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Ex-FDH charged in court:

'She faked Filipino husband's death'



SCRAP it. Filipino migrant workers in Hong Kong held a picket on Oct. 22 to remind Philippine labor officials to fulfill their promise to do away with the OEC as a requirement for deployment overseas.

By Cheryl M. Arcibal

FOR over 22 years, she lived as a Hong Kong resident after marrying a local man and then having a son with him.

However, it was discovered that her husband in the Philippines was still alive and she was not a widow like she declared when she married the Hong Kong man.

T.G. Lam on Oct. 16 pleaded guilty to the offense of signing a false notice for the purpose of procuring a marriage at the Shatin Magistrates' Courts.

The prosecution said Lam misled the Immigration Department when she declared that she was a widow so she could marry a Hong Kong man.

Lam first came to Hong Kong as a do-

mestic helper, and on Aug. 21, 1994, she married a Hong Kong resident. The following year, she gave birth to a son.

Owing to the marriage, she also became a permanent resident in the city, and was able to get a non-domestic help job.

However, it was later discovered that Lam was still married in the Philippines as her Filipino husband was still alive.

Informed of the facts of the case, Acting Principal Magistrate Joseph To Ho-shing said the case was "serious" and asked the prosecutor if any other action would be taken against the defendant.

The prosecutor only said the defendant has a 22-year-old son here in Hong Kong

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Pinay jailed for theft attempt

By Ally Constantino

A 32-year-old Filipino domestic helper was sentenced to three months in prison after being found guilty of trying to steal cash from the bedroom of her employers.

On Oct. 6, Magistrate Edward Wong

Ching-yu of the West Kowloon Courts ordered Domingo to be jailed after trial.

The prosecution alleged that about 10:30 a.m., on Aug. 13, Awitan, who began working for the family in January, was found by her female boss taking a pile of cash from the briefcase of her husband

in their bedroom.

The Filipina's male employer was a 28-year-old businessman and a boss at a logistics company. From time to time, the male boss, surnamed Yip, would keep cash in his briefcase to pay for the salary of his employees.

On the date of the offense, the husband and wife were sleeping in their bedroom, but the door was left unlocked.

Wakened by some noise, the female boss got up from bed and found Awitan taking a pile of cash from the briefcase. The employer shouted at the defendant, and Aw-

itan immediately withdrew her hand and put the money inside the briefcase.

Awitan was then asked to prepare her resignation letter. The employer also reported the incident to the police, and the Filipina was later arrested.

The helper had denied the charge.

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'Debts pushed FDH to steal'

By Cheryl M. Arcibal

FOR 14 years of working in Hong Kong she had not run afoul of the law, but that all changed when she took out a loan and also became a guarantor of a loan.

Saying the case was a "breach of trust" and a serious offense, Deputy Magistrate Jolie Chao Tsz-kwan of the Kwun Tong Magistracy on Oct. 11 sentenced V.B. Daria to six months in prison. The jail term was reduced to four months following the defendant's guilty plea.

The prosecution alleged that Daria, 40, started working for her latest employer, a Yoga instructor, in July 2014.

On Sept. 2, the employer wanted to terminate Daria because she was unsatisfied with the latter's performance. When she went to take Daria's passport from a cabinet, the employer found valuables, worth \$42,380, missing. Unable to find them, she checked the defendant's belongings and found two pawnshop slips in the defendant's black shoulder bag.

Police officers conducted a pawnshop check using the defendant's ID number, and found that the helper pawned valuables in three different pawnshops between May and August 2017 for \$10,150.

Mitigating, Daria's duty lawyer that the defendant previously had a clear record.

"The reason why she stole the items was due to [mounting] debts. She had taken out a loan, and she also guaranteed a friend's loan," the lawyer said.

However, Judge Chao said as the valuables were not insured, they could not be considered recovered by the employer.

"This is a very serious offense, an immediate custodial sentence is inevitable. I have considered the facts of the case, your guilty plea, your clear record and the serious consequences you might face in the future because of your conviction today.

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ILO to Asean: Pass MDW rights pact

By Albert Hernandez

MANY migrant domestic workers in Southeast Asia work 14 hours a day and less than half have a day off, an International Labor Organization (ILO) official said.

Tomoko Nishimoto, ILO Assistant Director-General and Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific, urged Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) member states to pass the international convention on Domestic Workers, which protects their rights.

Nishimoto noted that, among Asean

members, only the Philippines had adopted the convention.

"Often called the largest invisible workforce, there are almost 10 million domestic workers in South-East Asia and the Pacific. More than two million are migrant domestic workers," Nishimoto said.

"In fact, domestic workers make up nearly 20 per cent of all migrant workers in the Asean region. The vast majority are women," she added.

Nishimoto said a recent ILO survey showed that migrant domestic workers in two Asean countries "work on average 14 hours a day, only 40 per cent are given one

day off per week and the vast majority are paid below the minimum wage."

She said another ILO report showed that, globally, domestic work is the top sector where forced labour is found.

"Migrant domestic workers are even more vulnerable to exploitation and abuse, as they are highly dependent on recruiters and employers, work in isolation and lack social networks," Nishimoto said.

"Having a domestic worker that look after our children and elderly is a necessity for many men and women to pursue a career outside their homes," she added.

Nishimoto said the demand for domes-

tic workers in Asean will be rising due to its aging population, lower fertility rates, women's increasing labour force participation, and a decline of multi-generational households.

But six years after the adoption of the domestic workers' convention by ILO, only the Philippines has ratified it, "leaving nine Asean member states to do so."

"This international labour standard adopted by all ILO member States in 2011 officially recognises domestic work as work," Nishimoto said.

"It sets out that domestic workers who care for families and households world-



A Filipino domestic worker rests in Central on a Sunday (file photo).

wide must have the same basic labour rights as those available to other workers: reasonable hours of work and pay, weekly rest, clear information on terms and conditions of employment, access to social security schemes and respect for their fundamental principles and rights at work including freedom of association," she added.

Nishimoto said labour laws in most Asean countries do not apply to domestic workers "thereby excludes them from the protection provided to other workers such as social security benefits, minimum wage and limitation in working hours."

"In fact, a recent study showed that 61 percent of all domestic workers in Asia were entirely excluded from labour protections, and only three per cent enjoyed equal protection with other general workers," Nishimoto said.

"It is time for all Asean governments to recognize domestic work as work, and ensure that their laws and policies provide the same protection as all other workers," she said.

"It is time for all employers of domestic workers to recognize that domestic workers are neither servants nor 'members of the family', but workers that should have the same rights as other workers," she added.



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BSK events for OFWs

By Vicks Reyes Munar

BALIKATAN Sa Kaunlaran (BSK), a foremost livelihood organization for Filipinos in Hong Kong with more than 400 members, continues its programs to empower OFWs with its livelihood training sessions.

More than 40 participants joined its tinapa- and embutido-making skills training at Deep Water Bay on Oct. 5. The skills' training was spearheaded by BSK's veteran trainers Siony Medina, Marilyn Andaya, and Remedios Celedonio who shared their secret recipes to the participants.

Veronica Lumayno, one of the participants, expressed her thanks to the BSK team headed by its president, Ching Baltazar for the additional learning for potential sources of income.

Emerita Yochingco and her friends who also joined the training said that they did not only enjoy the sessions, but also gave them the opportunity to mingle and be friends and with other participants.

Meanwhile, on Oct. 8, BSK elected its



The skills training at Deep Water Bay

new set of officers for 2018, with still long-time president Ching Baltazar, who has been serving for 19 years, and Marilyn Andaya as vice-president re-elected together with the other officers to continue the organization's projects.

Extending their support to the Hong Kong BSK Chapter were the Board Members of the BSK National Foundation -

Minerva De Leon and Guia Gomez.

A highlight of the group's activities is the BSK's Star Cruise Anniversary Celebration, Induction and Graduation, which will be held on Nov. 12 at Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon.

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2 Filipino men steal because of 'hunger'

TWO unemployed Filipino men said they were hungry when they stole \$136.70-worth of grocery items in Hung Hom.

Deputy Magistrate Vennie Chiu Wai-ye of the Kowloon City Magistracy on Oct. 3 ordered R. Tabora to be jailed for eight days, but reduced it to six days following his guilty plea.

The other defendant, R. Ledesma, was originally fined \$2,000 for the same offense, but was also reduced to \$1,500 owing to his guilty plea.

The court heard that Tabora and Ledesma on Apr. 23 stole the food items from a Wellcome Supermarket in Hung Hom.

The following day a manager at the supermar-

ket was conducting an inventory, and found some items missing. Upon checking the CCTV footage, the manager saw the two defendants taking the items from the shelf and left the store without paying for them.

When arrested by police officers, Tabora and Ledesma said they took the items and ate them.

Mitigating, the defendants' duty lawyer said the two Filipino men had been jobless and were recipients of government aid through the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme.

"They admitted the facts, and that shows they're remorseful...What they stole were food items, and they indicated they were willing to

make compensation," the duty lawyer said.

The prosecutor, however, said Tabora had 110 previous convictions, three of which were also theft charges, and one for burglary, while Ledesma had two previous criminal records, both of which were non-theft related. Tabora's last conviction before the present offense was in 2015.

