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Three Filipino workers get justice from Hong Kong courts:

Winners!



Christmas spirit through music. The Philippine Tourism Chorale and Teatro Filipino group hold a mini-concert of Christmas carols at the St. Joseph Parish Church in Central on December 17 (photo by JL Timbreza-Siao).

By Cheryl M. Arcibal

former employers.

Acquitted

First to win her case was Jenalyn V. who was charged with theft in court after her employer accused her of stealing a watch

that was allegedly found in the pocket of one of her bags when she was about to leave her employer's home.

Magistrate Peony Wong Nga-yan of the West Kowloon Courts on Dec. 4 acquitted

Jenalyn of theft, noting the defendant's clear record as well as the failure of the prosecution to submit to court a CCTV

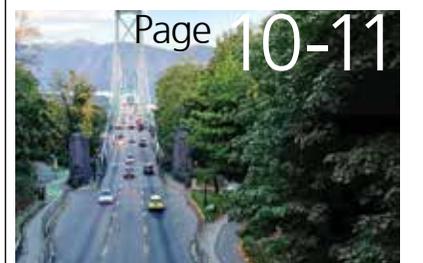
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VICTORY!

Three Filipino domestic helpers recently won their respective cases against their



DEITIES. Catch an exhibit featuring Ifugao Art pieces at the Hong Kong University Museum that will run until February 4.



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NGO eyes health programs for migrants

By Ally Constantino

NGO Mission for Migrant Workers is set to initiate health-awareness programs for foreign domestic workers in 2018.

Cynthia Tellez, Mission general manager, told Hong Kong News that recent cas-

es that they handled showed the need for more health-related programs for foreign domestic workers in the city.

"While we continue addressing immediate problems and those what we think are unacceptable policies such as the mandatory live-in policy, what we are doing now

is to contact service providers that give training for practical physical health condition," Tellez said.

She noted that with limited space in Hong Kong, the live-in policy leads to health problems for domestic workers who would be made to sleep in kitchens, cupboards, and sometimes even balconies.

"Kasi kapag ang higaan mo very limited ang space may epekto iyan sa kalagayan mo. Kung wala tayong magagawa para maiba ang kalagayan ng mga domestic workers, kahit paano maibsan naman ito. It's about time we pay attention to their health," Tellez added.

She said most domestic workers think pains and aches were normal part of aging, but the pace of deterioration of their physical condition was alarming.

"They come here to consult employment-related problems, but then we discover they suffer hand or back pains. They become forgetful and it's because of stress. That's why for 2017, our popular programs were training for mindfulness and stress reduction," Tellez said.

The Mission had helped distressed domestic workers in Hong Kong recover an average of \$2.5 million in illegal fees every year.

This was one of the findings of the first ever impact evaluation of its operations to various stakeholders in the territory.

According to the report "Summary of Impact Evaluation Report 2004-2014", under MFMW's Labour and Employment Assistance Program (LEAP), the organization's clients were able to claim benefits and recover illegally-collected or overcharged agency fees, amounting to an average of \$2.5 million a year.

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Foreign Affairs Secretary Alan Peter Cayetano told reporters on Dec. 3 that more business and trade potential would be available if a Hong Kong trade office in Manila would be set up. Cayetano met with Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam and other Hong Kong officials on Dec. 1. Presently, Hong Kong has a trade office in Jakarta and Singapore.

"They said they will consider it. You know it's a big comfort for Hong Kong businessmen to have a trade office in Manila and to go there and have their own people. When we talk about the protection of investments, it's still different if they have a representative there," he said.

DFA Undersecretary for International Economic Relations Manuel A.J. Teehankee said the Hong Kong Trade Development Council has expressed "great interest in the Philippine market".

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The scheme will see Owtel, the leading electronics retailer, facilitate the purchase of tickets by affected helpers so they could still fly home when they book flights with Cebu Pacific or with Cathay Pacific who

had earlier offered to help.

David Chen, Owtel founder and CEO, said his heart goes out to the hardworking Filipino men and women who were looking forward to spend the holidays with their family back in the Philippines but found out their purchased tickets were not valid.

"It is heart-wrenching to know that these men and women would be unable to spend

the holidays with their family because of this mess. Many of them work hard all-year round and are looking forward to their vacation only to be derailed by this unfortunate event and so we thought of a way to help them out and do our share in assisting the community," Chen said.

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Peya owner meets with PCG, vows to fix mess

By Cheryl M. Arcibal

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Deputy Consul-General and acting head of post Deric Atienza told Hong Kong News that Peya owner Rhea Donna Boyce and one more Peya staff went to the Consulate and met with him and Vice Consul Robert Quintin.

"She came here at 4:30 p.m. and told us that they would fix this mess and would make an announcement soon," he said.

Atienza added that Boyce said those who were issued tickets should confirm their flights with airlines such as Philippine Airlines and Cathay Pacific not only the booking reference, but also their name.

"She said they re-issued some of the tickets so the booking reference may not be accurate, but the tickets could have been issued and also confirmed with their names and birth of date," he said.

Meanwhile airlines PAL and Cathay Pacific announced that they would be assisting stranded Filipinos by deploying bigger aircraft for the Hong Kong-Manila flights before the Christmas holidays.

On Dec. 20, Vice Consul Robert Quintin appealed to businesses especially Filipino travel agencies to help Filipino domestic helpers. He said it would be a way of showing the community's "bayanihan" and "malasakit" traits.

"Sana iyong mga naapektuhan na lalapit sa agency nila, tulungan nila. Ibigay na nila ng actual ticket cost na wala ng tubo," he said.

Besides doing the good deed in the "spirit of Christmas", the act makes good business sense as domestic workers are the main market of Filipino travel agencies.

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Ifugao art pieces at HKU museum

By Cheryl M. Arcibal

A Manila-based Swiss man has lent his collection of Ifugao sculpture to the University of Hong Kong for an exhibition that will run until Feb. 4.

Martin Kurer, who has been living in

the Philippines for some 20 years, said the pieces were among those he collected from the Philippines and overseas.

"I have always collected art pieces... and they gave me an opportunity [to hold an exhibit here at the HKU]," Kurer told Hong Kong News on the sidelines of the

opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony of the exhibition.

Besides Cordillera art pieces, Kurer said he was also collecting Maranao art pieces.

"I began collecting art pieces and some of these I used as decoration for my house in Manila and for 20 years I was doing that and then at one stage, I had to be more serious about Ifugao art, but [it is something] you have to understand and you can not just use them as decoration, you have to invest time," he said.

As a long-time Philippine resident, he said he was happy that more Filipinos have more access to a good life.

"Companies in the Philippines now say it is difficult to find people which means the economy is doing well because companies are expanding," Kurer said.

Meanwhile, Florian Knothe, HKU Museum and Art Gallery director, said putting up the exhibit was a way to recognize the importance of the Filipinos to Hong Kong.

"The [Filipino] community here is very important, we do different exhibitions to teach different subjects and to connect to different parts of the larger international and Hong Kong community and so this is also an important art form," Knothe said.

A catalogue about the art pieces said the exhibition exemplifies the talent of the artists from the Ifugao, Bontoc and Kankanaey tribes in northern Luzon.



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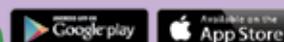
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All-out support for OFWs in 2018

By Maia Lopez

PRESIDENT Rodrigo Duterte has vowed to exert all efforts to give further protection and assistance to overseas Filipino workers whom he hailed as the government's partner for economic progress.

The President said the government will help returning OFWs who would want to start a business or work in the country.

"Whatever is doing brisk business in your place, we will try to find out how these can be given a boost, how we can help you by marketing these," Duterte said.

Labor Secretary Silvestre Bello III said two major developments will benefit OFWs worldwide – the opening of the Overseas Filipino Bank (OFB) on January 26, 2018 and the release of the OFW iDOLE card.

"It will be a good 2018 for OFWs with our twin gifts to them.

"The government continues to do everything we can to assist them and extend more protection to them, including social protection," Bello said in an interview.



