

Google and YouTube ordered to pay \$170 million to settle alleged violations of Children's Privacy Law

FTC, NEW YORK ATTORNEY GENERAL ALLEGE YOUTUBE CHANNELS COLLECTED KIDS' PERSONAL INFORMATION WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT

Google LLC and its subsidiary YouTube, LLC will pay a record \$170 million to settle allegations by the Federal Trade Commission and the New York Attorney General that the YouTube video sharing service illegally collected personal information from children without their parents' consent.

The settlement requires Google and YouTube to pay \$136 million to the FTC and \$34 million to New York for allegedly violating the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) Rule. The \$136 million penalty is by far the largest amount the FTC has ever obtained in a COPPA case since Congress enacted the law in 1998. In a complaint filed against the companies, the FTC and New York Attorney General allege that YouTube violated the COPPA Rule by collecting personal information—in the form of persistent identifiers that are used to track users across the Internet—from viewers of child-directed channels, without first notifying parents and getting their consent. YouTube earned millions of dollars by using the identifiers, commonly known as cookies, to deliver targeted ads to viewers of these channels, according to the complaint.

The COPPA Rule requires that child-directed websites and online

services provide notice of their information practices and obtain parental consent prior to collecting personal information from children under 13, including the use of persistent identifiers to track a user's Internet browsing habits for targeted advertising. In addition, third parties, such as advertising networks, are also subject to COPPA where they have actual knowledge they are collecting personal information directly from users of child-directed websites and online services.

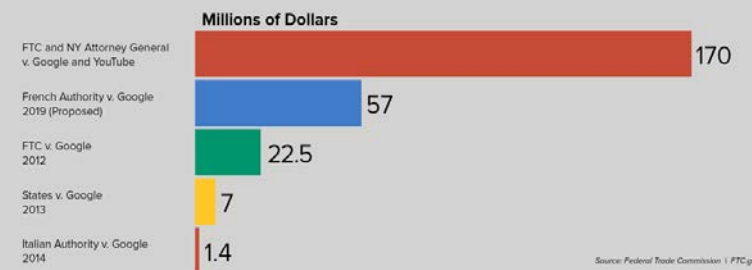
"YouTube touted its popularity with children to prospective corporate clients," said FTC Chairman Joe Simons. "Yet when it came to complying with COPPA, the company refused to acknowledge that portions of its platform were clearly directed to kids. There's no excuse for YouTube's violations of the law."

The YouTube platform allows Google account holders, including large commercial entities, to create "channels" to display their content. According to the complaint, eligible channel owners can choose to monetize their channel by allowing YouTube to serve behaviorally targeted advertisements, which generates revenue for both the channel owners and YouTube.

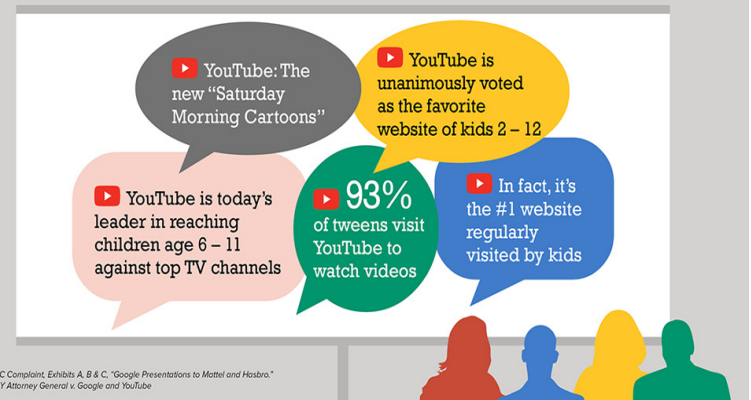
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Duterte asks newly sworn in officials to help him fight corruption

MANILA -- Newly appointed government officials were sworn in Tuesday by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte in Malacañang, asking their support to help his government defeat corruption.

In his speech during the oath-taking rites, President Duterte congratulated the new government officials, reminding them that as public servants, "our foremost duty is to serve our country with the highest standard of moral integrity."

Public office is a public trust, he noted, as he expressed optimism that as the new officials assume their respective offices, they would lead by example and inspire their colleagues to bring the government closer to the people.

Asking their backing to restore the people's trust in government, the President said, "I welcome you aboard with a challenge to go beyond selfish personal interests so that you may focus on the tasks waiting for you in your respective agencies."

"Work with this administration in ensuring that our bureaucracy is free of graft and corruption, red tape, and other illegal activities. Uphold the primacy of the Constitution, obey all laws, and observe due



President Rodrigo Roa Duterte administers the oath to the newly appointed officials during a ceremony at the Malacañan Palace on September 17, 2019. (Toto Lozano/Presidential Photo)

process in the performance of your duties."

He also asked them to remain committed to the shared task of nation-building, noting that with their active participation in good governance, the administration can achieve a better life and a brighter future for Filipinos.

Release of old convicts
Meanwhile, President Duterte said he would ask the Department of Justice (DOJ) to fast-track the processing of release of elderly or ailing inmates from the national penitentiary. (PND)

Hurricane Dorian's impact on the Bahamas

The Bahamas has been directly impacted by Hurricane Dorian – first as a Category 5 hurricane beginning 31st August, 2019, and lingering over Grand Bahama with a forward motion of a mere 2 mph for days before picking up speed on the evening of 3rd September. The all clear was given on the morning of 4th September 2019.

First to receive the impact was the island of Abaco, which endured winds of 185 mph and heavy rainfall and storm surge. The combined effects of the winds and the storm surge resulted in loss of life, countless destroyed structures and extreme flooding. Many shelters

had to be evacuated. The slow motion of the hurricane resulted in the tropical storm feeder bands on the back of the hurricane causing flooding to the island of New Providence and the need to open shelters there. The Prime Minister advised that an estimated 60% of homes on Abaco were destroyed.

After almost three (3) days battering the Island of Grand Bahama, the all clear was finally issued early on the morning of 4th September 2019. Homes have been flooded, shelters compromised and untold damage has occurred

As of 9th September, the death toll stands at 45 and is expected to rise.



Secretary Perry stands for establishment of DOE artificial intelligence office

WASHINGTON, D.C.- U.S. Secretary of Energy Rick Perry announced the establishment of the DOE Artificial Intelligence and Technology Office (AITO). The Secretary has established the office to serve as the coordinating hub for the work being done across the DOE enterprise in Artificial Intelligence. This action has been taken as part of the President's call for a national AI strategy to ensure AI technologies are developed to positively impact the lives of Americans.

