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PRIORITY PROJECTS

RDC to seek funding for 10 priority projects in Western Visayas

The Regional Development Council (RDC) 6 (Western Visayas) is set to submit to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) next month a funding request for 10 priority projects, its chairman, Mayor Alfredo Abelardo

Benitez, said recently. "We made a selection. These are mostly on social services and infrastructure," Benitez said.

These projects are the Aklan cruise port hub; the modernization of Guimaras'

parola ports; the heart, lung and kidney center; shared service facilities for solid waste management; farm schools; smart agriculture system; regional warehouses for disaster response and management; the Panay River Basin Integrated

Development Project; the Iloilo-Capiz-Aklan Expressway; and the Bacolod Coastal Road, Iloilo Circumferential Roads, and other vital/strategic road networks.

The priority projects were identified during

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President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. led the distribution of land titles and agricultural support, worth millions, to more than 2,000 beneficiaries in Western Visayas, held in Passi City last December 11, 2023. He was joined by Department of Agrarian Reform Secretary Conrado Estrella III, Undersecretary Jesry T. Palmares and Passi City Mayor Atty. Stephen A. Palmares, among others. (PCO photo)

Festival of Festivals: 9 Iloilo towns to compete in Kasadyahan

The Iloilo Provincial Government, headed by Gov. Arthur Defensor Jr., and Iloilo Festivals Foundation, Inc. (IFFI) officially kicked off the launch of KasadyahansaKabanwahanan Festival on Dec. 14, at SM City Iloilo Event Center.

The event introduced the nine participating tribes:

Saad Festival of Leganes; Katagman Festival of Oton; Pantat Festival of Zarraga; Cry of

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Bagong Pilipinas Serbisyo Fair brings gov't services closer to Ilonggos

Bagong Pilipinas Serbisyo Fair, a convergence of national government agencies' distribution of equipment, financial assistance, scholarship programs, livelihood assistance, and payouts to priority sectors, has brought the government closer to the communities in Guimbal town in the province of Iloilo.

Mario Boglosa, President of Baras Farmers Association in Barotac Nuevo, conveyed his gratitude to the government for availing various equipment under the

Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF) mechanization component of the Department of Agriculture – Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization.

"Naga pasalamat gid ako sa Department of Agriculture nganaka-avail kami sang harvester kagtransplanter. Daku gid ina nga bulig sa amon pangunguma kag barangay. Sa liwat naga pasalamat man ako ilabina sa aton nga presidente nga naka kuha kami machinery sa amon

nga pagpanguma, (I am grateful to the Department of Agriculture that we were able to avail of the harvester and the transplanter. This will be a big help to our farm and to our barangay. Again, thank you especially to our President that we were able to get these machineries for our farm.)" Boglosa expressed.

A total of P900 million worth of programs and services were brought to the province. Of the figure, P200 million

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NEWS EXPRESS received a Certificate of Appreciation from MORE Power in grateful recognition and sincere appreciation of its unwavering support and partnership for the benefit of Ilonggo consumers during the Media Thanksgiving and Christmas party last December 13, 2023. Photo shows MORE Power President and CEO Roel Z. Castro with News Express publisher Reming G. Castor.

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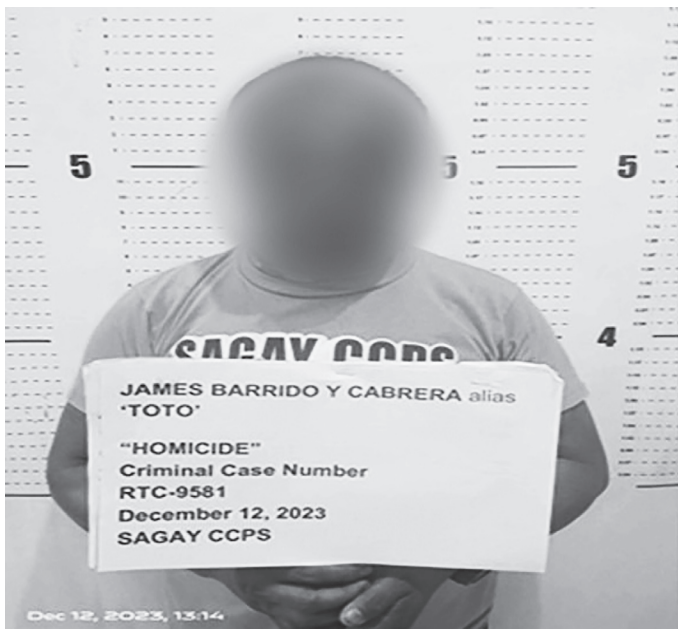
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MAGICAL CHRISTMAS. The Iloilo Provincial Capitol building and compound is aglow with colorful lights this Christmas season. Throngs of people flock to the area nightly to enjoy the Disney-inspired Christmas lights and at the same time feel the spirit of holidays. (Capitol photo)



San Carlos City's Top 9 Most Wanted collared in Sagay City

NEGROS OCCIDENTAL – With the relentless efforts of the operatives of Police Regional Office 6, specifically of the Sagay City Police Station, another accomplishment was recorded in the arrest of the Top 9 Most Wanted Person of San Carlos City.

