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Defensor: It takes a community to educate a child



LIVELY DISCUSSION. Gov. Arthur Defensor, Jr. interacts with Synergeia President and CEO Milwida Guevara during the first Education Summit on July 19, 2023 at Casa Real de Iloilo. The Education Summit was attended by officials from the Department of Education; Iloilo Schools Division Superintendent Dr. Ernesto Servillon Jr.; Vice Gov. Christine Garin; Board Member Jason Gonzales, chairperson of the Committee on Education of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan; municipal mayors from the 43 local government units; and school district supervisors; among others. (ECGarcia/ Capitol News)

GOV. Arthur Defensor Jr. underscored the need to engage the community in addressing the learning gap of students, particularly on reading proficiency.

The provincial government of Iloilo, in partnership with non-government organization Synergeia Foundation, Inc., conducted an Education Summit on July 19, 2023 at Casa Real de Iloilo to address the issues besetting the literacy and learning performance of students in the province.

The event was attended by officials from the Department of Education; Iloilo Schools Division Superintendent Dr. Ernesto Servillon Jr.; Vice Gov. Christine Garin; Board Member Jason Gonzales, chairperson of the Committee on Education of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan; municipal mayors from the 43 local government units; and school district supervisors; among others.

Based on the DepEd data presented by Synergeia President and CEO Milwida Guevara, only 27.80 percent of Grade 3 students in the province are “grade ready” or able to read and comprehend in their respective grade level.

The governor recognized that fundamental issues such as nutrition especially among far-flung areas as well as the structural problem in the education system also affect the way a child learns.

These structural problem include the lack of classrooms to provide a conducive learning environment and shortage

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Iloilo City eyes Bus Rapid Transit

The Iloilo City Government, together with Swedish Embassy, Swedfund, Business Sweden, Metro Iloilo-Guimaras Economic Development Council (MIGEDC), Department of Transportation (DOTr), Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), National Economic Development Authority (NEDA), PLDT, and Smart, have started discussions on the proposed Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) transport system.

Mayor Jerry Treñas said the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the said project is up for review and he has tasked concerned offices to fast-track the process involved

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El Niño Team tackles mitigation efforts in coordination meeting

The Office of Civil Defense (OCD) said government agencies that are now integrating efforts to mitigate the impacts of

the weather phenomenon that is expected to persist until the first quarter of 2024.

“We need to ensure that we are prepared for the possible impacts of El Niño by integrating the efforts of each agency for a whole-of-government approach. But this work is not just on us in the government. The entire nation must take part in mitigating the possible impacts of this climate phenomenon,” OCD administrator Undersecretary Ariel Nepomuceno said in a statement last July 18, 2023.

This came after the coordination meeting of the team, where various interventions for different sectors were discussed.

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SCOUTING ADVENTURE. More than 1,200 boy scouts coming from Aklan, Antique, Capiz, Guimaras, Iloilo, and Negros Occidental converged in the Province of Guimaras for a week-long scouting adventure under the 3rd Regional Rover Moot and 1st Regional Scout Venture Camp on July 17-23, 2023. Governor JC Rahman A. Nava who sits as chairman of BSP-Guimaras Council graced the opening ceremony held at Guimaras Provincial Tree Park in Sta. Teresa, Jordan, Guimaras.

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on teachers.

One of the interventions according to the governor is engaging the family, the LGUs, and the private sector in improving the reading aptitude of students.

Defensor said family support is crucial in the reading process of a child, sharing that he learned how to read through the help of his mother.

He also lauded the initiatives of the LGUs in conducting and funding remedial and tutorial classes.

"We are committed to engaging the community to the fullest so we can fill the gaps...together with our barangay and family," Defensor said.

The governor also assured financial support under the Special Education Fund to address the infrastructure needs of DepEd.

Defensor's flagship initiative Bulig Eskwela sa Probinsya (BES PROBINS) Program provides support to the operation and maintenance of public schools.

The province, through the Provincial School Board, is also hiring 300 additional teachers and funds the construction of classroom buildings and teen centers.

"We will do everything that we can do to help DepEd and improve the learning status of our students," he said.

After the summit, the governor said he will convene again the Provincial School Board to discuss the passing of a supplemental budget for additional remedial measures.

Provincial Administrator Raul Baniyas, who has been a member of Synergeia, stressed that the summit is also in line with the vision of Governor Defensor under his development thrust Movement for a Robust, Progressive, Globally Competitive, and Resilient (MoRPRoGRes Iloilo) which is to improve the quality of basic education specifically improving literacy and numeracy performance.

A workshop and action planning was conducted during the summit to seek the commitment of the local leaders and stakeholders in improving the educational status of the province. (Capitol news)

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in the proposal.

"DOTr will sign the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on behalf of the City Government, as this study will streamline transportation systems in the MIGEDC area, including the Iloilo Airport. I believe that part of the study is how the old transport jeepney drivers will be reintegrated into other options for economic activities, the cause of traffic flow, and possible ports of entry for the bus system," MIGEDC Director and Local Economic Development Investment Promotion Office (LEDIP) head Velma Jane Lao said.

BRT is a bus-based public transport system designed to have much more capacity, reliability and other quality features than a conventional bus system. It has its own right-of-way, short headways, and platform-level boarding.

Business Sweden, a private sector organization promoting Swedish business, and Swedfund, a development finance institution for sustainable investments in developing countries, will grant \$1M to conduct a BRT feasibility study in the metropolis, said Lao.

The TWG will conduct series of consultations, discussions, and ocular inspections as part of the study to determine the viable placement of the bus systems.

The feasibility study will serve as an enabling mechanism for the City Government to present ideas to transport sector investors.

All these efforts are in line with the city's WHEELS Program focusing on Welfare, Health, and Sanitation, Education, Environmental Management, Livelihood, and Sustainability, which will help solve traffic congestion, promote local tourism, enhance delivery of services, and improve overall performance of passenger transport system. (Iloilo City PIO)

NEWS REPORT**SWED BOOSTS METRO ILOILO TRANSPO**

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These include measures on food security tackled by the Department of Agriculture (DA), water security by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), energy security by the Department of Energy (DOE), health area by the Department of Health (DOH), and public safety led by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), were discussed.

The lead agency for each sector presented interventions, adopting the four thematic pillars of Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) -- prevention and mitigation, preparedness, response, and rehabilitation and recovery.

Different projects, activities and programs (PAPs) on water management, crops, fisheries, and livestock, which ensure food availability, accessibility, safety and price stability, were presented by the DA.

Meanwhile, the DENR - National Water Resources Board along with the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) provided updates on their actions and mitigation measures for water security.

The DOE discussed the power situation and outlook. The department is tasked to ensure adequate energy supply, efficient management of power distribution and promotion of energy efficiency and conservation.

On updates for the health sector, the DOH reported its

ongoing El Niño health promotion activities, preparations for health facilities, surveillance of related cases, among others.

On the other hand, the DILG, the lead agency for public safety, reported efforts to reduce possible fire incidents, and peace and order monitoring and implementation in communities.

The identified interventions of each agency are included in the short-, medium- and long-term plans of the National Action Plan for El Niño.

The Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) earlier said the phenomenon is showing signs of strengthening in the coming months.

Near normal rainfall conditions are likely to be experienced in August and September, while below to near normal in October.

Most areas will experience below-normal rainfall conditions from November this year to January 2024, the weather bureau added.

Dry conditions are expected in 40 provinces while dry spells in 26 provinces are seen by the end of December this year.

Various agencies are also implementing preparedness measures and public information campaigns to raise awareness on the impact of El Niño. (PNA)

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boar semen, pork, and pork products, including food items containing pork, from ASF-affected provinces for trading or any other purpose.

A penalty of not less than PHP1,000 but not exceeding PHP5,000 or imprisonment of not less than six months will be charged against anyone trying to smuggle the prohibited items into the province.

He added that border controls are in place in the towns of Hamtic and Anini-y in the southern part of the province adjacent to Iloilo and in the towns of Libertad and Pandan in the north next to Aklan, contrary to observations raised by some board

members on the laxity of the implementation.

"The presence of police personnel augmenting our two contractual personnel assigned at each of the border control is a big help," Macuja said, adding they make commuters yield for the inspection.

Vehicles must be flagged down to make sure their passengers do not carry pork products or by-products from other provinces that have already been contaminated with ASF, according to Board Member Egidio Elio during the session.

"The border control is so important to prevent the spread of the ASF," Elio said, stating that other towns should be protected. (PNA)

27 W. Visayas farm schools to teach healthy cooking

ILOILO CITY – Over 3,000 learners from 27 farm schools in Western Visayas are expected to benefit from the Sarap Sustansya Farm School program that will be piloted in the region starting this school year 2023-2024.

The Department of Education (DepEd) and Maggi, a food and flavoring brand of Nestle Philippines, on Tuesday signed a Memorandum of Agreement for the implementation of the program that will equip learners with skills in preparing affordable and nutritious meals from out of their produce.

In the agreement, Maggi will provide DepEd with training and learning materials on Sarap Sustansya cooking, regenerative farming, entrepreneurial skills and farming tools and implements to assist faculty and learners in propagating their school farms.

Regenerative farming is an approach that focuses on ensuring the health of the soil and waterways, biodiversity and increasing resilience to climate change.

“Today we are about to embark on another dimension of adding more value to the harvest of our learners. Our learners

will have more appreciation of their harvest because it will not remain as vegetables that they can sell but it will be converted into value-added products with this training through our teachers,” said Dr. Mayleen Joy V. Fariñas, officer-in-charge of the DepEd Field Technical Assistance Division in her message.

In a press conference, Raine Marie Calma, service pillar head of Maggi and assistant vice president of Nestle Philippines, Inc., said that they looked forward to a successful run although it was not integrated into the farm school curriculum.

“Right now it’s a knowledge transfer. What is happening in the next three days, we’re training the heads of schools so they can train their respective students from their schools,” she said.

Fariñas explained that the establishment of the farm school was the brainchild of DepEd Regional Director Ramir Uytico.

It aimed to contextualize career agricultural options for learners and provide them with certifiable technical skills to be productive leaders in agricultural innovations, and produce champions who are globally competitive and equipped with



USING THEIR PRODUCE. Farm schools in Western Visayas receive farm implements from the Maggi, a food and flavoring brand of Nestle Philippines, following the signing of the memorandum of agreement for the Sarap Sustansya Farm School program held in Iloilo City on Tuesday (July 18, 2023). The program aims to equip learners with skills in preparing affordable and nutritious meals from out of their produce. (PNA photo by PGLena)

life and career skills.

It complied with Republic Act 10618 or The Farm School Act which encourages the establishment of at least one rural farm school

in every province in the country.

“So we only have six provinces but we have 27 farm schools in Region 6 (Western Visayas),” she added. (PNA)

7 evacuation centers to rise in Iloilo City

ILOILO CITY – Seven multi-purpose buildings which will also serve as evacuation centers will soon rise in strategic areas in Iloilo City as part of efforts on climate change adaptation.

In an interview on Monday, Iloilo City Lone District Rep. Julienne Baronda said they expect the projects' completion next year.

Baronda's office, with the help of several senators and House Speaker Martin Romualdez, ensured the PHP350 million funding for the project through the Department of Public Works and Highways.

“This is one of our initiatives so that in times of calamities we have our evacuation centers. We don’t want to use our schools

so we are building right now seven centers in Iloilo City,” she said, adding that construction is ongoing in Jaro, City Proper and Lapuz districts.

They are one of a kind because the green building concept is included with the provision of a solar-powered water system, Baronda said.

The ground floor will be used as a multi-purpose building for economic enterprises and the second story will serve as an evacuation center.

“It is complete with washroom, restroom, kitchen, and offices,” she said.

The buildings will be managed by the host barangay whose

officials will be trained by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority on entrepreneurship so they can offer the facility as a venue for various occasions. (PNA)

ILOILO CITY HOSTS VIP TOUR FROM U.S.

Iloilo City hosted some 300 guests from United States July 19.

Mayor Jerry Treñas welcomed the big development for the metropolis which continues to attract more tourists helping boost the economy now recovering through revenge travel after pandemic.

The 2023 Very Important Pinoy (VIP) Tour will then go to Boracay.

“It is our hope that the 2023 VIP Tour will show our visitors the quintessential Filipino hospitality and the many natural wonders that the country has to offer. Thank you for your support and we wish you continued success!” Philippine Ambassador to US Jose Manuel G. Romualdez told Treñas.

The VIP Tour is the flagship tourism program of Philippine Foreign Service Posts (PFSPs) in the US which has enabled Filipino-Americans and Americans from all over to visit and learn more about how beautiful the country is.

The first following a two-year hiatus and now on its 14th iteration, the tour was formerly known as the “Ambassadors, Consuls General and Tourism Directors Tour” or the “Ambassadors’ Tour.” (Iloilo City PIO)

Travelers urged to submit to inspection as ASF spreads in Antique

SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, Antique – The Provincial Veterinary (ProVet) Office asked travelers to Antique to submit their bags and other items to checkpoints at provincial border controls as a measure to prevent the further spread of the African swine fever (ASF).

ASF has been recorded

in 49 villages in the province -- 17 in San Jose de Buenavista and 32 in Hamtic.

“Please submit for inspection for it would only take a few minutes,” said ProVet chief Florencio Macuja, who appeared before the regular session of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan (Provincial Board) to shed light on the spread of the

animal disease.

Macuja lamented there are commuters who refused to have their bags inspected while others speed up to evade border control.

The establishment of the border control is mandated under Provincial Ordinance Number 2020-242 as a means to prevent the entry of any pig,

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EVACUATION CENTERS. Iloilo City Lone District Rep. Julienne Baronda says seven multi-purpose buildings and evacuation centers will soon be available in strategic areas in the city. In an interview on Monday (July 17, 2023), she said the projects are funded with at least PHP350 million from the Department of Public Works and Highways. (Photo from Jam-Jam Baronda Facebook)

Na 'logo loko' na!