Bello

Bello said to ensure that the OFB caters to the needs of overseas Filipinos, he decided to increase the number of OFW representation in the bank's board of directors.



Duterte

"Before, it was just one representative. But we decided to increase this to two so we will have one representing land-based OFWs and another for sea-based OFWs," he said.



Cayetano

Duterte earlier signed Executive Order No. 44 approving the acquisition of government-owned Philippine Postal Savings Bank (Postbank) which will be converted into the OFB to efficiently deliver mi-

cro-finance and micro-insurance products and services for OFWs.

"Overseas-based Filipinos, who contribute to the country's foreign exchange income, currency stability, employment, and overall economic growth through their remittances should be given provision of priority support for their growing financial needs," the President said.

Bello urged OFWs to invest in the OFB, saying interested workers may opt to use their credit line with the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration.

"Once the OFB is launched, you can borrow from your funds in OWWA to buy the shares of stocks so that you will become part owner.

"I want all OFWs to have shares in the banks and have their own credit facilities. Instead of applying for a loan from the Land Bank or other banks, you can do it with the OFB, your own bank," he added.

Bello said the iDOLE card, which will replace the Overseas Employment Certificate, will soon be expanded to become a one-stop-shop card for OFWs.

"Soon, they can use the iDOLE card for their SSS, Philhealth and Pag-IBIG transactions," Bello said.

For his part, Foreign Affairs Secretary Alan Cayetano said the new guidelines on the use of the P1-billion fund for distressed OFWs will ensure that the department is able to more effectively respond to their needs.

Cayetano had ordered a review and revision of the guidelines after the President announced the budget augmentation for the DFA "to allow more flexibility in their disbursement, to expand the scope of the services covered and to be more responsive to the needs of our distressed kabayans abroad."

"The rationale behind the revised guidelines is for us to be able to help as many and as much without sacrificing the quality of our service.

"The Legal Assistance Funds may be availed of by a distressed overseas Filipino who is unable to engage the services of private counsel, and who is in a country where there is no system of legal aid or public defenders, or where there is no access to counsel de officio, or any lawyer provided by the foreign host government," Cayetano said.

The Assistance To Nationals funds, on the other hand, will be used to cover welfare assistance and repatriation of distressed, sick and deceased Filipinos abroad. It also includes the cost of cremation or embalming, transport of remains to the Philippines and burial assistance.

DFA data showed that in 2016, at least 11,554 Filipinos were assisted through the ATN Funds.

Meanwhile, the Philippine peso continued to soften in the last few weeks of 2017.

In September, the inter-agency Development Budget Coordination Committee (DBCC) said it was forecasting the Philippine peso to trade between P48 and P51 to a US dollar, weaker than its previous forecast of P45 to P48 against the greenback. A weaker peso is a boon to OFWs.

Over a million of women now ang nakapagpatunay nitong slimming at whitening lotion

Ayon sa survey, ang mga OFWs daw sa buong mundo, including Hong Kong get anxious and tensed easily. Ipinakita sa mga eksperimento na ito rin ang pangunahing dahilan kaya't napaparami ng kain ang tao, tulad ng nangyari kay Elizabeth Rodones.

Nasubukan na ni Elizabeth ang iba't-ibang paraan upang maging sexy ngunit hindi siya naging kontento sa resulta. Nang magkita sila ng kaibigan na dating mataba at dry ang kutis ay naitanong kung anong sekreto nito. Gumagamit daw ito ng upgraded Dream Love 1000 5 in 1 body essence lotion, gawa sa England. Ipinakita nito ang before at after photos ng mga kababaihan na gumamit nitong imported lotion na nailathala sa dyaryo. Nakumbinsi siya at bumili nito mula sa Sun Fung sa sa World Wide Plaza sa halagang HK\$98 lamang. Nalaman niyang ito'y may 5

functions, hindi na raw niya kailangan pang gumamit ng separate creams.

Pagkauwi ay ginamit niya ito sa mukha at buong katawan ayon sa instruction sheet. After using 2 tubes in 6 weeks, laking gulat niya at mga kaibigan nang makita ang kahanga-hangang dulot 5 in 1 lotion sa kaniyang kutis at katawan. Nabawasan ang dark spots at scars sa kaniyang mukha. Naging smoother, whiter at younger looking pa siya. Napakalaki din ng nabawas na extrang taba sa katawan niya.

Ang upgraded Dream Love 1000 5 in 1 lotion na may ingredients mula sa England, France, Germany at Miami ay napatunayang epektibo ng libu-libong mga kababaihan.

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Three days in Vancouver

By William Tam

MY wife and I decided to go on a short break- about three days and we decided on Canada.

We have always heard good stories about it - the clean air, the quality of life, the nature and the greenery of the surroundings.

Besides, we do have some relatives that we haven't seen in years and thought that this would be the perfect time to travel

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parks in North America - Stanley Park.

But before I jump into our foray and adventures in Stanley Park, may I say that Richmond, (where Vancouver International Airport is located) is known for its Asian influence, is like being in Hong Kong.

My cousin was telling us that many wealthy Chinese, relocated to Vancouver, specifically Richmond.

Out of curiosity, I went and googled what the percentage of population of Richmond are Chinese, and I found out that it was a whopping 53 percent.

We, Filipinos, were the third-largest population, comprising 6.9 percent of the total population, in case you want to know.

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of Vancouver's "thumb" (just north of the West End) is home to some of the city's favorite, and most-visited attractions.

In fact, you could easily spend more than a day here and still not see everything this urban oasis has to offer. If you want to experience the park the way the locals do, walk, cycle or jog around the nearly 14-mile-long seawall that hugs Vancouver's waterfront.

Some of the attractions Stanley Park has to offer include: Vancouver Aquarium, Seawall, Totem Poles and the Hollow Tree to name a few.

My wife and I fell in love with the park, and I am sure that you will too! Check out the photos and you'll understand why!



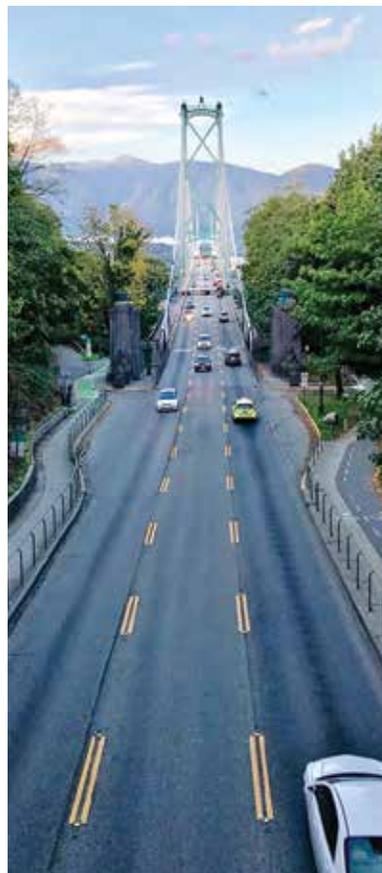
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Number of Filipinos refused entry on the rise

By Cheryl M. Arcibal

PHILIPPINE officials have sought more information from Hong Kong officials about Filipinos who were refused entry to the city.

In an interview, Vice-Consul Robert Quintin said that in October and November, the consulate noted a spike in the number of Filipinos refused entry by the Hong Kong Immigration.

"It's their prerogative, but we want to know the reason so we could make the necessary advisory," Quintin said.

The issue was first raised by the Philippine Consulate General in the Oct. 25 Technical Working Group meeting with Hong Kong authorities.

However, officials from the Labour Department and the Hong Kong Immigration Department said they had no authority to discuss the issue.

They said their information merely matters related to the Filipino domestic help-



Quintin

ers in Hong Kong.

"Post (PCG) informed that the notifications received from HKID did not contain complete information, i.e. reason for refusal of entry [to Hong Kong ports such as the HK international airport, and Macau Ferry Terminal].

"Post requested the HKID's representative to convey to its (relevant) unit [its request] to provide complete information [about the incidents]," the report submitted by the PCG to the Department of Foreign Affairs said.