DOE-fueled AI is already being used to strengthen our national security and cybersecurity, improve grid resilience, increase environmental sustainability, enable smarter cities, improve water resource management, as well as speed the discovery of new materials and compounds, and further the understanding, prediction, and treatment of disease. DOE's National Labs are home to four of the top ten fastest supercomputers in the world, and we're currently building three next-generation, exascale machines, which will be even faster and more AI-capable computers.



"The world is in the midst of the Golden Age of AI, and DOE's world class scientific and computing capabilities will be critical to securing America's dominance in this field," said Secretary Perry. "This new office housed within the Department of Energy will concentrate our existing efforts while also facilitating partnerships and access to federal data, models and high performance computing resources for America's AI researchers. Its mission will be to elevate, accelerate and expand DOE's transformative work to accelerate America's progress in AI for years to come." - DOE

34 individuals charged for alleged West Coast Medicare and Medicaid fraud schemes totaling \$258 million

Assistant Attorney General Brian A. Benczkowski of the Justice Department's Criminal Division announced a health care fraud enforcement action in the state of California, involving charges brought against a total of 26 individuals in the Central District of California for their alleged involvement in Medicare and Medicaid fraud schemes resulting in \$257 million in billings. Of those charged, 14 were doctors or medical professionals. In addition, in the states of Arizona and Oregon,

eight defendants, including three licensed medical professionals, have been charged with defrauding the Medicaid program out of over \$1 million. These cases were investigated by each state's respective Medicaid Fraud Control Units.

The charges announced today aggressively target schemes billing Medicare and Medicaid for services, testing and prescriptions that were not medically necessary or not actually provided to beneficiaries.

"The action shows that our ability to

detect and prosecute health care fraud grows more sophisticated with each passing day," said Assistant Attorney General Brian A. Benczkowski of the Justice Department's Criminal Division.

"Corruption drains dollars from private insurers and public programs such as Medicare and Medicaid," said U.S. Attorney Nick Hanna of the Central District of California. "This office will continue to hold accountable anyone – including medical professionals – who seek to bilk our nation's health care system."

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European Commission and WHO join forces to promote the benefits of vaccines. World Speaks, page 4.

Red Cross commits \$4.5M to help Dorian victims in the Bahamas

American Red Cross has committed \$4.5 million and has deployed 21 disaster response specialists to provide support to the relief operation in the Bahamas. Read more on Page 6, Across the World.



The IBF honchos recently visited Senator Manny Pacquiao and presented him a replica of his IBF championship belt. Turn to Page 7, Sports Section.

DOT welcomes Travel + Leisure ranking of Palawan, Cebu, Boracay

The Department of Tourism (DOT) celebrates the inclusion of the three popular island tourist destinations of Palawan, Cebu, and Boracay in Travel + Leisure's World's Best Awards 2019

Leading the Philippine honorees is the "the perennially popular Philippine island of Palawan," wrote the magazine.

Palawan, which ranked second on the 15 Best Islands in the World list, is home to the enchanting Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park, Coron and El Nido.

Palawan is also where the DOT's San Vicente Flagship Tourism Enterprise Zone (TEZ) is located. Master planned as an integrated tourism destination project, it is envisioned as a sustainable investor's haven that will

be a catalyst for inclusive economic growth through public and private partnership.

"We are thrilled that Palawan has improved its ranking this year and is inching closer to regaining its top spot in T+L's World's Best Awards. Hats off as well to Cebu and Boracay for being recognized among the best in Asia," DOT Secretary Bernadette Romulo-Puyat said.

Cebu and Boracay were voted 7th and 9th, respectively, in the Top 10 Islands in Asia category by the readers of the international travel magazine. The islands were rated according to their activities and sights, natural attractions and beaches, food, friendliness, and overall value.

Palawan also came in second on this list.

Understanding archaeological finds in Ilocos and Cordillera in the last decade

Interest in archaeology is not only a way of discovering the past of a place or region, but also a precious avenue of understanding and preserving its history and culture.

"The National Museum of the Philippines-Ilocos Region Complex in Vigan City will share the archaeological findings of the Ilocos and Cordillera in the last decade on September 13 through the lecture of Dr. Michael Armand Canilao," said Maria Lourdes Ingel, administrative officer of the museum.

Pre-Spanish discovery in the 16th century in Northern Luzon and their impact to the present will also be discussed during the forum open to those in the academe, teachers, cultural workers, and those interested in Ilocos archaeology.

"Dr. Canilao's lecture will give insights that could help bridge our understanding of the historico-cultural links among communities in northwestern Luzon as well as the region's activities with traders from overseas," said Ingel.

"He will present his studies on routes of coastal, riverine and mountain exchanges from an early period. In so doing, the audience may be inspired to do similar researches given the rich archaeological potential of the region," she added.

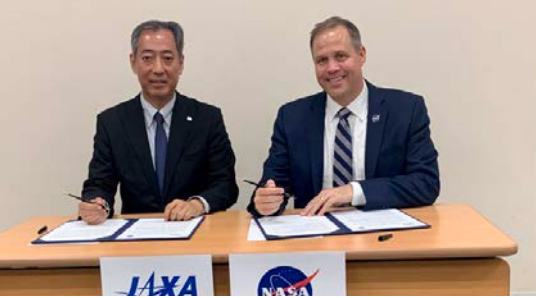
The event is a joint project of the National Museum of the Philippines and the House of Representatives, Office of the First Congressional District of Ilocos Sur.

The National Museum of the Philippines-Ilocos Region Complex displays antique bottles of native wine called "basi". (photo by Imelda C. Rivero/PIA Ilocos Sur)



The National Museum of the Philippines-Ilocos Region Complex located in Vigan City is composed of the old Provincial Jail called 'carcel' and the house of Fr. Jose Burgos. The memorabilia of President Elpidio Quirino is found on the same room where he was born in the old carcel. (photo by Imelda C. Rivero/PIA Ilocos Sur)

NASA administrator explores potential Artemis collaborations with Japan



Hiroshi Yamakawa, president of the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, and NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine. (Credits: NASA/Matt Rydin)

NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine met with Hiroshi Yamakawa, president of the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA), on Sept. 24 in Tokyo to discuss future bilateral cooperation and JAXA's potential participation in NASA's Artemis program.

"Today, we have committed to continuing the close dialogue that has been the hallmark of collaboration between our two agencies," Bridenstine said. "The Moon is the first major step to putting astronauts on Mars. Expanding collaboration between NASA and JAXA to advance human lunar surface activities ultimately will lead to further exploration of Mars – something that will benefit not only our two countries, but all of humanity."

They identified several areas in which the United States and Japan can extend scientific and technological cooperation to advance sustainable exploration of the Moon, including on the lunar Gateway and the Moon's surface. They also discussed the possibility of NASA collaboration on JAXA's Smart Lander for Investigating the Moon (SLIM) mission, and JAXA's plans to launch CubeSats to launch on NASA's Artemis I mission.