The PBBM administration has gone "logo loko."

After the Department of Tourism's P49-million slogan fiasco, the Pagcor went out on a limb and launched their P3-million logo in the very presence of President Bongbong Marcos and First Lady Liza Araneta Marcos. The initial reaction was to ask: What were they thinking?!

But even before any explanations were provided, Malacañang released a third logo and slogan, this time for the PBBM administration, namely the "Bagong Pilipinas" slogan and the logo of what can only be called the Philippines in a basket. The three stars representing the three main islands at the top, the symbolic Philippine sun and rays representing the regions/provinces, all sitting inside woven ribbons of red and blue with the appearance of a basket.

Aside from certifiably being logo loko, the release of the Pagcor logo on the tail of the DOT disaster is indicative of poor judgment and bad timing. Unless the intention was to deflect the heat from the DOT and distract people. As Garfield the cat says: If you can't convince them – confuse them.

If that was the intention, it failed miserably and made the First Couple unwitting endorsers of a poor and overpriced product, as exhibited by the unsolicited and "free" alternative logos offered by netizens and artists. If all that was not enough, Malacañang joined the melee and announced that the administration is officially launching the Bagong Pilipinas logo slogan.

Of all the three logos and slogans, the Bagong Pilipinas logo is the most visually appealing, but that is as kind as most observers could be. Netizens quickly pointed out that the Bagong Pilipinas slogan was very similar to the political propaganda of Ferdinand Marcos Sr., which was "Bagong Lipunan" or the New Society movement.

The unkind comment suggested that the slogan vis a vis the country's status is now akin to bagoong

or fermented fish or shrimp paste, and despite the nicest and most colorful packaging and branding, it still stinks. The Bagong Pilipinas slogan really stirs phrases related to bagoong. For instance, back in the 60's and 70's people would use the term "na-bagoong" or "binagoong" in reference to people, students, basketball teams, etc. who got stuck in place, failed in school or were cellar dwellers in competition.

Given our pathetic performance in economics, education, territorial integrity, state of politics and quality of people in government and elected office, it is no surprise if the bagoong-related terms are top of mind or first mention. In terms of visuals, "the Philippines in a basket" opens the slogan to references or recall of terms in past administrations where the Philippines was referred to as the economic basket case of Asia. God forbid the DOH or PhilHealth rolls out a new logo. We don't want a revival of the branding "The Sick Man of Asia."

With three strikes at bat for failed logos in this administration, I wonder when our representatives in Congress will find their courage and patriotism and integrity to investigate who is behind this serial logo lokohan? Is it the pet project of a certain office at the Office of the President, is there someone who has been doing the rounds of government offices or agencies soliciting logo and slogan creation work? The serial nature of the matter makes me suspect that the logo loko situation could be a whole of government project solicitation.

By the way, if you think that going after the logo loko people in government is petty or cheap, think again. No government funds may have been used, or logos and slogans may have been internally generated, but after an agency or government office changes its logo or slogan, it generally follows that all offices of that agency in Metro Manila and all provinces and cities will be changing their billboards, banners, office signs as well as all forms of official communication material,

less than half having 24-hour water service.

After the privatization deal was finalized in what at the time was touted as the deal of the century, I got to tour the water treatment facilities outside Paris of the French partners of Benpres Holdings Corp., Suez Environment and Lyonnaise Asia Water Pte Ltd. Benpres' Maynilad had won the concession for the west service sector.

I was told that the Suez group handled water distribution at the time in Paris, where water from the tap is safe to drink anywhere. Seeing how wastewater was transformed into sparkling potable water in that French treatment plant, I happily anticipated an end to Manila's water woes.

Disappointingly, it took forever for the west zone concessionaire to reach my neck of the woods. Apart from corporate issues, the west sector reportedly needed more extensive work to install new pipes, which required right-of-way agreements plus talks with local water service providers and homeowners' associations.

The Benpres group eventually threw in the towel and Maynilad was taken over by the partnership of DM Consunji Holdings Inc. and Metro Pacific Investments Corp. I don't know what miracle happened, but in no time, the pipes were laid in our village and for the first time since leaving the city of Manila, I could again enjoy piped water around the clock at home.

Even Maynilad and east zone concessionaire Manila Water, however, have their requirements for providing optimum service. Under the privatization deal, the government was supposed to be in charge of providing the water sources – including developing new ones – for distribution by the concessionaires.

I don't remember any significant new water source coming onstream since then. Kaliwa Dam is bogged down in all sorts of controversies that no administration can seem to resolve with a win-win outcome, to borrow a favorite Chinese phrase.

The Chinese come to mind because the world knows how they deal with opposition to the construction of dams and other critical public infrastructure projects – which is to proceed as if the opposition is non-existent, and woe to anyone who believes otherwise.

This, of course, is not possible in our exuberant democracy. But such decisive moves by the state are part of the appeal of China (and Vietnam) for investors. Money doesn't like uncertainty and indecision. Even in our country, I know a number of titans in business and

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both physical and digital.

So far, we are mostly poking fun and criticizing the obvious, but once the COA starts auditing the cost of these revisions, I guarantee that the costs will run into hundreds of millions. Chances are people like the President, or the Executive Secretary, may not have been told or were not aware of the multi-million collateral expenditures!

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One of our regular readers reached out to me while I was in Pangasinan and told me about a news item he saw on TV that day. It was a news story of a sari-sari store owner who was arrested for selling shabu sachets at the store. The reader could not get over the thought that drug use and drug dealing has once again spiraled to the point that pushers make no effort to hide their transactions.

The reader then went on to ask me what has happened to the PDEA? What is the current head of the organization doing about the deteriorating situation as far as illegal drugs is concerned? Why was the former head Wilkins Villanueva removed, considering the accomplishments of PDEA under his watch?

I honestly could not catch up with the guy. All I know is that there is a new head of the PDEA, but he has kept a low profile, either as a policy or because the PDEA has not had a lot to crow about in terms of major busts. As far as the state of illegal drug sales and use, all I know is that the PNP has been candid enough to say that the problem is a serious concern for law enforcers. As for Wilkins Villanueva, his accomplishments were apparently less appreciated than being tagged as a Duterte appointee. How unfortunate.

Water security

Thanks to heavy rainfall in the past days, water supply rotation in wide areas of Metro Manila has been lifted, and water for irrigation need not be curtailed.

Heavier rains ahead are likely due to the start of El Niño, which tends to trigger extremes of whatever is the prevailing weather condition. This means no more water rotation during the rainy season, but it could resume during the dry season when drought is possible.

One measure of the level of development in a country is the safety of tap water. In advanced economies, you can drink water directly from the tap. If you ask for bottled water, you will be given something fancy like Perrier.

Until my college years, people could still drink water directly from the taps of what we now know as Metro Manila. Even in Parañaque, where water during those days had a distinct taste because it came from deep wells, I never got sick from drinking water directly from my relatives' home taps.

When bottled water was introduced in Metro Manila, many people asked, who would pay for drinking water?

And yet as water pipes deteriorated and the capital region's population surged, with no corresponding expansion in potable water capacity, the safety of tap water became compromised, and bottled water enterprises boomed.

The piped water network of what was called the NAWASA – the National Waterworks and Sewerage System Authority – also did not reach many areas of the capital.

In the property development "projects" south of Manila, people relied mainly on ground water extracted through industrial-grade pumps provided by the subdivision developer, or on household pumps connected to storage tanks.

My house still has water pumps and a massive tank that can store up to three days' worth of the household's regular water needs. This was because we used to get only a few hours of water supply, sometimes only every other day.

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The service under NAWASA's successor the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System was so awful that privatization was gladly welcomed by people desperate for improvement. A study conducted by the Asian Development Bank showed that the heavily indebted MWSS serviced only 60 percent of its coverage area, with

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industry who believe we could use a firmer hand and a bit less democracy.

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We can't even stop the unending reclamation activities and construction of fishpens owned mostly by political families in Laguna de Bay, which have caused heavy siltation and massive flooding in what was originally a floodplain around the lake.

The siltation and use of the lake for aquaculture have limited the possibilities of tapping Laguna de Bay as a freshwater source for Metro Manila and neighboring areas. Manila Water taps the lake for augmentation.

Some experts have said our archipelago is blessed with abundant sources of fresh water. What's lacking, they say, is efficient water management.

Those who see Kaliwa Dam and other new water sources as a lost cause are looking instead at industrial-scale or community-level rainwater harvesting and wastewater recycling as options.

"Graywater" for recycling is not supposed to include wastewater from toilets and kitchens. I don't know how these can be segregated from wastewater from the laundry and garden; I thought everything ended up in the same septic tank.

Also, wastewater recycling is of course more expensive, and could require treatment agents whose effects on drinking water and human health need deeper study.

But with water sources unable to keep pace with population growth, we have to be open to other options.

As for harvesting rainwater, this was popular in the country before the arrival of piped water networks. There are still old houses with concrete cisterns where water for doing laundry, gardening and cleaning driveways was stored. The water just needs proper containment to prevent it from turning into a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

I wonder if we will ever be water secure in my lifetime. And if I will ever again enjoy drinking water direct from the tap in Metro Manila without worrying about developing gastroenteritis, amoebiasis or, worse, cholera.

DTI Region 6 showcases Miag-ao's Budbud Seasalt on VIP Tour

MIAG-AO, ILOILO - On July 18, 2023, the Very Important Pinoy (VIP) Tour 2023, a collaborative effort by the Department of Tourism and the Department of Foreign Affairs, arrived in Miag-ao, Iloilo, as part of its week-long journey from July 16-22, 2023. This year, the Philippine Consulate and DOT San Francisco took the lead in coordinating the VIP tour, aiming to foster closer ties between the Philippines and its Filipino-American community in the US. The tour successfully brought a total of 292 Filipino-Americans to their motherland led by Consul General Neil Frank Ferrer.



One of the highlights of the tour's itinerary was the visit to the enchanting

province of Iloilo where the participants got the

chance to explore the cultural treasures and breathtaking landscapes of the region. Among the places included in the Iloilo leg was a trip to Miagao, a town with a rich cultural heritage.

During the Miagao visit, a special event was arranged by DTI Region 6 led by OIC-RD Ermelinda Pollentes with the recommendation of May

Nina Celynne Layug, the Trade Commissioner at the PTIC – Silicon Valley San Francisco, who saw this as an excellent opportunity to showcase the local specialty – Budbud seasalt. TC Layug, a strong believer in the potential of Budbud seasalt, expressed enthusiasm at introducing this unique product to the VIP group.

Behind the success of

Budbud seasalt is OIC-RD Pollentes and her team from DTI-Region 6 and DTI Iloilo Provincial Office who have been actively providing technical and other essential support services to the enterprise. The efforts of Ms. Lorlie Noblezada, the dedicated owner and manager of Budbud seasalt, have been instrumental in preserving the traditional "Budbud"

saltmaking industry in Miagao, Iloilo. Notably, Budbud is recognized as a woman-owned small business enterprise, significantly contributing to the economic growth and providing employment opportunities for women in the local community.

With the VIP Tour in full swing, the organizers and participants alike hoped that the showcase of Budbud seasalt would garner much attention and support, both locally and internationally. The exposure to a broader audience could potentially lead to more significant opportunities for Budbud, promoting the artisanal seasalt industry of Miagao, Iloilo, and uplifting the lives of women in the region.

As the VIP Tour continues, the Filipino-Americans from the US have been experiencing an enriching and unforgettable journey, connecting with their heritage and immersing themselves in the beauty and culture of the Philippines.



Guimaras candidate for ASF recovery program

ILOILO CITY – The province of Guimaras is working on the necessary documentation and series of tests to prove it is already free of African swine fever (ASF), according to an official of the Department of Agriculture Western Visayas (DA-6) on Wednesday.

Dr. Jonic Natividad, chief of the DA Regulatory Division, said the province is a candidate for the recovery program, however, they have yet to validate and conduct a series of tests as part of the requirements.

"They are working on documentation and a series of tests to prove their freedom from the disease. If they are in the pink or yellow zones and have complied with other requirements, then the BAI (Bureau of Animal Industry), the sole authority for that, will declare that they

are ready for sentineling," he said in an interview on Wednesday.

He said blood specimens submitted by the province to the Regional Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory in June showed a negative result.

As of the June 14, zoning map of the BAI, the municipalities of San Lorenzo and Sibunag are included in the pink or buffer zone, Nueva Valencia in the yellow or surveillance zone, and the towns of Buenavista and Jordan remain under the infected zone.

The nine barangays with recorded cases are in Buenavista and Jordan with 376 swine mortalities, including the 140 depopulated heads based on the July 14 report of the DA.

Pink is situated immediately around the infected zone, while yellow is adjacent to the buffer zone, both have no detected cases

of ASF.

Natividad explained that during the sentineling, they will be putting experimental pigs to determine if the virus is still present in the area.

"If there are no mortalities within 30 to 90 days as per protocol, we will proceed to the repopulation," he added.

As part of the documentation process, they will also conduct a biosecurity audit to look into the practices of farmers affected and those that were not and determine what needs to be improved.

"We have trained people there since 2020. We have trained barangay biosecurity officers and we expect that they have it channeled to LGUs (local government units), if not with the ATI (Agricultural Training Institute), our training arm, we are ready to augment," he said.

The official said that swine growers must also observe proper disinfection and biosecurity measures. (PNA)



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AFP modernization on sked

Editorial

The Philippines will pursue the modernization of its armed forces to “address present dangers.”

