kakilala. Masayang kasama kung ilarawan si Gina ng mga kakilala. Nang mauso ang Facebook lalong dumami ang mga kaibigan. May binabasang balita sa FB si Gina nang may nagmensaheng nagtatanong kung may alam daw na among naghahanap ng kasambahay. Sinagot ni Gina na susubukan niyang magtanong-tanong sa mga kakilala. Swerte naman na may dalawang nagsabi na may kakilalang naghahanap. Masayang nag-mensahe si Gina sa nagtanong at ibinigay ang mga pangalan ng naghahanap. Sukat ba namang ang sagot ay ibigay na lang daw ang pangalan niya at para ang amo na ang makipag-usap dahil busy siya. Isip ni Gina, sino ba ang nangangailangan ng amo? Anong akala niya agent ang pinagtanungan niya? Nakakaloka! **I.M. Bustinera**

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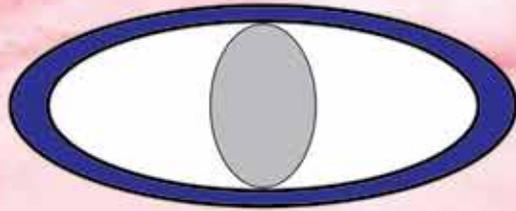
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## Take heed

Malacanang should take heed of the Social Weather Stations survey showing that half of Filipinos don't believe the police claim that suspects killed in the war against drugs fought back.

In its Second Quarter 2017 survey, the SWS said over 54 percent agreed with the statement that many of the drug suspects killed did not fight back against the police, "with 20 percent saying they strongly agree."

The pollster also said 49 percent of the respondents agreed that "many of those killed by the police in the anti-drug campaign are not really drug pushers."

Presidential Spokesperson Ernesto

Abella said the SWS used "leading" questions which may have "unduly influenced" survey respondents.

We beg to disagree.

The SWS survey results just confirm the previous survey results showing the the upper class—Class ABC—support the government campaign against the war on drugs while the lower classes—Class D and Class E—have serious doubts about it.

Unfortunately for the administration, it is the Class D and Class E who form the majority of the Filipino populace.

The war against drugs is the administration's centerpiece program. Government should listen to feedback from the people.

## Health Alert

# Veggies for good health!

WE all know that eating vegetables is good for our body by improving health and reducing the risks of various chronic diseases, such as heart diseases, diabetes and certain cancers. But how much do you know about vegetables?

Generally, fresh leafy vegetables, and squashes contain less energy, fat, salt and sugar but rich in vitamins, minerals, antioxidants and dietary fibres, all of which are beneficial to our health. For examples, Chinese kale and bitter cucumber are rich in vitamin C which promotes growth and repair of cells and aids wound healing. Chinese spinach and water chestnut are high in potassium which helps stabilise blood pressure. Carrot and leaf mustard are good at  $\beta$ -carotene that helps maintain good eyesight. Broccoli and bud chives are rich source of dietary fibre that helps stabilise blood sugar and prevent constipation. However, no single vegetables could provide all the essential nutrients to our body. So, apart from having sufficient servings of vegetables a day, it is important to choose a variety of them for a balanced nutrition.

The Department of Health recommends a daily intake of at least 3 servings and 1.5 servings of vegetables for adults and young children, respectively. One serving

of vegetable approximately equals to:

- 1 bowl (250-300ml) of raw leafy vegetable, e.g. salad green
- ½ bowl of cooked vegetables, bean sprouts, gourd, beans or mushrooms

Is there any vegetable that we should not eat too much?

Preserved vegetables, such as pickles, certain dried vegetables like seaweed, contain quite a high amount of oil, salt and sugar. Therefore, they should not be eaten excessively. In particular to young children, we should avoid the preserved vegetables in their daily diet.

Here are some practical tips to increase the vegetable intakes of you and your kids:

- Breakfast: add vegetables on sandwiches or in noodles, or have green salad
- Lunch and dinner: eat at least one serving of vegetables
- Morning or afternoon tea: have carrot or any vegetable sticks as snacks
- When cooking at home: cook seasonal vegetables; prepare a minimum of two dishes made with vegetables for each meal
- Dining out: choose vegetable soup (and eat the ingredients as well), have salad as appetizer, have vegetable-based main dishes wherever possible, etc.

