

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT  
City of Bacoor

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,  
Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPS. OLGAR A. ALCOBA AND  
LIZA Q. ALCOBA,  
Mortgagors,  
x ----- x

Foreclosure No. 2019-209  
For: Extrajudicial Foreclosure of  
Real Estate Mortgage

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by the **BDO UNIBANK, INC.**, of BDO Corporate Center, 7899 Makati Ave., Makati City, and against the mortgagors, **SPS. OLGAR A. ALCOBA AND LIZA Q. ALCOBA**, of Alley 2, Martinez Bukid, Pateros, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of September 20, 2019, amounts to **ONE MILLION SEVENTY THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE PESOS & 23/100 (P1,073,175.23)** Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges, the undersigned or her duly authorized representative will sell at the public auction on **JANUARY 17, 2020 at 10:00 o'clock** in the morning or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Hall of Justice of Bacoor City, Cavite, to the highest bidder, for **CASH** and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all the improvements therein, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. (057-2012032950) 167-2016011630

“A parcel of land (Lot 37, Block 27 of the cons.-subd. plan, Pcs-04-025617, being a portion of Lots 7081-A & 7081-B, Psd-04-001444, Lot 7082, Fls-2283; Lot 6683; Imus Friar Land Estate & Lot 2, Pcs-04-025171, L.R.C. Rec. No. ), situated in the Brgy. Molino, Municipality of Bacoor, Prov. of Cavite, Island of Luzon x x x containing an area of Seventy Eight (78) Square Meters.”

“All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above stated time and date.”

“In the event, the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **JANUARY 24, 2020** without further notice.”

Prospective buyers or bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said properties and encumbrances thereon if any there be.

City of Bacoor, **December 16, 2019.**

(Sgd.) **LIZA D. VICTA**  
Clerk of Court VI

Copy Furnished:  
**BDO UNIBANK, INC.**  
11th Floor, South Tower, BDO Corporate Center, 7899 Makati Ave., Makati City

**Mr. & MRS. SPS. OLGAR A. ALCOBA and LIZA Q. ALCOBA**  
-Alley 2, Martinez Bukid, Pateros, Metro Manila  
-Lot 37, Blk. 27, Lessandra Heights, Daan Hari, Molino, Bacoor, Cavite

**WARNING:** It is absolutely prohibited to remove, deface or destroy this notice of Extra-judicial Sale on or before the date of sale.

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## New round of pay hike for gov't workers gets final House nod

**MANILA** -- The House of Representatives on Wednesday approved on third and final reading a measure seeking to increase the salaries of civilian government employees, including nurses and teachers.

Certified by President Rodrigo Duterte as urgent, the chamber approved House Bill 5712 or the proposed Salary Standardization Law (SSL) 5, with 187 affirmative votes, 5 negative votes, and no abstention.

The bill, which was principally authored by Speaker Alan Peter Cayetano and House Majority Leader Martin Romualdez, proposes a four-year salary increase for government officials and employees, with the first tranche of the adjustment set to be implemented in 2020 and the last tranche in 2023.

House appropriations committee chairman Isidro Ungab, sponsor of the bill, said it aims to attract and retain competent and committed civil servants and promote performance-based work among the public sector workers.

“The salaries of government personnel will be raised to a level closer to market rates while giving priority to the rank and file, consisting of sub-professional and professional categories,” Ungab said.

Ungab noted that the overall weighted average increases upon full implementation of the proposed law in fiscal year 2023 will be 23.4 percent.

He cited that the proposed minimum basic salary under the bill or Salary Grade 1 will be raised from PHP11,068 to PHP13,000 upon full implementation by 2023 to remain competitive with the minimum daily wage in the National Capital Region.

As part of the incentives under the total compensation framework, the measure also seeks to institutionalize the grant of mid-year bonus equivalent to one-month basic salary to those who have rendered at least 4 months of satisfactory service and are still in the service, to be given not earlier than May 15 of every year.

The existing year-end bonus equivalent to one-month basic salary and a cash gift of PHP5,000, which are categorized under the standard allowances and benefits component of the total compensation framework, shall be given in November of every year.

Ungab said the bill took into consideration the results of the study on compensation and benefits in the public sector which the Department of Budget and Management and the Governance Commission for GOCCs conducted together with a private consulting firm.

"Said study aimed to determine the competitiveness of government pay in relation to the private sector and developed a compensation strategy to bring government pay closer to market rates, thereby attract and retain competent and dedicated employees to the civil service," Ungab said.

In his fourth state of the nation address (SONA) on July 22, President Rodrigo Duterte gave the green light for the next round of salary increases for government employees. (PNA)

## Golden Rice gets biosafety approval as food, feed

**MANILA** – The Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Plant Industry has granted a biosafety permit for the direct use of the vitamin A-enriched rice variety, Golden Rice, as food and feed or for processing (FFP).

The Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice) and International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) announced the FFP approval on Wednesday, citing that the Golden Rice “has been found to be as safe as conventional rice” after rigorous biosafety assessment.

PhilRice executive director Dr. John de Leon welcomed the regulatory decision as the rice variety could be seen as a complementary intervention to address the health problems associated with vitamin A deficiency (VAD).

“With this FFP approval, we bring forward a very accessible solution to our country’s problem on Vitamin A deficiency that’s affecting many of our pre-school children and pregnant women,” de Leon said.

Golden Rice is a new type of rice that contains beta-carotene (provitamin A), which is converted into vitamin A as needed by the body and gives the grain its golden color. It is developed through genetic engineering and produces two new enzymes that complete the beta-carotene expression in the rice grain.

IRRI Director General Matthew Morrel said the beta-carotene content of Golden Rice aims to provide 30 to 50 percent of the estimated average requirement (EAR) of vitamin A for pregnant women and young children.

“IRRI is pleased to partner with PhilRice to develop this nutrition-sensitive agricultural solution to address hidden hunger. This is the core of IRRI’s purpose: to tailor global solutions to local needs,” Morrel said.

“The Philippines has long recognized the potential to harness biotechnology to help address food and nutrition security, environmental safety, as well as improve the livelihoods of farmers,” Morrel added.

To complete the Philippine biosafety regulatory process, Golden Rice will require approval for commercial propagation before it can be made available to the public. (PNA)