

Prosecutors and Investigators Training on Countering Trafficking in Persons at Airports



Participants, instructors, and U.S. Embassy officials celebrate the completion of the training.

Angeles City — The U.S. Embassy in the Philippines, through the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance, and Training (OPDAT), partnered with the Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking (IACAT) and the Philippine Society of Criminologists and Criminal Justice Professionals (PSCCJP) to train 21 NAIA and Clark-based airport investigators and 20 Pampanga-based prosecutors in investigating and prosecuting trafficking in persons (TIP) cases. The training, conducted in Angeles City in late November, focused on improving airport-based investigations, working with rescued TIP victims in airports, and effectively exam-

ining victim witnesses in court. During the training, Assistant U.S. Attorney Carmen Corbin, a federal prosecutor from the U.S. District of Arizona shared international best practices on investigating TIP and proving the crime in court. PSCCJP chairperson Dr. Winston Casio discussed trends in Philippine TIP cases, and Manila Anti-Trafficking Task Force founding member Assistant City Prosecutor Rey Inciong presented on relevant Philippine law and IACAT best practices for investigating TIP. Other instructors touched on risk assessment, working with victims, and investigation

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Subic Port ready for peak season

Subic Bay International Terminal Corp. (SBITC), the container operator of Subic Freeport Area, assured that the company is prepared for the expected surge in cargo volume this peak season. In a statement Tuesday, SBITC said it is already seeing the rush in imports and exports which is typical for the holiday season. "The country's appetite for imported goods is typically highlighted during the Christmas holiday up until Chinese New Year. With a healthy GDP (gross domestic product) outlook, we can expect this trend to remain a key driver in container volume growth in the months to come," SBITC said. It noted that cargo volumes in Subic port recorded growth for 13 straight months. SBITC added that Subic port is also prepared to accommodate shipments initially destined for Port of Manila. "Businesses in North and Central Luzon benefit most from our services, but we have seen shipments destined not only for Manila, but in Visayas and Mindanao as well. SBITC works with other ports in the Philippines to ensure operational excellence is attained as goods

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Youths train in Subic jungles for ecosystem-based disaster management

SUBIC BAY FREPORT — This bustling industrial-commercial zone still plays an important role in educating residents on environmental protection and climate-change mitigation by providing real-life outdoor classrooms for ecosystem-based training. Recently, some 60 members of the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) from communities around the Subic Bay Freeport participated in a disaster-risk management training that focused on the importance of ecosystem and biodiversity in mitigating climate change. Dubbed as EcoDRRM, or Ecosystem-Based Disaster Risk Reduction and Management, the US Embassy-sponsored project sought to empower participants through outdoor workshops on the pivotal contributions of mangrove, forests and seagrasses to climate change mitigation. The three-day training conduct-

ed under the Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI), brought youth leaders from Olongapo City, Castillejos, Zambales and Morong, Bataan to various ecosystems in the Subic Bay Freeport that served as backdrop for the program. The activity was spearheaded by a team of United States-Philippines exchange alumni who won the Small Grant Competition and was given funding to support the conduct of the EcoDRRM project. Rhea Jane Mallari, an environment officer at the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) Ecology Center and team leader of the project, said the participants heard lectures on disaster risk management, community risk mapping, climate change adaptation, and other related topics on the first day.

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PUERTO PRINCESA, Philippines. The Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Greenville (SSN 772) crosses the bow of the submarine tender USS Emory S. Land (AS 39) before mooring alongside the ship, Dec. 9, 2018. Emory S. Land is a forward-deployed expeditionary submarine tender on an extended deployment conducting coordinated tended moorings and afloat maintenance in the U.S. 5th and 7th Fleet areas of operations. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Daniel Willoughby)



SK leaders listen to a lecture on the importance of mangroves and seagrasses to climate change mitigation.

31st MEU Marines and corpsmen spearhead “Valkyrie” blood transfusion training program



Petty Officer 2nd Class Robert Pastor, left, a hospital corpsman, and Lt. Cmdr. Russell Wier, right, a battalion surgeon, attend Lt. Col. Jay Lappe, commanding officer of Battalion Landing Team, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines acting as a patient, during a blood transfusion during a simulated helicopter raid as part of annual training at Ie Shima Training Facility, Okinawa, Japan (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Alexis B. Betances)

CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Japan – The ability to transfuse patients on the battlefield was once commonplace during World War II and the Korean War, but fell out of favor by the onset of the Vietnam War. Lt. Cmdr. Russell Wier, battalion surgeon with Battalion Landing Team 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, implemented the “Valkyrie” Emergency Blood Transfusion Training Program in order to extend this special operations capability to the general duty corpsman that serves the U.S. Marine Corps infantry platoon, in order to save lives in combat.