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# Malalang Epidemya sa Social Media

MALALA na talaga ang pagkalat ng virus ng fake news sa Facebook at sa iba pang social media. Mantakin mo, isang beteranong kolumnista ng Manila Times – si Yen Makabenta – ay nabiktima mismo nito?

Nagsimulang kumalat ang isang fake news mula sa pekeng site ng Al Jazeera na nagbalita na ang Ambassador ng Amerika sa United Nations ay nagpa-abot ng suporta sa gobyernong Duterte. Agad namang dineny ito ng US Embassy pati na ng Al Jazeera. Pero huli na ang lahat dahil noong September 23 ay isinulat mismo ni Makabenta ang tungkol sa pekeng balitang ito. Bilang isang masugid na supporter ni Duterte, hindi na niya napagtanto at nasuri kung ang material o source ng kanyang balita ba ay totoo o hindi. Basta pabor kay Pangulo, sinungaban na niya.

Agad naman itong pinuri at ikinalat ng mga grupong pro-Duterte. Umabot sa

mahigit 12 milyon ang ikinalat nito! Parang nuclear bomb na pasabog sa Facebook, Twitter, at Reddit. Ang masaklap – PEKE!

Hindi ito ang unang beses na nangyari ang ganitong kuryente sa balita. Mismong ang Philippine News Agency ng gobyernong Duterte ay napuna na dahil sa ilang beses na pagpakalat ng pekeng balita. Andyan yung pagbalita nito ng isang teroristang atake sa Marawi na nagalabas pa ng litrato. Iyon pala ay kuha sa Vietnam War ang nasabing larawan. Nagpalabas din ito ng balita kaugnay ng pahayag diumano ng isang opisyal ng DILG na nagsabing mahigit 90 bansa ang naniniwala daw na walang EJK (Extra-Judicial Killings) sa Pilipinas.

Parehong balita ay peke. Sa parehong pagkakataon ay humingi ng paumanhin sa kanilang pagkakamali sabay kabig na hindi naman nila patakaran ang pagkakalat ng fake news.

Pero ang pinaka-kontrobersyal na sig-urong personalidad na may kaugnayan sa fake news ay walang iba kundi si ASEC Mocha Uson. Makailang-beses na siyang nahuling nagkakalat ng mga pekeng litrato o balita o anumang maling impormasyon sa kanyang blog. Sa dami ng mga pagkakataon na nangyari ito, ngayon nga ay may isinampang kaso na sa kanya at mayroon ding petisyon para siya ay sisanterin sa gobyerno. Lumaganap ang hashtag na #firemocha.

Kabayan, ang aking apela: mag-double-ingat sa pagbabasa ng mga balita. Huwag magpa-anod lang sa uso o viral. Sikaping maging mapanuri. I-double check ang mga site sa Google. Maging mapagtanong, Huwag agad mag-share. Huwag agad magpapaniwala kahit na pabor sa iyong opinion ang balita. Labanan ang epidemya ng fake news sa social media. Alamin ang katotohanan sa iba pang paraan.

## Dear Editor

Dear Editor,

Isang mapagpalang araw sa inyong lahat sa Hong Kong News at maging sa mga kapwa ko mambabasa ng inyong pahayagan!

Nagpasya akong sumulat upang kahit papaano sa aking munting paraan ay mapaalalahanan ang ating mga kababayan lalo na ang mga baguhan na maging maingat sa pagtanggap ng padala.

Hindi lingid sa atin dahil na rin sa mga balita na marami ang napapahamak dahil sa agad-agad na pagtitiwala sa mga taong nakikisuyo na magpadala ng mga bagay-bagay na maari nating ikapahamak.

Hindi naman sa tayo ay maramot o makasarili, panig-urado lang dahil mahirap na ang mawalan ng trabaho o makulong lalo na kung tayo ang breadwinner ng pamilya.

Sa aking karanasan bilang isang matagal ng OFW, kahit na kamag-anak o kaibigan ko ang nagpapadala ng kahit ano sinisigurado ko na makikita ko ito. Pag ito ay ibinigay sa akin na selyado, ay sinasabi ko ng maayos na baka naman pwede itong buksan upang makita ko ang nasa loob.