After Judge Chiu gave them their sentence, Ledesma also asked to be allowed to pay the fine by installment.

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Court hears \$2.5M drugs case vs 4 Pinays

By Cheryl M. Arcibal

THE trial at the High Court of four Filipino women charged with bringing into Hong Kong at least \$2.5-million worth of cocaine began on Oct. 20.

Defendants Shirley M. C., Maricel L. T., Remelyn A. R., and Ana Loella G.C. pleaded not guilty to the charge of conspiracy to traffic in a dangerous drug.

Four males and three females were drawn to make up a jury that will decide the fate of the four Filipinas.

Prosecutors alleged that on Sept. 25, 2015, Shirley and Maricel were intercepted by Customs officers at the Chek Lap Kok international airport after arriving from Manila.

The X-ray check on their two suitcases, which were identical save for their colors, revealed suspicious images.

In-depth examination led to the discovery of four slabs of suspected cocaine being concealed inside the false compart-



The handcarry bag of one of the defendants with false compartment where some of the illegal substance was found (file photo).

ment of the handcarry bags.

Defendants Remelyn and Ana Loella, on the other hand, were intercepted by Customs officers when they were about to leave Hong Kong for Manila on Sept. 27, 2015.

Prosecutors alleged that the four women, who took the same flight to Hong Kong, conspired to bring the illegal drugs into Hong Kong.

Remelyn and Ana Louella stayed in Chung King Mansions in Tsim Sha Tsui while in Hong Kong.

Under Hong Kong's Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, drug trafficking is a serious offense. The maximum penalty is life imprisonment and a fine of \$5 million.

The trial continues before Justice Audrey Campbell-Moffat.

FDH admits jewel theft

By Ally Constantino

A 46-year-old Filipino domestic helper on Oct. 25 pleaded guilty to stealing some \$20,000-worth of valuables from her employer.

Kwun Tong Courts Acting Principal Magistrate Don So Man-lung adjourned A.P. Dela Rama's sentencing to Nov. 15 pending a background report on the defendant.

Prosecution alleged that Dela Rama, who began working for her employer in March 2016, took items including gold bangles, gold necklaces, a handbag, and a bracelet from her female employer surnamed Chan.

Chan discovered on Aug. 25 that some of her jewelry that she kept in an unlocked drawer in her parents' house in Tseung Kwan O were missing.

Suspecting that the helper took the items, Chan searched the former's bag that Dela Rama kept in the Chai Wan flat, where the employer and her husband were staying. The jewelry and the handbag were found in the defendant's handbag. The employer then report-

ed the theft to police. Police officers searched the flat and recovered the missing valuables from the helper. Under caution, Dela Rama said some of the jewels were given to her by an "unknown old man", while the other items were brought from the Philippines.

Mitigating, the defendant's duty lawyer said the helper has a husband and a son in the Philippines. She also had a clear record in Hong Kong before the present case. He added that the defendant took the items to pay for the medical fees of her 80-year-old mother, and the tuition of her son.

"All items had been recovered and the defendant is remorseful and she hopes to go back to the Philippines with her family soon," the lawyer said.

Judge So told the defendant, who was in the dock, said the two charges of theft were serious as they involved breach of trust of her employer.

"You could face a jail term of months or even years. But my colleague who will sentence you will consider everything before he or she makes up his or her mind," Judge So said.

Amazing whitening at slimming visual effects naranasan

Matagal nang panahon na iniinda ni Shey Manlolo ang pagiging dry at ang magaspang niyang balat. Makurot o masugatan lang siya ng konti ay nagiging peklat na. Marami na siyang nasubukan na whitening creams para lamang malunasan ang mga peklat ngunit hindi gaanong epektibo.

Nabanggit sa pinsan ang problema sa balat kaya inirekomenda na gumamit ng upgraded Dream Love 1000 5 in 1 body essence lotion, gawa sa England na mabibili sa Sun Fung sa Worldwide Plaza sa halagang HK\$98 lamang. Tiwala at kumbinsido sa sinabi nito kaya dali-dali siyang bumili ng nasabing lotion.

Kinagabihan, pagkatapos magshower ay ipinahid ang lotion sa buong katawan at mukha

ayon sa instruction sheet. Makalipas ang ilang oras, pinakiramdaman kung may magiging epekto ito sa balat dahil madalas siyang magka-allergy sa mga ibang produktong nasubukan noon. Natuwa siya nang malamang wala pala itong halong mercury kaya walang dahilan para mangamba sa allergy.

Namangha siya dahil sa lotion ay nasolve ang problema niya sa balat. Nabawasan ang mga peklat, gaspang at pagka-dry ng balat. Nabawasan ng 2 inches ang kanyang baywang habang 1½ inches naman ang nabawas na taba sa hita sa loob ng ilang linggo na pagpapahid niya.

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Before

After

Shey Manlolo

Car wash employee jailed for indecent assault

By Ally Constantino

A 45-year-old Filipino man was sentenced to 21 days in prison after an Eastern Magistrates' court found him guilty of indecently assaulting a woman on a train.

Deputy Magistrate Peter Hui found B. Vega guilty of touching the private part of a sales executive on July 20, 2017 on a train at Wan Chai station.

The victim, who was identified as "X" in the court proceedings owing to legal reasons, gave evidence during the Oct. 23 trial. She said that while she was on a train on her way to work in Causeway Bay, she was busy with her smartphone, and suddenly felt pain in her private part. Looking down, she said she saw the defendant's right fist extended to her private part. She said the contact lasted one second.

Under cross-examination, the witness admitted that she was busy with her phone the entire time and when she felt that someone touched her private part, she spoke to the defendant in Cantonese.

The defendant, however, did not reply. She pressed the emergency button, and at the Tin Hau station, an MTR staff came. They then went to a nearby police station.

In finding the defendant guilty, Judge Hui said the prosecution witness's evidence was not contradicted as Vega did not give his own evidence.

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A million thanks to 'The Helper'

By Boying Cruz

A new feature-length documentary titled "The Helper" by British filmmaker Joanna Bowers is currently screening in Hong Kong cinemas. It chronicles compelling stories, both wonderful and heartbreaking, of Hong Kong's female migrant workers mostly coming from the Philippines and Indonesia.

They leave their own country in search of greener pasture in another country. They leave their own children and families to serve children of other families. To the world, they are the migrant domestic workers. To Hong Kong, they are the foreign domestic helpers. To the affluent family, she is the 'helper' and only one of the 336,000 under that tag.

But what's the name behind the tag? Be it Mabel, Vergie, Joy, Nurul or Liza, Analyn, Yumi, Vilma, Muji or Cecilia. It can mean many things to many people. To the little girl, she is another 'mommy'. To the mommy, she is the person who runs the household. To the little boy, she is the one who brings the family together. And to the father, she is part of the fabric of

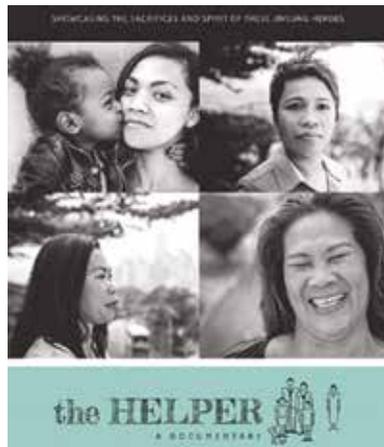
Hong Kong.

Collectively, they are the unsung heroes who work long hours, are paid the minimum monthly wage of HK\$ 4,410 (or US\$550) and who stay in the walkways and parks of Central and Causeway Bay during day off because they have nowhere else to go.

Director Joanna Bowers said the documentary pays tribute to those who make such extraordinary maternal sacrifices of their own to support Hong Kong's families. "These are real people with real stories; not just domestic helpers. They are women, wives and mothers, overcoming obstacles to achieve the extraordinary".

Adventurous climber Liza Avelino has reached the 5,800-meter Crampon Point, Island Peak in the Himalayas to become the first foreign domestic helper to do so. "Sometimes, you don't have to make it on top to be an achievement. It's not the mountain that you conquer but yourself", Liza said. She is an inspiration.

So also are the Unsung Heroes of Discovery Bay community, a choir of Filipino domestic helpers formed in 2014 by Jane Engeleemann of DBGlee. When Ms.



The Helper movie poster

Bowers saw the group's video singing the Engelmanns-composed song 'I Wish I Could Kiss You Goodnight', she decided to put them in the starring role. "I immediately recognized that this choir and their beautiful music would be the backbone of the story", she said.

The film follows the journey of these Unsung Heroes on their way to perform on the main stage of the Clockenflap Music Festival. But integrated within the

all-helpers-singing group were individual performances of members in the stage of life. Lead singer Joy was a teacher by profession in the Philippines but a learner of housekeeping when she first came to Hong Kong. Sharing her singing talent to her young ward resulted in a surprise birthday gift from her employer—a session with a vocal coach. Member Vilma needed to come home because her daughter was indecently assaulted by a neighbor. She partly blamed herself for not being there with her. Mother Analyn was very happy to see her dream come true, her youngest son's college graduation.