During the 31st MEU’s recent deployment of the Indo-Pacific region, Marines and corpsmen from BLT 2/5 rehearsed auto-transfusions, in which a Marine plays the role of both donor and recipient, in preparation for emergency blood transfusions during contingencies in which casualty evacuation may be delayed. In combat, 90% of preventable deaths occur due to hemorrhage. From 2001-2011, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan saw 887 deaths from hemorrhage that were potentially survivable had blood been available to the patient before reaching the operating room.

In more recent years, special operations medical teams have resumed training for blood transfusion in the field and now, BLT 2/5 demonstrated their ability to perform this vital lifesaving skill as a conventional unit.

The 31st MEU, the Marine Corps’ only continuously forward-deployed MEU, provides a flexible force ready to perform a wide-range of military operations.

Subic Simulated Hostage-Taking Drill

Photos by Jun Dumaguing / SBMA-MPD

Members of the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team of the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority secure the area and subdue a “suspect” during a simulated hostage-taking scenario held on Dec. 6 at the Harbor Point Ayala Mall in the Subic Bay Freeport. The exercise is part of the security program of the elite law enforcement group.



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Participants search a mock crime scene as part of the training.

procedures at airports.

Part of an ongoing series, the training aimed to help investigators and prosecutors effectively counter traffickers’ evolving practices. Department of Justice Assistant Secretary George Ortha II explained, “As we intensify our fight against human trafficking, these inhumane traffickers innovate to evade apprehension. But, we are more innovative than them. We have partners like OPDAT who equip us with the necessary skills to outwit these perpetrators.”

The U.S. Embassy, through OPDAT, is working with Philippine partners to enhance justice sector capabilities with trainings for judges, prosecutors, law enforcement officials, and other government agencies on combating various transnational crimes. OPDAT also helped develop instructional videos and a new cybercrime course for criminology schools nationwide. In January 2019, OPDAT and the Philippine Judicial Academy will train judges on money laundering and other financial crimes, and in February OPDAT and the Supreme Court will continue their series of judicial trainings on new cyber warrant rules. (by USEmbassy/Manila)

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move through these key markets that are in and out of the Philippines,” the company said.

It added that Subic port also offers one-stop-shop service to ease and fast-track transactions.

“From enough space and manpower to increased efficiency through our One-Stop-Shop, our terminal is ready to accommodate the surge of cargo handling services not just this holiday peak season, but well into 2019 and beyond,” SBITC said.

“Recently, we have confirmed further investments in port equipment and systems to continuously outpace market growth. This allows the terminal to remain healthy from a utilization standpoint which we continue to deliver to our customers both at the quay and our gates,” it added.

Goods that pass through Subic port include agricultural equipment, grains, fertilizers, electronic parts, and general department store merchandise for North and Central Luzon businesses.

LEGAL NOTICE

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
Third Judicial Region
BRANCH 75
Olongapo City

RE: CANCELLATION OF THE
RECORD OF BIRTH OF
YSABELLA MARTIN BAGASIN
WITH THE OFFICE OF THE
CITY REGISTRAR OF
OLONGAPO CITY, ZAMBALES
X-----X

SPOUSES RANDY P. BAGASIN
and DESIREE MARTIN – BAGASIN
and ARLINE SAN ANDRES - PARAISO,
Petitioner,

-versus-

SP PROC. NO. 2018-0-49

OFFICE OF THE CITY REGISTRAR
OF OLONGAPO CITY, ZAMBALES, ETAL.,

Respondents.

X-----X

ORDER

A verified petition was filed by Spouses Randy P. Bagasin and Desiree Martin-Bagasin and Arline San Andres-Paraiso, through counsel, praying that after due notice and hearing, an order be issued directing the Office of the City Registrar of Olongapo City, Zambales to CANCEL the registration of birth of minor YSABELLA MARTIN BAGASIN under Registry No. 2015-5507 in the Register of Births of the Office of the City Registrar of Olongapo City, Zambales.