Weathering the storm after Hurricane Dorian

The Abacos are a picturesque group of Bahamian islands and cays that form a 120-mile-long chain stretching over 650 square miles. Historically, the islands' economy was based on fishing and boatbuilding but in recent years, tourism and citrus farming formed the major source of livelihoods.

In ordinary times numerous tourists flock the islands whose sparkling blue waters are perfect for water sports and fishing. But these are no ordinary times. Since 1 September 2019, when Hurricane Dorian made landfall, tourism has been shattered.

The hurricane, the second strongest in the Atlantic on record and the strongest to ever hit The Bahamas, caused widespread destruction of property and infrastructure. According to the government, as of 15 September, 50 people lost their lives. With over 1,300 people still missing, the casualties are expected to rise.

On 8 September, the Joint Environment Unit of the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, deployed an expert, as part of the UN Disaster Assessment and Coordination team sent to support the response, to conduct a rapid environmental assessment following the disaster.

Since its inception in 1994, the Joint Environment Unit has mobilized experts and equipment to over 200 emergencies globally, backed by a strong international network of partners. It has continuously worked to address and mitigate the negative environmental impacts of sudden-onset disasters and complex emergencies.



Hurricanes such as Dorian have crystallized the existential threat posed to small island developing states. (Photo by Samaritan's Purse)



Many airports were closed and hundreds of flights cancelled in the Bahamas and the US. (Photo by Margherita Fanciotti / Joint Environment Unit)

LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOLDS MOCK-ELECTION

The Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk hosted a Countywide Mock-Election on September 28-29, 2019 which introduced L.A. County residents to its new Voting Solutions for All People (VSAP) system. This new voting experience will be used at the upcoming Primary Election in March 2020. The Mock-



Election allowed the public use of the new election devices in simulated vote centers. The Mock-Election was held at 50 locations throughout Los Angeles

County; 17 of which are located within the City. City of Los Angeles residents regardless of age and status were invited to participate. Select locations included celebrities, food trucks and other fun activities. No real contests from past or future elections were on the ballot, only selections on favorite sport teams, parks or music venues.

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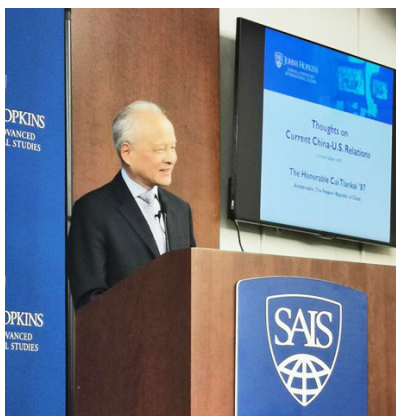
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Ambassador Cui Tiankai speaks on current China-US relations at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies



AMBASSADOR CUI TIANKAI

On September 11, Ambassador Cui Tiankai was invited to attend the China Forum hosted by Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) and delivered a speech on current China-US relations. More than 300 people joined the event, including Dean Eliot Cohen of SAIS, Dean Kent Carder of SAIS Academic Affairs, former US Trade Representative Ambassador Carla Hills, former First Deputy Managing Director John Lipsky, China Studies Director Andrew Mertha of SAIS, SAIS students and US think-tank scholars.

Ambassador Cui emphasized that the reemerging of developing countries like China and India is a historical trend that nobody can stop, which is very good for world peace and prosperity. It's certainly foolish and futile to try to stop this trend, and no country should base its foreign policy on groundless suspicion, fear or even hatred. China and the United States should work together to build a relationship based on coordination, cooperation and stability. We should do our best to manage our differences on the basis of mutual respect, expand cooperation on the basis of mutual benefit, and build a stable and mutually beneficial relationship for the long run.

Ambassador Cui also answered the questions on issues such as China-US trade talks, Hong Kong, Xinjiang, etc. -- Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the United States

Ambassador Cho Yoon-je visits Alaska



Ambassador Cho Yoon-je visited Anchorage City at the invitation of US Senator Dan Sullivan (Senior Military Committee, Alaska), held a Korean War Veteran Medal Ceremony, held talks with local businessmen, and held Korean Americans. In particular, during the Veterans Medal Ceremony, not only Senator Sullivan, but also Governor Mike Dunleavy, Alaska Governor Ethan Berkowitz, Anchorage Mayor Thomas Bussiere, Commander of the Alaska Area, expressed his gratitude and respect for the veterans. Korea was Alaska's number one trading partner as of last year, and Ambassador Cho said this visit made it possible to reconfirm how close the relationship is. (Embassy of the Republic of Korea in the United States)

President Duterte inaugurates Bataan's the bunker

BALANGA CITY, Bataan -- On September 14, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte led the inauguration of the Bataan Government Center and Business Hub dubbed "The Bunker," making the province the first local government unit in the country to house provincial and national offices in a single location.

The President expressed his gratitude to the people of Bataan for their warm welcome, adding he is deeply honored to be a part of Thursday's inauguration of the new Bataan Government Center and Business Hub.

"I hope that this Bunker that we are inaugurating today will serve its purpose in helping the people of Bataan face the rapidly evolving modern complexities and challenges of everyday life," President Duterte said in his speech. "It is in this light that I acknowledge the government officials of Bataan for their inspiring vision to build this hub that will facilitate the convergence of government offices, national government agencies, and other service providers as they engage the general public."

Bataan has a huge potential for further development, he stressed, adding he signed a measure expanding the territory of the Freeport Area of Bataan to create more investment and tourism opportunities for the country.

The Chief Executive expressed optimism that Bataan will continue to partner with other stakeholders to maximize the opportunities afforded by the new government and business center including the delivery of quality and responsive government services in line with the



President Rodrigo Roa Duterte unveils the marker of the Bataan Government Center and Business Hub "The Bunker" during its inauguration in Balanga City, Bataan on September 12, 2019. (King Rodriguez/Presidential Photo)

Ease of Doing Business Act of 2018.

As a fast-growing province in Luzon, Bataan built The Bunker to house the new capitol building, government financial institutions (GFIs), as well as national government agencies for easier business facilitation. It is based on the "One Stop Shop at the Bunker" concept seen by its proponents as a crucial step towards sustaining the province's economic growth.

Delegation of the European Union to the US



Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson and Arkansas First Lady Susan Hutchinson welcomed small business delegations from the United States and Europe to the 10th US-EU SME Workshop, convened in Little Rock on September 18-19, 2019. Officials from the US Trade Representative, the US Department of Commerce, the US Small Business Administration, the European Commission directorates-general for Trade and Internal Market/SMEs, and the Arkansas Economic Development Commission joined business leaders from 75 companies and associations to discuss US-EU trade issues for global competitiveness, and US and EU SMEs in industries of the future.