James Barrido Y Cabrera, alias James, 32 years old, male, single, a farmer, and a resident of Sitio Balod, Brgy. San Isidro, Toboso, Negros Occidental, tagged as the Top 9 Most Wanted Person of San Carlos City, was arrested by the Tracker Team of the Sagay City Component Police Station at Purok Chloe, Brgy. Rizal, Sagay City, Negros Occidental, at 2:30 in the afternoon of December 12, 2023. He was arrested during the Service of Warrant of Arrest for the Crime of Homicide under Criminal Case Number RTC-9581 issued and signed on the 16th day of November 2023 by the Hon. Reginald Mercurio Fuentebella, Executive Judge, RTC Sixth Judicial Region, Branch 59, San Carlos City, Negros Occidental, with Php 120, 000.00 bail recommended.

Arrested wanted person was brought to Sagay CCPS for booking and subsequently brought to the court, where the case is pending.

PBGEN Sidney N Villaflor, RD PRO6, congratulated the Sagay CCPS for a job well done. "This accomplishment is just a manifestation of our serious campaign against persons with criminal liabilities in the region. Ipagpatuloy lang po natin ang ating ginagawang pagtugissamgakriminal para sa ikakatiwasay ng ating rehiyon," said PBGEN Villaflor.###

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the RDC-6's first full council meeting held in Macau, China last week.

Benitez was joined by heads of the regional line agencies, representatives of the private sector, and several local chief executives in the meeting and learning visit in China's special administrative region from Dec. 5 to 8.

"We understand the DBM and the National Economic and Development Authority are asking RDCs now to prioritize 10 projects that will be automatically funded

by the DBM. We will submit it next month since there's already the budget call for 2025," he said.

Benitez underscored the need for the RDC-6 to be "more relevant to nation-building" with a shared responsibility and a vision for a "more inclusive and proactive Western Visayas."

"It is not just in policy-making but also in investment programming, project implementation, and monitoring and evaluation," he said. (PNA)

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was distributed as financial assistance.

With 51 participating national government agencies, over 160 services were offered to some 80,000 beneficiaries during the two-day fair, which started on December 9.

Speaker Ferdinand Martin Romualdez, who served as the keynote speaker, emphasized President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.'s administration's brand of leadership to cascade government services to the grassroots level.

"Ang pangako ng Bagong Pilipinas ay isang pamahalaan na hindi naghahintay. Pamahalaan naku sang lumalapit samamamayan upang tugunan ang pangangailangan sa mas malong madaling panahon," Romualdez said.

"Sa serbisyo fair, nag samasama ang iba't ibang mga sangay ng pamahalaan upang maihatid at maipangako na mas mabilis at mas mahalagang impormasyon at serbisyo tungo sa ating sama-samang pag-unlad," he added.

The BPSF offered social services from the Department of Health (DOH), Department of

Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Human Settlement and Urban Development (DHSUD), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), National Food Authority (NFA), Office of Civil Defense (OCD) and the Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA).

Under livelihood and educational services, the following agencies offered services: Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Technical Skills and Development Authority (TESDA), DENR, OCD, and FDA.

In terms of regulatory functions, the BPSF extended services from the following

Agreement (MOA) signed on Wednesday, December 13, 2023.

The MOA ceremony occurred at 11:30 a.m. in the ISUFST Dumangas Campus Function Hall, Dumangas Iloilo, marking a significant step in bolstering the PPD Database System, with additional features, in Western Visayas.

Mr. Harold Alfred Marshall, CPD Regional Director, expressed the

agency's confidence in ISUFST's expertise in information technology and database management. "ISUFST sets the gold standard in information technology and database management. This partnership aims to improve our services in the region. We foresee continued collaboration beyond this project as ISUFST becomes an integral part of our future plans," he stated.

For his part, Dr. Nordy Siason, Jr., ISUFST President, underscored the university's dedication to research and societal impact. "This MOA shows our commitment to research and in making a meaningful contribution to society which is the core of the mandate of the university," he emphasized.

Meanwhile, Dr. Liza Belandres, ISUFST

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PH reaps Silver, two Medallions for Excellence in WorldSkills Asia competition

The Philippine delegation brought home a silver medal and two Medallions for Excellence in the recently concluded 2nd WorldSkills Asia Competition at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

Competitor Ana Claire Hernandez brought home a silver medal in the Graphic Design Technology skill area. She also received the Best of Nation Award for having garnered the highest number of points among Philippine competitors.

Meanwhile, aside from the silver medal, the Philippine team also brought home two Medallions for Excellence. These were awarded to Cristian Lasaruz Asanza in the Electrical Installation skill area and Jose Darylle Tolentino in the IT Network Systems Administration skill area. The Medallion for Excellence is granted to competitors whose performance meet the international standards based on the criteria set by WorldSkills International.

"It brings me immense pleasure to extend my heartfelt congratulations to our accomplished individuals who participated in the 2023 WorldSkills

Competition held in Abu Dhabi. Their remarkable achievements not only brought pride to TESDA but also elevated the honor of our beloved Philippines on the global stage," said TESDA Secretary Suharto Mangudadatu.