That was the latest pronouncement of President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. on the matter of procuring equipment and supplies, apart from enhancing training, to bring the AFP closer to the goal of securing national sovereignty and territorial integrity, as mandated by our Constitution.

For far too long, the country depended on the protection provided by American military bases—mainly Clark Air Base and Subic Naval Base—until the Philippine Senate decided to terminate the RP-US Military Bases Agreement in 1991.

Last year, upon assuming office, he promised to support the AFP modernization program, citing geopolitical tensions and

challenges facing the country brought about by terrorism and natural calamities.

He even described the AFP modernization program as “crucial” to make the military “ready for all eventualities.”

The AFP’s modernization program began in the mid-1990s during the Ramos administration.

But the first horizon of AFP modernization from 2013 to 2017 was for the acquisition of equipment mostly for internal security operations.

What is now known as Horizon 2 of the modernization program is aimed at making the AFP “mission capable for territorial defense in the West Philippine Sea” by the end in this year, but COVID-19 delayed its completion.

Its third and final phase, or Horizon 3, was supposed to start next year and last

until 2028.

But the lack of adequate funds could further delay the acquisition corvettes, offshore patrol vessels and combat utility helicopters to achieve what is called a “minimum credible defense posture.”

The acquisition of “game changer projects” such as missile systems, and multirole jet fighters and advanced C4ISTAR (command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance, targeting acquisition and reconnaissance) would definitely be a huge leap to enhance the country’s external defense capabilities in the years ahead.

The question is: Can we afford all this while our resources are focused on economic and social priorities? (*manilastandard.net*)

Lee Kwan Yew

Mga Panghuna-huna kag Paranan-awan

ni Dr. Romeo Felarca Detaro



I
Si Lee Kwan Yew lider sang
Singapore,
Pinaka-ulih na siguro sa bilog nga
Asya strongman nga pure.
Naka-eskuela sang Komersyo kag
abogasiya sa Englatera,
Sang sini lang napatay sa edad
Nubenta y Uno anyos,
Apang grabe ang mihura,
nga iya nahimo sa pungsod
Singapore niya.

II
Si Lee Kwan Yew maisog nga tawo,
Gina-kabig amay sang Singapore
nga pag-asenso daw milagro,
Kadiutay sang ila duta apang

nagapanguna sa ekonomiya nga
aspeto,
Nag-manggaranon ang mga
Singaporeans,
terrible ang asenso,
Bangud ang ila Gross National
Product kata-as ka-ayo.

III
Si Lee Kwan Yew may abanse nga
plano,
May abanse nga utok, dira siya
famoso,
Hambal ya kon indi ka maka
-panumdum kon wala bubble gum ang
imo ngislo,
Ngaa indi mo pag islan sang saging
nga daw tudlo kadako.

Estripto kaayo si
Lee Kwan Yew,
May penalidad
abyan bisan sa pag-pang-dupla nimo,
Bisan ang pagbata limitado,
Duwa lang agud sa mag-asawa, may
tsansa gid mag-asenso.

IV
Pero sa pihak sini abyan nga mga
hinimuan ni Lee Kwan Yew,
Indi man madula ang iya mga kritiko,
Ilabi na gid sa mga estudyante sa
kolehiyo,
Nagapati nga mas maayo man
gihapon gobyerno nga demokratiko,
sa malawig nga tinu-ig gin-dingot ni
Lee Kwan Yew.

It is time to 'link up'

"We are all joined to each other like links in a chain. Lift one link and others are raised with it." - Dr. Arlene K. Unger from her book, "COURAGE"

"Let's Volt In!" – Voltes V

Link up is the act of connecting or putting together. As a phrasal verb, link up in common usage is to join other people or organizations for a particular purpose. It is a common phrase but one that has deep meaning and relevance for individuals or society in the light of recent events.

A couple of months ago, a friend of mine who wanted to run in the upcoming barangay elections and challenge the incumbent asked my advice on the first step in organizing his campaign team. I told him what an old mentor once taught me -- link up. A former student who just left the corporate world and wanted to do business on his own sought my advice on how to get started. I gave him the same answer -- link up.

An old classmate who is semi-retired asked me what he could do with his spare time. I told him to do link ups and volunteer work. Lastly, another friend of mine recently told me that he was suffering from a mid-life crisis and that he

felt lost lately. Knowing that he was an introvert like me, I told him to try and ... you guessed it -- link up with old friends.

In politics, linking up with old friends, colleagues or with other people who believe in the same things is often the best way to start organizing your political or "campaign" team. In business, linking up also gives you access to fresh ideas, news that you don't see in the media, opportunities, openings and the occasional loans.

People suffering from boredom or even mild depression often find relief in meeting up with old friends and doing activities that they mutually enjoy. Even if no concrete objective is achieved, linking up often gives us the pleasures of social interaction. In fact, I heard of an old friend who linked up with a group who does social media group bashing. Their current target is the social media personality who did the "Ama Namin" remix. They realized that bashing as a group often brings results. I heard that this did wonders to his mild depression.

There are problems facing our nation that can also be helped by people linking up. I have seen individuals and organizations recently linking up to do volunteer work with communities and groups to provide assistance on matters involving food production, small and medium scale and

OBLIQUE OBSERVATIONS

By ATTY. GILBERTO LAUENCO, J.D.

livelihood enterprises.

Recently, I accompanied an NGO group of businessmen and entrepreneurs provide start-up funds and materials for mobile livelihood projects. So Far, they have visited fifteen communities and conducted training and assistance projects.

In regional geopolitics, we have seen recent regional link ups for trade like RCEP and other bilateral and multilateral trade treaties that allow mutual economic interests to be achieved. Mutual defense cooperation between countries to achieve common goals are now being made. Scenes of navy vessels from different countries conducting joint exercises in international waters are now a common sight.

It is time to consider aggressive link ups as an effective tool for many things.

This is my oblique observation.

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PLDT, SMART dominate as fastest internet provider in PH

PLDT and SMART is recognized, for the fifth time, as the fastest internet provider in the country. This was announced last month by Global benchmarking company Ookla®. PLDT has dominated the Ookla® Speedtest Awards™, achieving a top speed score of 86.52 in 2022 affirming the telco's exceptional and consistent performance in delivering the country's fastest Internet speeds for the fifth consecutive year.

This is the result of PLDT's aggressive network expansion and drive to lift the quality of customer experience.

The PLDT Group has been supporting the country's digitalization by bringing the benefits of connectivity and other digital services to more areas in the Philippines. In 2022, PLDT recorded a total of 6.08 million fiber-powered ports, covering around 17,700 barangays across the country.

PLDT President and CEO AI Panlilio said PLDT is committed to help build and empower the nation by setting the bar high in providing world-class digital services for Filipinos

PLDT delivers a fiber-optic speed of up to 10 Gbps, which was made available to the public as early as 2021. This move has placed the Philippines alongside first-world nations in terms of ultra-fast internet speeds including South Korea, Japan, Norway, Italy, New Zealand and USA.

As of end-2022, PLDT added 1.1 million new fiber subscribers, capturing 59 percent of fiber customer industry growth for 2022. This brought PLDT Home's total fiber subscribers to 2.9 million.

The company continue to get recognition from various international consulting organizations for its technical prowess and stable financial strength, affirming its dominance as the leading telco in the country against the competition.

This week, a London-based business valuation and strategy consulting firm, Brand Finance, feted PLDT with the distinction of the Most Valuable Filipino Brand for 2023.

Like the famous global brands, PLDT's proactive

efforts in creating brand loyalty, awareness, associations and maintaining international standard of their products and services among their stakeholders, have paid off.

The recognition is a true testament that over the years, PLDT has made a household name as one of the most trusted and credible telco companies in the country.

Since its inception, it unceasingly worked to help the nation push for digitalization by providing vital connectivity to help transform the Philippines into a globally competitive and digitally-empowered country.

Brand Finance adopted structured methodology to give the distinction to PLDT. In valuing the brand, it meticulously reviewed every brands' revenue and earnings before interest and taxes, and arrived at the decision that PLDT leads other brands surveyed.

As one of the main drivers in its improved year-on-year revenue, PLDT Group's investments in fiber technology was a key factor in receiving the prestigious award from Brand Finance, with a total fiber footprint of over 1.1 million kilometers as of end-March 2023.

With a 2 percent annual increase in brand value to USD2.6 billion, the performance of the country's largest integrated telco contributed to the brand capturing a higher market share of the fiber industry, which led to a 45 percent improvement in year-on-year revenue.

The Brand Finance report cited PLDT's consistent focus on innovation as a driver to improve customer service and propel the nation towards becoming a financial and technology hub.

Beside investing on fibre technology, Brand Finance also lauded PLDT's deployment of carbon fiber cell towers, an environmental initiative that seeks to reduce the amount of carbon dioxide produced by up to 70 percent, as compared to using traditional steel towers. Carbon fiber towers also use less land space, reducing the need for

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By JOE ZALDARRIAGA

land repurposing.

"PLDT is a socially responsible corporation and seriously cares for our environment by deploying the country's first carbon fiber cell towers, as well as solar panels in our facilities across four cities to reduce over 137 tons of greenhouse gas emissions," Panlilio shared.

In support of the government's digitalization goals, the citation also reinforces PLDT and Smart's commitment to bridge the digital divide – a mandate of the Private Sector Advisory Council (PSAC) Digital Infrastructure group, where Panlilio sits as a founding member.

PLDT and Smart's efforts recognized by Brand Finance are among the broad range of initiatives undertaken by the Group in its continuing drive to elevate customer experience and become the region's leading ESG telco. These objectives are two of the five pillars of PLDT and Smart's multi-year transformation launched in 2022, in response to the rapidly shifting market conditions in the Philippines.

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SPEC. PROC. No. 23-15403

IN THE MATTER OF
PETITION FOR RECOGNITION
OF FOREIGN JUDGMENT OF
DIVORCE AND CORRECTIONS
OF ENTRY IN THE LOCAL CIVIL
REGISTRAR OF ILOILO CITY

KEITH S. VERDE
Petitioner.

-versus-

CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL,
THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR,
CITY OF ILOILO,
Respondent.

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ORDER

A verified petition was filed before this Court by petitioner, thru counsel praying among others that after due notice, hearing and publication, an Order be issued as follows:

1. Confirming/enforcing the foreign judgment of divorce of the marriage of JECELLE MAE O. CAÑOS to the petitioner KEITH S. VERDE issued on August 9, 2012 by the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta, Judicial Centre of Calgary, Alberta, Canada;

2. To order the public respondent, Civil Registrar General and Local Civil Registrar of Iloilo City, Philippines to annotate on the Certificate of Marriage dated January 17, 2008 the aforesaid divorce decree obtained from Canada.

Finding the said petition sufficient in form and substance, the same is hereby set for hearing on **September 28, 2023** at **9:30** in the morning before this Court. Notice is hereby given that any person who has objection to this petition may file his opposition thereto on or before the date of hearing. The petitioner shall cause this **Order** to be published in the **News Express**, a newspaper of general circulation in the **City and Province of Iloilo**, once a week for **three (3) consecutive weeks**, such that the last publication should be at least **fifteen (15) days** before the date of hearing.

Let copy of this **Order** be posted at the main entrance of the **Office of the Regional Trial Court, Branch 31, Iloilo City, Iloilo Hall of Justice Building, Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City** and at **two (2) conspicuous places** in the **City of Iloilo** at the expense of the petitioner. Furnish a copy of this **Order** together with a copy of the petition to the **Solicitor General, Civil Registrar, Civil Registrar General and Jocelle Mae O. Caños at Unit C-816, 820- 5th Ave. SW Calgary, Alberta T2P 0N6 403-390-0292.**

SO ORDERED.
Iloilo City, Philippines, May 17, 2023.

(SGD.) CYRIL R. REGALADO
Presiding Judge

NE/July 24, 31 & Aug. 7, 2023

Cebu Pacific (PSE: CEB), the Philippines' leading carrier, ranks third among the strongest brands in the Philippines for 2023, and one of the country's most valuable brands overall, according to a study by a London-based brand valuation consultancy firm.

CEB received a Brand Strength Index score of 81.0, corresponding to a rating of AAA-, according to Brand Finance's 2023 report on the most valuable and strongest Filipino brands. CEB also placed 20th among the Philippines' most valuable brands for this year --- the first time the airline made it in the list --- with a brand value worth US\$194 million.

"We are humbled and honored to be named among the strongest and most valuable brands in the Philippines. This affirms our commitment to making air travel more affordable and accessible for every kind of Juan," said Candice Iyog, CEB Chief Marketing and Customer Experience Officer.

Brand Finance, the world's leading brand

SineMaya Cinema Tour goes North

Over 300 people attended the Sinemaya Cinema Tour at SM City Baguio Cinema to watch the inspiring films produced by the nine finalists of the 2022 Sinemaya Film Festival.

Sinemaya, the first community film fest in the Philippine microfinance industry initiated by CARD Mutually Reinforcing Institutions (CARD MRI), continues its cinema tour in Baguio City on July 1, 2023.

Microfinance clients, staff, and stakeholders watched the nine short films produced by microfinance clients sharing their stories on how their families and communities are interconnected.

CARD MRI, a group of 23 institutions that aim to empower Filipino families, envisions providing its clients with a platform to share their stories of inspiration and success. "SineMaya is the realization of this aspiration where ordinary Filipinos can now share their stories of struggles and perseverance to provide a decent life for their family. With this, we are creating an avenue for them to be heard and understood," said Dr. Alip.

Two finalists from the 2022 SineMaya Film Fest also attended the film showing for the viewers to draw inspiration from. These short films are the Community

Development Awardee for Agriculture Na'ng Nagkatagpo, Nag-Sandigang Mangarap, a movie produced by CARD, Inc. (A Microfinance NGO) SK Ankileng from the Mountain Province, and the People's Choice Awardee Tinig ng Tahimik, a film directed by CARD, Inc. (A Microfinance NGO) SK Baelig 2 Center from Ilocos Sur.