Belgium supports the fight vs. forest fires in the Amazon

Large parts of South America have been affected by forest fires in the Amazon, including Bolivia. More than 4 million hectares of the Amazon forest already went up in flames. Over 2000 firefighters were deployed throughout the entire area. These are the most devastating fires of the past ten years and the difficult month of September has only just begun. The Bolivian authorities therefore asked the international community for help. Our country offers relief supplies through a coordination mechanism of the European Commission. Other European countries such as France, Switzerland and Austria also decided to send specialised assistance. Today, 336 tents, 14 generators and 672 mosquito nets will be sent to the affected area. These goods will help the rescue workers of Bolivia's Civil Protection in their fight against the forest fires.

The Federal Public Service (FPS) Foreign Affairs coordinates the B-FAST mission. The Belgian embassy in Lima (Peru) will ensure the supplies are delivered properly in Santa Cruz. Development Cooperation, Defence, the FPS Home Affairs, the FPS Policy and Support (BOSA) and the FPS Public Health provide logistic and administrative assistance.

Established by Royal Decree of 28 February 2003, B-FAST (Belgian First Aid and Support Team) is the rapid intervention unit of the federal government in case of disasters abroad. It is an interdepartmental structure composed by services of the Prime Minister, Foreign Affairs, Home Affairs, Defence, Public Health, Budget and Development cooperation.

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SCG and Dow team up on plastic recycling



Dow Chemical of the U.S. and SCG have agreed to collaborate on a feasibility study on a plastic waste recycling and renewable feedstock facility in Thailand's fast-growing Eastern Economic Corridor (EEC).

"This collaboration expects to operate mechanical and feedstock recycling from plastic resins, plastic waste, and petrochemical feedstocks," said Roongrote Rangsiyapash, CEO and President of SCG, the region's largest building materials company.

"It is a business opportunity for SCG and Dow to embrace the circular economy concept, bringing practical solutions for recycling and upcycling of plastic waste to Thailand," he added.

SCG has become the leading private-sector proponent of adopting the Circular Economy in Thailand. In the Linear Economy that has dominated history, people take natural resources and turn them into products that eventually end up on the trash heap. But these days, resources are dwindling, and the trash is becoming unmanageable.

In the Circular Economy, people use natural resources more responsibly and sparingly to make products that can be recycled or broken down so their elements can be reused. The Circular Economy is an essential model in sustainable development.

Jim Fitterling, Dow's chief executive, said the company could provide its recycling technologies to support more collaborative ventures in Thailand.

"The plastics are too valuable to be lost as waste, so they should be a part of the circular economy concept. Dow expects that plastic waste locally can be recycled for this operation at roughly 200,000-300,000 tons per year in the near future," he said.

Dow also partners with SCG to make roads using a new form of asphalt that has plastic waste mixed in. Studies have shown the roads to be more durable, stable, and water-resistant.

European Commission and WHO join forces to promote the benefits of vaccines

The European Commission and the World Health Organization (WHO) co-hosted the world's first Global Vaccination Summit in Brussels last September 12. The aim was to accelerate global action to stop the spread of vaccine-preventable diseases, and advocate against the spread of vaccine misinformation worldwide.

Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission, said: "It is inexcusable that in a world as developed as ours, there are still children dying of diseases that should have been eradicated long ago. Worse, we have the solution in our hands but it is not being put to full use. Vaccination already prevents 2-3 million deaths a year and could prevent a further 1.5 million if global vaccination coverage improved. Today's summit is an opportunity to address this gap. The Commission will continue to work with the EU's Member States in their national efforts and with our partners here today. This is a global challenge we must tackle together, and now."

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization, said: "After many years of progress, we are at a critical turning point. Measles is resurging, and 1 in 10 children continues to miss out on essential childhood vaccines," said Dr Tedros, "We can and must get back on track. We will only do this by ensuring everyone can benefit from the power of vaccines — and if governments and partners invest in immunization as a right for all, and a social good. Now is the time to step up efforts to support vaccination as a core part of health for all."

During the summit opening, President Juncker and Dr Tedros called for an urgent intensification of efforts to stop the spread of vaccine-preventable diseases such as measles. In the past 3 years, 7 countries, including 4 in the European region, have lost their measles elimination status. New



outbreaks are the direct result of gaps in vaccination coverage, including amongst teenagers and adults who were never fully vaccinated. To tackle vaccination gaps effectively, the summit addressed the multiple barriers to vaccination, including rights, regulations and accessibility, availability, quality and convenience of vaccination services; social and cultural norms, values and support; individual motivation, attitudes, and knowledge and skills.

The European Commission and the World Health Organization also urged for strong support of GAVI, the Global Vaccine Alliance. GAVI plays a critical role in achieving the global vaccine goals in the world's least-resourced countries.

New models and opportunities for stepping up vaccine development are also on the Global Vaccination Summit agenda, as well as ways to ensure that immunisation is a public health priority and a universal right. - Source: European Commission

VIET NAM RESOLUTELY TAKES STRICT MEASURES TO HANDLE TRADE FRAUDS

HANOI — Viet Nam resolutely prevents and strictly deals with trade and origin frauds in the domestic market as well as in import-export activities, aiming to protect the legitimate interests of local businesses and consumers, according to Foreign Ministry spokesperson Le Thi Thu Hang.

Hang said that the Prime Minister has

approved a project on strengthening State management over the prevention of trade remedies evasion and origin frauds.

The Government leader has directed relevant ministries and agencies to drastically and synchronously implement many measures to raise awareness and enhance State management over export-import activities and foreign

investment, in addition to seriously observing legal regulations on trade remedies, origins, customs and the prevention of trade remedies evasion, and investigating and strictly punishing violation cases. The Ministry of Industry and Trade is urgently building specific regulations and criteria, which will serve as the foundation to identify made-in-Viet Nam commodities.

International women leaders gather for for TechWomen 2019

One hundred and eight women leaders in the science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields from Africa, the Middle East, and South and Central Asia arrived in the United States on September 28 for the TechWomen 2019 exchange program, sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Through mentorships with U.S. women leaders in STEM fields, the TechWomen participants will strengthen business ties and build stronger professional networks to

advance their work and benefit their communities. Upon their return home, participants will encourage more women and girls to pursue STEM careers.

The participants spent five weeks collaborating with 40 U.S. private sector companies in the San Francisco Bay Area and Silicon Valley before convening in Washington, D.C. The leaders will return home to implement their action plans and join other program alumnae to serve as mentors themselves to women and girls in their communities.

PM UPBEAT THAT HOME-GROWN ECONOMIC REFORM WILL PROPEL ETHIOPIA TO AFRICAN ICON OF PROSPERITY



The homegrown economic reform will propel Ethiopia to become the African icon of prosperity by 2030, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed said.