"We may vary in our ways in showing our 'lingap'. Know that the 'lingap' you expressed through the honors you brought to our country and TESDA are heartfelt. In the coming years, I look forward to more of these," added the TESDA head, referring to the agency's guiding principle of "Sa TESDA, lingap ay maaasahan".

It can be recalled that Hernandez also bagged the silver medal during the 13th WorldSkills ASEAN Competition held in Singapore last July. In an interview, she expressed her gratitude to the people behind her success and shared that the competition ultimately created a bond among the competitors.

"If you want to be world-class, you have to be willing to pay the price every single day. Which means you have to train and be mentally prepared sa mga circumstances na pwedeng mangyari during the competition,"

Hernandez said to those who want to compete at the international level.

Secretary Mangudadatu also emphasized the importance of holding and joining the international skills competition to level the country's tech-voc training with international standards.

"By joining international competitions, our competitors as well as the whole Philippine delegation will surely learn a lot about the best practices of other countries when it comes to the TVET sector and apply it in our country and ensure that our graduates are world-class," the Secretary added.

The WorldSkills Asia competition takes place every two years in one of the member countries of the WorldSkills Asia organization.

The event aims to achieve several goals, including inspiring Asian youth and enabling them to develop skills for future jobs, as well as attracting member states and international partners in both private and government educational institutions to encourage talent and develop global standards of skills and competencies across Asia.

ISUFST, CPD WV ink MOA to enhance population-development database system

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Jelicuon Festival of New Lucena; Kaing Festival of Leon; Tultugan Festival of Maasin; Hirinugyaw-Suguidadonay Festival of Calinig; Banaag Festival of Anilao; and Kasag Festival of Banate.

Short performances were showcased depicting the rich history of Iloilo, as

reflected by the province's new tourism slogan, "Fun, Foodie, Friendly Iloilo."

Mayor Jerry P. Treñas said that the Iloilo Provincial Government will be the first to manage and facilitate the Kasadyahan Festival 2024, which is now rebranded as Kasadyahan sa Kabanwahan Festival.

It has been an integral part of the Dinagyang Festival, which has become a traditional platform to showcase the vibrant and diverse culture of Iloilo.

"Madamo gid nga salamat kag panginubuhan sa aton Iloilo Provincial Government under Gov. Toto Defensor for taking a step forward with much stronger support and commitment in our efforts to showcase and deliver the best Dinagyang and Kasadyahan festivals ever," Mayor Treñas said.

"For me, it's indeed the time, now more than ever, to level up our meaningful collaborations as one Iloilo, bound by our people, resources, faith, culture, and tradition; take a collective stride forward; and bring the city and province to greater heights."

"Let us work together towards greatness with the 'Fun Foodie Friendly Iloilo' and let 'Our Hearts Beat' in Iloilo City!" he added. (Iloilo City PIO)

government agencies: Department of Foreign Affairs, Philippine National Police (PNP), Land Transportation Office (LTO), Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Bureau (LTFRB), Professional Regulations Commission (PRC), National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) and the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA).

Other government services also include those from the Department of Information and Communication Technology (DICT), Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), Social Security System, PhilHealth, Pag-Ibig, Public Attorney's Office (PAO), and the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP).

Apart from the services, the BPSF also highlighted the administration's flagship program, "Kadiwa ng Pangulo" which supports the agriculture industry to ensure food security at a reasonable price.

To note, the BPSF in Iloilo is the ninth leg of the event as it aims to cover all 83 provinces in the country. (PIA Iloilo)



NGCP urges public to be conscious of energy use this holiday

ILOILO CITY – The National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP) has encouraged the public to be extra conscious of their electricity usage this holiday season, especially with the impending preventive maintenance schedule of one of the generating plants of Panay Energy Development Corporation (PEDC) of the Global Business Power Corporation (GBP) this month.

Reagahn Alcantara, lead specialist of the government relations and regional affairs division of the Public Relations Department of the NGCP, said that in case the PEDC will push through with the shutdown, there will be a full dispatch of all the other power plants, including the utilization of the 180 megawatts capacity submarine cable between Negros and Panay.

He warned they may opt to do a rotational brownouts or manual load droppings should the power supply become insufficient while the demand is higher.

“That is allocated per distribution utility or cooperatives. Usually, it occurs during peak times. So, there is an allocation based on the contracting capacity of each distribution utility,” he said in an interview on Wednesday.

Data presented by the NGCP during its Power 101 briefing in October this year showed the afternoon peak demand of Panay Island is 486 megawatts (MW) and 453 MW in the evening, while the generating capacity could reach up to 611.5 megawatts.

GBP First vice president for Panay Operations Antonio Cabalhug, in a media conference on Tuesday, said they had a scheduled shutdown of their PEDC 3 for the annual preventive maintenance evening of Monday.

“We are supposed to down the 150 (MW) but because of the urgent request of the NGCP last night, we are now targeting probably a week to postpone,” he said.

PEDC 3 generates 150 MW, which is more than 25 percent of daily average power demand of Panay.

“I cannot speak for NGCP, but they are telling us that we are in a very critical position if we shut down last night. I don’t know what will happen in the next days,” he said.