Iniiwasan ko din ang magpadala o mang-abala sa mga kapwa OFWs ko lalo na kung hindi naman importante. Kung ako naman ay nagpapadala 'di ko ito binabalot ng husto at sineselyado upang madali lang ding makita ng

pinakistuyuan.

Para sa akin, mahalaga ang mga ganitong kaalaman para makaiwas sa kapahamakan. Alam ko maraming avid readers ng inyong pahayagan ang makakabasa nito kaya kahit papaano ay umaasa ako na magsisilbing paalala ito.

Magpapasalamat na din ako sa inyong lahat na bumubuo ng patnugutan ng Hong Kong News sa pag-update sa amin ng mahahalagang balita dito sa HK at maging sa Pilipinas at sa ibang bansa. Mabuhay po kayo at more power!

Sumasainyo, Divina M.

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THE documentary film, "The Helper", funded by a successful Kickstarter campaign, will begin its theatrical release at Pacific Place AMC Cinema on Oct. 12, 2017 at 7:50 p.m.

The Helper is a feature-length documentary chronicling diverse stories from Hong Kong's migrant domestic worker population.

The film features the Unsung Heroes, a choir from the Hong Kong's domestic worker community and their challenging journey to performing on stage at Clockenflap music festival, Liza Avelino, a domestic helper who climbs mountains in her spare time and Nurul Hidayah a single mother with a harrowing story of survival.

Choosing to leave their homeland and separated from their families, the stories show the immense contribution they make to Hong Kong society and uncover the inspiring combination of grit, pride and determination that drives them.

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## Pinoy artists in gallery

By Cheryl M. Arcibal

HUSBAND and wife Jason Siao and JL Timbreza-Siao are the featured artists of Brick Lane Gallery in Tsim Sha Tsui.

The Siaos, both Fine Arts graduates of the University of the Philippines, said the 12 paintings included in the collection showcase their “work and love for art”.

JL, a part-time entrepreneur and freelance web and graphic designer, contributed seven paintings to the collection, featuring her “Death by Dessert” series.

“The message actually is that sometimes too much of a good thing is actually harmful, and it’s not just physical death. It can also be the death of your morals, your humanity, and your values,” JL said.

Jason, a licensed landscape architect, said his paintings were inspired by nature and by movements.

Idy Ng of Minden Concepts, which owns the Brick Lane restaurants, said the gallery/restaurant hopes to encourage customers to appreciate art while dining.

JL said her art pieces are for sale at \$2,500 each, while Jason’s paintings are for retail at between \$12,000 and \$18,000.

The exhibit, which opened on Sept. 20, will run until Dec. 20.



Jason and JL

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ward to how far their banter are going to get, "Siguro mas makikita rito kung paano kaming magbiruan ni Bossing, at exciting kasi talagang paligsahan kami. Kailangan nilang abangan kung sino sa amin ang mas witty."

Meanwhile, Bossing doesn't seem to

get intimidated as their long-lasting friendship has made him memorize his partner's tactics. "Kabisado ko na siya, kaya mas dapat siyang maghanda," Bossing quips.

Joining the duo are Jose Manalo as Bossing's permanent sidekick; and the loud and perky Tart Carlos, as Ai Ai's permanent ally. Game master Oyo Sotto, will facilitate the games every week and will deliver the losers' consequences every month. On its pilot episode, they will be joined by Teri Onor as one of the game participants.

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VIC and AI-AI

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BROADCAST journalist Atom Araullo returns to GMA-7 to be part of its News and Public Affairs group, which is widely regarded as the most credible and most internationally-awarded broadcast news organization in the country.

Atom, who used to be part of the Kapuso Network's primetime newscast 24 Oras via the segment 'ATOMic Sports', expressed his eagerness to be a Kapuso once again. "I'm very excited. Ang dami kong gustong gawin, particularly in the realm of documentary production. I think this is a great place to do all of that," he says.