Said petition being sufficient in form and substance is set for hearing on February 19, 2019 at 8:30 o’clock in the morning and all persons interested may appear and show cause why said petition should not be granted.

Let this Order be published at the expense of the petitioner in any newspaper of general circulation in the City of Olongapo and in the Province of Zambales once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks prior to the date of hearing.

SO ORDERED.

Olongapo City, this 9th day of November, 2018.

RAYMOND C. VIRAY
Judge

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The second day then took the participants to a mangrove area at Sitio Sabang in Morong, Bataan, where they planted mangrove saplings and learned about how the mangrove and seagrass eco-systems serve as bio-shield for natural disasters.

At Day 3, the youth participants trekked the Pamulaklakin forest where they learned about the importance of forests in disaster prevention and received demonstrations on jungle survival, preparing healthy foods during evacuation, and relieving stress during disaster.

Mallari and fellow US-PH exchange alumnus Patrick Escusa said the participants all hailed the project as “a great learning experience that gave them helpful insights on disaster-risk mitigation.”

“We are very happy that the project succeeded in capacitating the youth in DRRM preparedness and prevention through ecosystem management, and imparted the culture of proactive response rather than reactive response to disasters,” Escusa said.

“We will continue the program by assisting and ensuring that the SK officials will apply what they learned from the training-workshop by conducting their own city or municipal-wide EcoDRRM projects,” Escusa added.

The EcoDRRM project was the latest in a long line of activities here that made use of Subic’s biodiversity to train workers and facilitators in environmental protection and resource conservation.

SBMA Chairman and Administrator Wilma T. Eisma said Subic Freeport’s vast forest, marine, and freshwater resources provide a diverse ecosystem that makes for realistic learning.

“This is why many researchers and academics chose Subic for the conduct of their studies,” Eisma noted. “And as the country’s first eco-urban center, Subic is ideal for these activities and the SBMA is ever supportive of these projects.”

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AROUND CENTRAL LUZON

Government agencies, LGUs vow to uphold consumer rights



Food and Drug Administration Regional Supervisor Virginia Timbol urges government agencies, local government units, and other stakeholders to unite in promoting and protecting consumer rights during a Consumer Protection Advocacy Forum held in Balanga City. (Mar Jay S. Delas Alas/PIA 3)

BALANGA CITY -- Government agencies, local government units (LGUs) and other stakeholders pledged to unite in protecting consumers from trade malpractice and substandard or hazardous products.

During a Consumer Protection Advocacy Forum held in Balanga City, Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Regional Supervisor Virginia Timbol urged partner agencies and stakeholders to promote consumer rights.

"Our mandate is to protect the public against substandard or hazardous products through monitoring and surveillance of establishments in the country," she said.

Timbol stressed that government agencies and stakeholders should work together in the apprehension of violators who spread counterfeit health products in the country.

Among government agencies which committed to the advocacy were the Department of Health, Bureau of Customs, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, Department of Agrarian Reform, Department of Interior and Local Government, and Department of Labor and Employment.

Other agencies that showed support were the Department of Science and Technology, Department of Social Welfare and Development, Department of Trade and Industry, National Nutrition Council, Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency, Philippine Information Agency, and Philippine National Police.

The Provincial Government of Bataan and its 12 city and municipal LGUs also supported the advocacy by partnering with concerned government agencies.

Topics discussed during the forum were mandates of FDA, field regulatory operations, FDA Enforcement Program, and the Republic Act 8203 or the Special Law on Counterfeit Drugs.

Timbol also urged the public to report unregistered or counterfeit products by filing an official complaint through their website at fda.gov.ph or sending a report to foodsafety@fda.gov.ph. (PIA 3)

Bataan intensifies child welfare laws



Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office Program Division Chief Cristina Lopez stresses that Bataan continues to be a child friendly province during the Seminar on Child Welfare Laws. (Mar Jay S. Delas Alas/PIA 3)

BALANGA CITY -- No child should be in jail or be a victim of trafficking.

This was stressed by Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office Program Division Chief Cristina Lopez during a Seminar on Child Welfare Laws held Friday at Lou-Is Restaurant in Balanga City.

Lopez emphasized that the Provincial Council for the Welfare of Children (PCWC) is continuously strengthening its initiatives for the safety and protection of children in Bataan.