Alcantara said they are “working out something with them” like a possibility for the PEDC to undergo the preventive maintenance event without shutting down the unit and just a reduction of their output. (PNA)

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Dumangas Campus Administrator, highlighted the institution's vision vis-à-vis the newly signed partnership. “This signifies our vision to attain premier research university status in Southeast Asia by 2030,” she affirmed.

The MOA signing ceremony witnessed the presence of ISUFST administrators, faculty, and students.

CPD, to note, underwent a significant transformation in the recent years, aligning itself with the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA). This shift prompted CPD to develop novel approaches, initiatives, and strategies for implementing the Philippine Population and Development Plan of Action (PPD-PoA) 2023-2028. CPD-Region VI, tasked with executing PPD-PoA programs for Local Government Units (LGUs), embarked on the establishment of a PPD Database. This repository houses PPD-related data, including LGU demographic profiles, data on adolescents and families, and directories of relevant personnel in the region.

Last year, ISUFST collaborated with CPD-Region VI to create the PPD Database based on data requirements and mandates. The database was recently launched and, subsequently, suggestions were made to improve its efficiency and functionality. The MOA will incorporate these proposed enhancements before introducing the system to relevant personnel across Western Visayas.

This newest addition to the web of regional linkages of the school signifies a pivotal move toward informed, data-driven development planning in the region, delivering benefits to government agencies and institutions. (By Herman Lagon)

‘Kasadyahan sa Kabanwahanan’ to showcase Iloilo’s rich culture

ILOILO CITY – The “Kasadyahan sa Kabanwahanan” will showcase the rich culture of the Iloilo province when it hosts the 2024 Dinagyang Festival in January.

“For us, this is an opportunity to showcase the culture of the province, which is also the culture of the city. The Kasadyahan sa Kabanwahanan will be the display window of the festivals of our municipalities,” Governor Arthur Defensor Jr. said in his message during the official launch at SM City Iloilo Wednesday afternoon.

This is the first time the city’s “Kasadyahan sa Kabanwahanan” will be the festival’s highlight.

Nine towns will join the Kasadyahan, including the Saad Festival of Leganes, Katagman Festival of Oton, Pantat Festival of Zarraga, Cry of Jellicon Festival of New Lucena, Kaing Festival of Leon, Tultugan Festival of Maasin, Banaag Festival of Anilao, Kasag Festival of Banate, and Hirinugyaw-Suguidadonay Festival of Calinog.

The governor added he looks forward to capturing the “Fun, Foodie, Friendly Iloilo” slogan of the province in the event.

“We will give you fun, foodie, friendly festivals in Kasadyahan sa Kabanwahanan 2024 through different tribes coming from different municipalities. We will give you harmony in diversity because our slogan will bind together the tribes in different performances of the municipalities,” he added.

The festival showcase and competition will be in the afternoon of Jan. 27, which will end just in time for the start of the

grand religious sadsad (merrymaking) evening of the same day at the Plaza Libertad.

The province has allocated PHP9 million in subsidy for the participating festivals.

Meanwhile, Iloilo City Mayor Jerry Treñas, in his message delivered by Councilor Johnny Young, said the event is another milestone for the Dinagyang Festival with the provincial government as host and rebranded as Kasadyahan

sa Kabanwahanan Festival from being Kasadyahan Festival.

“Through the years, Kasadyahan has been an integral part of the Dinagyang Festival and has become a traditional platform to showcase the vibrant and diverse culture of Iloilo. Over time, it has also evolved into a more immersive and engaging festival with the participation of other municipalities from other provinces in the region,” he said. (PNA)



LAUNCHED. Iloilo Governor Arthur Defensor Jr. leads the launch of the “Kasadyahan sa Kabanwahanan” at the SM City Iloilo in the afternoon of Wednesday (Dec. 13, 2023). In his message, Defensor said he looks forward to capturing the “Fun, Foodie, Friendly Iloilo” slogan of the province in the event. (PNA photo by PGLena)

28 Capitol workers submit to confirmatory drug tests

BACOLOD CITY – The Negros Occidental provincial government subjected to confirmatory testing eight employees who tested positive for drug use and 20 others whose results were in the “gray” zone.

Provincial Administrator Rayfrando Diaz II said on Wednesday that the mandatory random urine drug testing among 2,300 elected officials and employees based at the provincial capitol here were held on Monday and Tuesday.

Of the eight positive results, seven are for shabu while one is for marijuana.

The confirmatory test results will be released within the week.



DRUG TEST. Employees of the Negros Occidental provincial government queue up to undergo mandatory drug testing at the Capitol Social Hall in Bacolod City on Tuesday (Dec. 12, 2023). Eight employees who tested positive for drug use and 20 others whose results were in the “gray” zone were subjected to confirmatory tests. (Photo courtesy of Negros Occidental-PIO)

“The sanctions are provided under the law. For job orders and contract of service workers, we will not anymore renew their contracts. For the regular employees, we will initiate administrative cases against them,” Diaz said.

Diaz said they will schedule separate dates for hospital-based workers after the purchase of additional drug testing kits.

“All will be subjected to drug testing. Nobody is exempted from it. The provincial government is doing its share to ensure a drug-free workplace,” he added.