Opening a forum held to brief international development partners and the diplomatic community on the Home-grown Economic Reform agenda of the country, the premier stated that "the homegrown economic reform agenda is close to my heart and I believe it's our bridge to prosperity, enabling us to become a middle-income nation that ensures sustainable development."

Acknowledging that the next capture of Ethiopia's growth and development requires more active private sector, Abiy said "we have opened up key economic activities to private investment."

According to him, his government prioritized the success of key sectors such as agriculture, manufacturing, mining and ICT anchor in the vision for building a prosperous nation. "Our priority is to create economic environment that closes income inequality gap by creating opportunity and access of sources for all our youth." - Embassy of Ethiopia

EU continues to lead the global fight against climate change

The European Commission has adopted a Communication reaffirming the EU's commitment to accelerated climate ambition. Preparing for the Climate Action Summit by the United Nations Secretary General in New York on 23 September, the Commission recalls that the European Union has been at the forefront of global climate action, negotiating an inclusive international framework to respond to this challenge, while acting domestically with unity, speed and decisiveness. The EU has put concrete actions behind its Paris Agreement commitments, in line with the Juncker Commission priority of establishing an Energy Union with a forward-looking climate change policy. - European Union

Indonesia launches safeguard investigation on fabrics, on yarn and on curtains

On 20 September 2019, Indonesia notified the WTO's Committee on Safeguards that it initiated on 18 September 2019 three (3) safeguard investigations: (a) on fabrics, (b) on yarn (other than sewing thread) of synthetic and artificial staple fibres, and (c) on curtains (including drapes), interior blinds, bed valances, and other furnishing articles.



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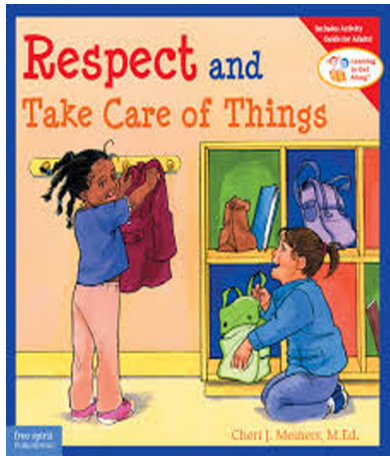
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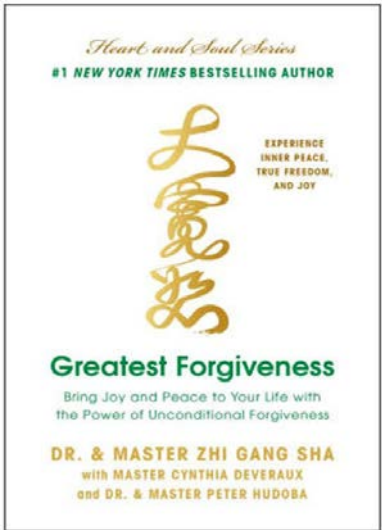
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Greatest Forgiveness: Bring Joy and Peace to Your Life with the Power of Unconditional Forgiveness

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Practice the simple, joyful exercises and receive powerful blessings from Dr. & Master Zhi Gang Sha, Master Cynthia Deveraux, and Master David Lusch.

It's time to recover from physical ailments, balance your emotions, boost your vitality, increase your self-love, and heal your relationships.

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Donations within the United States are being accepted at the following Bahamas Consulate locations:

The Bahamas Embassy Consular Annex
1025 Vermont Avenue NW, Suite 305
Washington, D.C. 20005

The Bahamas Consulate General New York
231 East 46th Street, New York, NY 10017

The Bahamas Consulate General Atlanta
2970 Claremont Road NE, Suite 290
Atlanta, GA 30329

Financial donations to the following Government Disaster Relief Account would be most effective at this time:

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RBC Royal Bank (Bahamas) Limited
Nassau, Bahamas
Beneficiary: /05625 128-101-3
Bahamas Disaster Relief Fund Account

This information will be updated and disseminated periodically.
Thank you for the expressions of solidarity to the people and Government of The Bahamas.



Piano Magic With Gale

Half of the most-sought after Ultimate Musical Duo Gale Stoddard is presenting her one of a kind "PIANO MAGIC WITH GALE" show after the passing of her talented musical partner singer recording artist, Roland Valentino, Spring 2019. The unique show highlights her pianistic virtuosity as a Philippine child prodigy at 3, Pianist of the year at 13, TV pianist at 15 and at 25, Entertainer of the year in this fast-paced show of piano classics and popular songs ala Eddie Duchin. A nightclub veteran (piano bar artist for 30 years) she was dubbed the most successful female piano bar artist and the most accomplished pianist/ musical entertainer by music critics. Her 5,000 song repertoire keeps residents spellbound with her ever-constant smile and sparkling personality. Her instant audience rapport, friendly persona and versatility on the piano never cease to amaze the thousands of Southland Retirement Communities residents in her over 200 shows all year. Her personal thank you to each resident after a show is her signature act of gratitude. She is the favorite entertainer in most of the Southland's retirement communities. She credits her success to God and the music radiating from her magical fingers is a gift from above.

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Red Cross commits \$4.5M to help Dorian victims in the Bahamas

There's a long road ahead for people in the Bahamas who have lost everything to Hurricane Dorian and the American Red Cross has committed \$4.5 million to support those affected.

The American Red Cross has also deployed 21 disaster response specialists to provide support to the relief operation in the Bahamas and worked in close coordination with partners to support evacuees who arrived in the United States from the Bahamas immediately following the hurricane.

Thousands of people have evacuated the damaged islands via helicopter, plane and boat. They are staying on different islands with family members or at government-run shelters in the capital city.

Families who remain on the devastated islands are in need of basic relief, such as emergency shelter supplies and hygiene items—which Red Cross teams are distributing on both Abaco and Grand Bahama. Red Cross shelter, water and sanitation, health, logistics, cash-as-aid and other sec-

tor specialists are on the ground supporting the Bahamas Red Cross.

Aid is also being delivered to storm survivors in places not majorly affected by the storm, such as Nassau, where Bahamas Red Cross volunteers are helping evacuees by distributing relief items to shelters including water, hygiene items, dried food parcels other supplies and food vouchers. As with any disaster, there are challenges to delivering aid such as damaged ports and airports, devastated infrastructure, and difficulties with tele-connectivity.

Tele-connectivity challenges mean that many people still haven't been able to get in touch with loved ones. In shelters, volunteers are helping evacuees make phone calls to their families. When necessary, volunteers are initiating missing persons cases with the hope of tracing loved ones. Trained psychologists and nurses are providing comfort and mental health support to evacuees coping with emotional distress. -- *American Red Cross*



How to protect your computer



The same advice parents might deliver to young drivers on their first solo journey applies to everyone who wants to navigate safely online. A special agent in the FBI's Cyber Division offered the following:

- "If you don't secure your computer, it's vulnerable."
- "Reduce your vulnerability, and you reduce the threat."