"When it comes to matters regarding children, our good practices are shared among every municipality in the province wherein each have established strong relationship," she said to members of city and municipal councils for the protection of children.

"We also provide technical support such as renovations and construction of child development centers in the province," she added.

Lopez furthered that Bataan eyes to eradicate or lessen all forms of abuse on women and children by harmonizing concerned inter-agencies and partnering with other civil society organizations.

Among topics discussed in the seminar were Anti-Child Labor Law, Anti-Bullying Act, and the Process and Procedures in Filing Cases Concerning Children.

For their part, members of each city and municipal councils pledged to strengthen their policies on child welfare in their respective community. (PIA 3)

Supplemental budget for AFP/PNP housing

AWARDING OF 500 HOUSING UNITS WITHIN SCOUT RANGER VILLE UNDER THE NEW AFP/PNP HOUSING PROGRAM



President Rodrigo R. Duterte keynotes awarding of the first 500 units at Scout Ranger Ville in San Miguel, Bulacan. (Shane F. Velasco)

SAN MIGUEL, Bulacan -- President Rodrigo R. Duterte asked Congress to pass a supplemental budget to fast track all housing projects intended for the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and Philippine National Police (PNP).

In his speech during the awarding of the first 500 units at Scout Ranger Ville, he disclosed that construction of housing units for the AFP and PNP nationwide is in full swing.

"Construction of Madayaw Residences in Davao City is now in progress while survey development is in progress in (Vista) Alegre in Bacolod City," Duterte

disclosed.

There are also similar housing projects for AFP and PNP personnel in Woods Towne in San Fernando City, La Union; Loakan Heights in Baguio City; Christine Villas in Barangay Upper Hinaplanon, Iligan City; Ciudad de Dahican in Mati City; Cabaluay Place in Zamboanga City; and Casa San Miguel in Concepcion, Tarlac.

This year, about 54,000 housing units are already completed and another 50,000 units set for completion by next year. (PIA 3)

BALITA SA WIKANG PINOY

'School-on-the-Air on Goat Production'



Tumanggap ang may 500 magsasaka sa Tarlac NA benepisaryo ng "SaGOAT Kita! Swak na Pamamaraan sa Paghahayupan!" na School-on-the-Air on Goat Production Technology ng Agricultural Training Institute ng radio set upang sila ay aktibong makibahagi sa programa tuwing Lunes, Miyerkules at Biyernes mula alas singko hanggang alas sais ng umaga sa DZTC 828 KHz. (Cherie Joyce V. Flores/PIA 3)

LUNGSOD NG TARLAC -- May 500 magsasaka sa Tarlac ang kasalukuyang benepisaryo ng "SaGOAT Kita! Swak na Pamamaraan sa Paghahayupan!" na School-on-the-Air on Goat Production Technology ng Agricultural Training Institute o ATI.

Ayon kay ATI Regional Center Director Veronica Concepcion Esguerra, layunin ng programa na bigyan ang mga magsasaka ng panibagong teknolohiya sa paghahayupan upang madagdagan ang kanilang produksyon at i-apply ang lahat ng kaalaman na nakuha sa sistema ng pagsasaka.

Base sa datos mula sa Philippine Statistics Authority, 248,968 lamang sa 341,466 bukid sa Gitnang Luzon ang naitala na nagpapalaki ng mga hayop.

Sa nakalipas na mga taon, ang rehiyon ay nag-ambag ng 16.14 porsiyento sa livestock production at napabilang sa pinakamababang prodyuser sa buong bansa.

Payahag ni Esguerra, sa kasalukuyang estado ng livestock production sa bansa at kita na maaaring makuha ng mga magsasaka, maliit pa rin ang bilang ng mga nasa livestock farming.

Isang rason na nakita nila ay ang pagkakaroon ng kakulangan sa teknolohiya na maaaring magpataas ng farm pro-

ductivity.

Anyang upang mabigyang tugon ito, inilunsad nila ang School-on-the-Air Program upang mapabilis ang pagpapakalat ng impormasyon sa mga magsasaka patungkol sa makabagong teknolohiya at pamamaraan sa livestock farming.

Dagdag pa niya, na para sa mga magsasaka radio at telebisyon ang pinaka-epektibong paraan ng komunikasyon upang isulong ang pag-unlad ng agrikultura.