The Civil Service Commission guidelines, under Resolution 1700653 dated March 15, 2017, ensure that government agencies remain drug-free for the effective and efficient delivery of public services.

It states that drug testing is required for initial entry to government service, and those found positive for drug use shall not be hired or appointed.

As a condition for retention in service, incumbent public officials and employees shall submit to mandatory random drug testing. (PNA)

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Passage of blue economy bill to sustain PH economic growth

BACOLOD CITY – The approval of House Bill (HB) 9662, or the proposed “Blue Economy Act,” is expected to sustain the country’s economic growth, Negros Occidental Third District

Rep. Jose Francisco Benitez, the principal author, said on Wednesday.

“It will transform the maritime economy to a sustainable blue economy,” he said in a statement. “This

is a landmark legislation that is vital not only to sustaining economic growth but also to building our national identity.”

On Tuesday, the House of Representatives passed HB 9662 on the third and final reading.

Blue economy refers to the integrated, holistic, cross-sectoral and cross-stakeholder approach for the sustainable, resilient and inclusive use, governance, management and conservation of oceans, seas, marine and coastal resources and ecosystems for economic growth.

The bill, included in the Legislative-Executive Development Advisory Council Common Legislative Agenda, promotes stewardship and sustainable development of marine wealth within the maritime domains of the Philippines, including its exclusive economic zone.

The maritime industries of the Philippines, being an archipelagic and maritime nation, contributed PHP857 billion to the economy, translating to 3.9 percent of the gross domestic product in 2022.

“But unsustainable economic development is threatening to destroy our marine and coastal ecosystems. The blue economy bill will strike a balance between our



MARINE RESOURCES. The House of Representatives approves House Bill 9662, or the proposed “Blue Economy Act,” on Tuesday (Dec. 12, 2023), seen to sustain the economic growth of the country by transforming the maritime economy into a sustainable “blue economy.” “This is a landmark legislation that is vital not only to sustaining economic growth but also to building our national identity,” Negros Occidental Third District Rep. Jose Francisco Benitez, the principal author, said in a statement on Wednesday (Dec. 13). (Photo from Cong. Kiko Benitez Facebook page)

economic, social and ecological imperatives,” Benitez said, adding it will “ensure that maritime industries do not damage marine and coastal environments”.

A priority legislation of the Marcos administration, the blue economy bill will institutionalize the crafting of a comprehensive framework for the sustainable development of marine and coastal resources and strengthen inter-agency, cross-sectoral

and multi-stakeholder coordination.

It will also promote cross-sector engagement, putting value into the local and indigenous knowledge systems of small fisherfolk.

“At the core of our blue economy are small fisherfolk. We guarantee that subsistence fisheries, or fishing mainly for household fishing consumption, will not be displaced as we delineate our maritime zones for different uses,” Benitez said.

The Negrense lawmaker said the concept of the blue economy also enriches people’s understanding of national security and highlights civilian objectives.

“After all, national security is not only about border control but also about pollution control; not only about territorial integrity but also environmental integrity, not only about military security but also food security,” he added. (PNA)

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Iloilo City records uptick in Covid-19 cases

ILOILO CITY – The public is encouraged to wear face masks amid the increasing cases of coronavirus 2019 (Covid-19) here, especially when attending Christmas gatherings.

Iloilo City Epidemiological Surveillance Unit medical officer Jan Reygine Ansino said as of Dec. 12, they have 63 active infections, although majority are mild cases.

There were only 25 recorded active cases on Nov. 30.



INCREASING. Medical Officer Jan Reygine Ansino of the Iloilo City Epidemiological Surveillance Unit conducts a press conference on Wednesday (Dec. 13, 2023). From 25 on Nov. 30, active Covid-19 cases in the city have reached 63 as of Dec. 12. (PNA photo by PGLena)

Overall since Jan. 1, a total of 1,211 have contracted the virus.

“We have noted an increasing trend of cases since the last week of November and up to this week. Before that, our cases were around two to three per day but since November, we have documented 10 and as high as 20 per day,” Ansino said in a press conference.

Most of the cases were in the 21-30 age group, while the oldest is an 82-year-old.

The medical officer said they have noticed the increasing trend since the lifting of wearing of face masks and amid the gatherings, conventions, parties, and opening of malls.

Ansino said some cases were detected because of their exposure to admitted patients while others had to get tested as employment requirement.

“This December, most of them are symptomatic. We can attribute this to the changing climate season,” she added.

She said the requirement to use face masks is under discussion, but it would be better if the public use face masks again, especially if they belong to the immune-compromised group, elderly, and children.

Ansino advised flu-like symptoms, which are also manifestations of Covid-19, should not be ignored.