Below are some key steps to protecting your computer from intrusion:

KEEP YOUR FIREWALL TURNED ON

A firewall helps protect your computer from hackers who might try to gain access to crash it, delete information, or even steal passwords or other sensitive information. Software firewalls are widely recommended for single computers. The software is prepackaged on some operating systems or can be purchased for individual computers. For multiple networked computers, hardware routers typically provide firewall protection.

INSTALL OR UPDATE YOUR ANTIVIRUS SOFTWARE

Antivirus software is designed to prevent malicious software programs from embedding on your computer. Viruses can infect computers without users' knowledge. Most types of antivirus software can be set up to update automatically.

INSTALL OR UPDATE YOUR ANTISPYWARE TECHNOLOGY

Spyware is just what it sounds like—software that surreptitiously installed on your computer to let others peer into your activities

on the computer. Some spyware collects information about you without your consent or produces unwanted pop-up ads on your web browser. Some operating systems offer free spyware protection, and inexpensive software is readily available for download on the Internet or at your local computer store. Be wary of ads on the Internet offering downloadable antispyware—in some cases these products may be fake and may actually contain spyware or other malicious code. It's like buying groceries—shop where you trust.

KEEP YOUR OPERATING SYSTEM UP TO DATE

Computer operating systems are periodically updated to stay in tune with technology requirements and to fix security holes. Be sure to install the updates to ensure your computer has the latest protection.

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU DOWNLOAD

Carelessly downloading e-mail attachments can circumvent even the most vigilant anti-virus software. Never open an e-mail attachment from someone you don't know, and be wary of forwarded attachments from people you do know. They may have unwittingly advanced malicious code.

TURN OFF YOUR COMPUTER

With the growth of high-speed Internet connections, many opt to leave their computers on and ready for action. The downside is that being "always on" renders computers more susceptible. Beyond firewall protection, which is designed to fend off unwanted attacks, turning the computer off effectively severs an attacker's connection—be it spyware or a botnet.

Choosing a Credit Counselor

Living paycheck to paycheck? Worried about debt collectors? Can't seem to develop a workable budget, let alone save money for retirement? If this sounds familiar, you may be considering the services of a credit counselor.

Most reputable credit counselors are non-profit and offer services at local offices, online, or on the phone. If possible, find an organization that offers in-person counseling. Many universities, military bases, credit unions, housing authorities, and branches of the U.S. Cooperative Extension Service operate non-profit credit counseling programs. Your financial

institution, local consumer protection agency, and friends and family also may be good sources of information and referrals.

But be aware that "non-profit" status doesn't guarantee that services are free, affordable, or even legitimate. In fact, some credit counseling organizations charge high fees, which they made hide; others might urge their clients to make "voluntary" contributions that can cause more debt.

Choosing a Credit Counseling Organization

Reputable credit counseling organizations can advise you on managing your money and debts, help you develop a budget, and offer free educational materials and workshops. Their counselors are certified and trained in consumer credit, money and debt management, and budgeting. They discuss your entire financial situation with you, and help you develop a personalized plan to deal with your money problems. An initial counseling session typically lasts an hour,

with an offer of follow-up sessions.

A reputable credit counseling agency should send you free information about itself and the services it provides without requiring you to provide any details about your situation. If a firm doesn't do that, consider it a red flag and go elsewhere for help.

Once you've got a list of counseling agencies you might do business with, check each one out with your state Attorney General and local consumer protection agency. They can tell you if consumers have filed complaints about any one of them. (If there are no complaints about them, don't consider it a guarantee that they're legitimate.)

The United States Trustee Program also keeps a list of credit counseling agencies approved to provide pre-bankruptcy counseling. After you've done your background investigation, you will want to interview the final "candidates."

SLEEPINESS AND DRIVING DON'T MIX

Feeling sleepy is especially dangerous when you are driving. Sleepiness slows your reaction time, decreases awareness and impairs your judgment, just like drugs or alcohol. People who are very sleepy behave in similar ways to people who are drunk. The impact that this has on traffic safety should not be underestimated.

To remain alert and avoid drowsiness, AAA suggests:

- Getting plenty of sleep (at least six hours) the night before a long trip;
- Traveling at times when you are normally awake, and staying overnight rather than driving straight through;
- Scheduling a break every two hours or every 100 miles;
- Stop driving if you become sleepy; someone who is tired could fall asleep at any time – fatigue impacts reaction time, judgment and vision, causing people who are very sleepy to behave in similar ways to those who are drunk;
- Drink a caffeinated beverage. Find a safe place to take a 20-30 minute nap while you're waiting for the caffeine to take effect;
- Avoid sleepy times of day. Take a mid-afternoon nap and find a place to sleep between midnight and 6 a.m.; and
- Travel with an awake passenger.

How to avoid falling for a lottery or sweepstakes scam?

A lottery requires you to purchase a ticket in order to participate. If you did not enter to participate in a lottery, ignore any notices saying that you have won.

- Sweepstakes are free games of chance. Do not send money in advance in order to participate in a sweepstakes: It is illegal to require any payment or purchase to enter a sweepstakes or to increase your odds of winning.
- Do not send money to claim your prize. This includes requests to pay for taxes, shipping and handling, insurance, or processing fees.
- Never provide your bank account number or other personal information . Since you are not required to pay to participate in a sweepstakes or receive a prize, there is no need to give out this private information.
- Know who is allowed to contact you about winning:
- D.C. Lottery will only contact winners who entered into a D.C. Lottery-sponsored promotional game. If you did not enter the



lottery, do not provide any information.

- No foreign entity may contact you about winning their lottery. Since it is illegal to participate in foreign lotteries, you should not pay or give any private information to any person claiming that you have won.
- No federal or District government employee will ever contact you about winning the lottery or a sweepstakes, so do not provide any information to people claiming to work for a government entity that provides prizes.
- Don't be afraid to hang up if you feel pressured, if the caller is not answering your questions, or if you simply don't get a "good feeling" about the caller.



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Pacquiao in Concert



Senator Manny Pacquiao performs songs with special guests during his concert and launching of Pac Token at the Araneta Coliseum on Sunday, September 1, 2019. (Photos by Wendell Alinea/OSMP)

DOT, Emirates join hands to boost Philippines tourism from EU, ME source markets

The Philippine Department of Tourism (DOT) and Emirates Airline recently inked a memorandum of agreement (MOA) that aims to assert the Philippines’ presence in the European, Middle East and other international markets being serviced by the Dubai-based airline. Formalizing the agreement were Undersecretary Benito C. Bengzon, Jr. and Satish Sethi, Country Manager of Emirates -Philippines, after successfully concluding discussions that explored possible avenues to increase air connectivity between various parts of Europe and the Philippines via Dubai.