"It was so moving to see the excited and proud Analyn, and her boy saying that he wouldn't be wearing this cap and gown here today 'if it wasn't for my mom', " Bowers recalled.

Helper Nurul's story was a mother's story also but on a different note. She was wrongfully accused of theft by her employer, then unknowingly overstayed her visa and got pregnant by her boyfriend during the investigation. Bowers said, "Her story is really powerful, because despite everything that she has gone

through, she is the most amazing mother, and everything she did was for her young daughter." Hong Kong charity Pathfinders found and helped Nurul and assisted in the birth of her daughter.

According to Bowers, the message of the documentary is to create a shift in how domestic helpers are perceived so that their contribution to HK would be valued and recognized and for that feeling to translate into a feeling of gratitude and empathy towards them.

Asked of the possibility of "The Helper, part 2", Director Bowers told Hong Kong News, "There are so many powerful stories from all around the world that it's an idea that keeps coming up—maybe even a TV series?"

But for now, "The Helper" is in the cinema and the helper is the unsung hero. More than cleaning, cooking, taking the kid to school or walking the dog, this hero can climb the highest mountains and can sing before tens of thousands.

It's time to take a different look and listen appreciatively to her voice. From near and far, the message is positive and clear: "a million thanks to you".

Shocking remark narinig ng Pinay mula sa lalaking nakaupo sa likuran habang nasa bus

SA paglipas ng panahon ay nakakaramdam din ng boredom at homesickness tayo na mga OFW. Hindi lingid kay Perlie Walis ang kasabihan ng maraming nagpupunta sa ibang bansa na kapag iniwan daw ang asawa ay may possibility daw na mambababae ang iniwang kabiyak. Hindi siya nababahala sa mga naririnig na kuwento ng karamihan na ganitong pangyayari.

Medyo matagal na daw siya nagtatrabaho abroad at sa tuwing tatawag sa asawa ay ramdam pa rin daw niya ang pananabik nito sa kaniya. Ngunit paglipas ng panahon ay medyo ramdam niyang hindi na daw ito masyadong nakikita na online sa messenger. Ayaw daw niyang magisip ng anupaman at naikuwento ang ito sa kaibigan na isang authorized dealer ng Dream Love 1000 seksuwal perfume na gawa sa England. Iminungkahi daw nito na gumamit ng nasabing

pabango at gamitin pag nagbakasyon.

Binentahan daw siya sa halagang HK\$88 lamang at binuksan ang kahon upang amuyin ito. Nagustuhan daw niya ang halimuyak nito at nagwisik ng 5 sprays. Naghintay daw sila ng bus at pagkaupo nila ay narinig nila ang isang tinig ng lalaki sa may likuran na sinabing, " smells good," nagkatitigan silang magkaibigan at nasambit sa sarili na effective nga.

Sumapit ang pagbabakayon niya sa Pinas at doon niya muling napatunayang epektibo ang pabango sapagkat ang unang gabi nilang mag-asawa ay tila 2nd honeymoon. Walang humpay ang paghalik ng asawa sa kaniya na tila isang malaking kiliti sa damdamin tuwing maalala kahit nakabalik na siya dito.



Perlie Walis

(Article provided by: LT)

Selling beer in Central lands Pinays in trouble

By Ally Constantino

TWO Filipino women will stand trial for allegedly selling in Central bottles of beer without license.

Rosita T. and Marilyn R. appeared at the Eastern Magistracy on Sept. 25 and pleaded not guilty to the charges of selling 80 bottles of beer at Li Yuen St. in Central in Hong Kong.

Rosita, a Hong Kong resident, and Marilyn, a former domestic helper who is a recognisance form holder, also pleaded not guilty to the charge of employing someone who is not lawfully employable, and breach of condition of stay, respectively.

Rosita, on the other hand, pleaded guilty to selling 540 bottles of beer without a license.

Eastern Principal Magistrate Bina Chainrai scheduled the trial of the defendants on Nov. 20-21.

The prosecution said they will be presenting eight witnesses, and a 26-minute video recording.



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Renewal of 'collateral' passports OKd

By Cheryl M. Arcibal

FILIPINOS whose passports were held by the Hong Kong Police following a crack-down on a loan shark syndicate are now allowed to renew their passports, Philippine Consulate officials told Hong Kong News.

Vice Consul Fatima Guzman Quintin said the Department of Foreign Affairs in Manila authorized the PCG to allow the renewal of passports that were made collateral by those involved in the loan scam.

"Pwede na silang mag-renew ng passports, instead of us giving them a travel

document," Guzman Quintin said.

"We ask them to file an affidavit [of loss]. Ang importante doon ang passports na nasa police, they (passport owners) can not say to us that they lost it. Naka-flag naman sa system that their passports were made as collateral," she added.

In June, then Vice Consul Alex Vallespin said the PCG began issuing travel documents with seven-month validity starting June.

Vallespin said these travel documents were given, among others, to those 242 Filipino domestic workers whose passports were seized by Hong Kong Police

Philippine passports that were seized by the Hong Kong Police following a raid on the activities of a loan shark syndicate (file photo).



during a raid on a loan shark syndicate.

"Many of these passport owners have expiring visa, so previously we issued travel documents to them with three months of validity. So they go to the Immigration Department here in Hong Kong to renew their visa every two months, but now starting June we are issuing travel documents with seven months of validity so their visa renewal will be made every six months, instead of the previous every two months," he said.

The longer validity for the travel document was approved by the DFA and was also coordinated with the Hong Kong Immigration, and Police Force.

In March, Hong Kong Police said persons behind the loan shark syndicate preying on Filipino domestic helpers were estimated to have profited at least \$2 million from the illegal activity.

Chan Hon-ming, superintendent of Organized Crime and Triad Bureau of Hong Kong Police Force, said the syndicate gave loans to more than 1,200 borrowers between March and October 2016.

All the borrowers were Filipino domes-

tic workers.

"These loans, ranged from \$4,000 to \$15,000, and were given out at a monthly interest rate of 10 percent and the borrowers all surrendered their passports and contracts for collaterals.

"Over this short period of eight months, the syndicate had already given out a total of \$10 million in cash and the estimated minimum return the syndicate earned from these loans amounted to \$2 million," Chan said.

Besides the eight Filipino women, whose ages ranged 34-58, a local couple, the alleged financiers, was also arrested.

"Our investigation revealed a local couple was in control and operating this syndicate by funding the loans. They used their own Filipino domestic helper as assistant to run the loan shark scheme and outreach to other Filipino domestic helpers for recruiting runners and borrowers in order to expand their 'loan shark business'.

"These assistants and runners were responsible to give out the loans and collect debts whereas they would surrender the collateral to the couple until redemption

was arranged," Chan said.

The police, Chan said, started their operations in March. Arrests were made on Mar. 12 after passports were passed on by a Filipino female to the couple.

Raids were also conducted at various premises "including a rented service office used by the syndicate and the residence of the syndicate members".

The syndicate members, the police said, were arrested for "Conspiracy to lend money at excessive interest rate" and "Conspiracy to blackmail".

In January, Vallespin had disclosed the PCG will crack down on the passport for loan scheme whereby Filipinos here in Hong Kong pawn their passports so they could borrow money from creditors.

He added that they have uncovered the scheme whereby a domestic worker would pawn their passport, and when they need to renew it, they will take it back temporarily, and once they have processed their new passport, they would inform the PCG that they have lost their old one, instead of having it cancelled.

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By Cheryl M. Arcibal

A 35-year-old Filipina would have escaped spending time in jail but for three new charges filed against her in court.

Principal Magistrate Bina Chainrai of the Eastern Magistrates' Courts on Oct. 17 sentenced D.C. Salacup to 20 months

in prison and activated the additional four weeks from the suspended sentence earlier imposed on the defendant by a Shatin court.

Salacup, who was in the dock, kept crying and wiping tears from her eyes while she was being sentenced after pleading guilty to the charges.

Prosecution alleged that on Feb. 21, Salacup, a torture claimant, was arrested after she sold illegal drugs to a certain man surnamed Lazaro, who was then found to be making a scene in Sheung Wan. Arrested by police officers, Lazaro said he bought \$200-worth of illegal drugs from Corpuz.

Corpuz was also subsequently arrested and police officers searched her place of abode - at a guest house in Sheung Wan.

The police found one plastic bag containing 2.25 grams of crystalline solid, of which 2.2 grams were methamphetamine hydrochloride. Police also found inhaling equipment, some tubes, \$100 Hong Kong banknote. Also found were a wallet containing HSBC, Hang Seng and Wing Hung bank cards and credit cards, HKID, and a two-way China permit - belonging to a man surnamed Leung.

Leung had reported to the police that he lost his wallet on Jan. 16 while riding a tram from Sheung Wan to Wan Chai.

Owing to this, police also filed a theft case against Corpuz.

The third charge against the defendant was possession of a dangerous drug.

The prosecution alleged that on Aug. 28, Corpuz was found outside Chung King Mansions causing a scene.

Searched by police officers, Corpuz

yielded six resealable plastic bags with 1.3 grams of methamphetamine hydrochloride.