“The only difference is when we test them, and they become positive through an RT-PCR (reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction),” she added. (PNA)

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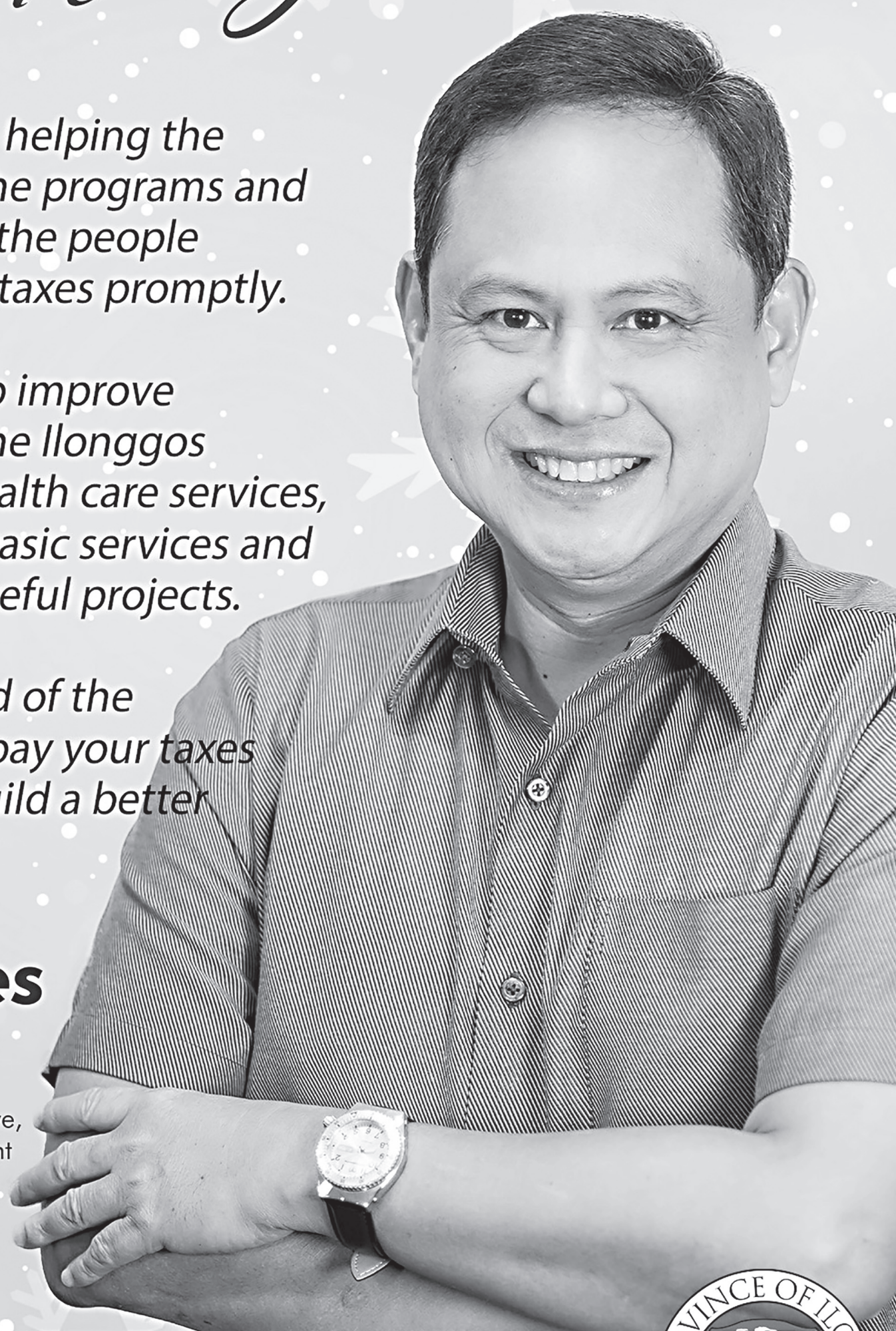
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Firm stand on peace

Editorial

The House of Representatives deserves commendation for taking a strong stand behind the Marcos administration's bold move to forge national unity through peace talks with the National Democratic Front and an offer of amnesty to various rebel groups.

Party leaders from among the more than 300 members of the House formed a united front in support of President Marcos Jr.'s two-pronged peace initiative.

In a joint statement, the House party leaders described the Chief Executive's pursuit of peace as a "historic move" that marks a "pivotal moment" in the nation's quest for lasting peace and sustainable development.

"President Marcos's call for peace transcends political boundaries and speaks to the core of our shared values as Filipinos. It is a call for understanding, cooperation, and collective action towards a future where every citizen can live in harmony and prosperity," the House leaders said.

Among those who signed the joint statement were stalwarts of the Lakas-Christian Muslim Democrats; Nationalist People's Coalition (NPC); Nacionalista Party (NP); National Unity Party (NUP); AkoBikolPartylist; Bicol SaroPartylist; Barangay Health and Wellness Partylist; and PartidoNavoteño.

Speaker Martin Romualdez had earlier facilitated the filing of four House Concurrent Resolutions that concurred with the amnesty proclamations of the President Marcos covering various rebel groups.

The chamber is expected to adopt all four concurrent resolutions before the Christmas break.

"Recognizing the complexities and challenges of this peace process, we pledge our support and commitment to contribute constructively to these negotiations. We are united in the belief that through dialogue, empathy, and mutual respect, we can overcome historical divides and build a more inclusive and

peaceful nation," the political parties said in the joint statement.

Further on, the statement said: "We urge all Filipinos from every corner of our archipelago to join us in this noble pursuit. It is only through our joint efforts that we can turn the aspirations of peace, unity, and progress into reality."

It's a call for unity that our people should fully support.

