

informer

clear*complete*accurate

HANEP, HI-TECH
NA RIN ANG
PAGSASAKA.



Tarlac to use drones for farming

By CHIGALOPE-H



PANIQUE, Tarlac: The provincial government of Tarlac is eyeing the use of drones for farming after Bayer Crop Science (BCS) completed its artificial intelligence-driven drone technology demonstration in Barangay Sampot here over the weekend.

Posing the idea that planting rice is also fun and cheap, the drone seeder, if adopted by farmers, can cut down labor seeding cost from P13,000 down to P3,000 per hectare and instead of a whole day to do direct seeding in one hectare, drone seeding for the same area can be completed in only 30 minutes.

To page 2

Tarlac State U student tops int'l virtual forum



ZULUETA

TARLAC: The Tarlac State University (TSU) added another feather to its cap after one of its students topped the recently-held Virtual Social Business Students' Forum 2020 (VSBSF 2020) organized by the Daffodil International University of Bangladesh. Jahnella Zulueta of the College of Arts and Social Sciences was recognized for her presentation on how to eradicate poverty by exploring and promoting a "social business concept."

The VSBSF 2020 theme was "Role of Youth in Zeroing Poverty, Unemployment, and Net Carbon Emission," highlighting the three major global concerns on eradicating poverty, unemployment, and net carbon emissions.

To page 2

DSWD builds abused women help desks in villages

TARLAC: The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) is set to put up help desks in barangay (village) halls in Central Luzon to cater to violence against women (VAW) concerns. The initiative is part of the 18-day VAW Campaign to end physical, emotional, and sexual abuses to women and girls. DSWD Regional Information Officer Reiner Grospe said cases of violence typically occur in small communities. "We need to strengthen the campaign down to the barangay level, thus, putting up the desks to make it accessible for women and girls to voice out their concerns," Grospe said. Aside from the VAW desks, concerned women and girls may also speak out by messaging the official Facebook (FB) page of DSWD Field Office 3 at facebook.com/dswdfog3. "There's no need to worry sending To page 2

German government grant to make PGH flood-free

THE Philippine General Hospital (PGH) is set to receive a German grant that will be utilized in the resolution of perennial flooding during the rainy season that hampers the smooth and efficient operation of the hospital. In a statement, Flood Control Asia RS

Corp. (RS) located in Clark, Pampanga said it will shoulder 20 percent of the grant while the other 80 percent will come from the German government through its Ambassador to the Philippines- Anke Reiffenstuel. This will fund the

flood-proofing of the hospital to make it resilient to flooding brought by the rainy season and will improve the capability to address the growing number of coronavirus disease 2019 patients. Flood protection barriers will be installed

in critical areas of the hospital to make it flood-resistant and can be dismantled when the rainwater subsides. After storage, they can be reused with an expected lifetime of more than 50 years as the aluminum composition

To page 2

Capas residents complain waste plant operation

CAPAS, Tarlac: Several residents have anonymously complained over a waste processing plant in Barangay (village) Cutcut 2 here, suspected to remain operating despite having been ordered to suspend its functions. Residents expressed their sentiment on social media outlets, saying that the plant "operates at midnight up to 3am and "releasing black smoke" and folks "experiencing dizziness, stomachache and headache due to noxious odor coming from the lagoon and

smoke being emitted by Clean Leaf." Mayor Reynaldo Catacutan ordered the suspension of Clean To page 2



CATACUTAN: All is fair.



AS THE COUNTRY'S foremost hospital is flooded by patients, there is no space left for waters to inundate the facility with the German grant.

2

NEWS

December 2020

Tarlac shortens curfew

Job opportunities, economic stability eyed

TARLAC TO USE... from page 1

Based on the conducted trial, the seeding rate is 20 to 25 kilos of high yielding hybrid rice seeds per hectare, which is far less than the 40-50 kilos seeding rate in the manual sabog tanim, indicating effective seed distribution.

The provincial government under the stewardship of Gov. Susan Yap pushes for the improvement of services in the agriculture sector through one of its pillars of development "Pagkain Muna."

On the other hand, Tarlac First District Representative Charlie Cojuangco said he wants average rice yield of Tarlac farmers to increase to more than five tons per hectare.

Meanwhile, Carlos O. Cojuangco Foundation Project Manager Ar-ar Molic said they just finished one techno-demo and will add more techno demos to introduce the technology to other farmers.

Aaron Cano, BCS business activation manager, said during the technology demonstration they are preparing farmers for a complete package of smart technology.

"We can now use drones to support agriculture modernization. Other countries in Southeast Asia have started to use drones in farming, including Thailand, Indonesia, and Vietnam. Meanwhile, it's already used extensively in China," he said.

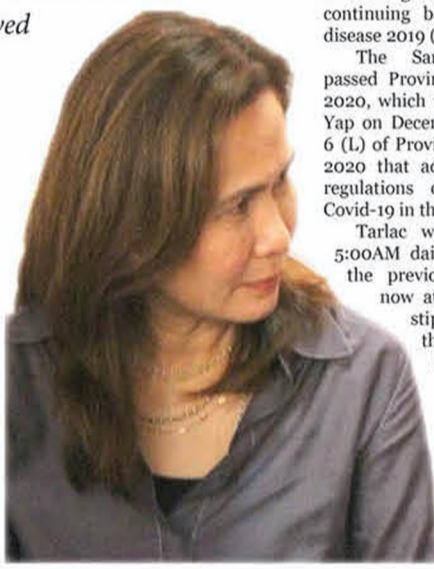
"This is the future of farming. We are opening an opportunity for the youth to get interested in farming," Cano added.