“The lifeblood of Philippine tourism is connectivity. We are an archipelago and most of the tourists can reach us only by air. That is why I consider initiatives like this as critical to the continuing development of our tourism market. We are opening more gateways and with it, wider access for visitors,” Tourism Secretary Bernadette Romulo-Puyat said in a statement.

Under the new partnership, the DOT and Emirates will jointly explore and implement various activities to promote tourism in the Philippines with the goal of boosting inbound arrivals in the country.

Joint marketing efforts will focus on branded advertising and promotional campaigns targeting Europe inbound traffic to the Philippines. The two parties will also utilize digital marketing strategies tapping into the different social media platforms and other e-marketing campaign initiatives to assert the Philippines’ presence in the international travel market.

Another focus of the partnership is the people-to-people exchanges, particularly to attract Europe-based consumers, trade and media agents by launching familiarization trips and tours in the



Undersecretary Benito Bengzon, Jr. inks partnership with Emirates Airline on behalf of the Department of Tourism to boost PH tourism from EU, ME source markets.

Philippines. Under the agreement, both parties will also engage in joint roadshows, bringing together Philippine industry and key market trade partners, to boost opportunities for trade.

DOT Undersecretary Benito C. Bengzon, Jr. said that this agreement is a welcome development as the DOT works to improve air connectivity from long-haul countries in Europe and the Middle East, considering Emirates flies to more than 40 destinations in Europe and operates more than 250 flights per day globally. “It is widely known that long-haul source markets provide more benefits not only for tourism but also to hotel and resort operators, travel facilitators and other stakeholders as studies show that travelers from these markets stay longer and spend more,” he further explained the yields from this partnership.



IBF honchos visit Sen. Manny Pacquiao

IBF President Daryl Peoples and IBF Ratings Committee Chairman Anibal Miramontes visit Senator Manny Pacquiao at his senate office on Wednesday, September 4. The IBF honchos presented the fighting senator a replica of his IBF championship belt. They were accompanied by MP Promotions head Sean

Gibbons and Filipino pugilists Pedro Taduran and Samuel Salva who fought for the vacant IBF minimumweight title on September 7 at the Jurado Hall of the Philippine Marines Base in Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City, Philippines. (Photos by Wendell Alinea/MP Promotions)



Federer “excited” at prospect of holding court at Tokyo 2020

Roger Federer is “very excited” at the prospect of playing at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, and he will decide about his participation in the near future.

The Swiss has won 20 Grand Slam titles and, although he topped the podium alongside Stan Wawrinka in the men’s doubles at Beijing 2008, Federer has yet to win individual Olympic gold, silver being the closest he has come when beaten by Andy Murray at London 2012.

Federer, who will be 38 by the time of Tokyo 2020, told the Olympic Channel: “For me to maybe take part in it again would be great, especially after missing the last edition in Rio because of a knee issue. But I’ll just have to see how the family is doing, how my body is doing and then, if everything is green and I really feel it’s the right thing to do, I’ll play it.” / IOC



SPIRITUAL CORNER

Galatians 6:9 -- ⁹ Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

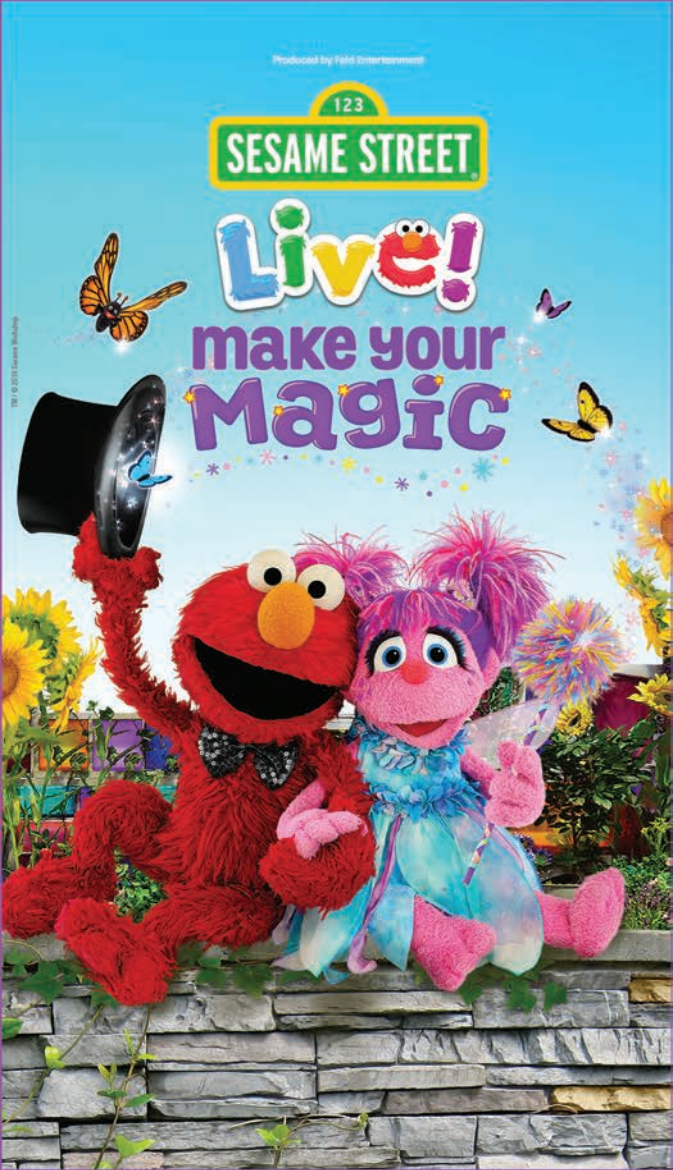
Isaiah 41:10 -- ¹⁰ So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Philippians 4:13 -- ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Isaiah 40:31 -- ³¹ But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Mark 12:30 -- ³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.

Psalm 118:14 -- ¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my defense ; he has become my salvation.



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U.S. and Philippine Governments Partner with Private Sector to Expand Sustainable Seafood Markets



From left to right: USAID Fish Right Chief of Party Nygiel Armada, NGOs for Fisheries Reform Director Gregorio dela Rosa, Philippine Association of Crab Processors President Ken Choi, Saravia Blue Crab President Alfonso Gamboa, Department of Agriculture Undersecretary for Fisheries Eduardo Gongona, and USAID Philippines Environment Chief John Edgar participate in an MOU-signing ceremony to expand export potential of the Philippine “alimang” to American markets.

