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AS OF DEC. 2

434,357*

total COVID-19 cases, up 1,438 new cases from Dec. 1's 432,925.

(*Six duplicates were removed from the total case count.)

DEATHS: **8,436** (from 8,418 previously)

RECOVERED: **399,005****

(from 398,782 previously)

(**Six cases previously tagged as recovered were reclassified as deaths.)

SOURCE: Department of Health Case Bulletin as of Dec. 2, 4 p.m.

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THE German government and German firm, Flood Control Asia will provide a grant that will protect the state-run Philippine General Hospital (PGH) from flooding by April 2021. "It is already a bad situation during COVID-19 (coronavirus disease 2019), but what if the hospital housing COVID-19 patients would be flooded at the same time, and cannot take care of the patients anymore," Flood Control Asia RS Corp. President and Chief Executive Officer Andreas Klippe said during the launching at PGH on Wednesday. Mr. Klippe said construction of the flood control project will begin on Dec. 3 and is targeted for completion by April 30, in time for the rainy season starting May. "The benefit for the

hospital is of course that the hospital will be flood proof, not the full hospital but essential paths, depending on the findings of the engineering assessment," he said. The German firm, based in Clark Freeport Zone in Pampanga, said the grant money will still vary on the engineering assessment. The Philippines is located in the typhoon belt and an average of 20 storms enter the country annually. Also present during the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding were Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Philippines Anke Reiffenstuel, PGH Director Gerardo Legaspi, and Manila Rep. Cristal L. Bagatsing. — Charmaine A. Tadalán