

Children's Month highlights positive parenting, discipline

By MINERVA BC NEWMAN

CEBU CITY – This year's National Children's Month (NCM) is promoting "positive parenting and positive discipline" as an advocacy in building a safer, nurturing and protective environment for children.

Maricel Madamba, social welfare officer and focal person of the Regional Council for the Welfare of Children (RCWC) in Central Visayas, told Manila Bulletin the events and activities for National Children's Month are geared towards raising awareness on the importance of positive parenting and positive discipline among parents, guardians, caregivers and teachers.

Madamba said there is a strong need to promote positive discipline in the classrooms to strengthen the daily integration

of teaching dynamics and provide spaces for children's participation in all aspects of their development.

"Positive parenting and positive discipline are the new norms for bringing up children at home, in schools and in communities. This veers away from the culture of punitive or corporal discipline which has been the accepted norms in the past," she said.

Noeme Abarrientos, deputy executive director of Children's Legal Bureau (CLB), a Cebu-based NGO promoting the rights of children, said they are pushing for the passage of the "Positive Discipline" Bill that is pending at the Senate.

Abarrientos said this bill overhauls from the old culture of punitive discipline. It encourages positive discipline as a process or method of explaining and communication to

make the child understand its behavior.

"Corporal punishment, embarrassing the child, inflicting violence or any conflict to the child are now being discouraged in the law," Abarrientos added.

Violence against children in the country is high at 80 percent and included corporal punishments at home, in schools and even in jails or rehab centers for children in contact with the law, she said.

Madamba said more children's institutions and schools today are promoting non-violent values, communication and relationships between children and families.

Building the skills of parents and caregivers in non-violent discipline, problem solving, and conflict resolutions are necessary values in positive parenting, positive discipline, she said.

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[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11102]

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SOCCSKSARGEN GENERAL HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SURALLAH, PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. There shall be established a general hospital in the Municipality of Surallah, Province of South Cotabato, to be known as the SOCCSKSARGEN General Hospital.

SEC. 2. The Department of Health in consultation and coordination with local government officials concerned shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 3. Scope. – The provincial government of South Cotabato shall provide funding for the establishment of the SOCCSKSARGEN General Hospital in the Municipality of Surallah, Province of South Cotabato. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. All laws, decrees, orders, ordinances, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO
Speaker of the House of Representatives

VICENTE C. SOTTO III
President of the Senate

This Act was passed by the Senate of the Philippines as Senate Bill No. 1586 on July 24, 2018 and adopted by the House of Representatives as an amendment to House Bill No. 5881 on September 10, 2018.

DANTE ROBERTO P. MALING
Acting Secretary General
House of Representatives

MYRA MARIE D. VILLARICA
Secretary of the Senate

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[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11104]

AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE LUIS HORA MEMORIAL REGIONAL HOSPITAL, FROM ONE HUNDRED (100) TO TWO HUNDRED (200) BEDS, UPGRADING THE SERVICE FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE THEREIN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. The authorized bed capacity of the Luis Hora Memorial Regional Hospital in Banko, Mountain Province is hereby increased from one hundred (100) to two hundred (200) beds which shall be implemented for a period of not more than three (3) years from the approval of this Act.

SEC. 2. The existing hospital facilities and professional health care services of the Luis Hora Memorial Regional Hospital are also hereby upgraded and increased to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in bed capacity.

SEC. 3. Upon prior consultation with the Luis Hora Memorial Regional Hospital, the Department of Health shall, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management and the Civil Service Commission, determine the additional plantilla positions to be created and filled up in the workforce of the Luis Hora Memorial Regional Hospital.

SEC. 4. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 5. All laws, decrees, orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

VICENTE C. SOTTO III
President of the Senate

GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO
Speaker of the House of Representatives

This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on August 23, 2017 and August 7, 2018, respectively.

MYRA MARIE D. VILLARICA
Secretary of the Senate

DANTE ROBERTO P. MALING
Acting Secretary General
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Bridge in Biliran being widened

By RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT

NAVAL, Biliran – A bridge that forms part of the Biliran Circumferential Road (BCR) is being widened.

David P. Adongay Jr., head of the Department of Public Works and Highways' (DPWH) District Engineering Office (DEO) in Biliran, told Manila Bulletin the widening of the P21.9M Looc Bridge involves the building of two additional lanes.

Adongay said the upgrading of the bridge was prioritized because the approach at the Kawayan, Biliran, side has been widened.

He said the project is designed to speed up traffic flow as more motorists use the circumferential road.

In another interview, Engr. Alfredo L. Bolido, DEO assistant district engineer, said that once the widening of the bridge is completed, at least 5,000 road users are expected to benefit.

Bolido said the widening project is being fast-tracked to meet the January 29, 2019 deadline.

He added that it was the second bridge widening project implemented in the province. The first was at Anas Bridge in Naval which is in progress.

221 new soldiers for Visayas

By TARA YAP

ILOILO CITY—A total of 221 new soldiers have been deployed in the Visayas.

This after Brigadier General Dinoh Dolina, commander of the Philippine Army's 3rd Infantry Division (3ID), swore in the soldiers earlier this week at Camp Peralta in Capiz.

Dolina urged them to neutralize the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) and the New People's Army (NPA) in Negros and Panay islands.

Private Gideon Fusin of Calinog town, Iloilo, emerged as top graduate of Class 556-2018 while Private Jenhrod Maceda of Mambusao town, Capiz, is the top graduate of Class of 557-2018.

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[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11105]

AN ACT CONVERTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) EXTENSION OFFICE LOCATED IN LAPU-LAPU CITY, PROVINCE OF CEBU, INTO A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. The Land Transportation Office (LTO) Extension Office located in Lapu-Lapu City, Province of Cebu, is hereby converted into a regular LTO District Office.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Department of Transportation (DOTr) shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the LTO Extension Office in Lapu-Lapu City, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the DOTr shall issue the necessary rules and regulations within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

VICENTE C. SOTTO III
President of the Senate

GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO
Speaker of the House of Representatives

This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on August 23, 2017 and September 3, 2018, respectively.

MYRA MARIE D. VILLARICA
Secretary of the Senate

DANTE ROBERTO P. MALING
Acting Secretary General
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[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11103]

AN ACT UPGRADING THE AMAI PAKPAK MEDICAL CENTER IN MARAWI CITY, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL SUR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. The bed capacity of the Amai Pakpak Medical Center in Marawi City, Province of Lanao del Sur is hereby increased from two hundred (200) to four hundred (400) beds.

SEC. 2. The existing hospital facilities and professional health care services of the Amai Pakpak Medical Center are hereby upgraded and increased to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in bed capacity. The number of medical personnel shall be correspondingly increased.

SEC. 3. The increase in the bed capacity of Amai Pakpak Medical Center shall be implemented incrementally for a period of not more than two (2) years from the approval of this Act.

SEC. 4. The construction and upgrading of the hospital facilities and services shall be under the direct supervision and control of the Department of Health.

SEC. 5. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 6. Republic Act No. 7943 is hereby repealed.

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

VICENTE C. SOTTO III
President of the Senate

GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO
Speaker of the House of Representatives

This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was passed by the House of Representatives on August 9, 2017, amended by the Senate on July 24, 2018, and which amendment was concurred in by the House of Representatives on September 10, 2018.

MYRA MARIE D. VILLARICA
Secretary of the Senate

DANTE ROBERTO P. MALING
Acting Secretary General
House of Representatives

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