US and Philippine Service Members Hold Medical, Dental Education Exchange in Palawan



U.S. service members, Philippine Coast Guardsmen, local health workers, and local government employees partnered to conduct a basic medical and dental knowledge expertise exchange in Bataraza, Palawan, from Sept. 17-18. More than 60 participants from the Philippine Coast Guard (PGC) Palawan District, Bataraza Municipality Health Office, Barangay Buliluyan Health Workers, and the U.S. Army exchanged information about general health, basic sanitation, oral hygiene and disease prevention, and dengue and malaria prevention. The sharing of best practices with local barangay health workers allows them to better serve the residents and communities of Bataraza.

US Government Launches New Literacy Program for Blind, Deaf Children



USAID Mission Director Lawrence Hardy II leads the signing of the pledge of commitment during the launch of USAID's new education project, Gabay. Together with the Department of Education and Resources of the Blind, USAID will work to give visually and hearing impaired children, including those who are deaf, blind and deaf-blind, access to quality education.

The U.S. government, through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), launched a three-year, Php92.3 million project that will enable visually and hearing impaired children, including those who are deaf, blind and deaf-blind, to gain access to quality education.

New Regional Counterterrorism Training Center to Boost U.S.-Philippine and Regional Cooperation



As part of our deepening bilateral counterterrorism partnership, the U.S. and Philippine governments have agreed to establish a new state of the art Regional Counterterrorism Training Center in the Philippines.

Philippine National Police (PNP) Chief, Police General Oscar D. Albayalde and Deputy Chief of Mission John C. Law today signed a Memorandum of Understanding to construct and operate the center on the grounds of the PNP Academy in Silang, Cavite. The U.S. Department of State has secured Php 520 million (\$10 million) in counterterrorism partnership funds to establish and jointly operate the center with the PNP.

US and PHL Forces Conduct Joint Training in Negros Occidental



US Army Special Forces and Philippine security forces partnered for a joint training exercise at 6th Special Action Battalion Camp, Sagay City, Negros Occidental, from Aug. 26 to Sept. 20. The four-week training, dubbed Badge Piston 19, focused on refining and developing the following disciplines: human rights, law of armed conflict, tactical combat casualty care, combat and sniper marksmanship, and rural and urban reconnaissance. The training included classroom instruction to facilitate an exchange of tactics, techniques, and procedures, and joint US-Philippine practical exercises.

US and Philippines Host Women in Law Enforcement Symposium in Zamboanga City



Philippine National Police Regional Mobile Force Battalion Region 9 (PNP RMFB9) and service members from the United States Army and United States Marine Corps participated in a Women in Law Enforcement Symposium at Camp Colonel Romeo A. Abendan, Zamboanga City, on September 10-12.

US military service members and Philippine police officers partnered to host a Women in Law Enforcement Symposium at Camp Colonel Romeo A. Abendan, Mercedes, Zamboanga City from September 10-12.

More than 25 police officers from the Philippine National Police Regional Mobile Force Battalion Region 9 (PNP RMFB9) and service members from the United States Army and United States Marine Corps participated in this event.

The three-day event aimed to empower and inspire female Philippine National Police officers, who protect and educate the communities they serve. The modules and discussion focused on topics including combatting violence against women and children, preventing extremist recruitment of women on social media, promoting responsible parenthood and reproductive health, and countering human trafficking.

US Ambassador Sung Kim meets Philippine Prosecutors during the Inaugural National Convention of Counterterrorism Prosecutors



Ambassador Kim joined 70 prosecutors from across the country, including 44 prosecutors from Mindanao, in opening the National Convention of Counterterrorism (CT) Prosecutors in Manila.

Ambassador Kim conveyed in his remarks his tremendous respect for the work prosecutors do, and stressed that terrorism has to be addressed comprehensively, which requires military, prosecutorial and other tools, including addressing social causes. He emphasized that since terror acts are dynamic and increasing, it is critical that countries embrace new investigative tools, such as digital forensics and financial analysis, in order to prevent future acts of terrorism.

The U.S. Embassy in the Philippines, through the U.S. Department of Justice (U.S. DOJ) Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development Assistance and Training (OPDAT), partnered with the Philippine Department of Justice to help increase bilateral cooperation and promote best practices in investigating and prosecuting terrorism cases.

Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force and Commander, Pacific Air Forces, Visit Manila



Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force, General David Goldfein, and Commander, Pacific Air Forces, General Charles Brown, visited Manila. During their time here, the generals met with key policymakers, including Undersecretary of National Defense Cardozo Luna, Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines Benjamin Madrigal, and the Commanding General of the Philippine Air Force Rozzano Briguez.

US and PHL Armed Forces Combined Airborne Operation



Soldiers from the US 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division, and the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) conducted a bilateral airborne operation from September 19 to 25. This type of combined, tactical-level training builds both forces' technical competence, fosters interoperability, and provides a greater understanding of how the allied nations' forces conduct operations.

US Government Provides Infrastructure and Livelihood Support to Benefit Displaced Maranao



U.S. Embassy Chargé d'Affaires John C. Law addressed the U.S. government-supported 28th Mindanao Business Conference, where he underscored the long-standing partnership between the U.S. and Mindanao, led the handover ceremonies of community grants and a public market, and toured Mindanao State University Iligan Institute of Technology's Fab Lab. The lab was made possible through donations from multiple donors, including the U.S. Department of State.

The U.S. government, through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), turned over 80 transitional houses, a climate-resilient public market, and four grants that will provide infrastructure and livelihood support to communities displaced by the 2017 Marawi Siege. The assistance is part of the U.S. government's commitment of more than \$63.6 million (Php3.4 billion) worth of humanitarian and recovery assistance to persons displaced by the siege. U.S. Embassy Chargé d'Affaires John C. Law led the handover ceremonies of the community grants and public market.

EducationUSA Roadshow Coming to Cordillera

In celebration of National Literacy Month, EducationUSA will conduct a roadshow in Cordillera from September 11 to 14 to engage Filipinos interested in studying in the United States and raise counselors' awareness about the importance of digital literacy for the largely digital U.S. college admissions process.

EducationUSA advisors will visit high schools and colleges to conduct information sessions, essay workshops, and one-on-one advising, and spread the word about EducationUSA's free services to teach U.S. college application literacy to aspiring international students.

In collaboration with the Aviation Institute of Maintenance (AIM), an accredited U.S. institution that provides practical and professional aviation skills education, EducationUSA conducted an interactive workshop and discussion on U.S. aviation studies programs for 75 Filipino students and professionals at the U.S. Embassy in the Philippines last August 30.

The event is part of EducationUSA's Enrichment Series, a free, year-long set of monthly programs designed to help prospective applicants make well-informed choices when choosing a university abroad at any point in their academic career.