"We have seen that the skills and talents of our clients have no boundaries. Their stories need to be shared to build dreams and inspire many," Dr. Alip added.

More stories that will inspire

The 2023 Sinemaya community film festival is now open to all microfinance institutions in the country. With the participation of various microfinance institutions, more microfinance clients will discover untapped possibilities for themselves. The community film festival seeks to bring out the undiscovered potentials of microfinance clients in creativity and artistry while bringing inspiration to others through their experiences.

To learn more about the next Sinemaya cinema tour and the upcoming Sinemaya community film festival, visit the MFI Newswire website, mfnewswire.com, and Facebook page at @MFI Newswire.



Cebu Pacific Among Strongest, Most Valuable Filipino Brands for 2023

valuation consultancy firm, published the annual list of the most valuable and strongest brands following a survey of over 100,000 respondents worldwide to assess their perception of more than 4,000 brands.

The survey was complemented with an analysis of the companies' investments in marketing and research and development, as well as ratings by review sites, social media engagement, customer churn, market share, among others.

According to Brand Finance's report, the Philippines' strongest brands are determined based on a balanced scorecard that evaluates the marketing investment, shareholder equity, and business performance of each company.

Brand value, on the other hand, relates to the brand's "present value of earnings specifically related to brand reputation," it added.

"We are also grateful for the trust and confidence

of our passengers. In this dynamic and challenging industry, this distinction will further motivate Cebu Pacific to constantly improve our services and ensure the best travel experience for our passengers, along with our commitment to provide safe, reliable, and affordable air transport for every Juan," Iyog said.

With its signature seat sales and year-round low fares, CEB remains as the airline of choice for many Filipinos, maintaining a market share of 52% for July 2023. Since 1996, the airline has flown over 200 million passengers, with more than 4.8 million passengers serviced in the first quarter of 2023 alone.

CEB also offers the widest domestic network among Philippine carriers, currently flying to 35 local and 23 international destinations across Asia, Australia, and the Middle East.

P3-M drugs seized in 24-hr series of ops in Iloilo City

ILOILO CITY – A series of drug buy-bust operations conducted by various law enforcement agencies in Iloilo City on Tuesday resulted in the confiscation of about 450 grams of suspected shabu with an estimated street value of PHP3.06 million.

Iloilo City Police Office (ICPO) spokesperson, Maj. Shella Mae Sangrines, in an interview on Wednesday, said the series of operations were led by various operatives including those from the Philippine National Police Drug Enforcement Group (DEG), Regional Police Drugs Enforcement Unit (RPDEU), Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), and the ICPO police stations.

The biggest haul was led by the RPDEU in Barangay Calaparan and Barangay Rizal Pala-Pala 1 where more or less 170 grams of suspected shabu valued at PHP1.156 million and 55 grams of illegal drugs worth PHP374,000 were confiscated, respectively.

“These two operations of the RPDEU seized over PHP1.5 million. They have the biggest contribution in the 24 hours,” she said.

The DEG-led operation in Barangay Balabago confiscated more or less 130 grams of suspected shabu with a standard drug price of PHP884,000.

The ICPO-led operation in Barangay Airport, meanwhile, seized 65 grams of suspected shabu priced at PHP442,000, while a joint operation with PDEA resulted in the dismantling of a drug den in Barangay Simon Ledesma and the confiscation of 30 grams of illegal drugs valued at PHP204,000.

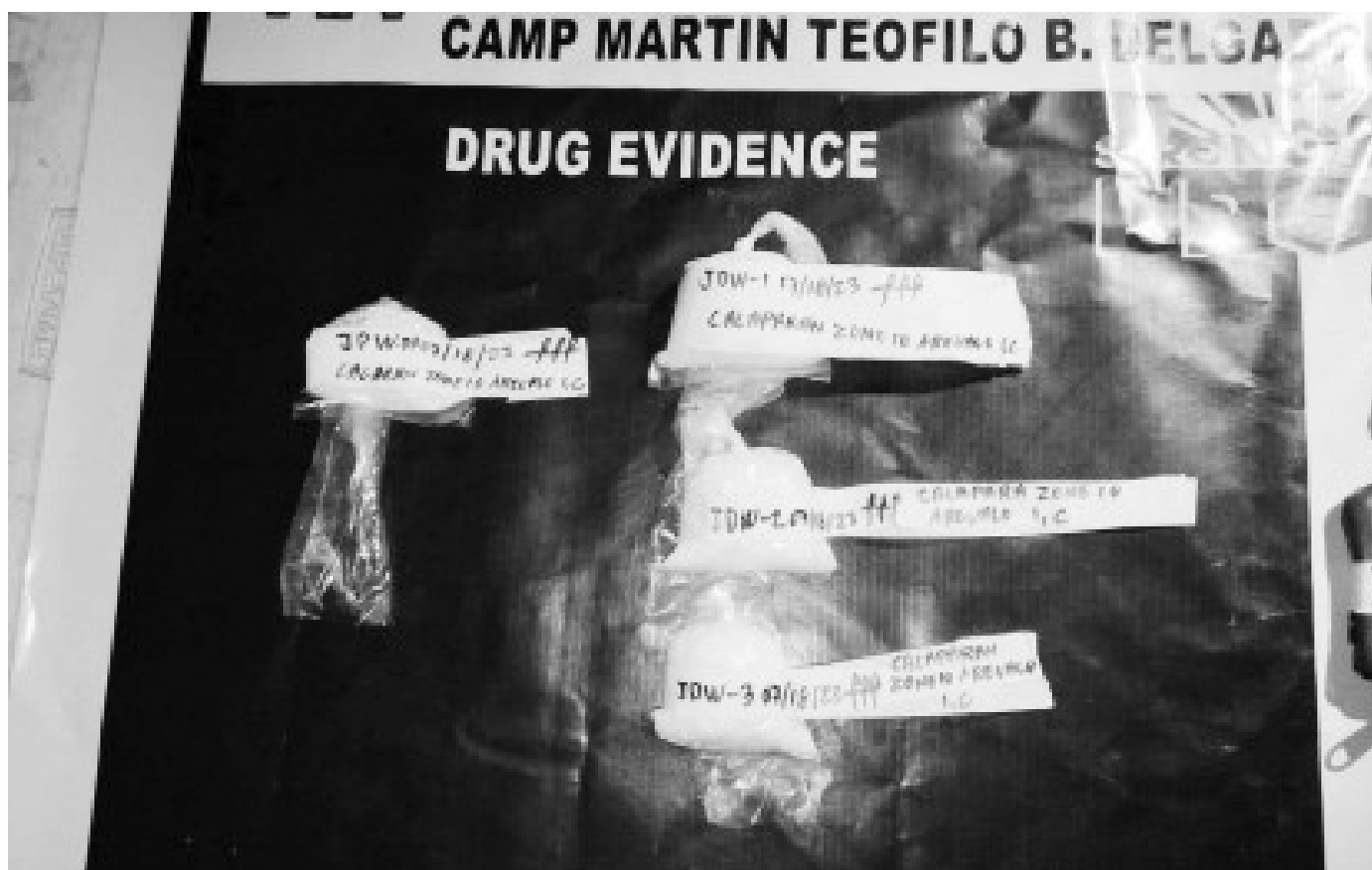
“The reason why these operations are successful is because of our very vigilant and active community. We have earned their full trust the reason why we have these big operations not only by the ICPO but also of other operating units,” Sangrines added.

The five operations arrested eight suspects – four high-value individuals, one drug den maintainer, two drug den visitors, and a street-level individual.

Identified as high-value individuals were Wenchel G. Provido, 37, of Barangay Zamora; Connie G. Denosta, 37, of Barangay Balabago; Michael John V. Hilario, 29, of Barangay Rizal Pala-Pala 1; and James Michael D. Chua, 35, of Barangay MH Del Pilar.

The other suspects were identified as drug den maintainer Jasper de Pedro Pamiroyan, 29; drug den visitors Siorenstoen F. Sultan, 22, and Federico F. Henoales Fuentes, 31; and street-level individual Arnold C. Evangelista, 44.

The suspects will be facing charges for violations of the various provisions of Republic Act 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002. (PNA)



SEIZED. The suspected shabu, with an estimated street value of about PHP1.15 million, is confiscated by the Regional Police Drugs Enforcement Unit (RPDEU) during a buy-bust in Barangay Calaparan, Iloilo City on Tuesday (July 18, 2023). The series of anti-drug operations in the city on the same day yielded more than PHP3 million worth of suspected shabu, Iloilo City Police Office spokesperson, Maj. Shella Mae Sangrines, said in an interview on Wednesday (July 19, 2023). (Photo courtesy of RPDEU)

500 kilos of PBBM rice sold in Antique’s ‘Kadiwa ng Pangulo’

SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, Antique – The President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. (PBBM) rice sold at PHP20 per kilo was a hit among Antiqueños with 500 kilograms disposed of during the opening of the “Kadiwa ng Pangulo” pop-up store at the Antique capitol grounds in San Jose de Buenavista on Monday.

Kalipunan ng mga Magsasaka ng Patnongon (KAMAPAT), a partner of the Jubilee Agila Bayanihan Agricultural Cooperative, sold 20 sacks of rice to consumers.

Each consumer is limited to two kilos upon buying PHP150.00 worth of vegetables.

“Our vegetables were easily sold out because of the influx of people who wanted to buy rice for a cheaper price,” Israel De Guzman, general manager of the Jubilee cooperative, said in an interview.

In collaboration with the Antique Office of Provincial Agriculture, the province established 24 permanent Kadiwa stores this year.

“The Kadiwa ng Pangulo is being held so that the farmers could sell their locally sourced produce,” Provincial Agriculturist Nicolasito Calawag said in his message during the opening program.

Acting Governor Edgar Denosta said during the opening program that the provincial government is fully supportive of this activity that gathered in one venue 50 farmers cooperatives and micro, small, and medium entrepreneurs in realizing the thrust of the President to make rice and other food supplies more affordable.

“Through the Kadiwa ng Pangulo, we are also able to revive backyard gardening aside from ensuring food sufficiency,” Denosta said in his message.

He encouraged the youth to engage in agriculture because they already have a market venue for their produce through the Kadiwa.

Nelson Guevarra, who moved his family from Pampanga to Antique, said he is glad for the Kadiwa ng Pangulo that gives them a venue to buy rice and vegetables.

“I am glad to be able to buy rice for a lower cost, especially the black rice since I am diabetic,” the 48-year-old Guevarra said in an interview. (PNA)



KADIWA NG PANGULO. Nelson Guevarra buys affordable rice at the “Kadiwa ng Pangulo” pop-up store at the Antique capitol grounds on Monday (July 17, 2023). Antique Acting Governor Edgar Denosta, in his message during the opening program, said 50 farmer’s cooperatives and micro-small and medium entrepreneurs joined the activity. (PNA photo by Annabel Consuelo J. Petinglay)

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SPL. PROC. CASE No. 23-15404

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF ENTRY IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF PETITIONER LAURENCE ERIC ONG FRENCH PERTAINING TO THE NATIONALITY OF HIS MOTHER, MONA CHUA ONG FRENCH, PERTAINING TO THE NATIONALITY OF HIS MOTHER, MONA CHUA ONG, BE CORRECTED FROM "CHINESE" to "FILIPINO",

LAURENCE ERIC ONG FRENCH,
Petitioner,

-versus-

**LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF ILOILO CITY
 PHILIPPINES STATISTICS AUTHORITY and all
 Persons who have or claim any interest
 Which would be affected thereby.**

Respondent.

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ORDER

Before this Court is a verified Petition for Cancellation and Correction of Entries in the Certificate of Live Birth of Petitioner Laurence Eric Ong French. Petitioner alleges, among others, that his mother, Mona Chua Ong, was already naturalized and recognized as a Filipino Citizen, pursuant to the Order dated August 21, 1963 signed by Associate Commissioner Marcial O. Rañola, when Mona Chua Ong was still a minor, per Identification Certificate No. 34186 dated November 17, 1969, duly issued by the Bureau of Immigration. He prays that after due notice and hearing, an order be issued directing the Local Civil Registrar of Iloilo City and the Civil Registrar General to rectify, correct and make changes in his Certificate of Live Birth No. 5843(g-79), to wit:

**Mother's name: Mona Chua Ong – Entry No 13 –
 Nationality:
 "Chinese" to "Filipino"**

WHEREFORE, let initial hearing of this petition be set on **5th day of September, 2023, at 8:30 in the morning.**

At the petitioner's expense, let copy of this Order be published for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the City and Province of Iloilo. Let copy of this Order be posted in at least three (3) conspicuous public places, in the: 1.) Iloilo City Hall, Iloilo City, 2.) The Barangay Hall, where the petitioner resides and 3.) at the main entrance of the Chief Justice Ramon Q. Avanceña Hall of Justice, Iloilo City so that any person who may have interest thereto may appear to show cause, why this petition should not be granted.

Furnish copy of this Order the Solicitor General, the Local Civil Registrar of Iloilo City and the Philippine Statistics Authority.

SO ORDERED.

Iloilo City, May 22, 2023.

(SGD.) REDENTOR E. ESPERANZA
 Presiding Judge

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ILOILO CITY – About 3,600 from the youth sector here participated in the DENR-DOLE-Gugma (Love) Youth cleanup and tree planting activity launched at the Esplanade 4 park on Friday.

The Department of the Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) provided seedlings while the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) enrolled the beneficiaries under its Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged/Displaced Workers (TUPAD) emergency employment program for 10 days.