Mitigating, Corpuz's duty lawyer said the Filipina was married in the Philippines, and came to Hong Kong in 2014 to work as a domestic helper.

Her contract was terminated in 2015, and then filed a torture claim. Corpuz also finished secondary education in the Philippines.

The duty lawyer said the defendant pleaded guilty to the charges, and the drugs found in her possession were "relatively still on the low side".

As for the theft case, the duty lawyer said Corpuz did not steal them from Leung's pocket, but found the wallet in the tram and did not surrender it to the police.

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and that she has obtained her permanent residency in Hong Kong.

To which Judge To replied that Lam was able to do so because “she cheated to procure this by this marriage.”

“This is the benefit of her false representation,” said Judge To.

The prosecutor said the Immigration Department could not deport her back to the Philippines.

“So nothing is being done as of the moment?” said Judge To.

Lam’s duty lawyer argued that the case of the prosecution was that the defendant’s first marriage was not dissolved.

But Judge To said the case seemed more

serious, noting that the defendant was apparently enjoying “the fruit of a poisoned tree”, and as bigamy was illegal in Hong Kong, the marriage was invalid.

The magistrate said that before sentencing Lam, he needed more information about the case and remanded her in jail custody in the meantime.

The defendant’s duty lawyer sought bail

for Lam, saying the Filipina was able to offer \$1,000 as bail and will be able to report to the Mong Kok Police Station regularly.

The defense added that before this case, the defendant had a clear record in Hong Kong.

“The reason she was not able to seek [dissolution of her marriage in the Philippines] was that when she came here, she lost contact with him,” the duty lawyer said.

Judge To denied Lam’s bail application, saying the offense was serious as it constituted a “mockery” of Hong Kong’s immigration laws.

He called for a background report on the defendant and more information about the case. He adjourned Lam’s sentencing to Oct. 30.

Vice Consul Robert Quintin, meanwhile, reminded Filipinos to secure and proper and legal papers before entering into any civil contract in Hong Kong.



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Price **\$4,699**

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- 5.7 Inch
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- 128GB Storage
- Quad-Core 1.4GHz
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Nokia 3 *NEW Hot Items*



- 5 Inch
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Samsung Galaxy J2 Prime *NEW \$0 Downpayment*



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Samsung Galaxy T285 Tab A7 LTE *Hot Items*



- 7 Inch
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- 8GB Storage
- 1.3 GHz Quad Core
- 1.5 GB RAM
- Android

Price **\$1,498**

Samsung Galaxy J5 Prime *Hot Items*



- 5 Inch
- 13MP Rear + 5MP Front
- 8GB Storage
- 1.4GHz Quad Core
- 2GB RAM
- Android 6.0 Marshmallow
- 4G
- Fingerprint

Price **\$1,698**

Samsung Galaxy Tab A 10.1 *Hot Items*



- 10.1 Inch
- 8MP Rear + 2MP Front
- 16GB Storage
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- 2GB RAM
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- 5.2 Inch
- 16MP Rear + 16 Front
- 64GB Storage
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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**

Samsung Galaxy C7 Pro *NEW \$0 Downpayment Hot Items*



- 5.7 Inch
- 16MP Rear + 16MP Front
- 64GB Storage
- 2.2GHz Octa Core
- 4GB RAM
- Android 6.0 Marshmallow
- 4G
- Dual SIM
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Price **\$3,098**

Samsung Galaxy C9 Pro *NEW Hot Items*



- 6 Inch
- 16MP Rear + 16MP Front
- 64GB Storage
- 1.44GHz Octa Core
- 6GB RAM
- Android 6.0 Marshmallow
- 4G
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Price **\$3,698**

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
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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**

Sony Xperia XA1 *\$0 Downpayment Hot Items*



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

Price **\$1,990**

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**

Sony Xperia XA1 Plus *NEW*



- 5.5 Inch
- 23MP Rear + 8MP Front
- 32GB Storage
- 2.3 GHz Octa Core
- 4GB RAM
- Android 7.0 Nougat
- 4G
- Dual Sim
- Fingerprint

Price **\$2,998**

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- 32GB Storage
- Quad-Core 1.4GHz
- 3GB RAM
- Android 6.0 Marshmallow
- 4G
- Fingerprint

Price **\$1,298**

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Huawei T2 7 LTE **Hot Items**



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Lifestyle check on president's family eyed

By Maia Lopez

THE Senate Blue Ribbon committee has recommended a lifestyle check on family members of President Rodrigo Duterte—including his son and son-in-law—amid allegations of corruption in connection with the smuggling of P6.4 billion worth

of shabu that was discovered earlier this year.

Davao City Vice Mayor Paolo Duterte and lawyer Manases Carpio, husband of Davao City Mayor Sara Duterte, were being linked to the illegal drug shipment that passed through the Bureau of Customs in May.

In a 52-page draft committee report, Senator Richard Gordon, committee chairman, wrote: "Personalities who, due to their close relationships to persons possessing high authority, are held to higher standards of accountability to the people precisely because of such close relationships. There are many examples that we

are aware where rumors of close relationships abound, regardless of the administration in power."

The draft report also said: "Perhaps this is an opportunity, in aid of legislation, to shed light into this area. In this administration, a similar pattern has emerged, with certain members of the First Family being

linked to this sordid affair. Therefore, the committee decided to invite the personalities being mentioned, namely, Davao City Vice Mayor Paolo Duterte, and attorney Manases Carpio, and; request the NBI (National Bureau of Investigation) to include both personalities in the lifestyle checks being conducted."

'Marawi liberated' – Duterte

By Maia Lopez

PRESIDENT Rodrigo Duterte has declared Marawi City free from Islamic State-inspired terrorists after more than 148 days of fighting, even as the military said some 20 to 30 militant fighters, including Malaysian jihadist Mahmud Ahmad, remained.

"Ladies and gentlemen, I hereby declare Marawi City liberated from the terrorist influence," Duterte said, adding that the reconstruction of Marawi could now begin.

State forces have been battling the Maute group terrorists and Abu Sayyaf bandits since they overran the city in May. More than 1,000 combatants and civilians have died while more than 400,000 residents had to evacuate the provincial capital of Lanao del Sur.

Martial law in Mindanao was supposed to lapse on July 22 in line with the 60-day limit under the Constitution, but Congress granted Duterte's request for an extension until the end of this year to quell the rebellion.

Duterte announced an end to the hostilities a day after the military killed Abu Sayyaf leader Isnilon Hapilon, regarded as the "emir" of the Islamic State in Southeast Asia, and Omarkhayam Maute, one of two brothers who led the siege.

The US government had offered a \$5-million bounty for information leading to Hapilon's arrest or death.

Armed Forces chief Gen. Eduardo Año said there are at least eight more foreign terrorists in Marawi City, including Mahmud who reportedly channeled millions of dollars to Mindanao to finance the attack.

"We counted maybe [fewer] than eight. Based on the information we gathered, one of the prominent terrorists is Mahmud. We are very optimistic that we will get all of them," Año said.

An expert on terrorism from Singapore's S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Kumar Ramakrishna, said Hapilon's death was "a significant operational and symbolic blow to IS-linked groups," but warned that it was far from the end of IS in Southeast Asia.

"Just because the Marawi siege is coming to an end does not mean the threat is over. IS-linked militants there will regroup... and lay low for a while, while rebuilding their strength," he said.

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Filipina exec nabbed over theft

By Maia Lopez

A Filipina was arrested in Oman for allegedly stealing cash and gold from her employer.

The Overseas Workers Welfare Administration said the suspect, Hazel Ann Marcelino, 27, was deployed to Oman in November 2016 through the STB DJL

Human Link Inc., as a sales and marketing officer at Nawal Art LLC.

"We have already instructed our welfare officers to monitor the case and we are coordinating with the agency that recruited her to come up with a comprehensive assistance," OWWA deputy administrator Josefino Torres said.

Oman's prosecutor's office approved

the request of Philippine Embassy to put Marcelino under the embassy's custody.

Meanwhile, a Filipino worker in Saudi Arabia who has been experiencing abuse from her employer has been rescued by Philippine authorities. OWWA head Hans Caddac said Amrani Dueñas Mendez posted on Facebook a video of her employer making sexual advances.

Pinoy dead in California wildfire

A Filipino national died in the wildfire that engulfed North California's wine country.

The Philippine Consulate General in San Francisco said the Filipino's remains were recovered in Napa Country.

"We offer our sincere sympathies and prayers to the family of our kababayan who perished in this horrific fire," Foreign Affairs secretary Alan Peter Cayetano said.

Deputy consul general Jaime Ramon Ascalon said the consulate has been in touch with the victim's family, especially in coordinating arrangements for the repatriation of the victim's remains.

"We also continue to communicate

with the Filipino community through our social media advisories, and have offered consular assistance to Filipinos affected by the wildfires," he said.

Approximately 100,000 people have been evacuated from the fires that have destroyed more than 5,700 structures and have claimed at least 40 lives.

There are an estimated 13,500 Filipinos living in the Napa, Sonoma, and Yuba counties, which are the areas most affected by the wildfires.