Meanwhile, the PCG also inquired from the HKID about the process for Filipinos who are facing deportation from Hong Kong.

"Post also asked HKID to relay its request [for information] with regard to deportation procedures. Post said some Filipino nationals who are subject to deportation back to the Philippines need to wait more than one to two months in Hong Kong," the PCG said.

Fun activities mark photogs' group anniversary

By Vicks Reyes Munar

FUN shoot, photo walk and a surprise boat ride made memorable to its member the 3rd Annual Group Anniversary of The World through Photography (TWTP) held at Aberdeen Promenade, on Dec. 10.

TWTP, a group of promising and talented photographers, was founded on the second week of December 2014 under the name Pinoys on Lens. Its aim is to form a group on social media and to learn photography with other Filipino hobbyists. The group's founder, Maria Presbitero-Aquia, initially envisioned an organization that would inspire young people as most of its original members were students and stay-at-home mothers through photography.

The group's name was changed in its first year anniversary and now the organization is popular among photographers all over the world with more than 8,000 members participating in Daily Photo Challenge (DPC) where members are encouraged to take photos on a daily basis and post them daily for the other members



TWTP members taking photos

to learn from.

Hong Kong Group photography enthusiasts led by administrators Andy Maniwang, Elvira Laguit, Jorin Flordeliz, Joyce Borbe and Skyspinner Calawod marked the founding week by gathering all Hong Kong TWTP members, who were united by their mutual passion for photography, in the anniversary celebration.

The program started with a prayer and followed by the opening remarks from Elvira Laguit, both HK admins. Fun shoot and photo walk followed where the members took the opportunity to capture stunning sceneries and poses from TWTP models Charity Segundo Bacdang Ferras, Maribel Balcorta and Arlene Sagun.

Charity, one of the models said, "It is tiring to pose and smile for long time but for me it is fulfilling for I am doing this not only for my personal satisfaction".

She also said the experience of being a TWTP model taught her to be more patient and at the same time gave her the opportunity to meet other members, and thereby gaining new friends.

The afternoon was made even more exciting as members of the group participated in a surprise boat ride that gave them the opportunity to shoot more breathtaking photos while enjoying the nature trip.

Milafior Puguon, a member of the group, expressed her gratitude to the group for all the support and inspiration in improving her photography skills.

Meanwhile, Rohmel Mendoza, a DSLR user who had previous experience and training in photography, said she was grateful to her friend who introduced her to the group and acknowledged the fun learning and camaraderie that she believed would help her achieve her dream to become an event photographer when she goes home for good in Baguio City.

Ma. Socorro Vital Agranzamendez, known as the dear mommy of the group, shared that she enjoyed her special role as the supportive mother who was always ready to help other members in their needs such as costumes, accessories and others.

Likewise, Andy Maniwang one of the HK admins, said that she appreciated the open-mindedness, unselfishness and sharing spirit of the members, contributing to the continuing growth of all the members.

Any celebration would not be complete without the sharing of sumptuous food in a snack and lunch provided by Nancy Al-iwalas, a member celebrating her birthday during the event. For those who are interested to hone their photography skills and be a part of the group, TWTP welcomes new members. Kindly sms or call Andy Maniwang 94320290 for registration and inquiries.

Attraction na pabango napatunayan pero suggested na huwag mag-overspray

IT was one sunny day, ito ang bungad ng kuwento ni Maricel Martinez tungkol sa naging magandang karanasan niya dahil sa pabangong Dream Love 1000 na gawa sa England. Gamit din ito ng mga kaibigan at naengganyo na din siyang bumili nito sa kaibigan na authorized dealer sa halagang HK\$88 lamang. Nagustuhan niya ang halimuyak nito at naging palaging gamit.

Pagkabili ng nasabing pabango ay ginamit ito kinabukasan bago magtungo sa supermarket at hindi sinasadyang naparami ang nawisik niya. Habang naglalakad ay kausap niya ang asawa sa facebook messenger at nasabi na mamimili siya ng mga pinabibili ng amo sabay paalam dito. Sa hindi inaasahang pangyayari ay nabangga siya ng isang lalaki na foreigner dahil busy ito sa pakikipagusap sa phone at nabitawan nito ang telepono. Sisigaw sana ito ngunit pagkatapos nitong pulutin ang phone ay parang natulala ito sa pagkakatiitig kay Maricel at tila

may nilalanghap ito sabay saging, "Hi lady, your scent is so sweet". Nagpasalamat siya at nasabi sa sariling mabuti na lang nailagay na kanina ang phone sa bag niya. Iniaabot pa nito ang kamay upang magpakilala ngunit agad na nagpaalam si Maricel at bigla niyang naalala ang gamit na seksual perfume na napakapektibo daw pala nito at nasobrahan pa siya sa pagwisik.

Pagkauwi at pagkatapos iayos ang mga pinamili ay daglian niyang binasa ang instruction sheet ng pabango. Napapangiti siya tuwing maaalala ang hitsura ng lalaking nakabunggo sa kaniya. Sinabi sa sarili na dadalhin ang nasabing pabango paguwi sa Pilipinas. Naikuwento niya ang karanasan sa kaibigan at nasabing 3 sprays daw kapag para sa sarili scent at kapag nais makaakit ng kalalakihan ay more than 3 sprays daw.

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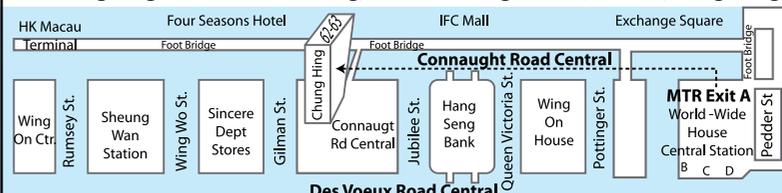
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footage that would have purportedly showed that the Filipina took her male employer's watch and put it in her bag.

Jenalyn came from the Philippines to work for her employers in Shek Pik starting on Aug. 1, 2017, but she had already indicated her intention to resign on Sept. 8 because she was not given enough food by her employers.

She added that on that day she was locked out of the house for four hours after she was accused by her female employer of taking an iPad.

Jenalyn got in touch with her recruiter and informed him about being locked out and that she was not given enough food.

She said that she would usually go without breakfast and was also not given food for lunch.

Reached by Jenalyn, the recruiter then assured her that he would be getting in touch with her employers.

The Filipina was eventually allowed inside the house. When she inquired from

her male employer about the alleged missing iPad, he said the gadget was found in one of their cars.

Following the incident, Jenalyn told the court that her working conditions improved. She had bread for breakfast and was given food for lunch and dinner.

After two days, her employers had withheld food from her again.

Finally, on the evening of Sept. 28, Jenalyn started packing her things because she was intent on terminating the contract and leaving the house of her employers.

The following day, around lunch time, when her male boss came back from work, she told him of her intention to resign from the job. Her female employer and their son were also in the house.

Jenalyn told the court that her bags, which included a luggage, a rucksack, and cross bodybag, were prepared and were in the kitchen.

She was then told by her employer to wait and asked her to call the police in the meantime.

She was also helped by her male em-

ployer to move her bags from the kitchen to the dining area.

When the police arrived she was told that a wristwatch belonging to her male boss was missing. Upon search of her black rucksack, the watch was found.

She was then taken to the police station.

But Judge Wong rejected the evidence in chief of the defendant's male employer, who said their relationship with the helper was good as his wife also told the court that the relationship was strained.

Judge Wong also said it was possible that during the transfer of the bag from the kitchen to the dining room, there was an opportunity to slip the watch inside the defendant's rucksack, which had no lock, unlike her luggage.

"The employers did not submit to the court the footage before the police arrived, and the footage submitted only showed the (female employer) sitting and chatting," Judge Wong.

Owing to this, the magistrate said the prosecution failed to prove beyond reasonable doubt that the defendant was guilty.

Told of the court's verdict, Jenalyn started crying. After the court proceedings, Jenalyn approached her duty lawyer and thanked him.

\$50,000 settlement

Second to win her case was Analiza E.