Gugma Youth, an organization of young leaders in the city, will have to plant at least five seedlings

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that **MT. ZION MEMORIAL, INC.** (developer) has filed with this Office a sworn registration statement for the sale of burial plots and mausoleums in **MT. ZION MEMORIAL PARK MIAG-AO PHASE - 2** situated at Brgys. Tabunacan and Damilisan, Miag-ao, Iloilo and more particularly described as **Lot 2446, Cad. 567-D** containing an area of **17,719.00 square meters (portion)** and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. **F-36596, Lot 4304, Cad. 567-D** containing an area of **30,022.00 square meters (portion)** and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. **F-36678** registered in the name of **JOSE NOBLE** (landowner).

All papers relative thereto shall, upon request and payment of processing fee, are available for inspection during business hours by any person having legal interest thereon.

Absent any legal impediment, the above-cited project is deemed registered and a certificate, as evidence thereof, shall forthwith be issued after five (5) days from the last day of publication and after submission of the required documents.

Iloilo City, Philippines, July 12, 2023.

(SGD.) EnP. EVA MARIA P. MARFIL
 OIC – Regional Director

NE/July 17 & 24, 2023

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with **R.A. Act No. 10172**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **JEE MARIE AUREAL PALOMO** has filed with this office a petition for **CHANGE OF SEX** from **MALE** to **FEMALE** in her Certificate of Live Birth who was born on **MARCH 12, 1994** at **Pototan, Iloilo** and whose parents are **JOSE C. PALOMO** and **MA. MINDA J. AUREAL**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office.

(SGD.) MARY ANN S. JARDELEZA
 OIC/Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/July 17, 2023 & July 24, 2023

3.6K youths join Iloilo City cleanup, tree planting activity

and undertake cleanup activities in select areas in the city.

Iloilo City Lone District Rep. Julianne Baronda hopes the initiative will be replicated by other local government units.

She said tree planting and the cleanup drive can help address flooding, which is one of the hazards identified in Western Visayas, including Iloilo City.

"We are mobilizing close to 4,000 youths of Iloilo City. You are part of this very unique program of the government," she said in her message.

DENR Secretary Ma. Antonia Loyzaga, in her message delivered by Undersecretary Juan Miguel Cuna, said it is deemed fitting that the protection and

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 SHERIFF**

FORECLOSURE FILE NO. F-10691-23

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

DENNIS F. INGUSAN
Mortgagor/Debtor.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra judicial petition for sale Act 3135 as amended, filed by **BDO UNIBANK, INC.**, as *Mortgagee*, a universal banking corporation with office at 11th Flr., BDO Towers Valero, 8741 Paseo De Roxas, Makati City, against *Mortgagor/Debtor* **DENNIS F. INGUSAN**, of legal age, Filipino, with postal address/es at (1) Lot 1 Blk 9 Annil St., Savannah Crest A, Brgy. Abilay Norte, Oton, Iloilo, and (2) Trappist Abbey San Miguel, Jordan, Guimaras, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **April 12, 2023**, would amount to **PHP 7,315,680.21**, the undersigned Ex Officio Sheriff of Iloilo and/or ANY of his duly authorized deputy sheriff will sell at public auction on **AUGUST 29, 2023** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the Office of the Clerk of Court and Ex Officio Sheriff, Regional Trial Court, Hall of Justice Building, Iloilo City, to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine Currency, the mortgaged property (registered owner: **DENNIS F. INGUSAN, SINGLE, OF LEGAL AGE, FILIPINO** under **Transfer Certificate of Title No. 090-2021000233**), including all the improvements thereon, to wit:

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 1, BLK 9, PCS-06-004731, BEING A CONS. SUBD. OF LOTS 3784, AGONOA CAD. 8 & BLK 33, PCS-06-004278), SITUATED IN BRGY. OF ABILAY NORTE, MUN. OF OTON, PROV. OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY. BOUNDED ON THE NW., ALONG LINES 1-2-3-4-5 BY ROAD LOT 11; ON THE NW., ALONG LINES 5-6-7-8-9 BY ROAD LOT 12; ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 9-10 BY LOT 11, BLK 13 ALL OF THE SUBD. PLAN; ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 10-11 BY LOT 3778, AGONOA CAD. 8 & ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 11-1 BY LOT 2, BLK 9 OF THE SUBD. PLAN. XXXX CONTAINING AN AREA OF **FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY SIX (476) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS.XXXX**"

All SEALED bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the abovementioned date and time.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it will be held instead on **SEPTEMBER 05, 2023** at the same time and venue without further notice and re-publication.

Iloilo City, Philippines, **JUNE 26, 2023.**

(SGD.) ATTY. GERRY D. SUMACULUB
 Clerk of Court and Ex Officio Sheriff

Prepared by:

(SGD.) RAMIL G. FACURIB
 Deputy Sheriff

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conservation of natural resources be spearheaded by the country's most important resource, which is the youth.

"We recognized the intergenerational responsibility of every generation to the rest to preserve the rhythm and harmony of nature for the full enjoyment of that balanced and healthful ecology we deserve," she said.

She added that the DOLE-TUPAD program empowers the youth to fulfill their obligations.

Under the program, they will be paid PHP450 a day or PHP4,500 each at the end of their contracts.

DENR Regional Executive Director Livino Duran said they have 36,000 available seedlings all over the region ready to supply future tree planting needs.

"This is a continuing activity because we want to make this city a green urban city," he said. (PNA)

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IN RE: PETITION FOR COMMISSION AS NOTARY PUBLIC FOR AND WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THIS HONORABLE COURT (MUNICIPALITIES OF TIBIAO, BARBAZA, LAUA-AN, BUGASONG, VALDERRAMA, and PATNONGON),

REGISTRY NO. 2023-03

ATTY. KURT NICOLO E. OGATIS,
Petitioner.

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NOTICE

In the matter of the petition of **ATTY. KURT NICOLO E. OGATIS** with Application No. 2023-03 (2023-2024), praying for his appointment as notary public. Notice is hereby given that a summary hearing shall be held on **08 August 2023, at 8:30 o'clock in the morning** at the Session Hall of Branch 64, Regional Trial Court, Hall of Justice, Binirayan Hills, San Jose, Antique.

Any person who has any cause or reason to object to the grant of the petition may file a verified written opposition thereto, which must be received by the undersigned presiding judge before the date of the summary hearing herein assigned.

The petitioner, Atty. Kurt Nicolo E. Ogatis is hereby directed to cause, at his own expense, the publication of this notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Antique, whereas the Sheriff of this Court is hereby ordered to post copies of this notice in a conspicuous place in the offices, respectively, of the Clerk of Court and of the undersigned Presiding Judge, both at least **fifteen (15) days** prior to the date of the summary hearing herein assigned.

Let copy of this Order be furnished to Atty. Kurt Nicolo E. Ogatis.

San Jose for Bugasong, Antique, July 7, 2023.

(SGD.) MARIO G. ANDRES, JR.
Executive Judge

NE/July 24, 2023

Strong winds, huge waves damage 30 houses in Iloilo City

ILOILO CITY – The southwest monsoon enhanced by Tropical Depression Dodong has left 30 damaged houses in Iloilo City, the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (CDRMMO) reported on Monday.

According to the operations center's record as of 8 a.m. Monday, there is a total of 30 (seven destroyed and 23 partially damaged) houses, with two injured individuals with one admitted to a hospital," the report submitted to Mayor Jerry P. Treñas on Monday stated.

Strong winds, huge waves, and fallen trees and posts were cited as reasons for the damages and injuries affecting 46 families.

City Social Welfare and Development Officer Teresa Gelogo said affected families opted to stay with their relatives, especially in Barangay Ma. Clara where the evacuation center is being renovated.

"Our financial assistance will just follow because we still have to prepare a report. We will serve those with totally and partially damaged houses, she said in an interview.

Further, 30 barangays have already reported flooding, ranging from ankle up to knee-high, prompting families to evacuate.

As of 10 a.m., 73 families equivalent to 295 individuals are still staying in various evacuation centers.

"Some are low-lying areas or close to the creek while others are runoff water since our soil has been saturated due to the heavy rains that we experienced since last week. We also have issues with our drainage, so it's a combination of those factors actually," said City DRRM Officer Donna Magno in an interview.

Treñas in a press conference said families affected by the flooding were provided with food assistance.

"Upon the recommendation of the CDRMMO we have no flag (raising ceremony), biometrics, and classes were canceled," he said, adding that they are keeping a close watch on the weather conditions for the necessary announcements when needed. (PNA)

FLOOD. Flooding is experienced in Iloilo City's East Timawa village on Monday (July 17, 2023). Mayor Jerry P. Treñas, in a press conference, said that they continue to monitor the weather situation and make the necessary announcements when needed. (Photo courtesy of Iloilo City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office)



locations across the city.

"We aim to build 10,000 units through this joint venture, with a total investment from Scheirman of PHP10 billion," Benitez said.

It is among the projects being developed here under a public-private partnership (PPP), an initiative being encouraged under the administration of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. as the government seeks to expand infrastructure projects.

In his maiden State of the Nation Address, Marcos said PPPs "hold great potential for that expansion, for infrastructure development and for innovation."

"By October, it will be finished," Benitez said.

The Yuhum Residences will have a total of 3,464 housing units while the Yuhum Executive, which will rise on another city-owned property at the Reclamation Area, will have 7,200 units.

Under the JVA, the

constitution of the buildings shall be undertaken by the Scheirman consortium "at no cost" to the city government and the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development while the city government will provide the land upon which the human settlement/housing units will be built.

Another proposed PPP project is the development of the Manokan Country, a row of food stalls mainly serving the city's famous dish, the charcoal-grilled

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 Iloilo City

FORECLOSURE NO. F-10712-23

Extra Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage under Act 3135, as amended

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
 (Popularly known as **PAG-IBIG FUND**)
Mortgagee,

-versus-

ARIEL A. GAYON, married to MARY MAY M. GAYON.
Mortgagor/s

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Upon Petition for Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage filed on June 15, 2023 by *mortgagee*, **HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (popularly known as PAG-IBIG FUND) against mortgagor/s, ARIEL A. GAYON, married to MARY MAY M. GAYON**, both of legal age, Filipino citizens, and with postal address at Block 5, Lot 100, First Homes Subdivision, Brgy. Navais, Mandurriao, Iloilo City, for the satisfaction of the mortgage indebtedness which as of **May 31, 2023** amounted to **EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY TWO & 99/100 PESOS (P880,942.99)** Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest and other charges, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **October 10, 2023 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, CJRQA Hall of Justice, Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City**, after the Notice is posted and published in accordance with law, to the **HIGHEST BIDDER** for CASH or Manager's Check and in Philippine Currency, the mortgaged property with all of its improvements, described as follows:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2021000753

"Lot No.: 5 **Block No:** 15
Plan No.: Pcs-06-006227
Portion of: Lot 1756 and 1759 of the Cadastral Survey of Jaro; Lot 1757-A and 1757-B, Psd-06-013549; Lot 1772-E-3, Psd-06-078723; Lot 25, 26, 27, all of Block 12, Pcs-06-005366;
Location: Barangay of Pandac, Municipality of Pavia, Province of Iloilo, Island of Panay.

Boundaries:

Line	Direction	Adjoining Lot(s)
1-2	SW	Lot 6, Block 15, Pcs-06-006227
2-3	NW	Lot 56, Block 15 Pcs-06-006227
3-4	NE	Lot 4, Block 15 PCS-06-006227
4-1	SE	Road Lot 20, Pcs-06-006227

Area: FORTY EIGHT (48) SQUARE METERS, more or less."

"All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the aforementioned place, date and time."

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **October 24, 2023** without further notice.

Iloilo City, June 29, 2023.

(SGD.) ATTY. GERRY D. SUMACULUB
Ex-Officio Sheriff of Iloilo and Clerk of Court VII

(SGD.) FRANCIS MANUEL ORTIZ
Sheriff-In-Charge

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chicken or chicken inasal at the Reclamation Area to promote food tourism.

After accepting the unsolicited proposal of property giant SM Prime Holdings, Inc. amounting to PHP4.5 billion, the city government is set to launch a Swiss challenge to allow third parties to make better

Bacolod City kick-starts housing program, other PPP projects

BACOLOD CITY – The city government here has jump-started the implementation of the Pambansang Pabahay Para sa Pilipino Housing (4PH), the flagship shelter program of the Marcos administration, with the construction of the initial set of housing units at the Arao relocation site in Barangay Vista Alegre starting last month.

As the first local government unit in the country to sign up for the program, the local leadership under Mayor Alfredo Abelardo Benitez has tapped Scheirman Consortium for a joint venture agreement (JVA) to develop human settlements in identified

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Municipality of Barotac Nuevo

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In compliance with **R.A. 10172**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **AJ PHILIP BOTAVARA** has filed with this office a Petition for Correction in the Entry of Sex from "**MALE**" to "**FEMALE**" in the birth certificate of **AJ PHILIP PIOLO BOTAVARA** who was born on **March 17, 2003** at Home-**Lanas, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file a written opposition with this office not later than **August 6, 2023**.

(SGD.) ATTY. REYNOLD A. PEREZ
Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/July 24, 2023 & July 31, 2023

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Municipality of Barotac Nuevo

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In compliance with **R.A. 10172**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **GANE SALCEDO CEPE** has filed with this office a Petition for Correction in the Entry of Sex from "**FEMALE**" to "**MALE**" in the birth certificate of **GANE SALCEDO CIPE** who was born on **January 13, 1990** at **Lanas, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file a written opposition with this office not later than **August 6, 2023**.