GMA Network Chairman and CEO Atty. Felipe L. Gozon welcomed Atom on his homecoming. "Dahil kilala ang GMA-7 sa paggawa ng world class at award-winning documentary and public affairs programs, kami ay nalulugod sa paglipat ni Atom Araullo para lalo s'yang mahasa sa



**ATOM**

pagiging magaling na broadcast journalist at documentarist among others," Atty. Gozon said. A graduate of Applied Physics from the University of the Philippines-Diliman, Atom was exposed to broadcasting at an early age. His documentary on climate change for his previous network earned Atom a Bronze World Medal at the 2017 New York Festivals "World's Best TV and Films". In this same competition, GMA made history for winning three Gold World Medals and three finalist certificates.

Atom is currently an Advocate for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in the Philippines, a humanitarian organization.

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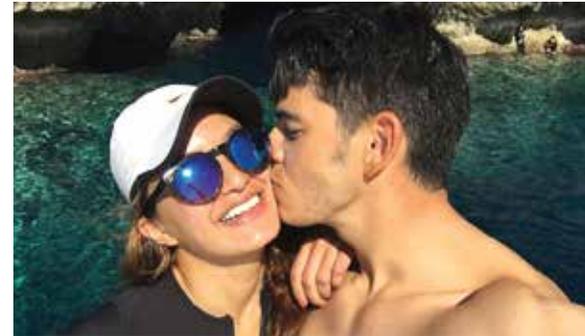
# Richard at Sarah sinundan ang panganay

By Cristy Kasilag

IBINALITA ng mag-partner na sina Richard Gutierrez at Sarah Lahbati na mag-kakaroon na sila ng pangalawang anak. Isa na naman itong blessing na dumating sa kanilang pamilya.

Magkahiwalay nilang ipinakita ang resulta ng ultra sound ng 23-anyos na half Filipino-half Swiss na si Sarah kung saan ipinapakita na buntis siya sa pangalawa nilang anak ni Richard.

Sa kanyang Instagram account ay unang nagpasalamat ang 33-anyos na si Richard sa Dakilang Maylikha para sa isa pang biyaya sa kanilang buhay. Nagpasalamat din siya kay Sarah dahil naging matatag ito sa mga problema at intriga na dumating sa buhay nila. Maunawain din si Sarah mula nung naging aktibo muli si Richard sa pag-arte, lalo na at kasama siya sa “La Luna Sangre”, naging maasikaso din ito sa



**SARAH at RICHARD**

pagaalaga sa kanila ni Zion at ngayon pa na mayroon pa siyang ipinag-bubuntis.

Nagpasalamat sila sa kanilang pamilya at mga kaibigan na binigay ang buong suporta. Ang sabi naman ni Sarah ay nakakaranas na siya ng pananakit ng likod at nangangatam ng hakaw dimsum. Nanabik na din siyang makita ang pangalawang anak sa susunod na taon.

Pinahuhulaan pa nga niya sa publiko

kung magiging lalaki muli ang kanilang anak o pagkakataon na ba ito na biyayaan sila ng anak na babae.

Dahil sa pagbubuntis ni Sarah at sa pag balik showbiz ni Richard ay tila hindi kaagad mangyayari ang kanilang kasal.

Noong ika-21 ng Marso, habang sila ay nagbabakasyon sa Switzerland ay inalok ni Richard ng kasal si Sarah, na matagal na niyang nobya.

## John Lloyd binatikos dahil sa viral video

MADAMI ang bumabatikos ngayon sa magaling na aktor na si John Lloyd Cruz matapos kumalat ang kanyang video kung saan makikita siyang lasing na lasing na kasama ang sinasabing girlfriend na si Ellen Adarna.

Ang video ay kuha nang magbakasyon sila ng apat na araw, kasama ang ilang kaibigan, sa isang beach sa Cebu.

Sa mga videos na upload ng kasama ni Ellen na si Doreen Ting makikita na lasing na lasing na kumakanta at sumasayaw ang 34-anyos na si John Lloyd. Mayroon pang kuha na nagtago siya sa ilalim ng mesa sa kusina, sa may tabi ng gas stove.

May mga nagtatanong kung ano ba ang mali sa ginawa ng aktor, wala daw ba itong karapatan mag-saya? Wala naman silang ginugulong ibang tao. Maaring gusto lang nitong magsaya at mag-unwind.