An estimated 4,200 Filipinos live in the other affected counties of Lake, Marin and Mendocino.

Malacañang has expressed sympathies to the victims of the wildfires.

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AFTER five months of fighting, government troops finally put an end to the rebellion of Maute terrorists and their Abu Sayyaf allies in Marawi City on Oct. 23.

At the cost of P5 billion, the military was able to finish off the terrorists, whose casualties numbered around 1,000 after a last stand in the city's business district.

Filipinos are rightly happy that this attempt of the Islamic State (IS) to establish a foothold in Mindanao was repulsed. But as the President has warned, this is just the beginning. Rebuilding Marawi will cost at least P50 billion and government should not be haphazard in doing this.

If the rehabilitation goes awry, the ter-

rorists who were able to convince many youths to march under the IS banner will find more recruits. Central Mindanao will again become a breeding ground for terrorists.

The government should also work hard to prevent Maute allies from launching revenge attacks. It should enhance its intelligence-gathering on the ground following the huge intelligence failure that enabled the terrorists to overrun the city on May 23. The military said groups allied with the Maute had no capability to launch a siege of another major city but they can still do a bombing blitz, something that terrorists are very good at.

Health Alert

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DESPITE medical advancement, organ transplant has become the only hope for some patients with organ failure to live on. However, the limited supply from donation of transplantable organs has made more than 2,000 local patients and their families waiting desperately, as the patients count their days in fighting against death.

To shorten patients' waiting time for organ transplant and to rekindle their lives, active support for organ donation by members of the public is critically important. Due to family members' uncertainty of the wish on organ donation of the deceased relatives, very often they would decline the donation. To facilitate people's wish to donate organ after their death, the Department of Health (DH) has been encouraging the public to express their wish of organ donation.

The Centralised Organ Donation Register (CODR) was established in November 2008 by the DH, which allows the public to register their wish to donate organ conveniently, thus enabling Organ Donation Coordinators of the Hospital Authority to effectively know the deceased patients' wish to donate organs and facilitate their discussion with the family. As at August 2017, the number of registered donors in

the CODR had exceeded 267,000. The achievement owes much to the community who increasingly accepts and supports organ donation. It is easy to register as an organ donor. Members of the public can simply register online at <https://www.codr.gov.hk/>. Registration forms are also available from public and private hospitals, Hong Kong Red Cross Blood Donation Centres, Health Centres of DH, the Hong Kong Medical Association, tertiary academic institutions, various non-government organisations and some private companies. Completed forms can be returned to the DH (21/F, Wu Chung House, 213 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai) by post free of charge or by fax (2127 4926).

The DH encourages holders of organ donation cards to register with the CODR, as willing donors need to carry the organ donation cards with them at all times, they may ultimately not be able to fulfill the last wish of donating organs if their cards are lost or failed to be found.

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Ganyan ang nangyari sa makasaysayang pangakong ibabasura na daw ang perwisyong OEC. Setyembre 2016 ay nakipag-dialogue si Labor Secretary Silvestre Bello III sa mga migrante sa Hong Kong. Sa usapan kasama ang mga lider OFW sa loob ng Philippine Consulate ay binitawan na niya ang salita na ibabasura na nga ang OEC kasama na rin ang pagtugon sa ating kahingian na ibalik ang direct hiring sa HK. Sa mga susunod na pahayag sa media ay mababanggit muli ni Sec. Bello ang pangako na ito.

Inabangan ng mga OFWs ang implementasyon ng kanyang pangako. Su-

mapit ang Kapaskuhan noong 2016 at humaba muli ang pila para sa pagkuha ng OEC ay wala pa rin nangyayari. Mayo 2017, mismong si Pangulong Duterte na, sa kanyang pagbisita sa HK, ang nagsabi na tatanggalin na nga ang OEC.

Ano ba ang problema bakit hindi maibigay ang matagal nang naipangako? Dahil ba nagkaka-problema sa pag-implement ng proyekto nilang iDOLE o OFW card? Naipit ba si Sec. Bello nang matapos niyang i-anunsyo na libre ang nasabing card ay nalaman natin na ito pala'y may bayad pa rin at ipapakarga sa mga employer at kinalaunan ay sa recruitment agency?

May katwiran naman ang mga OFW groups na nagpapanukala na isuspinde man lang ang requirement sa OEC kung hindi pa nila kayang ipatupad ang libreng iDOLE. Dadami na naman ang pipila para sa OEC dahil papalapit na ang Disyembre. Kahit yung mga nakapag-BM

online na ay walang kasiguraduhan na makakuha ng OEC kung magka-problema sa kanilang pag-input sa computer. Pipila pa rin sila sa POLO kapag nagkataan.

Kung kaya ng Bureau of Customs na isuspinde ang bago nitong istriktong mga patakaran sa balikbayan box dahil na rin sa pag-iingay ng mga migrante, di ba't kayang-kaya iyan gawin ni Sec. Bello? Hindi naman batas ang OEC. Patarakan lang. Ang dali-daling ibasura kung gusto talaga.

Inuulit ko: dagdag-bayaran lang ang OEC. Perwisyo iyan. Hindi iyan kailangan. Pangongotong lang iyan. Bakit hanggang ngayon andyan pa iyan? Akala ba natin ay tutuparin ng bagong administrasyon ang mga kahilingan ng mga OFWs? Kung simpleng pagbasura ng OEC hindi maibigay, paano pa yung mga ibang hinihintay nating pagbabago?

Dear Editor

Dear Editor,

Magandang araw sa inyong lahat!

Isa ako sa masugid nyong tagasabaybay, wiling-wili ako na magbasa ng inyong pahayagan. Inaabangan ko ang bawat issue, dahil libangan ko na rin at the same time ay natututo ako sa mga nababasa ko.

Nagpasya akong sumulat upang ihayag ang aking saloobin sa pamamagitan ng inyong pahayagan. Ako ay nangangamba sa mga latest na balita tungkol sa mga OFWs na namamatay dito dahil sa mga health issues.

Sana sa pamamagitan ng aking liham, ay makapag-isip isip ang aking mga kapwa OFWs na bigyang at-

ensyon ang kanilang mga kalusugan. Kadalasan, ay ipinagwawalang-bahala natin ang ating mga nararamdaman dahil sa nature ng ating trabaho at dahil na rin sa kagustuhan ng ilan na di maistorbo ang flow of work o activities sa bahay na pinagsisilbihan ay tinititi na lang ang mga nararamdaman.

Ayon sa aking obserbasyon at gayon din sa mga naririnig kong kwento, marami ang di man lang magpakonsulta at nagtitiis na lang sa nararamdaman. Nakakuntento na lang sa self-medication at mga herbal remedies.

Mga kapwa ko OFWs, may mga medical privileges or benefits tayo na pwede naman nating gamitin kaya sana

ay huwag nating ipag-walang bahala ang mahalagang bagay na ito. "Health is wealth", kaya gawin natin itong priority.

Ako ay umaasa na kahit papaano ang aking liham ay makatulong sa pag-mununi ng aking mga kapwa OFWs. Huwag na nating hintayin pa na maging huli na ang lahat, tandaan natin ang foremost na dapat natin mahalin ay ang ating mga sarili.

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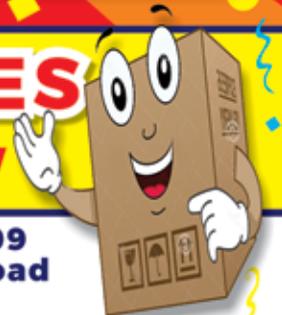


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CAC celebrates latest milestones

By Ally Constantino

CULINARY Arts Centre, the top training center and school for OFWs in Hong Kong, held its 25th Commencement Exercises at the Regal Oriental Hotel in Causeway Bay on Oct. 15.

A total of 230 students who completed various courses including hotel and restaurant management, Asian & Western cuisine, baking courses (basic, advance, and professional), among others received their certificates.

Fifteen students also received a special plaque for completing a six-month course for bakery management.

“These graduates are now essentially licensed to operate their own bakery once they decide to go home to the Philippines for good,” said Jimmy Dator, CAC Administrator.

“We are really proud of our students and we hope they continue to strive and

persevere to achieve their dreams,” Dator added.

He also wished the graduates success in their future endeavors.

“To the members of the graduating batch, it is always my earnest wish as a good father of CAC to see you grow, prosper and succeed in your lifetime.

“As such, I want you to pursue further studies in Culinary Arts Centre and other fields of endeavor to make you more versatile and more prepared in meeting the growing challenges of life nowadays,” Dator said.

CAC also marked several milestones, with its Facebook page @culinaryartscentre recently getting 6,000 fans and followers.

“We are also happy to announce that for three consecutive years now, CAC is the top culinary school for OFWs in Hong Kong,” said Jay Dator, CAC Programme Director.



Mommy Sonia Dator with a number of the CAC graduates (Photos by Sham H.F.)



Daddy Jimmy Dator giving his speech during the ceremonies





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Winners of Kata V5 during the 24th FMFI Anniversary celebration held in St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon on Sept. 28, 2017.