(SGD.) ATTY. REYNOLD A. PEREZ
Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/July 24, 2023 & July 31, 2023

GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **GARRY F. TOLENTINO** with business address at Biton-on, Carles, Iloilo has filed with MARINA Regional Office VI for re-issuance of Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Philippine Registry due to Change of Ownership from **MICHAEL A. RICOHERMOSO** to **GARRY F. TOLENTINO** and Change of Vessel Name from **FBCA "YAFFA BELLA"** to **FBCA "GESTER 3"**. Any person or entity adversely affected by said claim may file their written opposition with Maritime Industry Authority Regional Office VI, MARINA Bldg., De La Rama St., Iloilo City within ten (10) days from date of posting.

GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **SAMUEL B. TOQUIRO II** with business address at Bagongon, Concepcion, Iloilo has filed with MARINA Regional Office VI for re-issuance of Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Philippine Registry due to Change of Ownership from **GERHEN ASTURIAS** to **SAMUEL B. TOQUIRO II** and Change of Vessel Name from **FBCA "NICK NICOLE"** to **FBCA "HIMULAT B."**. Any person or entity adversely affected by said claim may file their written opposition with Maritime Industry Authority Regional Office VI, MARINA Bldg., De La Rama St., Iloilo City within ten (10) days from date of posting.

Department of Transportation
MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY
Regional Office VI
MROVI Building, De La Rama Street
Iloilo City Philippines 5000

SHIRLEY A. DAGOHOY CASE NO. **MRO VI 23-042**

NOTICE OF HEARING

Applicant requested for Approval of Donation and Transfer of Ownership of the vessels named **MBca "SHINGLEY-2"** and **MBca "BHEBING-2"** owned by **RANDY C. DAGOHOY (DONOR)** to **SHIRLEY A. DAGOHOY (DONEE)**.

This application will be heard by this Authority on **08 August 2023, 10:00AM** at Maritime Regional Office VI Bldg., De La Rama St., Iloilo City, at which herein applicant shall present its/his/her /their evidence. Before the start of the actual hearing, a pre-hearing shall be conducted in accordance with Rule 7 of the Interim Rules of Practice and Procedure.

At least seven (7) days prior to the date of Hearing, applicant shall publish this notice of hearing once in one daily newspaper of local circulation in the region and served by registered mail or personal delivery copies of the application and of this notice of hearing to all affected parties as appearing in the attached list.

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written oppositions on or before the date of hearing, furnish a copy of the same to the applicant and appear at the hearing, with such evidence as maybe proper in the premises. Failure on the part of any person to file his opposition on time and to appear at the hearing will be construed as a waiver of his right to be heard and this Authority will proceed to hear and decide the application on its merits.

WITNESS, the MARINA Administrator, **Honorable Hernani N. Fabia**, this **13th day of July 2023**.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR:

(SGD.) JEFFREY A. BANGSA
Regional Director

nia/mma
Donor: Randy C. Dagohoy
Address: Brgy. Caticlan, Malay, Aklan
Donee: Shirley A. Dagohoy
Address: Brgy. Caticlan, Malay, Aklan
Office of the Solicitor General 134 Amorsolo St., Makati
FS, Manila
File

Department of Transportation
MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY
Regional Office VI
MRO VI Bldg., De La Rama Street
Iloilo City, Philippines 5000

RE: Application for ISSUANCE of Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) pursuant to Republic Act No. 9295 and its Revised - Implementing Rules and Regulations

RAFFY V. BANGCAYA Case No. **MRO VI 23-043**
Applicant CPC Issuance

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ORDER

This refers to the application for Issuance of Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) to wit:

ROUTE(S) TO BE SERVED				
SAMBIRAY, MALAY, AKLAN TO MANOCMANOC, BORACAY ISLAND, MALAY, AKLAN AND VICE VERSA (DAYTIME NAVIGATION ONLY)				
Vessel Name	GRT	HULL	Type of Service	Passage Rate
MB "LIRAH & RAYELI"	20.84	WOOD	CARGO	Per contract basis

The Applicant shall cause the publication of this ORDER in a newspaper of local circulation.

The Applicant shall likewise simultaneously caused the posting of this Orders in a conspicuous place at the affected ports, ships, Applicant's premises, passenger terminal and ticketing offices.

The Applicant shall present the jurisdictional, qualification and documentary requirements in a summary proceeding to be conducted **10 August 2023 at 10:00 A.M.** at the Maritime Regional Office VI Building, De La Rama St., Iloilo City, which is within seven (7) days from the date of publication/posting.

The Applicant shall be required to make a written Formal Offer of Evidence (FOE), after which, the application is deemed submitted for resolution /decision, upon acceptance of such FOE and declaration that the case is submitted for decision.

WITNESS, the Administrator, **Hon. Hernani N. Fabia** this **17th day of July 2023**.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR:

(SGD.) JEFFREY A. BANGSA
Regional Director

Copy furnished:
Applicant, Raffy V. Bangcaya
Manocmanoc, Boracay Island, Malay Aklan
Office of the Solicitor General, 134 Amorsolo St. Legaspi Vill., Makati Metro Manila
Phil. 6th Coast Guard District, Bo. Obrero, Iloilo City
File

Law absolves over 170K ARBs in W. Visayas from land indebtedness

ILOILO CITY – Around 170,096 Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries (ARBs) from Western Visayas are recipients of the newly-signed Republic Act No. 11953 or the New Agrarian Emancipation Act, one of the priority measures under the administration of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.

The law condones the principal payment, interests, and penalties.

"Last July 7, finally our President signed the New Agrarian Emancipation Act where our farmer-beneficiaries will become debt-free from the lands that were awarded to them," said lawyer Sheila Enciso, DAR Regional Director for Western Visayas, in an interview on Monday.

Beneficiaries can already purchase farm inputs for higher production and pay for their household expenses using the amount supposedly intended for their amortization, she said.

Enciso said the bulk of beneficiaries came from Negros Occidental with 134,447.

Other farmer-beneficiaries were from Aklan with 641;

Antique, 433; Capiz, 24, 194; Guimaras 2,298; and Iloilo, 8,083.

It covered around 209,865 hectares, with Negros Occidental having the biggest area at 68,469, while in other provinces, Aklan has 1,198; Antique, 605; Capiz, 30,255; Guimaras, 3,428; and Iloilo with 5,910.

The new law covers ARBs whose land was awarded under Presidential Decree 27 or the Tenant Emancipation Decree in 1972, Republic Act 6657 or the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law of 1988, and Republic Act 9700 that extends the acquisition and distribution of agricultural lands under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program.

DAR, Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP), and other concerned agencies have 60 days to craft the Implementing Rules and Regulations, expected to be published by September.

There will also be an inventory to harmonize the data of the LBP and the DAR, she said.

The regional director hoped that beneficiaries will continue to hold on to their awarded lots even if under the law they can be disposed of after 10 years.

Enciso said the land is a very expensive commodity and since they acquired it at a lower price, they may hold onto it until they can pass it on to their children.

"We encourage our farmers to join cooperatives or form organizations because the full support services given by DAR and other government agencies are coursed through the organization," she added.

Other support services are provided by the Department of Agriculture and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, among others.

Simultaneous with the signing of the new law by President Marcos on July 7, DAR Western Visayas held a mass distribution of Certificates of Land Ownership Awards to 4,850 land titles benefitting 2,542 farmer-beneficiaries covering 2,452.2671 hectares of land in a ceremony held in Cadiz City in Negros Occidental. (PNA)



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FORECLOSURE NO. F-10699-23

For: Extrajudicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage under Act No. 3135, as amended by Act No. 4118

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund)
Mortgagee,
-versus-

FLORIEBETH E. PIONILO married to JO-AN B. PIONILO
Mortgagor/s.
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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage under Act 3135, as amended, filed by **HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund)** a government financial institution duly organized and existing under and by virtue of Republic Act No. 9679 with principal office at the Petron Mega Plaza Building No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, hereinafter referred to as **Mortgagee**, against **FLORIEBETH E. PIONILO married to JO-AN B. PIONILO**, of legal age, Filipino citizen with postal address at Brgy. San Jose, San Miguel, Iloilo, hereinafter referred to as **Mortgagor/s**, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **May 31, 2023** amounting to **FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SEVEN PESOS & 59/100 (Php436,127.59)** Philippine Currency, inclusive of interests, penalties and other charges, besides the attorney's fees and incidental expenses incurred for the foreclosure and sale, the Ex-Officio Sheriff of Iloilo and/or his duly authorized deputy Sheriff will **SELL** at Public Auction on **September 07, 2023**, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, CJ Ramon Q. Avanceña Hall of Justice, Iloilo City, to the **HIGHEST BIDDER for CASH or MANAGER'S CHECK** and in Philippine Currency, the real property with all improvements found thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2021011539

"IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BARANGAY OF ABILAY NORTE, MUNICIPALITY OF OTON, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY bounded and described as follows:

LOT NO: 9, **BLOCK NO:** 29, **PLAN NO:** PSD-06-084955
PORTION OF: LOT 4164-B-2 OF PSD-06-072772;
LOCATION: BARANGAY OF ABILAY NORTE, MUNICIPALITY OF OTON, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY.

BOUNDARIES:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	SW	LOT 10, BLOCK 29, PSD-06-084955
2-3	NW	LOT 15, BLOCK 29, PSD-06-084955
3-4	NW	LOT 16, BLOCK 29, PSD-06-084955
4-5	NE	LOT 8, BLOCK 29, PSD-06-084955
5-1	SE	ALLEY 17 (3.00 M. WIDE), PSD-06-084955

TIE POINT: BBM NO. 12, AGONOA CAD

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
TO CORNER 1	S. 24° 51' W	251.43 M.
1-2	N. 61° 03' W	9.01 M.
2-3	N. 28° 57' E	1.00 M.
3-4	N. 28° 57' E	3.00 M.
4-5	S. 61° 03' E	9.01 M.
5-1	S. 28° 57' W	4.00 M.

AREA : THIRTY SIX SQUARE METERS (36), MORE OR LESS

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the aforementioned date and time.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **OCTOBER 05, 2023**, at the same time and place without further notice.

Iloilo City, Philippines, July 03, 2023

(SGD.) ATTY. GERRY D. SUMACULUB
Clerk of Court VII & Ex-Officio Sheriff

(SGD.) LENY GEMMA P. CASTILLO
Sheriff-in-Charge

WARNING:

It is absolutely prohibited to remove, deface or destroy this Notice of Sale on or before the Date of sale, under penalty of law.

Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE CIVIL REGISTRAR
Calinog, Iloilo

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1. Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 series of 2012 (**IRR on R.A. 10172**), Notice is hereby served to the public that **JE ANN L. DE ASIS** has filed with this Office, a petition for correction of entry in the **child's sex** from "**MALE**" to "**FEMALE**" in the certificate of live birth of **JERENCE LOZADA DE ASIS** at **Calinog, Iloilo** and whose parents are **RODELIO L. DE ASIS** and **JE ANN L. LOZADA**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this office.

(SGD.) MA. AILYN C. CAMPOS
Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/July 17, 2023 & July 24, 2023

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Municipality of Janiuy

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1, Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (**IRR on R.A. 10172**), Notice is hereby served to the public that **Jonathan R. Cabarles** has filed a petition for **Correction of Clerical Error in the Child's Date of Birth** from "**JUNE 15, 1967**" to "**OCTOBER 15, 1967**" in the **Certificate of Live Birth** of **JONATHAN RECARBAR CABARLES** whose parents are **CRISPIN CABARLES & TERESITA RECARBAR**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his/her written opposition with this Office.

(SGD.) EDENA M. KILAYKO
Municipal Civil Registrar

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Republic of the Philippines
Municipal Civil Registry Office
Province: **ILOILO**
Municipality: **MINA**

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1, Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1, Series of 2012 (**IRR on R.A. 10172**), Notice is hereby served to the public that **EDEN PATINGO PASAMANERO** has filed with this Office, a petition for **Correction of entry in CHILD'S GENDER** from "**MALE**" to "**FEMALE**" in the Certificate of Live Birth of **EDEN PATINGO PASAMANERO** who was born **April 17, 1970** at **Brgy. Amiroy, Mina, Iloilo** whose parents are **DOMINGO PASAMANERO** and **LETECIA PATINGO**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office.

(SGD.) MARIA C. TOMO
Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/July 17, 2023 & July 24, 2023

ILOILO CITY – The Western Visayas Regional Development Plan (RDP) 2023-2028, which will serve as the region's blueprint in pursuit of its socio-economic development, was officially unveiled by the Regional Development Council (RDC) and the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) on Friday.