On Dec. 11, Analiza's male employer, whom she sued before the Labour Tribunal agreed to give her \$50,000, or more than half of \$93,500 that she was originally seeking from him.

The amount included the remaining portion of her two-year contract, the expenses she incurred for extending her visa, and the amount in lieu of one-month notice.

In an interview after the court proceedings and after Analiza, and the employer, surnamed Yuen, told a Labour Tribunal judge that they were agreeing to settle the

dispute instead of going into trial.

After the settlement in court, Analiza told Hong Kong News she was excited to go back home to her family in the Philippines. However, she added that because she stayed in Hong Kong for more than a year without a job while the case was pending in court, she had incurred numerous debts, which she estimated to be around \$20,000.

It was her first employment in Hong Kong, and she started working for her employer in Kowloon City in August 2016, and then she was terminated in November of the same year.

On July 18, Analiza was acquitted of theft by a Kowloon Court.

Deputy Magistrate Vennie Chiu Wai-ye ruled that the prosecution failed to prove beyond reasonable doubt that the defendant stole the money from her employer.

The judge noted that despite the employer's statement that the domestic worker took the \$500 in September 2016, she continued to employ her and only terminated the contract two months after.

Employer, recruiter guilty in China work

A Kowloon City court convicted a Hong Kong resident and an employment agency official in a landmark case filed by government prosecutors involving the practise of some employers of bringing their Filipino domestic helpers to China.

Kowloon City Court Deputy Magistrate Andrew Ma on Dec. 14 found SW Wong, and CK Chan of conspiracy to defraud an officer of the Immigration Department for making it appear that Wong would be the employer of Filipino domestic helper R. Ubaldo, when in fact it was her cousin from mainland China who would be employing the helper.

Hong Kong allows only residents to hire foreign domestic helpers, and by sub-

mitting papers to the ImmD that Wong would be Ubaldo's employer, her cousin Z. Huang was able to hire a helper who took care of her two children, who were born in Hong Kong and were also studying in the city.

Huang was also a defendant in the case but Judge Ma acquitted her of the charge, noting that the prosecution failed to prove beyond reasonable doubt that she knew about the arrangement of Wong and Chan. In convicting Wong and Chan, Judge Ma noted that with their background as an insurance agent, and an employment agent, respectively, they would have known that only Hong Kong residents were allowed to hire a foreign domestic helper.

He also noted that when Ubaldo's contract was about to be signed, the helper asked why Wong was signing it, instead of Huang, when it was the latter who interviewed her, Chan said Wong would imitate Huang's signature.

"D1 (Wong) and D2 (Chan) knew full well that had the application contained the correct information, the application would not be granted," said Judge Ma.

He added that it was not "without reluctance" that he was acquitting Huang of the charge as she was highly suspicious and she benefited from the arrangement.

Judge Ma called for background reports before sentencing of Wong and Chan at a later date.

In the meantime, Judge Ma allowed them to post bail of \$50,000. Wong and Chan were also ordered to surrender all their travel documents and report daily to the police.

During the trial Wong and Chan had blamed each other for the offense.

Wong on Sept. 14 told the court that the papers submitted to the ImmD for her application to hire Ubaldo was given to her by Chan was blank and that she only signed it.



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- 1.3GHz Octa Core
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- 64GB Storage
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- 4G
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- 5 Inch
- 13MP Rear + 5MP Front
- 16GB Storage
- 1.4GHz Quad Core
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- Android 7.0 Nougat
- 4G
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- Dual SIM
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- 4GB RAM
- Android 7.0 Nougat
- 4G
- Dual SIM
- Fingerprint

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- 2.15GHz Quad Core
- 4GB RAM
- Android 7.0 HTC Sense™
- 4G
- Dual SIM
- Fingerprint

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

Price **\$749**

Nokia 6 *BARU Hot Items*



- 5.5 Inch
- 16MP Rear + 8MP Front
- 32GB Storage
- Octa-core 1.4 GHz
- 3GB RAM
- Android 7.0 Nougat
- 4G
- Dual Sim
- Fingerprint

Price **\$2,049**

Samsung Galaxy Note 4 *Low Down Payment Hot Items*



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

Price **\$1,999**

Kata M4s *Hot Items*



- 5.5 Inch
- 18MP Rear + 8MP Front
- 32GB Storage
- Octa core 1.5GHz
- 3GB RAM
- Android 7.0 Nougat
- 4G
- Fingerprint

Price **\$1,999**

Lenovo Tab3 7 LTE *BARU*



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

Price **\$1,199**

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

Price **\$1,549**

LG K8 2017 *BARU Low Down Payment*



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

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LG K10 (2017)



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

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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 **\$1,549**

LG Q6 Plus *NEW*



- 5.5 Inch
- 13MP Rear + 5MP Front
- 64GB Storage
- 1.4GHz Quad Core
- 4GB RAM
- Android 7.0 Nougat
- 4G
- Dual Sim

Price **\$2,149**

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 **\$3,949**

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 **\$4,299**

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**

Samsung Galaxy J2 Prime *NEW Low Down Payment*



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

Price **\$949**

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- 3GB RAM
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- Dual SIM
- Fingerprint

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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 **\$1,499**

Samsung Galaxy J5 Prime *Hot Items*



- 5 Inch
- 13MP Rear + 5MP Front
- 32GB Storage
- 1.4GHz Quad Core
- 2GB RAM
- Android 6.0 Marshmallow
- 4G
- Fingerprint

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Samsung Galaxy Tab A 10.1 *Hot Items*



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- 16MP Rear + 16 Front
- 64GB Storage
- 2.2GHz Octa Core
- 4GB RAM
- Android 7.0 Nougat
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- 2.3GHz Octa Core
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- 4G

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

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- 32GB Storage
- 2.3 GHz Octa Core
- 4GB RAM
- Android 7.0 Nougat
- 4G
- Dual SIM
- Fingerprint

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- Dual Sim

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- 8GB Storage
- Quad-core 1.2 GHz
- 1.5GB RAM
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Huawei T2 7 LTE **Hot Items**



- 7 Inch
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- 16GB Storage
- 1.5GHz Quad Core
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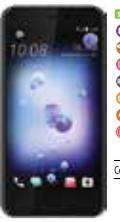
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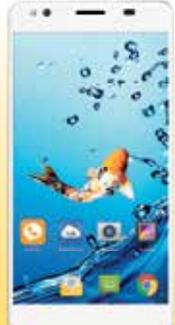
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Tax reform package signed into law

By Maia Lopez

PRESIDENT Rodrigo Duterte has signed into law the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion, a measure that will increase personal income tax exemptions while adding taxes on fuel, cars, mining, coal, and tobacco products.

"The timely passage of TRAIN is indeed a milestone for the Department of Finance and our congressional leadership. This is the administration's biggest Christmas gift to the Filipino people as 99 percent of the taxpayers will benefit from the simpler, fairer, and more efficient tax system. One of the TRAIN's most significant breakthroughs is that beginning January 1st, 2018, those earning below 250,000 will be exempt from income tax," the President said.

This means that workers earning about P21,000 a month will no longer pay in-



Duterte

come taxes. The tax exemption for the 13th month pay and other bonuses was also raised to P90,000.

"The law also addresses long and overdue corrections in our tax laws and introduces a more progressive tax system for the rich and the poor, contribute to give better services to our people. Revenues from the TRAIN will fund our priority projects to ensure a quality education, including free tuition in state universities and colleges, equally, quality health care, social protection and conditional cash transfers, improved infrastructures to the Build, Build, Build program and the reconstruction of Marawi," Duterte said.

"I am directing the Department of Finance to ensure the effective implemen-

tation of Package 1 of TRAIN and to immediately submit to Congress Package 2 which deals with corporate income tax early next year, which will complement the revenues of TRAIN," he added.

To compensate for the loss in revenue and to meet its P130 billion goal, the measure increases taxes on fuel products

such as gasoline (from P4.35 per liter, it will increase in tranches to P7 in 2018, P9 in 2019, and P10 in 2020); diesel (from being tax-exempt to P2.50 per liter in 2018, P4.50 in 2019, and P6 in 2020); and LPG (P1 in 2018, P2 in 2019, and P3 in 2020).