Chef Jay with Culinary Arts students taking up basic baking. For inquiries, please call 28507724 or 28507714



CARD Financial Literacy Program on a roll

By Vicks Reyes Munar

CARD Hong Kong Foundation has provided financial literacy workshops to more than 2,200 participants in 44 regular workshops this year held at the Bayanihan Centre in Kennedy Town, and five outreach programs at various locations.

Besides the basic financial literacy course, entrepreneurship seminars and livelihood skills training, sessions about preparation for going home "for good" were also offered.

For this year, participants were taught how to make tocino, longganisa, polvoron, pastillas, empanada, doughnut, leche puto and siomai as possible business ventures of Filipino workers here in Hong Kong once they decide to go home.

Participants expressed their gratitude and appreciation to the organizers of the training sessions.

Jamaila Simeon said, "It was a nice experience, we learned many things especially on setting our financial goals and savings". For Aurelia Napalit, "all the topics are beneficial in planning for our future and our families". Simeon and Napalit were part of the last workshop for the year, which was held on Oct. 22. There were 61 attendees.

Owing to the positive feedback, organizers were inspired to keep the program rolling and improve it further.

Those interested to join the next workshops and other activities next year or at Bayanihan Centre, Kennedy Town, or other inquiries, please call or SMS 95296392 or 54238196.

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Dennis Trillo is 'The One That Got Away'

AFTER the announcement of GMA's upcoming primetime series headlined by Rhian Ramos, Max Collins and Lovi Poe, netizens are abuzz over the identity of the leading man who will play the coveted role of the ex-boyfriend of the three Kapuso actresses.

Finally, GMA Network proudly an-

nounces that Kapuso Drama King Dennis Trillo will portray Liam, the ex-lover of Zoe (Rhian), Darcy (Max) and Alex (Lovi).

Dennis' resume is exceptionally impressive and continues to grow in stature year on year. He has starred in a myriad of films and TV series and portrayed challenging

and offbeat roles.

He returned as Gabriel in the sequel of *Mulawin vs Ravena* and was commended for his role as the happy-go-lucky playboy in the hit primetime series *Juan Happy Love Story* opposite Philippine TV's *Sweetheart Heart Evangelista*.

Last year, he was the first Filipino to

receive the Asian Star Prize at the 11th Seoul International Drama Awards for his role as Emman in the primetime series *My Faithful Husband*.

Dennis played an even more unforgettable character in the ground-breaking primetime soap *My Husband's Lover*. The Kapuso Drama King received the Highly Commended Award for the Best Actor in a Leading Role category at the 19th Asian TV Awards for his portrayal of a homosexual in the highly-publicized teleserye.

He bagged the Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Drama Series at the 2011 Golden Screen TV Awards for his role as Raul in the afternoon drama *Sinner or Saint*.

Dennis also starred in *Hiram Na Alaalala*, *Temptation of Wife*, *Biritera*, *Endless Love*, *Gumapang Ka Sa Lusak* among many other noteworthy performances.

On the big screen, one of his most memorable characters was portraying a transgender woman in the 2005 war film *Aishite imasu 1941: Mahal Kita*. His riveting performance of Ignacio Basa was met by rave reviews from critics and fans alike and earned him a slew of awards including Best Actor at Luna Awards; Best Supporting Actor at FAMAS Awards; Best Supporting Actor at the 30th Metro Manila Film Festival; Movie Actor of the Year at PMPC Star Awards for Movies; Best Performance by Male or Female in Leading or Supporting Role at Young Critics Circle; and Breakthrough Performance by an

Actor at Golden Screen Awards.

The Kapuso actor was also hailed as Best Actor at the 2016 FAMAS Awards and 32nd Philippine Movie Press Club (PMPC) Star Awards for the historical-biographical film *Felix Manalo* where he played the title role. This star-studded movie also bagged two Guinness world records during its worldwide premiere at the Philippine Arena for the "largest attendance for a film screening" and the "largest attendance for a film premiere."

He once again showcased his versatility as an actor in the comedy film *Bakit Lahat ng Gwapo May Boyfriend* as the closet gay Diego and in *Cinemataya 2014* box-office hit *The Janitor* where he played the role of a cop-turned-vigilante tasked to execute the masterminds of a gruesome crime.

And for his upcoming primetime show in GMA 7, Dennis is going to breathe life to Liam. A smart and handsome entrepreneur, he comes from a wealthy family and lives in their ancestral home together with his nanny. He likes all things vintage and is an animal-lover. He likes women with sense of humor which is the common trait among his exes: Zoe, Darcy and Alex.

No less than multi-awarded and esteemed film and TV director Maryo J. Delos Reyes helms this program.

So, may feelings ka pa ba para sa iyong *The One That Got Away*? Watch out for this upcoming series soon on GMA Pinoy TV.

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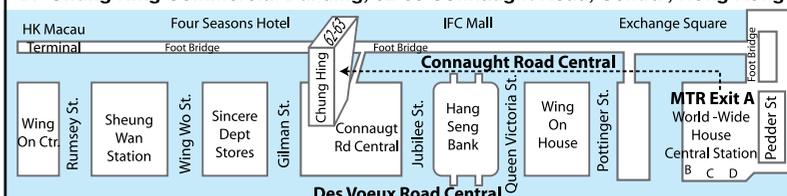
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GMA personalities given recognition

SEVERAL GMA news and entertainment personalities were recently recognized by various award-giving bodies both from private and government institutions.

At the 7th EdukCircle Awards, GMA personalities dominated the list of winners in the news and public affairs category, with 24 Oras anchors Mel Tiangco and Mike Enriquez winning the Best Female and Male News Anchors, respectively.

Fellow GMA News pillar Jessica Soho was conferred the Best Magazine Show Host for her program Kapuso Mo, Jes-

sica Soho.

Meanwhile, EdukCircle named I-Witness' Sandra Aguinaldo as Best in Documentary Program while Pinoy MD host Connie Sison was awarded the Best Health Show Host. AHA! host Drew Arellano won as Best Educational Show Host.

Gabby Concepcion was awarded as Best Actor for Television for Ika-6 Na Utos. At the same time, Eat Bulaga! host Jose Manalo emerged as the Most Outstanding TV Personality in Comedy.

EdukCircle also commended today's hottest endorsers and most influential

personalities.

Kapuso Primetime Queen Marian Rivera and Phenomenal Star Maine Mendoza were included in the list of 5 Most Influential Female Endorsers of the Year. Pambansang Bae, Alden Richards, in turn, was included in the list of 5 Most Influential Male Endorsers of the Year.

Kapuso Primetime King Dingdong Dantes was awarded as one of the 5 Most Influential Film Actors of the Year while Ultimate Star Jennylyn Mercado was included in the 5 Most Influential Film Actresses.

Meanwhile, the Public Attorney's Office, through its Program on Awards & Incentives for Service Excellence (PRAISE) Committee, gave the Outstanding Broadcaster Award to five

Kapuso news personalities: Susan Enriquez, Steve Dailisan, Bernadette Reyes, Joel Reyes Zobel, and Ivan Mayrina.

PAO also conferred the Outstanding Reporter honor to Chino Gaston. The awards were given to individuals who have done exemplary work in their fields of service and who have helped PAO realize its vision and mission. Meanwhile, GMA News TV's flagship newscast State of the Nation with Jessica Soho was recognized as the Outstanding News Program.

Ivan earlier received the Award of Excellence in the Field of Broadcasting from the School Press Advisers Movement, Inc. (SPAM). With his award, Mayrina became the fourth recipient of the said award following previous awar-



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dees, GMA News pillars Mike Enriquez, Jessica Soho, and Mel Tiangco. SPAM, Inc., is an organization of campus journalism advisers from all over the Philippines.

John Lloyd bakasyon muna sa showbiz

By Cristy Kasilag

PANANDALIANG hindi makikita ang magaling na actor na si John Lloyd Cruz sa mga palabas sa telebisyon at pelikula dahil sa kanyang pasyang mag "indefinite leave" muna sa showbiz.

Ayon sa mga napaulat ay napagde-sisyonan ni Lloydie at ng management ng ABS-CBN na mag indefinite leave muna ang aktor para bigyan atensyon ang kanyang sarili.

Sinabi din ng ABS-CBN na mangin-gibang bansa ang 34-anyos na si Lloydie at babalik sa trabaho sa kanilang istasyon pagkatapos ng kanyang pagpapahinga. Si Lloydie ay parte ng Star Magic ng nasabing television network.

Nag "indefinite leave" si John matapos

maglabasan ang mga video nila ng sexy na aktres na si Ellen Adarna sa Cebu kung saan makikitang lasing na lasing ang aktor. May mga nagsasabi na walang ginawang masama si John Lloyd dahil masipag ito magtrabaho at kailangan ding mag-unwind at mag-relax, ngunit may nagsasabi na madaming kabataan ang umi-idolo sa kanya kaya dapat ay maging pino ang kanyang mga kilos.

Hindi pa pormal na nagtatapat si Lloydie at ang 29-anyos na Cebuana si Ellen kung sila ay magkasintahan na, ngunit base sa mga tawagan nila sa isa't-isa at mga litrato o video na post nila ay sweet na sweet silang tingnan.