In conclusion, the lawmakers stated: "In solidarity, we commend President Marcos for his visionary leadership. Together, as a united House of Representatives and as one nation, we look forward to a future marked by peace, unity, and prosperity for all Filipinos."

The united stand of the House of Representatives on the peace talks and amnesty offer to rebel groups is a step in the right direction amid discordant voices casting doubt on the sincerity of the government in pursuing the peace process to a successful conclusion. (manilastandard.net)

'Laging Handa'

"A Scout is never taken by surprise; he knows exactly what to do when anything unexpected happens." - Lord Robert Baden-Powell

On Dec. 11, the Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP) held its 18th National Scout Jamboree at Camp Pintados de Passi, Iloilo. This year, the theme of the jamboree was "Sustaining Relevance and Strengthening Resilience". At a time where scouting organizations all over the world are suffering from controversy, dwindling membership, and questions of relevance, the BSP has remained firm in its commitment to make scouting relevant and strong. In fact, this year, the BSP reached its one million mark in membership.

Most of the people in my generation have fond memories of scouting and skills we learned as scouts. Though we may have forgotten many of the things we learned and experienced, there are certain things that have been embedded in our minds such as love for the outdoors and the occasional knots. The one thing all of us remember is that we had fun while learning.

There are many who say that the scouting method of learning is what we need to augment formal education today. Reading, mathematics and science are topics which can be taught outside the four walls of the classroom. For example, certain concepts of biology, physics, and even astronomy can be taught in the wild while camping or doing outdoor activities. Learning by doing is an important philosophy in scouting. Learning by google still has limitations, especially when it comes to skill proficiency. Physical activities that are fun and with an end goal of learning concepts and skills may be what we need to get kids interested in math and science. Hands-on experiments on physics and chemistry can be done outdoors with a dash of adventure.

Scouting is also a good platform for teaching values to kids. The concepts of teamwork, resilience, adaptability and resilience are best learned through outdoor activities. The concept of community through socio civic activities have always been a mainstay in the scouting program. For city kids, the value

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BY ATTY. GILBERT LAUENGCO, J.D.

of occasionally unplugging from technology and spending time with peers doing real world projects can be a remedy for the ills of being fully immersed in technology. Scouting concepts of well-being through activities can also help the rising incidence of teen depression.

Perhaps, it is the age-old BSP motto of "laging handa" or "be prepared" which is most relevant today. For centuries, scouts have been taught several skills to be prepared for emergencies or any eventuality. Sadly, with fewer scouts, these skills are not being taught as widely as before. It is said that many of our kids have no idea what to do in an emergency and even mildly stressful situations. Woodcraft, forest survival, and first aid are skills which many kids lack today.

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Strengthening agricultural dev't through cooperative empowerment in PH

Cooperatives play a crucial role in the Philippine economy, fostering socio-economic development, empowering communities, and enhancing financial inclusion. As of 2022, there were over 20,105 registered cooperatives in the Philippines, covering various sectors including agriculture, finance, consumer goods, and services. These cooperatives range from small community-based initiatives to larger, multi-sectoral organizations.

Cooperatives date back to the early 1900s. According to the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA), from 1915 to 1927, there were laws that were enacted strengthening the organization of cooperatives in the country. There was also a recorded existence of an agricultural marketing cooperative in Dapitan, organized by Dr. Jose Rizal. However, not much record was left.

The cooperative is a unique association since it involves people pooling their resources and being co-owners of the enterprise. Given the proper management of a cooperative, it can become successful and beneficial to the owner-members and the community.

Based on government records, credit and financial services cooperatives will account for more than half of the total cooperatives in 2022. This is followed by agriculture, consumers, and marketing cooperatives. In 2022, the cooperative industry generated an estimated 335,000 jobs.

The Philippines is an agricultural country. It is no surprise, then, that a significant portion of cooperatives center around agriculture. Agricultural cooperatives support farmers and rural communities. Through the cooperatives, the members can access resources, technology, and markets, which improves their livelihoods.

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. recognizes the important role of cooperatives in agricultural development. He has, in fact, called for the consolidation of farmer cooperative associations (FCAs) and expressed his avowed support.

In organizing FCAs, they will form bigger associations, which gives them more voice in government.

I believe the President is on the right track in urging the formation of bigger cooperative associations,

especially those in agriculture.

A bigger cooperative association means more resources pooled from the contributions of member cooperatives. When resources are pooled together, it will be beneficial to the members, thus invigorating the agricultural sector.

It is lamentable that, up to now, our country remains remiss in modernizing or mechanizing agriculture. This may be due to the fact that our farms are small and tenanted, and many farmers continue to use carabaos or cows on their farms. Our neighboring countries continue to modernize their agricultural sectors. As a result, we are now importing rice from them.

Hopefully, with farmer cooperative associations, we can see a better agricultural industry that can respond to the needs of our country.

One strength that cooperatives provide is the empowerment of people and communities. One positive trait of Filipinos is their inherent love to belong to an organization and their patriotic duty to love our country.

In November this year, the CDA Region IV-A Extension Office published on its Facebook page a list of canceled registrations from the following provinces: Cavite (96), Laguna (271), Batangas (77), Rizal (3), and Quezon (28), for a total of 475 cooperatives.