NEDA Regional Director Arcio Casing Jr. said the plan "ushers the promise (of) economic and social transformation by creating jobs, providing more income, earning opportunities,

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FORECLOSURE FILE NO. F-10717-23

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

Spouses GREG BACHAR PASAPORTE and MAE DAPHNE ATIENZA PASAPORTE,
rep. by Attorney-In-Fact Nino Bachar Pasaporte,
Debtors/Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra judicial petition for sale Act 3135 as amended, filed by **BDO UNIBANK, INC.**, as **Mortgagee**, a universal banking corporation with office at 11th Flr., BDO Towers Valero, (formerly Citibank Tower), 8741 Paseo De Roxas, Makati City, against **Debtor/Mortgagors Spouses Greg Bachar Pasaporte and Mae Daphne Atienza Pasaporte**, both of legal age, Filipinos, with postal address/es at (1) Lot 1 Blk 7 Savannah Glen E3, Abilay Norte, Oton, Iloilo Province; and (2) Lot 1 Blk. 2 Sinclair St., Savannah Trails B-2 Subd., Pulo Maestra Vita, Oton, Iloilo Province, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **June 14, 2023**, would amount to **PHP 2,346,321.12**, the undersigned Ex Officio Sheriff of Iloilo and/or ANY of his duly authorized deputy sheriff will sell at public auction on **AUGUST 29, 2023** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the Office of the Clerk of Court and Ex Officio Sheriff, Regional Trial Court, Hall of Justice Building, Iloilo City, to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine Currency, the mortgaged property (registered owner: **GREG B. PASAPORTE, SINGLE, OF LEGAL AGE, FILIPINO** under **Transfer Certificate of Title No. 090-2010008447**), including all the improvements thereon, to wit:

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 1, BLK 2 PCS-06-005064, BEING A CONS. SUBD. OF LOTS 3780-A, 3780-B, PSD-06-065239, LOT 5058-G, (LRC) PSD-225800, LOT 42, BLOCK 7, LOTS 1-3, BLOCK 9, ROAD LOT 7, LOT 1, BLOCK 82 LOTS 21, 22, BLOCK 7, ROAD LOT 9, BLOCK 10, LOT 15, BLOCK 7, ROAD LOT 10, BLOCK 11, LOTS 1-3, BLOCK 12, LOT 10, BLOCK 30, ALL OF PCS-06-004278, LOT 28, BCS-000042 (OLT), SITUATED IN BRGY. OF POLO MAESTRA VITA, MUN. OF OTON, PROV. OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY. BOUNDED ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 9, BLOCK 2, PCS-06-005064; ON THE NE., & SE., ALONG LINES 2-3-4-5-6 BY ROAD LOT 5, PCS-06-005064; ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 6-7, BY ROAD LOT 6; PCS-06-005064. AND ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 7-1 BY LOT 2; BLOCK 2. PCS-06-005064. XXXX CONTAINING AN AREA OF **THREE HUNDRED AND SIXTY TWO (362) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS. XXXX**"

All SEALED bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the abovementioned date and time.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it will be held instead on **SEPTEMBER 05, 2023** at the same time and venue without further notice and re-publication.

Iloilo City, Philippines, **JUNE 26, 2023.**

(SGD.) ATTY. GERRY D. SUMACULUB
Clerk of Court and Ex Officio Sheriff

Prepared by:

(SGD.) RAMIL G. FACURIB
Deputy Sheriff

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W. Visayas unveils 2023-2028 development plan

and accelerating poverty reduction."

The plan that was turned over to the planning committees of the RDC comprises three parts.

Part 1 gives an overview of the regional economy, development contexts and trends, regional spatial framework, strategy framework, and assessment of selected headline indicators.

DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late spouses **MELITON TANQUICO FRADES JR. and YOLA LENIHAN FRADES** known as a parcel of land **Lot No. 3039, Pcs-25** situated in Brgy. Camando, Leon, Iloilo covered by **ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. F-13719** with an area **FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THREE (5,353) SQUARE METERS** is adjudicated to **Meg Frades Cajilig, Ted Lenihan Frades, and Che Lenihan Frades**. That, the heirs agreed to **SELL, TRANSFER and CONVEY** the above-said property unto **ARTURO GASTAR VALERO**, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Igmedio S. Prado, Jr.** per Doc. No. 479, Page No. 97, Book No. VII, Series of 2021.

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER OR RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Adoracion Gison Millan and Fe Gison Millan** known as a parcel of land **Lot 445-A, Psd-06-100928**, situated in the District of Arevalo, Iloilo City covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. 095-2023001792** with an area of **Four Hundred Forty (440) square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **Wilhelmina G. Cuico, Emmanuel M. Gison, Blesilda M. Gison, Ranilo Voltaire M. Gison, Penelope G. Resngit, Ma. Consuelo G. Villamarzo, Ben-Hur M. Gison, Frances Gison, Warren Olivares, Ma. Teresa Olivares, Ma. Liezl O. Erecre, Helen A. Abad, Rosalie A. Costar, Carlos G. Olivares, Jean P. Española, Janette P. Salting, Johnny Pardilla, Norma O. Gualin, Norma Mara-Olivares, Myrna Palma, Domingo G. Olivares, Ruth O. Castillon, Aurora G. Feliciano, Cecilia G. Choresca, Hernan S. Gison, Melba S. Gison-Vicente, Napoleon S. Gison, Efren S. Gison, Noel S. Gison, Rogelio S. Gison, Ofelia Gison-Momville, Virgilio G. Trespeces, Norma Villa-Trespeces, Marvin V. Trespeces, Maribel T. Gorriceta, Marilou T. Losbañes, and Edwin G. Trespeces**. That, the said heirs agreed to renounce and/or waive all their rights and whatever participation over the above described property in favor of **Ofelia Gison-Momville**, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Joy Marie Jayme-Geraldoy** per Doc. No. 94, Page No. 20, Book No. I, Series of 2023.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **DIONISIO SAMPELO and BENITO SAMPELO** known as a parcel of land **Lot 883-A** of land subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-203458 being a portion of Lot 883, San Miguel Cad., LRC Cad. Rec. No. 16), situated in Brgy. Igtambo, San Miguel, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-135,109** with an area of **FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY SQUARE DECIMETERS (450.50)** is adjudicated to heirs **Amelita Sampelo Manadero, Calixto Sampelo, and Bryan Galve Sampelo**. That the heirs/adjudicates agreed to **CEDE, TRANSFER and CONVEY** by way of absolute sale unto **RUBY BENIEGAS SERRANO**, married to **JOEL TIBURCIO SERRANO** the above-said property, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Charvonn N. Buncag** per Doc. No. 457, Page No. 93, Book No. I, Series of 2023.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **SULPICIO CARTON** known as a parcel of land (**Lot 3-C-6-B** of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-96581, being a portion of Lot 3-C-6, (LRC) Psd-89171, LRC Cad. Record No. 9740), situated in Molo, Iloilo City covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-53611** with an area of **Three Hundred Twenty Six (326) square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **Lydia Cagampang Carton, Ailen Cagampang Clemmer, Sheila Carton Acosta and Roy Cagampang Carton**, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Igmedio S. Prado, Jr.** per Doc. No. 389, Page No. 79, Book No. IV Series of 2023.

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **GLORIA B. LAGUNILLA** known as the following: a) **Cash deposit with Banco de Oro under Account No. 2-4757-3**; b) **Certified Shares of Stocks – Negros Navigation and PLDT**; c) A parcel of land with improvements in Tabucan Airport, Mandurriao, Iloilo City covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-63462** with an area of **TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY (280) square meters, more or less**; d) A parcel of land situated in Mandurriao, Iloilo City covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-52586**; e) A parcel of land situated in Mandurriao, Iloilo City covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-47185** with an area of **THREE HUNDRED (300) square meters, more or less**; f) A parcel of land situated in Brgy. Luna St., Surigao City, Island of Mindanao, covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-1194** with an area of **FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY (480) square meters**; and g) Land and Building situated in Surigao City covered by **Tax Declaration No. 1569 and 1570**, the land is known as **Lot 7530-B of the Surigao, Cadastre** are adjudicated to surviving heirs in the following manner: Cash deposit and certificate of stocks mentions in (A) and (B) adjudicated to **Manuel Lopez Lagunilla**; The Parcels of land/properties mentioned in (C), (D), (E), (F), and (G) are adjudicated in equal shares to **Renato Lagunilla, Teresita Lagunilla Chanco, Jerry Lagunilla, Jaime Lagunilla, Jocelyn Lagunilla Lataquin, Joel Lagunilla, and Jasmin Lagunilla Vargas**, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Joseph Vincent T. Go** per Doc. No. 210, Page No. 44, Book No. IV, Series of 1996.

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offers or challenges.

“The innovations we are implementing to enhance economic governance and fiscal management are drawing strong interest, support and assistance from the private sector. Now, they are more willing to partner with Bacolod City,” Benitez said.

Another private firm has proposed to fund the development of the underground cabling system in the city at an initial cost of PHP200 million.

“We have granted the original proponent status to the one that submitted the unsolicited proposal. Now, we will be going through negotiations,” City Legal Officer Romeo Carlos Ting Jr. said.

Also, the city government has received a proposal for a joint development of the 40-hectare site of the old Bacolod airport from SM Prime., which recently acquired the portion of Philippine Airlines (PAL).

Benitez said they have been authorized by the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) to utilize the government portion of the area.

The property’s ownership has been divided between PAL and CAAP, each awarded 20 hectares, after the airport was closed when the Bacolod-Silay Airport in Silay City began its operations in January 2008.

PAL’s creditor bank, the Philippine National Bank, bid out its part of the property and sold it to SM Prime.

“We are still discussing the proposal,” Benitez said. (PNA)

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Part 2 focuses on promoting human and social development, reducing vulnerabilities, and protecting purchasing power, while the last part discusses the transformation of the production sectors to generate more quality jobs and competitive products.

The plan has a special chapter on championing energy transition to promote renewable energy in the region.

NEDA Undersecretary Carlos Bernardo Abad Santos, in his keynote message, said it is already a collective responsibility to “transform the strategies into tangible action, and continually evaluate their effectiveness.”

“Regional development is the cornerstone of our region’s progress, enabling us to effectively address poverty, inequality, and foster inclusive growth across all regions,” he said.

Iloilo Governor Arthur Defensor Jr. also shared his “Bulig Eskwela sang Probinsya” (Bes Probins), a program for an effective and relevant transformational education system in Iloilo as a vehicle to help public awareness of the plan.

The program has three components, one of which is the guidance and counseling program which he envisioned as a platform to teach the national development plan to secondary students.

“We want them to know the direction of the country during the time when they are deciding what career to pursue because we want to address the disconnect or a gap, because we want to produce an educational system that caters to the needs of the government and the economy,” he said in his address.

Bes Probins is a local implementation of Republic Act No. 11206, or the Career Guidance and Counseling Act which Defensor authored when he was congressman of the Third District. (PNA)

DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late Spouses **ROBERTO GUILLERGAN and NEOMEDIA CARVAJAL-GUILLERGAN** consisting of the following:

- a) **Lot No. 182** covered by **TCT No. T-121736** situated at Burgos St., Oton, Iloilo with an area of **9,452 square meters more or less**;
- b) **Lot No. 61** covered by **TCT No. T-123733** situated at Burgos St., Oton, Iloilo with an area of **985 square meters more or less**;
- c) **Lot No. 62** covered by **TCT No. T-121737** situated at Burgos St., Oton, Iloilo with an area of **1680 square meters more or less**;
- d) **Lot No. 64** covered by **TCT No. T-121600** situated at Burgos St., Oton, Iloilo with an area of **463 square meters more or less**;
- e) **Lot No. 134** covered by **TCT No. T-121055** situated at MH Del Pilar St., Oton, Iloilo with an area of **288 square meters more or less**;
- f) **Lot No. 135** covered by **Title No. HOR 1967** situated at Rizal St., Oton, Iloilo with an area of **332 square meters more or less**;
- g) **Lot No. 1853-J-2-B-4-B-1** covered by **TCT No. T-93887** situated at Brgy. Tagbac, Oton, Iloilo with an area of **4,808 square meters more less**;
- h) **Lot No. 1853-J-2-B-4-A** covered by **TCT No. T-90144** situated at Brgy. Tagbac, Oton, Iloilo with an area of **10,000 square meters more or less**;
- i) **Lot No. 6488** covered by **TCT No. T-90862** situated at Brgy. Tagbac, Oton, Iloilo with an area of **7,882 square meters more or less**;
- j) **Lot No. 6849** covered by **TCT No. T-91033** situated at Brgy. Tagbac., Oton, Iloilo with an area of **6,219 square meters more or less**;
- k) **Lot No. 6491** covered by **TCT No. T-90860** situated at Brgy. Tagbac., Oton, Iloilo with an area of **18,280 square meters more or less**;
- l) **Lot No. 6494-A** covered by **TCT No. T-106719** situated at Brgy. Tagbac., Oton, Iloilo with an area of **10,800 square meters more or less**;
- m) **Lot No. 6494-B** covered by **TCT No. T-91764** situated at Brgy. Tagbac., Oton, Iloilo with an area of **12,033 square meters more or less**;
- n) **Lot No. 6659** covered by **TCT No. T-92003** situated at Brgy. Tagbac., Oton, Iloilo with an area of **6,200 square meters more or less**;
- o) **Lot No. 1** covered by **TCT No. T-53854** situated at Delgado St., Iloilo City with an area of **1285 square meters more or less**;
- p) **Lot No. 53-A-2** covered by **TCT No. T-122768** situated at Brgy. Buray, Oton, Iloilo with an area of **13,349 square meters more or less**;
- q) **Lot No. 10010-C** covered by **TCT No. T-93173** situated at Brgy. Sta. Rita, Oton, Iloilo with an area of **249 square meters more or less**;
- r) **Lot No. 10015** covered by **OCT-1949** situated at Brgy. Sta. Rita, Oton, Iloilo with an area of **441 square meters more or less**;
- s) **Lot No. 1673** covered by **Title No. RO 95(0-4845)** situated at Brgy. San Antonio, Oton, Iloilo with an area of **10,157 square meters more or less**;
- t) **Lot No. 1673-D** covered by **TCT No. T-115547** situated at Brgy. San Antonio, Oton, Iloilo with an area of **877 square meters more less**;
- u) All other personal and real property wherever may be found on which we have a legal right or interest.