Ang tawagan nila ay "baby" at tinatawag din ni Ellen si John na kanyang "blogger jowa".

Sa kanyang pagbabakasyon, ay nagpunta si John Lloyd sa bansang Morocco at kasama niya duon si Ellen. Nagpunta din sila sa Casablanca sa Morocco.

At dahil sa kanilang getaway, ay may mga kumakalat na balita na buntis si Ellen o di kaya ay baka nagpakasal na silang dalawa.

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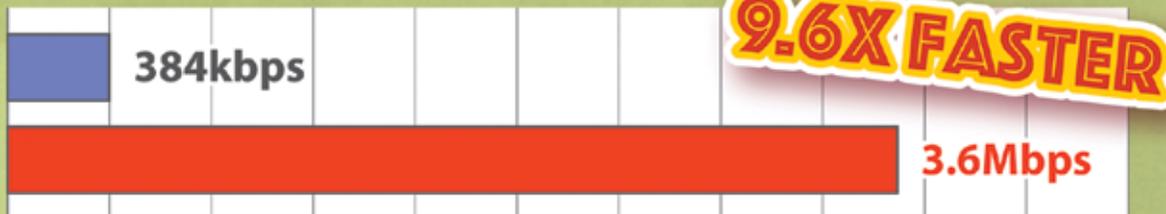
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Kasambahay man may isip din

By Imelda Mae Bustinera

NAKAKAINIS ang magtrabahong may humahara-hara sa pinagtatrabahuhan kaya habang tulog ang mga amo, sinasamantala na ni Divina ang paglinis ng kabahayan.

Patapos na sa nililinis na isa sa tatlong kubeta si Divina nang lumabas ang among babae at inutusan siyang bumili ng tinapay. Itinigil ni Divina ang ginagawa at nagbihis. Palabas na siya ng bahay ay ihinabol ng amo na idaan sa laundry shop ang suit para isahan na lang raw ang lakad.

Pagsakay ng elevator ay napansin ni Divina baliktad ang T-shirt niya pero hindi na siya bumalik para baliktarin. Nang nagbabayad na siya ng tinapay ayaw tanggap-

in ang perang iinaabot niya at sinabi ng tindera na ipalit daw sa HK Bank na katabi lang ng bakery. Nakita ni Divina na ang haba ng pila kaya nahiya siyang mapansin na baliktad ang damit niya kaya ipinasya ni Divina bumalik na lang at aabutin siya ng mga kinse minutos sa haba ng pila.

Naalala niyang sukli sa laundry shop ang pera kaya ibinalik ito. Pag-uwi ni Divina nakangiti siya nang iabot sa amo ang tinapay at itinuro ang suot kaya natawa rin ang amo. Ikinuwento niya ang nangyari sa pera. Dapat alam daw ng laundry shop na hindi na dapat isinusukli ang lumang pera. Mabuti na lang daw hindi ipinalit sa bangko ni Divina, 28, dahil may service charge sabi ng among lalaki.

Worry no more sa pamamalantsa

By Victoria Reyes Munar

SI Maricel, 25, dalaga, tubong Cavite ay ilang buwan pa lang sa Hong Kong. Sa pagnanais niyang makapag-apon ng mas mabilis para sa kanyang minimithi sa buhay ay nagpasya siyang iwanan ang kanyang trabaho sa opisina sa Pilipinas upang makipagsapalaran sa Hong Kong.

Hindi madali ang kanyang mga unang araw at buwan sa Hong Kong dahil hindi naman siya talaga sanay sa trabahong bahay. Maswerte pa rin siya dahil ang napatuhang pamilyang Intsik ay matiyaga siyang iniintindi at ginagabayan.

Ang kanyang among babae ay nagleave ng ilang araw sa trabaho upang siya ay personal na turuan sa mga gawaing bahay at lalo na sa pagluluto. Nagpursige si Maricel, dala-dala niya palagi ang kanyang notebook upang isulat ang mga



mahalagang bagay na itinuturo sa kanya ng kanyang amo.

Madali niyang natutunan at nakasayan ang pagluluto at iba pang gawaing bahay maliban lang sa pamamalantsa. Super-bagal siya lalo na sa pamamalantsa ng polo ng kanyang among lalake at hindi siya nahiyang aminin ito sa kanyang among babae.

Dahil sa likas na mabait ang amo, nag-isip ito ng paraan upang maresolba ang

problema. Sa mga araw na di siya gaanong abala sa gawaing bahay, ay pinapapunta siya ng amo sa bahay ng isang kaibigan at doon siya ay tinuturuan ng kapwa Pilipina na talaga namang bihasa sa pamamalantsa.

Matiyaga siyang nakinig at sinunod ang turo ng kapwa Pilipina na super din ang tiyaga sa pagtuturo sa kanya. Lumipas ang mga araw, ngayon kahit na papaano ay nakakaplantsa na din siya ng maayos. Hindi na katulad ng dati na kalbaryo sa kanya ang pamamalantsa. Super thankful siya sa among mabait at ganun din sa ate na nagturo sa kanya.

Sa tuwing maaalala ni Maricel ang kanyang pamomroblema nuon sa pamamalantsa, napapangiti na lang siya at naiisip na walang bagay na mahirap kung magpupursige at magtiyaga na matuto. Kaya ngayon, worry no more na siya sa kanyang ironing tasks!

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Biro naging totoo

By Imelda Mae Bustinera

KUNG may mga nagsasabing masuwerte ang mga kasambahay na isinasama ng mga amo nila kapag nagbabakasyon sa iba-ibang bansa isa na diyan si Gracia, 27, dalaga, tubong Cebu.

Sana raw magka amo rin siyang isama sama sa bakasyon lalo na sa bansang nag-i-snow.

Sa kagustuhan nga raw ni Gracia makasalat at makahawak man lang ng snow ay nagbakasali siyang mag-tour sa Canada pero hindi siya nabigyan ng visa kasi hindi nakapasa sa interview ng Canadian Embassy.

Kaya pinayuhan si Gracia ng mga kaibigan at kakilala na maghanap ng makarelasyon sa pamamagitan ng Facebook at piliin na taga-Canada para hilingin na imbitahan bilang fiancée at makapunta siya sa bansang iyon.

Ganun nga ang ginawa ni Gracia at hindi nagtagal ay nakahanap at nagkamabuhitan.

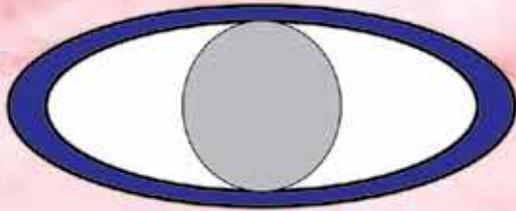
Nang sumapit ang kaarawan ni Gracia tinanong siya ng nobyo kung ano ang greatest wish.

Biniro ni Gracia na ang makarating sa bansang may snow para makagawa ng snowman ang kanyang greatest wish. Wish granted daw sabi ng nobyo.

Padadalhan daw siya ng ticket at fiancée invitation para makakuha ng visa. Akala ni Gracia nagbibiro rin lang ang nobyo.

Ngunit makalipas ang ilang araw ay dumating ang mga papeles na ipinangako ng nobyo ni Gracia kaya hindi siya nag-ak-saya ng oras at nabigyan na siya ng visa na kayang minimithi.

Lilipad na lang si Gracia ay hindi pa rin makapaniwala na magkakatotoo ang biro niya at matutupad ang pangarap na makahawak ng snow.



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Aquarius

January 20 to February 18

Magagamit mo ang iyong kaalaman sa maraming bagay. Pakikinaabangan mo ang mga ginawa mong pag-aaral noon at mga naging karanasan mo sa mga darating na pagsubok.



Pisces

February 19 to March 20

Kung balak mong umutang sa bangko para sa isang magandang layunin, gawin mo sa mga sumusunod na araw. Buwas ang kapalaran mo at malamang walang problema sa transaksyon.



Aries

March 21 to April 19

Sa mga susunod na linggo, ikaw ay magiging kaakit-akit, diplomatiko at hahangaan ng marami. Magiging maayos ang relasyon mo sa mga kasosyo at malalapit na kaibigan.



Taurus

April 20 to May 20

Mararamdaman mo na ang relasyon sa mga katrabaho ay magiging mabuti. Mababawasan na rin ang naririnig mo noon na masasakit na salita sa lugar ng trabaho.



Gemini

May 21 to June 20

Buwas ang mga darating na araw. Magiging masaya ka at dahil masaya ka, mahahawa ang mga nakapalibot sa iyo.



Cancer

June 21 to July 22

Gamitin mo ang mga libreng oras upang aliwin ang mga kasama mo sa bahay. Kung kailangan mong ibahin ang ayos o ibahin ang mga kasangkapan, gawin agad ito.



Leo

July 23 to August 22

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Virgo

August 23 to September 22

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Libra

September 23 to October 22

Kung kinakabahan ka sa iyong kalusugan, kumonsulta ka na sa iyong doctor. Wala kang dapat ipangamba dahil maalaga ka naman sa pagkain at sa exercise.