However, all petroleum products used

as input, feedstock, raw materials for petrochemicals, and refining or as replacement fuel are tax-exempt.

Legislators also agreed to impose a tax of P6 per liter on drinks using sugar and artificial sweeteners and P12 on drinks using high fructose corn syrup. Milk and instant coffee, however, are tax-exempt.

PH deadliest for journos

THE Philippines is the deadliest country for journalists in Asia this year, media freedom organization Reporters Without Borders (RSF) said as it released its annual report that showed at least 65 media workers around the world have been killed.

RSF said at least five journalists were shot in the Philippines, four of whom died of their injuries. The group said the killings – on the back of zero journalists killed in 2016 – came at a time when President Rodrigo Duterte made an "alarming comment" that "just because you're a journalist you are not exempted from assassination if you're a son of a bitch."

Worldwide, the five most dangerous countries were Syria, Mexico, Afghanistan, Iraq and the Philippines.

"It's alarming that so many journalists were

murdered outside of war zones," said RSF board member Katja Gloger. "In far too many countries perpetrators can assume they'll get off scot-free if they're violent towards media professionals," she added.

RSF said more than 300 media workers are currently in prison, with around half of those in five countries, namely Turkey, China, Syria, Iran and Vietnam.

Turkey is the world's biggest prison for professional journalists, with 42 reporters and one media worker behind bars.

"Criticizing the government, working for a 'suspect' media outlet, contacting a sensitive source or even just using an encrypted messaging service all constitute grounds for jailing journalists on terrorism charges," the RSF report said.

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Charges vs Aquino, Garin over Dengvaxia

By Maia Lopez

FORMER Technical Education and Skills Development Authority director Augusto

Syjuco Jr. has filed a complaint of mass murder and plunder against former President Benigno Aquino III and former health secretary Janette Garin before the

Office of the Ombudsman for approving the allegedly anomalous P3.5-billion procurement of Dengvaxia vaccines.

Syjuco said Aquino and Garin must be



Garin and Aquino

held liable for the mass vaccination of 733,000 school children.

As for the mass murder complaint, he said a boy in Bataan who was inoculated

with Dengvaxia shots died last year.

“There is only one death so far but one death is one death too many,” he added.

Aquino told members of the joint Senate Blue Ribbon and Health committees on the dengue vaccine program that he gave the green light to procure Dengvaxia using the government’s “unused” funds for 2015 since the savings were set to expire at the end of that year.

He said his administration began to focus on dengue after he received a memo in 2010 from former Health secretary Enrique Ona highlighting the five regions that reported alarming surges in dengue cases. Around 2.8 million people were at risk of contracting dengue then.

Aquino said no one objected to the program before, during and after its implementation.

“I have stressed that before the government decided on Dengvaxia, while deciding on it, after making a decision and until now, nobody had objected to the vaccine,” he said. “If what Sanofi said did not come out, and I decided to just let my bosses suffer, I supposed you [would] have a different question and charges against me—why did you abandon the Filipinos?”

The former president said the vaccine went through “local and international processes,” noting the United States Food and Drug Administration has been regulating the international clinical trials.

“Since it passed through this process, Dengvaxia is also safe for the public. I also stress: It was not only the Philippines which approved Dengvaxia. Mexico and Brazil did it ahead of us,” he noted.

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Duterte backs same-sex marriage

PRESIDENT Rodrigo Duterte has thrown his support behind same-sex marriage, a move that is seen to trigger tension with the influential Catholic Church in the predominantly Catholic Philippines.

Duterte made the pronouncement during a gathering of lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transsexuals as he assured the LGBT community that their rights would be “protected and nurtured.”

“I am for same-sex marriage. If that is the trend of modern times, if that will add to your happiness, I am for it. Who am I (to judge)?” the President said. “There will be no oppression and we will recognize your importance in society.”

“If that is what will make people happy, I will give that to you. Why should we stop them? Why impose a morality that is no longer working and almost passé?” he added.

Duterte said to institute same sex marriage, the law would have to be changed because marriage is currently defined as a union between a man and a woman.

“But we can change the law,” he said. “I don’t have any problems making it [between a man and] a man or a woman or a woman] or whatever is the predilection of the human being,” he added.

The President said he himself did not know if he wanted to be a boy or a girl when he was in high school.

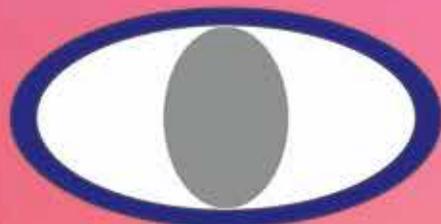
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Filipino workers wanted in Qatar

By Maia Lopez

QATAR has renewed its call to Filipino workers to consider working in the country as it starts preparations for its hosting of the FIFA World Cup in 2022.

“Because of the FIFA World Cup 2022, we now require additional supply of manpower from the Philippines,” Ambassador Ali Ibrahim Al Malki said.

“We see Filipino workers as one of the best in the world, very professional, educated and talented. They are also our partners in development, and we are looking forward to an even stronger relationship,”

he added.

This is the first time the international football competition will happen in the Middle East.

Qatar is currently building eight stadiums, 64 training grounds, five fan areas and accommodation.

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2 Pinoys face human trafficking raps in US

By Maia Lopez

US authorities have accused two men, including a Filipino, of trafficking workers from the Philippines.

The suspects, Ralph Colamussi of New York and Roberto Villanueva of the Philippines, were accused by the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement of forcing immigrants to work at the Thatched Cottage in Centerport, New York.

Colamussi, owner of the Thatched Cottage, filed for bankruptcy in 2014 and closed the waterfront venue.

ICE said Filipino workers were recruited between 2008 and 2013. The victims were made to pay upfront fees, which are illegal.

When they arrived in the US, the workers found themselves getting low or no wages at all, ICE said.

The two suspects are facing federal

charges of conspiring to engage in forced labor of immigrants, visa fraud and other counts.

“This case is an example of ruthless labor trafficking hiding in plain sight,” said ICE special agent Angel Melendez.

“These individuals allegedly committed

visa fraud while forcing people to work in their catering hall under horrible conditions, in what seemed to be an inescapable situation,” Melendez added.

Many of the workers were living with expired visas in the basement of one of the accused men, ICE said.



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pa lang ay sinabi na ng amo na maraming empleyado ang mag out of town kaya maaga ang company Christmas party na gaganapin sa bahay ng isa sa kasosyo ng Law and Associates Consultancy, samahan ng mga abogado at iba-bang lahi.

Kailangan daw sumama ni Digna para tumulong. Tinanong ni Digna ang amo kung pwede bang huwag na siyang sum-

ama. Naalala ni Digna ang nangyari ng nakaraang taon na party rin. Napakaarte kasi ng kasosyo ng amo niya na isang Malaysian na may asawang Englishman. Parang ginaganap sa ballroom hotel ang pagsilbi ng pagkain. May oras ang paraan ng paglalabas ng uri ng kakainin. Kapag dinala na sa dining table na wala pang order

ay ipinabalik sa dirty kitchen kung saan nakalagak lahat ng pakain. Mabuti sana kung malapit at madali lang ang pinang-gagalingan pero hindi, dahil ilang hagdan at ilang baytang paikot-ikot ang daan.

Tapos wala pang paki o salamat at minsan pa ay naninigaw. Titingnan daw ng amo kung pwedeng kahit hindi sumama pero kung kailangan daw talagang sum-

ama ay maghinhintay lang si Digna kung anong iutos.

Panay ang dasal ni Digna na sana huwag na siyang isama. Dininig naman ang dasal ni Digna at kinahapunan hindi na siya pinasama ngunit madami namang ibinilin na gagawin. Hindi na lang kumibo si Digna kaysa isinama siya na alas-dos na ng madaling araw nagsiuwi ang mga amo.




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CAC's 12th Christmas Festival

By Ally Constantino

CULINARY Arts Centre held its annual Christmas Festival at the Regal Oriental Hotel in Causeway Bay on Dec. 10.

For the 12th year in a row, the CAC held its regular Christmas festivities such as the search for the Miss Popularity, Master Chef, and the Miss Cute & Beautiful Look.

It was a fun-filled event as the CAC marked several milestones this year with its Facebook page @culinaryartscentre reaching likes of over 8,000 recently.

Chef Jay Dator, CAC Programme Director, also recently said that for the three

consecutive years, the CAC is the top culinary school for Filipinos living and working in Hong Kong.

Judges of the beauty pageants were Paul Tsang, Tak Lung restaurant owners; Vinson Gonda, marketing director at Gen-Ex Cargo; William Wong, a retired police officer; and Hong Kong News' Sales & Marketing manager Belinda Bacani-Canezo, and Associate Editor Cheryl Arcibal.

Meanwhile, Regal Oriental chefs were the judges for the Christmas cake-making and doll cake-making tilts of the CAC.

Event sponsors included Tak Lung restaurant, Kata, Gen-Ex Cargo, and Jobs R US.



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WorldRemit to put up regional center in PH

DIGITAL money transfer service WorldRemit has secured another funding for its expansion as it plans to invest in a new regional center in the Philippines.

The \$40-million funding will be used to expand WorldRemit's mobile-first digital service into new markets as well as invest in its biggest receive market, the Philippines.

"World Remit was founded because we believed there was a better way for customers to send money home to their families and communities," said Michael Liu, Regional Director for APAC.

"This new funding will not only allow us to expand our network and service in the Philippines, but also build our regional center which will allow us to create more jobs for the country's economy as well as improve our service to customers globally," he added.

The investment comes at a time of significant company growth across APAC region which now accounts for more than 25 percent of WorldRemit's global money transfers.

Since its last funding round in 2015, WorldRemit has launched 206 new ser-

vices across the globe and has grown its transaction volume by 400 percent.

The Philippines remains WorldRemit's largest receive market and the number of transactions has grown at more than 100 percent over the last year.

The company has opened a new center to handle customer queries in the Philip-

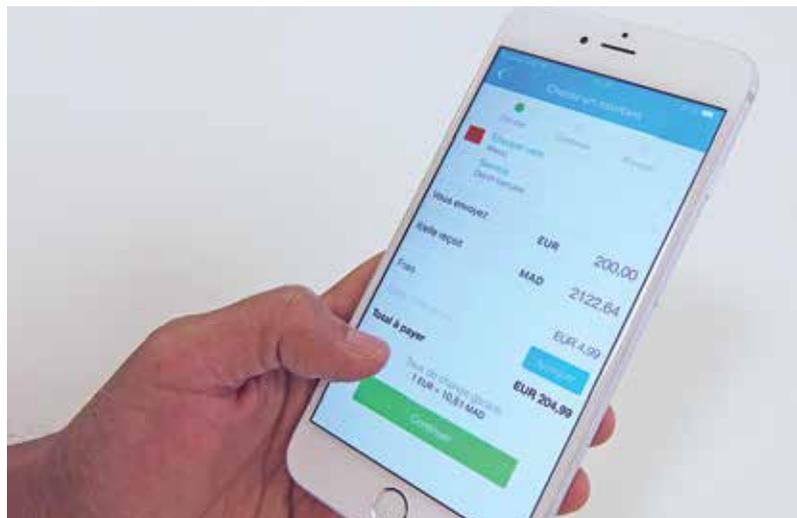
pines.

Christopher Yip, WorldRemit country manager in Hong Kong, said the company is committed to create a hundred jobs in the Philippines by the end of 2019. Presently, the company has at least 10 people there.

WorldRemit, which sends from over

50 countries to 148 destinations, handles a growing share of the \$600 billion migrant money transfer market or remittances.

Along with its existing operations in Denver and London, this will ensure that WorldRemit customers have access to a round-the-clock service across the globe.



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Hope

WE laud the decision of President Rodrigo Duterte to declare a ceasefire with the communist New People's Army (NPA).

Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque also said that the ceasefire would run from 6 p.m. of December 23 until 11:59 p.m. of December 26 and again 6 p.m. of December 30 to 11:59 p.m. of January 2.

This truce gives a chance for our soldiers to go home and celebrate the holidays with their families. The rebels can also go down from the mountains to do the same.

"I would want to celebrate Christmas with the rest of humankind or Filipinos without stress," President Duterte said.

"Baka sabihin nila walang ceasefire ngayon baka magkaputusan then you put a lot of strain on the people. I will think about it. That would be my primary consideration," he said.

"Ceasefire is a unilateral action of government to refrain from attacking. A lot of people are going around, even at night, enjoying Christmas day or whatever. Mag-si-simba," he added.

We hope the Communist Party of the Philippines would also reciprocate the

gesture of goodwill from the President.

National Democratic Front of the Philippines legal consultant Edre Olalia welcomed Malacanang's announcement "with abundance of caution."

"This declaration is not totally unexpected though. But it is especially curious because it comes on the heels of the rebel movement's standing openness to declare its own even before the government has apparently stolen the thunder to make it appear that the latter is magnanimous despite incessant vicious and outrageous words against the former," said Olalia, president of the National Union of People's Lawyers.

President Duterte earlier terminated the peace talks with the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP), and its armed wing the NPA, their their continued attacks on government security forces.

The President also formally declared the two rebel groups as terrorist organizations.

We hope this ceasefire would provide the spark of hope that revive the formal peace talks with the insurgents. That would be an excellent and timely Christmas gift to Filipinos.



Currents

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Paalala sa Pagpasok ng Bagong Taon

SA pagpasok ng Bagong Taon, binabali-kan lagi ang nagdaang taon. Mas malapit sa Enero, mas madaling maalala. Mabuti at puno lagi ng kabuluhan ang Disyembre. Liban sa Pasko ay napakaraming ginugunita sa buwang nagdaan lamang.

Tuwing sasapit ang ika-10 ng Disyembre, ginugunita ang International Human Rights Day. Sa araw na ito noong 1948 pinagtibay ng UN General Assembly ang Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Tuwing ika-18 naman ng Disyembre, ginugunita ang International Migrants Day, ang araw nating lahat na mga migrante at ating mga pamilya. Noong 18 December 1990, pinagtibay ng UN General Assembly ang International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families. Tuwing ika-28 ng Disyembre naman ginugunita ang Feast of the Holy Innocents o "Niños Inocentes", bilang

paggunita sa mga batang lalaking minasaker ni Haring Herodes sa paghahangad na mapatay ang noon ay kasisilang pa lamang na si Hesus na itinuturing niyang banta sa paghahari. Sa tatlong mga mahahalagang okasyong ito, may isang matingkad na nag-uugnay. Ang tema ng KARAPATANG PANTAO.

Napakahalaga ng paggunita sa mga okasyong ito lalo na sa harap ng patuloy na paglapastangan at pagbabalewala ng pamahalaan sa halaga ng karapatang pantao ng mamamayan. Sa ating bansa ngayon, araw-araw may pinapatay, pinapalayas sa tirahan, inaagawan ng lupang sinasaka o tirahan, hindi kumakain, hindi nakakapag-aral, namamatay nang hindi nakakakita ng doktor, dinadaya sa sahod, walang regular na trabaho, ninanakawan ng pondo na para sana sa serbisyo, pinapatawan ng kung ano-anong mga buwis. At kapag nakikipaglaban ka sa mga paglabag

na ito ay itinuturing kang destabilisador at kaaway ng gobyerno.

Ginagawang gatasang baka ang mga OFWs sa dami ng mga singilin. Samantalang simpleng hiling tulad ng pagtatanggal ng OEC ay hindi mapagbigyan. Yaong mga nagtatanggol sa karapatang pantao ay tinutugis ng militar at binabansagang "terorista", sinasampahan ng mga gawa-gawang kaso at pinapaslang.

Sa panahong ito na sinasalubong ng palakpakan at hiyawan ang pagpatay na ginagawa ng mga pulis at militar – napakahalaga na gunitain ang mga araw ng pagpapahalaga sa buhay at manindigan para sa karapatan ng mamamayan.

Sa pagpasok ng Bagong Taon, tayo ay magnilay sa mga inhustisya na nangyari noong nakaraan. Kumilos tayo para sa isang 2018 na iiral ang kapayapaan, kasanagan at katarungan sa ating bayan.

Happy New Year sa lahat!

Health Alert

Cold weather precautions

THE Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH) on Dec. 21 reminded the public, particularly the elderly and people with chronic illnesses, to adopt appropriate measures to protect their health in view of the cold weather.

A spokesman for the CHP said that cold weather can easily trigger or exacerbate diseases, especially among the elderly and persons suffering from heart disease, respiratory illness or other chronic illnesses.

"Elderly people have less insulating fat beneath their skin to keep them warm and their body temperature control mechanism may be weaker. Their body may not be able to appropriately respond to the cold weather," the spokesman said.

Some senior persons may have decreased mobility, which can in turn slow

down their ability to generate and conserve body heat.

Chronic illnesses, such as hypertension, diabetes and endocrine disorders, may undermine the health of elderly people and lower their metabolic rate, subsequently causing their body to generate less heat.

The CHP reminded the public, in particular the elderly and persons with chronic illnesses, to adopt the following preventive measures:

Take note of the weather forecast. Wear warm clothing, including hats, scarves, gloves and socks accordingly; consume sufficient food to ensure adequate calorie intake; perform regular exercise to facilitate blood circulation and heat production.

Also stay in a warm environment and avoid prolonged outdoor exposure.

Dear Editor

Dear Hong Kong News,

Isang manigong Bagong Taon sa pamunuan ng inyong pahayagan!

Isa ako sa masugid nyong tagasubaybay ng inyong pahayagan, sinisigurado ko na bawat issue ay mayroon ako. Kahit na may social media na at marami ng nababasa sa online ay di ko pa rin tinigilan ang pagbabasa ko ng napakainformative na pahayagan ninyo.

Isa sa paborito kong bahagi ang letter to the editor, marami akong napupulot na essential information at mga aral

kaya nagpasya din akong sumulat sa inyo.

Panimula ng isang bagong taon, panibagong pag-asa para sa ating lahat lalo na ang mga OFWs, sumulat ako para lang mag –paalala sa akong mga kapwa OFWs na huwag pababayaan ang ating mga sarili, ang ating kalusugan.

Hindi lingid sa atin na maraming OFW ang ginupo ng sakit dahil sa kapabayaang sa sarili. Sa kagustuhan na maibigay lahat ang pangangailangan ng mga mahal sa buhay sa Pilipinas ay nakakaligtan na ang pangangal-

aga sa kalusugan.

Sana sa pamamagitan ng aking liham ay magkaroon ng pagmumuni-muni at realization ang makakabasa at habang di pa huli ang lahat bigyang-halaga ang kalusugan at mahal in ang sarili para sa mas mahabang buhay at magandang bukas.

Muli, maraming salamat sa inyong lahat sa Hong Kong News. More power at mabuhay kayong lahat!

Lubos na gumagalang,
Amy L.

Ai-Ai nagpakasal sa ikatlong pagkakataon

By Cristy Kasilag

SUOT ang kanyang puting wedding gown na gawa ng sikat na designer na si Frederick Peralta, ay ikinasal ang comedy queen Ai-Ai Delas Alas sa kanyang pangatlong asawa.

Tunay nga na walang maaring lagyan ng limitasyon ang dalawang tao na lubos na nagmamahalan sa isa't-isa.

Nuong ika-12 ng Disyembre taong 2017 ay ikinasal ang 53 anyos na si Ai-Ai sa kanyang 23-anyos na boyfriend si Gerald Sibayan sa Christ the King Church sa



MARIAN, AI-AI, GERALD at DINGDONG

Isabelle Duterte kontrobersyal dahil sa Malacanang photoshoot

By Cristy Kasilag

MAGSISIMULA pa lamang siya sa showbiz pero pinag-uusapan na ang 17-anyos na dalagitang ito.

Madami ang bumabatikos ngayon kay Isabelle Lovelie Duterte, ang panganay na apo ng Pangulong Rodrigo Roa Duterte matapos lumabas ang mga pre-debut pictures niya na ginawa sa Malacanang Palace. Si Isabelle ay ang anak ng Davao City Vice Mayor Paolo Duterte, ang panganay na anak ni Pangulong Duterte, sa dati nitong asawa na si Lovelie Sangkolan Sumera. Nagkahiwalay silang dalawa nuong taong 2005.

Ang Malacanang Palace ay ang opisyal na tanggapan at tirahan ng Pangulong Duterte habang siya ang namumuno sa bansa. Pero madami ang nabwisit nung naglabasan ang litrato ni Isabel na may suot na pulang gown at makikita sa larawan ang sagisag ng pangulo ng bansa. Habang may kuha din na nakasuot siya ng kulay rosas na dress na nasa likod na naman ang sagisag ng pangulo ng Pilipinas.



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Ang kasiyahan ay makikita sa mukha ng Comedy Queen sa kanyang espesyal na araw na nasaksihan ng mga anak niya, kamag-anak at mga malalapit na kaibigan sa showbiz.

Binigyan siya ng kanyang "twin sister" at best friend na si Marian Rivera-Dantes

ng bridal shower. Niregaluhan din siya ng off-shoulder na wedding gown at magandang veil na may makulay na desenyong bulaklak ni Marian.

Ang ilan pang mga bisita ni Ai-Ai at Gerald ay mga opisyal ng GMA Network, si Marian at asawa nitong si Dingdong Dantes, Alden Richards, Barbie Forteza,

Piolo Pascual, Pops Fernandez, Rufa Mae Quinto, Marvin Agustin, Eugene Domingo, Ogie Alcasid at asawa niya na si Regine Velasquez-Alcasid.

Suportado si Ai-Ai ng kanyang tatlong anak, sa katunayan ang anak niyang si Sancho ang naghatid sa kanya sa altar. Sa katunayan ay binigyan ng mahigpit na

yakap ni Sancho si Gerald sa reception.

Matagal nang magkaibigan sila Sancho at Gerald, mula nang sila ay nasa kolehiyo pa sa De La Salle University. Dito nagtapos ng kursong Sports Management si Gerald. Sinabihan pa niya ito na "Maraming salamat, kumpadre" dahil si Gerald na ang tatayong padre de pamilya.

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STAYING true to its commitment of producing child-friendly programs, leading broadcast company GMA Network was once again recognized by the Anak TV Foundation, with several of its shows and personalities taking home the iconic Anak TV Seal Award last December 8.

GMA News pillars Arnold Clavio and

Vicky Morales have been elevated to the Makabata Hall of Fame after having been voted as Makabata Stars for seven years now. Joining them is Box Office King and Eat Bulaga host Vic Sotto. They join GMA pillars Mike Enriquez, Mel Tiangco, and Jessica Soho who have been earlier elevated to the Hall of Fame.

Bannering this year's list of Anak TV Seal awardees for the Kapuso Network were GMA-7's primetime newscasts 24 Oras and 24 Oras Weekend; multi-awarded magazine show Kapuso Mo, Jessica Soho; longest-running morning show Unang Hirit; and pioneering public service program Wish Ko Lang. Joining

them are top-notch documentary program I-Witness; top-rating infotainment show AHA!; medical television program Pinoy MD; wildlife program Born To Be Wild; and weekly infotainment show iBilib.

Several GMA News TV programs were also awarded this year: Ang Pinaka; Biyahe Ni Drew; Brigada; Day Off; Good News; I Juander; Idol sa Kusina; Investigative Documentaries; News to Go; Pop Talk; Quick Response Team; Reel Time; and Wagas.

Meanwhile, various programs and special coverages of GMA Regional TV (GMA RTV) were also honored by the Anak TV Foundation. Earning Anak TV Seals were GMA RTV's local newscasts Balitang Amianan (Luzon) and Balitang Bisdak (Visayas). GMA RTV's coverage of Baguio City's flower festival, "Kapuso Panagbenga Festival", and Cebu City's Sinulog Festival, "Pit Senyor Kapuso", both earned an Anak TV Seal each.

These programs, which also air abroad via GMA Pinoy TV, were affirmed as

"child-friendly" by jurors after a thorough screening sessions conducted nationwide.

Recognized as this year's Male Makabata Stars were Kapuso Primetime King Dingdong Dantes; Pambansang Bae Alden Richards; public affairs host Atom Arellano; and new I-Witness host Atom Araullo. Included in the list of Female Makabata Stars, on the other hand, were Kapuso Primetime Queen Marian Rivera-Dantes; Phenomenal Star Maine Mendoza; multi-awarded broadcast journalist Kara David; and veteran TV and movie actress Ms. Gloria Romero.

These personalities were chosen by the national jury as the "most credible, wholesome, and worth emulating by the youth".

Various Kapuso news and public affairs and entertainment programs were also selected as Household Favorite TV Programs including 24 Oras; Kapuso Mo, Jessica Soho; the country's longest noontime show Eat Bulaga; and hit family sitcom Pepito Manaloto.



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Capricorn

December 22 to January 19

Buwasang ang mga darating na buwan para sa iyo. Tapos na ang iyong mga obligasyon kaya asikasuhin mo naman ang iyong sarili



Aquarius

January 20 to February 18

Asikasuhin mo muna ang sarili at makikita mong magiging malapit sa iyo ang magandang kapalaran. Pagpasok ng taon, pag-aralan mong mapabuti ang iyong kalusugan.



Pisces

February 19 to March 20

Utang noon, utang ngayon, pinapahirapan mo ang iyong sarili may trabaho ka naman. Saan mo dinadala ang pera?



Aries

March 21 to April 19

Sa ayaw mo man at sa gusto, mapapansin mong manghihina ang iyong resistensya sa pagpasok ng bagong taon. Alalahanin mong hindi ka makina, kailangan mong magpahinga.



Taurus

April 20 to May 20

Ang iyong mga tuhod, likod, atay at mga buto ang dapat mong asikasuhin sa mga darating na araw.



Gemini

May 21 to June 20

Nagiging mas maganda ang iyong relasyon. Parang nakikita na niya kung gaano ka kahalaga sa kaniyang buhay. Pagbutihin mo ang pang-unawa sa kaniyang trabaho.



Cancer

June 21 to July 22

Bawasan mo ang pag-iisip at pag-uusap ukol sa mga bagay na nakakastress sa iyo at sa iyong mahal sa buhay. Ipayapa mo ang iyong loob.



Leo

July 23 to August 22

Sige mag-enjoy ka, masyado kang naging busy at puro trabaho ng buong taon oras mo na ito para lasapin ang bunga ng iyong pagtitiyaga.



Virgo

August 23 to September 22

Bago matapos ang taon kung pwede ay bayaran mo muna ang mga utang mo lalo na kung ang pinagkakautangan mo ay hindi naman ganon kaluwag. Gawin mo sana ang tama.



Libra

September 23 to October 22

Kung single ka, ito na ang pagkakataon. Kung pansin mong mabait siya at magiliw sa iyo baka may pagtatangi na siya sa iyo.



Scorpio

October 23 to November 21

Hindi lahat ng mayaman ay masaya at hindi naman lahat ng mahirap ay malungkot. Ang kaligayahan ay nasa kalooban ng isang tao.



Sagittarius

November 22 to December 21

May naging malaking pagbabago sa iyong pisikal na itsura nitong nakaraang taon. Kailangan mong ayusin ang iyong itsura.

What's Cooking?

Ever wanted to try a dish with uncommon ingredients? Then we suggest Sautéed Pork with Water Chestnut. Happy cooking and eating!

Ingredients:

- ¼ kg. pork cut into cubes
- 1 cup water chestnuts, cut into quarter
- 1 medium onion sliced
- 2 cloves garlic minced
- ½ cup red & green bell pepper
- 3 stalks of green onions
- 2 tsp. light soy sauce
- 2 tbsp. oyster sauce
- 1 tsp. mirin
- ½ tsp. five spice powder
- Salt and pepper to taste
- ¼ cup cornstarch dissolved in water

Procedure:

1. Marinate pork cubes with oyster sauce and light soy sauce and light soy sauce and set

aside.

2. Pre-heat wok for about 1-2 minutes.
3. Sauté onions and garlic. Pour in marinated meat. Add seasoning: salt & pepper plus five spice powder.
4. Add in mirin, chestnuts and red & green bell peppers.
5. Pour and mix dissolved cornstarch until it thickens.
6. Serve hot. Top with green onions.



By Chef Jay Dator

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New Year's Eve One Liners

- A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.
- My New Year's resolution is to be more optimistic by keeping my cup half-full with either rum, vodka or whiskey.
- My New Year's resolution is to stop hanging out with people who ask me about my New Year's Resolutions.
- If you are born in September, its pretty safe to assume that your parents started out the New Year with a bang!
- I have only one resolution, to rediscover the difference between wants and needs. May I have all I need and want all I have. Happy New Year!
- If 2017 was a person, I'd sue him for pain and suffering and lost wages.
- This New Year I resolve to be less awesome

since it is the only thing I do in excess.

- Dear Luck...can we be friends in 2018, Please?
- In 2018, may your neighbors respect you, troubles neglect you, angels protect you, and heaven accept you.
- May all your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions
- Dear God, my prayer for 2018 is a FAT bank account and a THIN body. Please don't mix it up like you did this year.
- I wanna kiss you on December 31st from 11:59 to 12:01 am, so I can have an amazing ending to 2017 and a beautiful beginning into 2018.
- Many things can be preserved in alcohol this New Year's Eve. DIGNITY is not one of them.
- Every year I make a resolution to change myself ... this year I'm making a resolution to myself!
- Just heard that in 2018 there will be a new device that can turn thoughts into speech. I have had that for years, it's called alcohol.
- I'm planning on finding new and interesting things to hate about my job in 2018.
- My New Year's Resolution is to break

my New Year's Resolutions... that way I succeed at something.

- Anyone who says that alcohol is a depressant isn't drinking enough of it.
- Keep the smile, leave the tear, hold the laugh, leave the pain, think of joy, forget the fear, be joyous cause it's a New Year.
- My 2018 resolution is for everyone to gain the 50 pounds I refuse to lose.
- It's officially New Year's Eve, you only have a couple of hours to do all the things you will resolve not to do in the New Year.
- There have been many times in 2017, when I have annoyed you, disturbed you, irritated you, and bugged the hell out of you... Today I just wanna plan to continue in 2018.

New Year's Eve Short Jokes

What do you tell someone you didn't see at New Year's Eve?
I haven't seen you for a year!

Knock Knock!
Who's there?
Mary and Abby!
Mary and Abby who?
Mary Christmas and a Abby New Year.

Crossword Puzzle

PAHALANG

- 1 Natatangi
- 6 Malaking ibon
- 11 Pangalan ng bulaklak
- 12 Hindi swerte
- 13 Ilinya
- 14 Palusot
- 15 Alfredo ____
- 16 Hawak nang mahigpit sa leeg
- 17 Estima
- 21 Yoko ____
- 22 Alyssa ____ sexy star
- 24 Lakad na di tuwid
- 27 Paghahabol sa korte
- 31 Nahinto
- 33 Palayaw ni Geronimo
- 34 Aruga
- 35 Umaba
- 37 Lundag
- 38 Inn
- 39 Ilagay sa tasa

40 Homobono ng Mindanao

PABABA

- 1 Walang magulang
- 2 Hindi makapal
- 3 Nilayin
- 4 Kalihim; daglat
- 5 Palayaw ni Oscar
- 6 Babaing matapang
- 7 Lakwatsa
- 8 Ikurba
- 9 Hindi pabor
- 10 Bahay-ampunan
- 18 Kris Aquino
- 19 Alagata
- 20 Palayaw ni Samantha
- 23 Operator; daglat
- 24 Ipugay
- 25 Lipana
- 26 Memorya

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Answer to last puzzle

H	A	K	A	B		A	P	I	L	A
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