The drone can be used via a cloud-based app called Agrolink. As a single drone would cost around P1 million which are out of reach for most farmers, the drone's Philippine distributor, New Hope Corp., plans to provide the service at a reasonable fee for farmers within selected communities.

Aside from seeding, the drone can also be used for spraying pesticides and fertilizers via an attachment.

The drone, registered with the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP), has a weight of 25 kilos and a rice seed loading capacity of 10 kilos. Drone pilots are also registered by CAAP.

Initially, the drone seeding service will be focused in Central Luzon.



CLUZON TB CASES... from page 6

symptoms of TB and that it is curable. We have to find the missing cases, counsel, and inform them. The services are free and are always available in the region," she said.

Meanwhile, USAID Chief of Party Marianne Calnan stressed the prioritization of Filipino children's health as a leap towards eliminating TB, noting that it must be a matter for profound concern and requires concerted action.

"If we don't get children's health right we will never have a healthy

adult population in the Philippines," Calnan added.

USAID's TB Platforms in partnership with Rogacion Mercado Memorial Hospital prepared a storybook which details the challenges of the family in coping up with the treatment.

CHI GALOPE-H

DOLE PURSUES... from page 6

notice of closure stamped by the local government unit," Campita added.

Applications may be sent through https://reports.dole.gov.ph.

CHI GALOPE-H

TARLAC: The province has approved the shortening of curfew hours in light of the continuing battle against coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19).

The Sangguniang Panlalawigan passed Provincial Ordinance No. 012-2020, which was signed by Gov. Susan Yap on December 1, amending Section 6 (L) of Provincial Ordinance No. 007-2020 that adopts policies, rules, and regulations on the management of Covid-19 in the province.

Tarlac was under a 9:00PM to 5:00AM daily curfew hours based in the previous ordinance, which is now at 11:00PM to 4:00AM as stipulated in the amendment that took effect on the date of the signing.

"In view of the

GOV. SUSAN YAP executes the ordinance to pave way for job opportunities and economic recovery.

CHI GALOPE-H

recommendations made to ease quarantine restrictions in the province of Tarlac, there is a need to shorten the curfew hours to provide stability for business, stimulate economy amid the pandemic and to address the concerns on the lack of job opportunities," the ordinance stated.

However, a 24-hour curfew remains on minors and senior citizens for their protection unless for valid, compelling and humanitarian reasons such as medical emergencies or lack of any household member available to perform tasks outside the residence.

CHI GALOPE-H

CAPAS RESIDENTS COMPLAIN... from page 1

Leaf International Corporation's (CLIC) operations in October after his office received complaints.

"When I received the complaints from residents in September, I quickly called the management of Clean Leaf and directed them to shut down its operations due to mounting complaints of residents there," he said.

In its website, CLIC said Clean Leaf "is a duly registered company that deals with materials recovery, treatment, storage and disposal of hazardous waste."

"It also provides hazardous waste transport services to its clients, which empowers the company to directly oversee the strict implementation of in-house standard

operating procedures from waste transfer, to processing, and to the final management of residuals," it added.

Although he is known to protect the welfare of his constituents, Catacutan, to be fair, said "it would be impossible for residents to experience foul smells from the plant" as the plant's stacks are high and the smoke that is being released is already processed.

He added that anyone is open to do waste processing business as long as they comply with the necessary permits from concerned government agencies. CLIC's the lagoon and chamber is situated some 1.5 kilometers away from residential areas.

CHI GALOPE-H

TARLAC STATE U... from page 1

The forum was attended by more than 200 young leaders from 23 countries and 36 universities, featuring a group discussion where panelists were

selected based on submitted profiles and video messages of student-nominees during the registration.

Other TSU students - Dexter Ivan Fernandez (College of Science), Jay Ford Ringor (College of

Public Administration and Governance), Nicole Nicasio (College of Teacher Education), and Kein Edriene Miranda (College of Architecture and Fine Arts) - also participated in the forum that saw

other finalists from Russia, South Africa, Macau, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Ukraine, Indonesia, and Bangladesh.

JERRY M. HERNANDEZ The Manila Times, 12-2-20

GERMAN GOV'T GRANT... from page 1

will never rust. Due to the lightweight design, even the elderly can install the barriers.

Materials used are considered state-of-the-art and are produced under strict German standards and technology.

When installed, the barriers will keep

floodwaters from seeping-in, enabling hospital equipment and structures safe from damage that will pave the way to increase hospital efficiency in addressing patient care.

RS was tasked to perform "Design and Build" for the project, which is also the preferred

system of homeowners and businessmen.

Dr. Andreas Klippe, Chairman and President of RS, said that installation works are due to commence in February 2021 and completion is expected in April 2021.

Preparatory activities like the RS Engineering Assessment and the RS Detailed Engineering

are underway. Other services that go with the project also include an RS Emergency Flood Drill Plan.

Klippe said that selected hospital staff will undergo specialized training by RS Flood Experts to hone their capability in handling the flood protection systems.

CHI GALOPE-H

CONCEPCION WATER DISTRICT
Concepcion, Tarlac

The public is requested to report all leaking pipes, illegal connections, tampered meters, use of booster pumps and other unlawful usage of Concepcion Water District systems.

WATER IS LIFE... SAVE IT.

POPOY'S
garden grill

ST. BERNARD'S
Pet Shop

Sitio Centro, Matatalab, Tarlac City

Only the Best for Your Furbabies