Are adjudicated to surviving heirs, namely, **SHEILA MARIE GUILLERGAN-PANES, ROBERTO C. GUILLERGAN, JR., RANDY C. GUILLERGAN, SHIRLEY GUILLERGAN-ALIGAEN and MIA CHELSEA GUILLERGAN**, daughter of **RICHARD C. GUILLERGAN** who died on **December 21, 2013 at Australia, minor, Australian Citizen**, herein represented by her mother and legal guardian **ANABEL MANIKAS**, as entered in the notarial registry of **LILAH TURGEMAN, Notary Public, State of California, Los Angeles County dated May 24, 2023; Vice Consul FRANCES LOUISSA C. CLEOFAS, Consulate General of the Philippines, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia dated May 30, 2023** per Doc. No. 2837, Book No. I, Page No. 58, Service No. 5047, Series of 2023.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **REGIN A. BANO** known as a **Savings Account at Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI), Passi City, Iloilo with Savings Account No. 0503-0089-69** to heirs **ANALYN P. BANO and ELISHA ANARE P. BANO**. That, **ELISHA ANARE P. BANO** authorized her mother **ANALYN P. BANO** to transact, process, follow-up, sign and receive cash/check in connection with the said Savings Account, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Florlyn M. Pama-Atilano** per Doc. No. 175, Page No. 36, Book No. XIX, Series of 2023.

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **RAFAEL LAMASAN, SR.** consisting of **one-half portion** of the following properties to wit: 1) **Lot 2499** situated in Brgy. Cubay, Lambunao, Iloilo covered by **Original Certificate of Title No. CLOA No. 0-4760-A** with an area of **13,349 SQUARE METERS, more or less**; 2) **Tax Declaration of Real Property, PIN No. 041-24-034-01-003** situated at Brgy. Cubay, Lambunao, Iloilo; 3) **Tax Declaration of Real Property, PIN No. 041-24-034-07-003** situated at Brgy. Cubay, Lambunao, Iloilo; 4) **Tax Declaration of Real Property, PIN No. 041-24-034-07-005** situated at Brgy. Cubay, Lambunao, Iloilo; 5) **Tax Declaration of Real Property, PIN No. 041-24-036-01-059** situated at Brgy. Gines, Lambunao, Iloilo; 6) **Tax Declaration of Real Property, PIN No. 041-24-065-01-012** situated at Brgy. Sibaguan, Lambunao, Iloilo; 7) **Lot No. 2431** situated in Brgy. Cubay, Lambunao, Iloilo covered by **Original Certificate of Title No. 0-4722** with an area of **14,370 SQUARE METERS, more or less**; 8) **Tax Declaration of Real Property, PIN No. 041-24-065-01-011** situated at Brgy. Sibaguan, Lambunao, Iloilo; 9) **Lot No. 2414** situated in Brgy. Cubay, Lambunao, Iloilo covered by **Original Certificate of Title No. 0-4715** with an area of **21,721 SQUARE METERS, more or less**; 10) **Lot No. 2468** situated in Lambunao, Iloilo, with the improvements thereon, covered by **Original Certificate of Title No. 0-12,082** with an area of **14,029 SQUARE METERS, more or less**; 11) **Lot No. 2394** situated in Lambunao, Iloilo covered by **Original Certificate of Title No. 0-12234** with an area of **7,358 SQUARE METERS, more or less**; 12) **Lot No. 2396** situated in Lambunao, Iloilo covered by **Original Certificate of Title No. 0-11833** with an area of **5,424 SQUARE METERS, more or less**; 13) **Lot No. 2510** situated in Brgy. Gines, Lambunao, Iloilo covered by **Original Certificate of Title No. 0-4761** with an area of **15,303 SQUARE METERS, more or less**; 14) **Original Certificate of Title No. F-984** with an area of **19,899 SQUARE METERS, more or less** are adjudicated to heirs **Benita Losaria Lamasan, Renan L. Lamasan, Gloria Lamasan-Baldemor, Ariel L. Lamasan, Rafael L. Lamasan, Jr., and Vincent L. Lamasan**, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Carl Rupert Crisme Muela** per Doc. No. 89, Page No. 19, Book No. 6, Series of 2022.

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH DEED OF DONATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of **Rafael Lamasan** known as a parcel of land **Lots 2499** situated in Brgy. Cubay, Lambunao, Iloilo covered by **Original Certificate of Title No. CLOA NO. 0-4760** with an area of **Thirteen Thousand Three Hundred Forty Nine (13,349) square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **Benita Losaria Lamasan, Renan L. Lamasan, Gloria L. Lamasan-Baldemor, Ariel L. Lamasan, Rafael L. Lamasan, Jr. and Vincent L. Lamasan**. That the heirs agreed to cede, transfer and convey by way of **Donation** a portion of **Lot No. 2499** containing an area of **Five Hundred Thirty Three (533) sq.m.** now designated as **Lot No. 2499-B** to Brgy. Cubay, Lambunao, Iloilo represented by **Punong Barangay Freddie G. Legarda**, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Carl Rupert Crisme Muela** per Doc. No. 90, Page No. 19, Book No. 6, series of 2022.

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AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS

Notice is hereby given **TERENCE S. UYGONGCO** executed an Affidavit of Loss stating that he is a **holder/shares keeper of one (1) share of stock per Certificate No. 3341 of Iloilo Golf and Country Club, Inc.** issued on **March 28, 2017** under the name of **Ma. Ingrid Karina G. Uygongco** which was lost and utmost effort to find it proved futile. Entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Igmedio S. Prado, Jr.** per Doc. No. 2, Page No. 2, Book No. CXLIV, Series of 2023.

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Notice is hereby given **TERENCE S. UYGONGCO** executed an Affidavit of Loss stating that he is a **holder/shares keeper of one (1) share of stock per Certificate No. 3342 of Iloilo Golf and Country Club, Inc.** issued on **March 28, 2017** under the name of **Miguel Lorenzo G. Uygongco** which was lost and utmost effort to find it proved futile. Entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Igmedio S. Prado, Jr.** per Doc. No. 1, Page No. 2, Book No. CXLIV, Series of 2023.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION, DONATION AND PARTITION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Floriza Ruiz, Demetrio Ruiz, Teodorico Ruiz, and Ceferino Ruiz** consisting of the following properties: 1) **Lot No. 6054** of the Cadastral Survey of Sta. Barbara, with the improvements thereon, situated in Barangay Nasugban and Malawog, Sta. Barbara, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-37593** with an area of **TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY SEVEN (25,227) SQUARE METERS, more or less**; 2) **Lot No. 6044** of the Cadastral Survey of Sta. Barbara, with the improvements thereon, situated in Barangay Nasugban, Sta. Barbara, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-11341** with an area of **FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY NINE (5,789) SQUARE METERS, more or less**; 3) **Lot No. 6077** of the Cadastral Survey of Sta. Barbara, with the improvements thereon, situated in Brgy. Balibagan Oeste and Nasugban, Sta. Barbara, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-23709** with an area of **NINETEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWELVE (19,512) SQUARE METERS, more or less**; 4) **Lot No. 6033** of the Cadastral Survey of Sta. Barbara, with the improvements thereon, situated in Brgy. Nasugban, Sta. Barbara, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-23710** with an area of **SEVEN THOUSAND SEVENTY ONE (7,071) SQUARE METERS, more or less**; 5) **Lot No. 5951** of the Cadastral Survey of Sta. Barbara, with the improvements thereon, situated in Brgy. Nasugban and Balibagan Oeste, Sta. Barbara, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-24506** with an area of **NINE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN (9,113) SQUARE METERS, more or less**; 6) **Lot No. 6050-F** of the Subdivision Plan PSD-29742, being a portion of Lot 6050 of the Cadastral Survey of Iloilo, G.L.R.C. Cadastral Record No. 790, situated in Brgy. Nasugban and Malawog, Sta. Barbara, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-44358** with an area of **TEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY (10,740) SQUARE METERS, more or less** are adjudicated to heirs 1. **Pacifica Ruiz, 2. Maria Luz Ruiz, 3. Gregoria Ruiz, 4. Mario Ruiz, 5. The heirs of the late Rufo Ruiz, namely, Teodita Mecer Ruiz, and Francis Samuel Ruiz, 6. The heirs of the late Zosimo Ruiz, namely; Anselma Ruiz, Theodore Ruiz, Thea Kryztel Ruiz, and Therese Consuelo Ruiz, and the heirs of the late spouses Ceferino Ruiz and Ramona Alegarbes, namely, Perfecta Ruiz, Severo Ruiz, and Tomas Ruiz. That, Perfecta Ruiz, Severo Ruiz, and Tomas Ruiz convey by way of Donation all their rights, interests and participation in Lots No. 6054, 6044, 6077, and 6033 unto their co-heirs Pacifica Ruiz, Maria Luz Ruiz, Gregoria Ruiz, Mario Ruiz, Teodita Mecer Ruiz, Francis Samuel Ruiz, Anselma Ruiz, Theodore Ruiz, Thea Kryztel Ruiz, and Therese Consuelo Ruiz. That, Pacifica Ruiz, Maria Luz Ruiz, Gregoria Ruiz, Mario Ruiz, Teodita Mecer Ruiz, Francis Samuel Ruiz, Anselma Ruiz, Theodore Ruiz, Thea Kryztel Ruiz, Therese Consuelo Ruiz agreed to partition the above properties as follows: **Lot 6054-A** with an area of **12,987 sq.m.** shall belong in equal shares to **Anselma S. Ruiz, Theodore Ruiz, Thea Krystel Ruiz and Therese Consuelo Ruiz**; **Lot 6054-B** with an area of **12,240 sq.m.** shall belong to **Maria Luz Ruiz**; **Lot 6077-A** with an area of **12,987 sq.m.** shall belong to **Teodita Mecer Ruiz and Francis Samuel Ruiz** in equal shares; **Lot 6077-B** with an area of **2,425 sq.m.** shall belong to **Mario Ruiz**; **Lot 6077-C** with an area of **4,100 sq.m.** shall belong to **Gregoria Ruiz**; **Lot 6033** with an area of **7,071 sq.m.** shall belong to **Pacifica Ruiz**; **Lot 5951** with an area of **9,113 sq.m.** shall belong to **Gregoria Ruiz**; **Lot 6050-F** with an area of **10,740 sq.m.** shall belong to **Mario Ruiz**; and **Lot 6044** with an area of **5,789 sq.m.** shall belong to **Pacifica Ruiz**. Entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Juan C. Senupe, Jr.** per Doc. No. 189, Page No. 39, Book No. 58, Series of 2022.**

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Amador Senupe, Jr.** known as a parcel of land identified as (**Lot No. 6088** of the Cadastral Survey of Sta. Barbara), with the improvements thereon, located at Brgy. Balibagan Oeste, Sta. Barbara, Iloilo covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. CLOA T-13457** with an area of **NINETEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY (19,980) SQUARE METERS, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **Nena G. Senupe, Madona G. Senupe and Rodmar G. Senupe**, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Robert J. Parcon** per Doc. No. 90, Page 19, Book No. I, Series of 2022.

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FORECLOSURE NO. **F-10716-23**

FOR: EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT NO. 3135, AS AMENDED BY ACT NO. 4118

METROPOLITAN BANK & TRUST COMPANY,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPOUSES LEOLYN C. BELGA and CHRISTER E. BELGA,
Mortgagors.

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act No. 3135 as amended by Act No. 4118 filed by the **mortgagee METROPOLITAN BANK & TRUST COMPANY**, a banking corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Philippines with principal office located at Metrobank Plaza Bldg., Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City, Philippines against **mortgagor/s SPOUSES LEOLYN C. BELGA and CHRISTER E. BELGA**, both of legal age, Filipinos, married to each other and residents of Zone 3, Bo. Obrero, Lapuz, Iloilo City, Philippines and /or Lot 74, Block 13, Phase 1 Monticello Villas, Brgy. Balabag, Pavia, Iloilo, Philippines to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **May 15, 2023**, amounted to **NINE HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY THREE PESOS & 78/100 (P935,793.78)**, Philippine Currency, exclusive of interest, penalties and other charges, plus attorney's fees, publication cost, Sheriff's legal expenses and other incidental expenses of foreclosure and auction sale, the **Ex-Officio Sheriff of Iloilo or any of his lawful deputies** will sell at public auction on **AUGUST 16, 2023** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the **Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Ground Floor, Chief Justice Ramon Q. Avanceña Hall of Justice, Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City**, to the **HIGHEST BIDDER, for CASH or MANAGER'S CHECK** and in Philippine Currency, the following real property, including buildings and all improvements found thereon, to wit:

Registry of Deeds for Iloilo, Iloilo
Transfer Certificate of Title
No. 090-2017002543

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 74, BLK 13, OF THE CONSOLIDATION AND SUBDIVISION PLAN PCS-005266, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONSOLIDATION OF LOT 1-B, PSD-06-010495; 567-J-2 TO 567-J-4, (LRC) PSD-50959; 567-J-5-B, PSD-06-009713; 567-K, (LRC) PSD-49198 & 567-Y-1, (LRC) PSD-50963, L.R.C. RECORD NO.) SITUATED IN THE BARANGAY OF BALABAG, MUNICIPALITY OF PAVIA, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY. BOUNDED ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 75, BLK 13 OF THE CONSOLIDATION AND SUBDIVISION PLAN; ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 2053, CAD-25, ILOILO CADASTRE; ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 73, BLK 13 AND ON THE NE, ALONG LINE 4-1 BY ROAD LOT 14 BOTH OF THE CONSOLIDATION AND SUBDIVISION PLAN. X X X CONTAINING AN AREA OF FORTY FIVE (45) SQUARE METERS MORE OR LESS."

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the aforementioned time and date. In the event the public should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **AUGUST 23, 2023** at the same time and place aforementioned without further notice.

Prospective buyers and/or bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of the above-described properties and encumbrances existing thereon, if any there be. Let this Notice of Sale be published and posted in accordance with the provisions of law.

(SGD.) ATTY. GERRY D. SUMACULUB
Clerk of Court VII and
Ex-Officio Provincial Sheriff

(SGD.) RITO RUEL A. CASTEN
Sheriff IV/Sheriff-In-Charge

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