Kabilang sa mga module na ibabahagi sa School-on-the-Air Program ang overview nito, Goat Production Status sa Tarlac, Goat Breeds, Animal Husbandry, Goat Selection, Breeding at Record Keeping, Health Management, Common Diseases, Nutrition, Housing and Sanitation, Meat Hygiene Practices, Marketing and Value Adding, Traits of an Agri-preneur, at Opportunity Assessment and Identification.

Namahagi rin ng radio set ang ATI sa mga magsasaka upang sila ay aktibong makibahagi sa programa tuwing Lunes, Miyerkules at Biyernes mula alas singko hanggang alas sais ng umaga sa DZTC 828 KHz. (PIA 3)

IN THE NAVY



PHILADELPHIA . President Donald Trump tosses the coin before the Army-Navy football game, Dec. 8, 2018, in Philadelphia, Pa. Also in attendance are Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. John Richardson and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Russell Smith, left. This is the 119th meeting between the U.S. Naval Academy Midshipmen and the U.S. Military Academy Black Knights. The Navy has a 60-51-7 all-time record. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Elliott Fabrizio)



PACIFIC OCEAN. An F-35C Lightning II assigned to the "Argonauts" of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 147 prepares to make an arrested landing on the flight deck of Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70). (U.S. Navy Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Matthew Granito)



PACIFIC OCEAN. Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) 3rd Class Christian Cottman directs an F-35C Lightning II assigned to the "Argonauts" of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 147 on the flight deck of Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70). (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Ethan J. Soto)



PACIFIC OCEAN. An F-35C Lightning II assigned to the "Argonauts" of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 147 launches from the flight deck of Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70). (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Ethan J. Soto)



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Marines involved in F/A-18 and KC130 aviation mishap identified

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP BUTLER, Okinawa, Japan – The five U.S. Marines declared deceased after being involved in a 6 December F/A-18 and KC-130 mishap off the coast of Kochi, Japan have been identified.

Deceased are:
Captain Jahmar F. Resilard, 28, of Miramar, Florida

Lt. Col. Kevin R. Herrmann, 38, of New Bern, North Carolina.

Maj. James M. Brophy, 36, of Staatsburg, New York.

Staff Sgt. Maximo A. Flores, 27, of Surprise, Arizona.

Cpl. Daniel E. Baker, 21, of Tremont, Illinois.

Cpl. William C. Ross, 21, of Hendersonville, Tennessee.

The deceased were assigned to Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152 (VMGR-152).

"It is with heavy hearts that we announce the names of our fallen Marines," said U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Col. Mitchell T. Maury, commanding officer of VMGR-152. "They were exceptional aviators, Marines, and friends whom will be eternally missed. Our thoughts and prayers remain with their families and loved ones at this extremely difficult time."

Captain Jahmar F. Resilard, served as an F/A-18 pilot with Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 242 (VMFA(AW)-242), stationed on Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni in Yamaguchi, Japan. Captain Resilard is from Miramar, Florida. His personal decorations include the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and National Defense Service Medal.

Lt. Col. Kevin R. Herrmann served 16 years in the Marine Corps. His decorations include the Air Medal with twenty-four Strike Flight Awards, two Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, and two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. He is survived by his wife and three daughters. He was promoted to the rank of Lt. Col. posthumously.

Maj. James M. Brophy served 12 years in the Marine Corps. His decorations include the Air Medal with two Strike Flight Awards, one Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and one Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. He is survived by his wife, son and daughter.

Staff Sgt. Maximo A. Flores served nine years in the Marine Corps. His decorations include one Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, and a Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal with one bronze star. He is survived by his wife.

Cpl. Daniel E. Baker served two years in the Marine Corps. His decorations include the National Defense Service Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. He is survived by his mother and father.

Cpl. William C. Ross served two years in the Marine Corps. His decorations include the National Defense Service Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. He is survived by his mother and father.

The circumstances of the aircraft mishap are currently under investigation.

The Marine Corps is focused on taking care of our Marines and their families. One way we ensure families receive everything they need is to keep them personally updated in the aftermath of incidents and to give them time before making the announcement public. We ask that media please respect their privacy during this challenging time.



Captain Jahmar F. Resilard



Lt. Col. Kevin R. Herrmann



Staff Sgt. Maximo A. Flores



Cpl. William C. Ross



Cpl. Daniel E. Baker