Scorpio

October 23 to November 21

Makakaramdam ka ng bugnot at inip. Nababagalan ka sa pag-usad ng mga araw dahil parang walang nangyayari sa negosyo.



Sagittarius

November 22 to December 21

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- 1 tbsp. lemon
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- 1/2 cup oil for frying
- 4 fish fillets

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1. In shallow dish, whisk together the egg and salt & pepper to taste, set aside. Place the breadcrumbs in another bowl.
2. Heat oil in a large pan over medium high heat.
3. Dip fish fillet in the egg mixture. Dredge

in breadcrumbs and fry until golden brown.

4. Meanwhile in a saucepan mix lemon and mustard and add in salt and pepper until well blended.
5. Serve.



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By Chef Jay Dator



Juan: Bakit kailangang dahan-dahan ang pagbukas ng medicine cabinet?
Pedro: Bakit?
Juan: Kasi magiging ang sleeping pills.

Juan: Ano ang paboritong laro ng mga kidnappers?
Pedro: Bakit?
Juan: Hide Intsik

Juan: Ano ang tawag sa pagkain ng Hapon na di pwedeng kainin?
Pedro: Ano?
Juan: Ja-Panis Food.

Juan: Ano ang tawag sa taong walang baga?
Pedro: Ano?
Juan: Wala Lung.

Juan: Ano ang pinasikat na gang sa Pilipinas?
Pedro: Ano?
Juan: Eh di Sinigang.

Juan: Ano ang tawag sa hayop sa walang gilagid?
Pedro: Ano?
Juan: Eh di, Lang Gum

Juan: Saan ginagawa ang mga uling
Pedro: Ano?
Juan: Eh di, Coal Center.

Juan: Ano ang magandang itawag sa team ng mga katutubo?
Pedro: Ano?
Juan: Eh di, E-Team

Juan: Anong oras kailangan pumunta sa dentist?
Pedro: Ano?
Juan: Tooth Hurty.

Juan: Anong hayop ang mandaraya?
Pedro: Ano?
Juan: Eh di, Cheatah.

Juan: Ano ang tawag sa kalabaw na naka-akyat ng puno?
Pedro: Ano?
Juan: Eh di, magaling!

Juan: Eh ano naman ang tawag sa kalabaw na nakakalipad?
Pedro: Ano?
Juan: Eh di, mas magaling!

Juan: Ano ang pinaka matangkad na tao sa

buong mundo?
Pedro: Ano?
Juan: Eh di kuba kasi kahit ang pinakamataas na pintuan ay nayuko pa rin siya!

Juan: Bakit mahaba ang neck ng giraffe?
Pedro: Bakit?
Juan: Eh para maabot ang ulo!

Juan: Bakit mataas ang bubong ng cov-courts?
Pedro: Ano?
Juan: Eh di, para makapasok ang giraffe!

Juan: Ano ang tagalong ng EFFORT?
Pedro: Ano?
Juan: Eh di yung pinaglalandang ng EFFLANE!

Juan: Ano naman ang tagalong ng CATTLE?
Pedro: Ano?
Juan: Bahay ng PRINTIPE AT PRINTETA.

Juan: Ano naman ang pagkakaiba ng DIFFERENCE at DIFFERENCES?
Pedro: Ano?
Juan: DIFFERENCE: anak na lalaki ng hari at reyna DIFFERENCES: anak na babae ng hari/ reyna.

Juan: Ano ang tagalong ng DEPOSIT?
Pedro: Ano?
Juan: Ang GRIPO! Halhalha!

Crossword Puzzle

PAHALANG

- 1 Krudo
- 6 Lala
- 10 Aka
- 11 Lugar sa Davao
- 12 Leg; Tagalog
- 13 Dahilan
- 14 Libang
- 15 Ayaw kunwari
- 17 Tawag sa ina
- 18 Kabisera ng Colombia
- 19 Ibiyak
- 21 Isalya
- 24 Balat ng palay
- 27 Marahan
- 29 Lalagyan ng gamit
- 30 Maraming ginagawa
- 31 Umaliw
- 33 Habla
- 34 Pera ng Iraq
- 35 Asa
- 36 Importansiya

PABABA

- 1 Hindi pabor
- 2 Katulong
- 3 Asawa ni Cory Aquino
- 4 Taguri kay Jose Rizal
- 5 Utak
- 6 Poste
- 7 Dupong
- 8 Hindi pa hinog
- 9 Gaya
- 11 Lagim
- 16 Hiblang matibay
- 19 Hindi ibabaw
- 20 Lantad
- 21 Ipunglo
- 22 Bawas
- 23 Intindi
- 24 Bago na
- 25 Alma
- 26 Lugar sa San Juan
- 28 Alinlangan
- 32 Libo

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Answer to last puzzle

K	I	N	A	G	I	L	I	W	A	N
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PrimeCredit **GRAND LUCKY DRAW 2017**

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Terms & Conditions of PrimeCredit Grand Lucky Draw 2017 ("Lucky Draw") For product code 900

- Promotion Period is from October 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 ("Promotion Period"; both dates inclusive).
- A customer who has successfully drawn down a loan at PrimeCredit (product code 900) during the Promotion Period with a base loan amount of HK\$3,000 is qualified to join the Lucky Draw ("Eligible Customers").
- There will be three (3) winners of a Multi-purpose Vehicle or MPV ("Prize").
- Eligible Customers are entitled to lucky draw raffle tickets based on their actual gross loan amount:

Gross Loan Amount (in HK\$)	Number of raffle tickets
3,000 to 19,999	1
20,000 to 39,999	2
40,000 to 59,999	3
60,000	4

- Eligible Customers who have submitted their loan application through PrimeCredit's website (<http://m.primecredit.com/osw>) or through the Prime Gems Mobile Application will be entitled to one additional raffle ticket.
- All raffle tickets should be dropped in raffle boxes provided in all PrimeCredit branches on or before the last day of the loan draw down period at 6 PM.
- The schedule of the Lucky Draw is as follows:

Loan Draw Down Period	Draw Schedule	Number of Winners
October 1 - 31, 2017	1 st Lucky Draw - Nov 12, 2017	1
November 1 - 30, 2017	2 nd Lucky Draw - Dec 10, 2017	1
December 1 - 31, 2017	3 rd Lucky Draw - Jan 14, 2018	1

- The Lucky Draw will be held in PrimeCredit Central branch located at 8/F Euro Trade Centre, 21 - 23 Des Voeux Road Central.
- At the time of the Lucky Draw, winners must have an active loan at PrimeCredit with good repayment record (subject to the determination and final decision of PrimeCredit). Otherwise, the respective winners will be disqualified.
- Results of the Lucky Draw will be published in The Standard and Sing Pao Daily News, on November 15, 2017 (1st Lucky Draw).

- The winners, after being notified individually by phone by PrimeCredit on the next working day after the Lucky Draw date, shall present their Hong Kong Identity Document ("HKID") to PrimeCredit's office at 8/F, Euro Trade Centre, 21-23 Des Voeux Road Central, Central to accept an award letter within 20 days from the respective Draw Date ("Redemption Deadline").
- An Eligible Customer can only win once during the Promotion Period.
- PrimeCredit reserves the right to verify the identity of winners again after the publication of the results of the Lucky Draws. In case of disputes, the decision of PrimeCredit in this regard shall be final.
- In the event that the winner does not claim the award letter on or before the Redemption Deadline, the Prize awarded will be forfeited.
- PrimeCredit shall determine the color, fittings, fixtures and accessories of the Prize. The winner shall accept the Prize "as is".
- PrimeCredit will deliver the Prize to the winner's hometown in the Philippines within 180 days from the date of winning.
- At the time of the Prize delivery, winners must have an active loan or a normal settled loan at PrimeCredit with good repayment record (subject to the determination and final decision of PrimeCredit). Otherwise, the respective winners will be disqualified.
- In case of circumstances preventing PrimeCredit to deliver the Prize to the winner, the winner will be given 60 days to collect the Prize from PrimeCredit's appointed supplier. In the event of failure to collect the Prize, the Prize will be forfeited.
- Upon being declared as the winner of the lucky draw, the winners must not prepay their loan in full within twelve months from the time of winning or until the end of their scheduled last repayment date, whichever is earlier ("Bonding Period"). In the event of full prepayment, the winner shall pay PrimeCredit the Prize's value which is HK\$40,000. In case the winner refinances further loan, the remainder of the Bonding Period shall be carried forward to the winner's refinanced loan.
- The Prize cannot be redeemed by cash, exchanged for other gifts or transferred to any third party.
- PrimeCredit is not the manufacturer of the Prize. The manufacturer is solely responsible for the quality, availability and warranty of the Prize.
- All staff members of PrimeCredit and their direct family members are not eligible to participate in the Lucky Draws.
- Winners of the Lucky Draws shall be deemed to have authorized PrimeCredit to use photos bearing their appearance for publicity or promotional purposes of the Lucky Draws, and to use their personal details for communication purposes of the Lucky Draws.
- In case of disputes, PrimeCredit reserves the right of final decision.
- Trade Promotion Competition Licence Number: 49430-4

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