The reason cited is that these cooperatives cannot be located at their registered principal address. The order of cancellation was dated September 25, 2023. For whatever reason, these cooperatives may have folded up, considering that it is not easy for a cooperative to start up.

It should be taken as positive that the desire of the members to set up or organize a cooperative fell short of the capability to push forward, especially the leaders. There is therefore a need for the government to address challenges faced by cooperatives, such as the following:

Capacity building: Continuous training programs and technical assistance to improve management, governance, and operational capabilities. This should involve the mentoring of CDA staff to newly organized cooperatives so as to instill in the officers their responsibilities and functions on how to run a cooperative business.

Access to finance: Creating avenues for cooperatives

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By Brian James Lu

to access capital through government programs, partnerships with financial institutions, and donor support. Access should include newly created cooperatives and not just large cooperatives. Most large cooperatives can easily access financial assistance from government agencies simply because they already have a track record to prove their worth. Start-ups and surviving cooperatives are often denied this opportunity.

Policy support: Simplifying regulatory procedures and providing incentives for compliance can alleviate administrative burdens on cooperatives.

Market linkages: Facilitating market access and providing support for value chain integration can help cooperatives reach larger markets and improve their competitiveness.

Collaborative partnerships: Encouraging collaborations among cooperatives, government agencies, NGOs, and private sector entities can harness collective strengths to address common challenges.

A large number of cooperatives are located in rural areas. Successful, large cooperatives should be encouraged to focus their resources on spurring agricultural development, so our country will not be dependent on imported agricultural products.

For example, cooperatives can invest in dairy production. It is unfortunate that the Philippines imports 99% of the country's dairy supply. Rice production has stagnated. The Philippines has overtaken China as the world's top importer of rice, according to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Cabbage, onions, and all sorts of vegetables are imported and smuggled into the country. It is a fact that when we buy imported agricultural products, we are helping the farmers of that particular country.

Agricultural cooperatives are organizations of agricultural producers. They are very well entrenched in their communities and have the vision to promote local production. With proper guidance and assistance from the government, they are efficient partners in developing agriculture in the countryside, generating jobs and livelihoods for the rural population.

Christmas and consumer spending

Since time immemorial, Christmas has always been synonymous with merriment for Filipinos. Whether family reunions or office dinner parties, there is no shortage of celebrations during the holiday season in the Philippines. After all, our country has the longest Christmas season in the world, starting as soon as the 'ber' months begin.

As President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. said during the Christmas tree lighting ceremony at the Malacanang Palace: "We have gained a reputation around the world for celebrating Christmas with more fervor than most other countries."

But while Christmas is largely viewed as a religious and family affair, it cannot be denied that the holiday has largely been identified with consumerism —whether for food, gifts, travel or parties.

In the pre-pandemic era, Christmas has largely been marked by consumer spending in all forms —mall-wide sales, bargain items, fully booked restaurants, and gatherings of all sorts. These all took a backseat for three years due to the pandemic, which explains why many are excited to celebrate the holidays this year —the first Christmas in the new normal sans any public health restrictions.

This eagerness is further amplified as Filipino workers start receiving their 13th month pay and bonuses in time for Christmas gift shopping. With the holiday season in full swing, the impact of Christmas on the economy is further highlighted

given that consumer spending traditionally increases during the last quarter of the year. There is also the seasonal increase in demand for labor support especially in the retail and service sectors.

With the strong economic performance of the Philippines in the third quarter highly likely to be sustained until the end of the year on the back of increased consumer spending during the holiday season, optimism is high despite the persisting inflationary pressures.

Given the prevailing consumer sentiment among Filipinos, it is timely to remind the public of the significance of their Christmas spending in terms of economic contribution while still being mindful of their expenses.

For instance, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) has announced its Noche Buena price guide for the holidays wherein over 150 Noche Buena products out of 240 items saw price hikes this year. This covers staple Noche Buena items such as ham, queso de bola, pasta, tomato sauce, all-purpose cream and mayonnaise.

While these items are a must for Filipino households during Christmas, the price increases highlight the need to be more conscious of the price tags of the items we buy today.

Strong consumer spending has become the norm during the holiday season, but this should not be interpreted as being wasteful. If any, holiday spending —if done mindfully— can be viewed

ESPRESSO MORNINGS

By Joe Zaldarriaga

as a positive effort to contribute to our country's economic growth, provide more jobs, and spur business activity.

As Filipino consumers, there are numerous ways by which we can make our spending more meaningful this Christmas:

- Buy local - Christmas gift shopping is a good opportunity to buy local to promote Filipino brands.

- Support small businesses - Filipinos are naturally entrepreneurial. This holiday season is a chance to support small businesses such as bibingka and puto bumbong vendors.

- Go for sustainable brands - Another way to add meaning to holiday spending is by patronizing brands that promote sustainability.

- Travel local - Christmas in the Philippines is bright and colorful. For those planning holiday trips, our tourism sector will surely benefit from a boost in visitors this season.

Lastly, it doesn't hurt to share. The holidays after all are all about sharing —whether material things, experiences, or time.

As we celebrate Christmas, may we all make the most out of this season—economically and personally.



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM
