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DILG: More than 26K contact tracers hired and deployed to LGUs

More than 26,872 Contact Tracers (CTs) across the country have already been hired and are already deployed to various local government units (LGUs) according to the DILG.

DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año confirmed this saying that all DILG provincial and city offices are processing applications to ensure at least 50,000 CTs as prescribed under the Bayanihan To Heal As One Act will be hired by the department in order to cut the transmission of COVID-19 in all provinces of the country.

“Even prior to the signing of the Bayanihan 2 Law, the DILG field offices were already preparing for the recruitment, hiring, and training of the new contact tracers. And now, a few weeks after the signing of the law, more than 26,000 have already been hired and deployed to the various provinces,” Año said. [Read more](#)

UNHRC reso welcome devt on PH human rights efforts--DILG

The DILG welcomes the passage of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) resolution expressing support and cooperation for the country’s efforts to protect human rights in the country.

“The UNHCR resolution is a welcome development on the part of the Inter-agency Committee on Anti-Illegal Drugs (ICAD) Advocacy Cluster headed by the DILG. This move is a recognition that the government’s approach against illegal drugs is holistic. We are not only focusing on the supply reduction side but also on the demand reduction aspect,” said DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año.

Adopted during the council's 45th session in Geneva, Switzerland, the said UNHCR resolution called for technical assistance and capacity building for domestic efforts on human rights between the Philippine government and the Office of Human Rights Council (OHCHR).

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DILG, DOH fortify BHERTS to boost universal health care

As the importance of Universal Healthcare (UHC) was emphasized by the pandemic, the DILG and the Department of Health (DOH) are working to further strengthen the Barangay Health Response Teams (BHERTs) and announced the ways forward in reinforcing them during a recent DOH media forum.

Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Singh-Vergeire emphasized the role of BHERTs, reiterating the statement of Health Secretary Francisco T. Duque III that they are the country's first line of defense in the communities. "Ang mga BHERT friends po natin ang pangunahing health defense sa ating community ngayong pandemic," said Usec. Singh-Vergeire.

For his part, DILG Undersecretary and Spokesperson Jonathan Malaya explained that each local government unit's BHERTs carry a big responsibility and require adequate support in fulfilling their roles. [Read more](#)

REGIONAL NEWS



DILG Zambales trains 103 contact tracers

DILG Zambales headed by Provincial Director Armi V. Bactad in partnership with the Department of Health (DOH) Zambales and Zambales Police Provincial Office (ZPPO) conducted a follow-through online training for the 103 newly-hired contact tracers (CTs) on October 12, 2020 via Zoom meeting.

"This program is the silver lining para sa mga nawalan ng trabaho kaya let us do our best. We at DILG Zambales are the only Province to conduct a follow-through activity. We are doing our best para matulungan kayo na maging prepared sa trabaho," PD Bactad said in her message.

A simulation exercise followed in the afternoon wherein the newly hired contact tracers were given a feel of what to expect once deployed in the LGUs. Field Officers served as observers and provided inputs on how the CTs can further improve their skills.

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DILG XII celebrates annual Local Government Month

The DILG Regional Office XII officially kick-started its month-long celebration on October 12 with the unveiling of its Local Government Code booth located at the DILG Regional Office lobby, Prime Regional Government Center, Koronadal City, South Cotabato.

Employees and personnel of the Department of the Interior and Local Government XII joined various local government units across the country in celebrating the annual Local Government Month this October.

This year's fete celebrates the 29th year since the Code was enacted in 1991 with the theme, "Strengthening Good Local Governance towards Sustainable and Resilient Filipino Communities," which acknowledges the importance of local government units in developing progressive communities through devolved government functions and local autonomy granted by the Local Government Code.

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NEWS FROM ATTACHED AGENCIES



**Cascolan awards Medalya ng Kadakilaan to
distinguished PNP personnel**

The Philippine National Police (PNP) Chief Police General Camilo Pancratius Cascolan awarded medals to PNP personnel with significant accomplishments during the Monday Flag Raising ceremony on October 12, 2020 in Camp Crame, Quezon City.

The "Medalya ng Kadakilaan" was awarded to PLtCol Wilfredo Valerio Sy and PCMS Grant Pada-Wil Cha-Luyen for their noteworthy acts of heroism during the simultaneous implementation of search warrant in Brgy. Behia, Tiaong, Quezon where the suspects opened fire towards the operating team while the latter was approaching the house of ex-Patrolman Rico Moog Gutierrez.

Meanwhile, the "Medalya ng Kasanayan" was awarded to PLtCol Jesus Sibayan Ostrea III for his invaluable service rendered in assisting a mother who had a spontaneous normal delivery and successfully gave birth to an infant beside the BCDA-manned encoding booth in Pasay City last October 6, 2020.

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PCW reminds gov't agencies on gender-sensitive IEC materials

The Philippine Commission on Women calls on all government agencies to ensure gender sensitivity in all information, education, and communication (IEC) materials, following the video material produced by the Land Transportation Office (LTO) Region III which features personnel doing the “It Really Hurts” challenge.

While the content of the material is well appreciated, the Commission believes that there are better and more effective ways to express the message other than having people, presumably their employees, perform gyrating dance moves that are totally irrelevant to the message that they want to convey.

Under the Magna Carta of Women (RA 9710), the State and all its instrumentalities must endeavor to “raise the consciousness of the general public in recognizing the dignity of women and the role and contribution of women in the family, community, and the society through the strategic use of mass media.

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