Pero sa mata ng ilang bumabatikos, sa tingin nila ay mali ang ginawa ni John Lloyd, at mas mali na ipost ang video kaya ito nabuking.

Nadungisan ang magandang imahe ng magaling aktor na ang karamihang pelikula ay wholesome.

Humingi kaagad ng tawad si John Lloyd sa mga batang lalaki at batang babae na iniidolo siya.

Sa kanyang Instagram account na “ekomsi”, sinabi ng aktor na, “Diz iz mi lerning. (This is me learning) Very humbling but I do apologize to the little boys & girls. No regrets babies, just life revealing its raw beauty.”

Dinepensahan din siya ng kanyang tatay-tatay na si Johnny Manahan ng Star Magic na nagsabi sa isang statement na, “John Lloyd Cruz works hard as an actor. 18-hour days at a stretch. He was just letting off steam. In this age of an all pervasive social media, what is okay and innocent in private becomes worthlessly controversial in public. He will have learned his lesson and be more careful in the future.” **Cristy Kasilag**

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### Capricorn

December 22 to January 19

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### Aquarius

January 20 to February 18

Layuan ang mga talakayan tungkol sa mana, ari-arian o kung paano hatiin ang pakinabang dahil malamang ay hindi kayo magkasundo. Ipagpaliban muna ang usapang pera.



### Pisces

February 19 to March 20

Dapat pigilan bibig sa pagharap sa iba. Ang mga gusto mong sabihin ay maaring makasakit ng damdamin. May mga tao na sensitibo lalo na kung ang pagpuna ay galling sa iyo.



### Aries

March 21 to April 19

Ma-ingat nang mabuti sa trabaho, lalo na kapag nakikitungo sa mga boss, magulang at nakakataas sa iyo. Makakaranas ka ng hadlang sa mga gusto mong gawin.



### Taurus

April 20 to May 20

Ang mga bata ay maaring maging pasaway. Maaring magkasagutan ng anak. Gayundin, ang mga plano mong makipag-sosyalan at pang romansa ay malamang na maantala.



### Gemini

May 21 to June 20

Makinig sa saloobin ng iyong mga kaibigang kailangan ka para sa payo. Huwag mag-atubiling tulungan sila.



### Cancer

June 21 to July 22

Maaring may ideya ka na tututulan ng iyong pamilya, lalo na ang mga kabataan. Hayaan mong sabihin nila sa iyo ang kanilang dahilan.



### Leo

July 23 to August 22

Ang mga isyu sa pananalapi ay maaring maging problem ngayon. Marahil ang mga bagong patakaran ng sanhi ng sakit ng ulo mo sa mga bagay na kailangan ng puhunan.



### Virgo

August 23 to September 22

Kailangan mong unahin ang iyong tungkulin at responsibilidad bago ang iyong sariling kasiyahan. Ito ay isang bagay na kaya mong gawin.



### Libra

September 23 to October 22

Mayroong mga bagay na tila nagpapahirap sa iyo. Nararamdaman mo na kailangan mong palayain ang sarili mo.



### Scorpio

October 23 to November 21

Ang pagharap sa mga kaibigan at mga kasama ay maaring maging mahirap at isang hamon para sa iyo. May mga sasalungat sa iyong plano.



### Sagittarius

November 22 to December 21

Hindi madaling makitungo sa mga tao na may kapangyarihan: amo, magulang, guro, at pulisya. Iwasan munang makipag-ugnayan sa kanila.

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If you're getting tired of red meat and want to try something new, we recommend this tasty Seafood Kimchi Stew.

### Ingredients:

1 box seafood stock  
1 medium size Korean radish thinly slice  
Green onions 3 stalks finely chopped  
1 medium size white onion thinly slice  
Ready-made kimchi about 1 pound  
1 large fresh squid cut into rings  
½ cup medium size shrimp-devein  
½ cup sole fish fillet cut into cubes  
½ cup kimchi sauce

### Procedure:

1. In a medium casserole, pre-heat and sauté onions and green onions.
2. Stir fry squid, shrimps, sole fillet fish. Pour in kimchi mixture plus the sauce.

3. Add thinly slice of radish and mix with seafood broth.
4. Cover and cook for about 15-30 minutes.
5. Garnish with chopped green onions. Serve hot.



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By Chef Jay Dator



Juan: Anong tawag sa maliit na aso?  
Pedro: Eh di kapiRASO

Juan: Ano ang tawag sa maliit na puso  
Pedro: Eh di, CATiting.

Juan: Ano ang tawag sa maliit na kambing?  
Pedro: Eh di, kapiRANGGOAT

Juan: Ano tawag sa maliit na kapre?  
Pedro: Eh di, KAPREyanngot.

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

Juan: Anong paboritong pagkain ng mga shoe?  
Pedro: Ano?  
Juan: Eh di, " SHOEpaio at SHOEmai.

Juan: Anong shoe ang pamunas?  
Pedro: Ano?  
Juan: Eh di, tisHOE.

Juan: Anong tawag sa araw ng mga sapatos?  
Pedro: Ano?  
Juan: Eh di, SHOEBado.

Juan: Anong klase ng shoe ang mabilis tumakbo?  
Pedro: Ano?  
Juan: Eh di, Robber Shoes

Juan: Sinong superhero ang mukhang pwet?  
Pedro: Sino?  
Juan: Eh di si BUTTman.

Juan: Sinong superhero ang nabulok na?  
Pedro: Sino?  
Juan: Eh di, si PANISher ( The Punisher)

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

Juan: Sinong superhero ang nagcocommute?  
Pedro: Sino?  
Juan: Eh di si BUS Lightyear- Buzz Lightyear)

Juan: Sinong superhero ang mayroong maraming mata?  
Pedro: Sino?  
Juan: Eh di si EYES-man (Iceman)

Juan: Sinong superhero ang may-ari ng isang

store?  
Pedro: Sino?  
Juan: Eh di si Store-m (Storm)

Juan: Sinong superhero ang mahilig sa sapatos?  
Pedro: Sino?  
Juan: Eh di si Shoeperman (Superman)

Juan: Sinong superhero ang mahilig sa caffeine?  
Pedro: Sino?  
Juan: Eh di si Caffeine Varvel! ( Captain Barbel)

Juan: Bakit S ang damit ni superman?  
Pedro: Bakit?  
Juan: Kasi walang medium.

Juan: Anong bagong tawag kay Batman at Robin matapos silang masagasaan ng pison?  
Pedro: Ano?  
Juan: Eh di, Flatman at Ribbon

Juan: Anong pangalan ng anak ni Superman?  
Pedro: Ano?  
Juan: Eh di, "superkid.

Juan: Sino ang pinakatandang hero?  
Pedro: Sino?  
Juan: Eh di si Superman (unahin daw ang pants bago ang brief.)

## Crossword Puzzle

### PAHALANG

- 1 Halaman na nabubuhay sa tubig
- 6 Hindi swerte
- 11 Iwasto
- 12 Habol sa korte
- 13 \_\_\_\_ Pilapil
- 14 Laho
- 15 Wika
- 17 Unang bilang
- 19 Softdrinks
- 20 Magazine; daglat
- 21 Hindi out
- 23 Lamig
- 26 Not Applicable
- 27 Tawag sa ina
- 29 Inuming nakalalasing
- 32 Kantahan
- 34 Pagano, Ingles
- 36 Water; Ingles
- 38 Impatso
- 39 Araro
- 40 Sikip
- 41 Asawa ni Cory Aquino

### PABABA

- 1 Labi; Ingles
- 2 Imbentor ng elevator
- 3 Salita nang direktso
- 4 Umuga
- 5 Pagkatao
- 6 Krokis
- 7 Barkilyos
- 8 Anino
- 9 Tanggalaan
- 10 Kukuha
- 16 Kita
- 18 Kinain nang walang kanin
- 22 Nanulsi
- 24 Awayan
- 25 Paputok kapag Bagong Taon
- 28 Pulubi
- 30 Lalagyan ng yaman
- 32 Natangay ng tubig
- 33 Tatak ng gatas
- 35 \_\_\_\_ - atihan
- 37 Bading; Ingles

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2532-5820

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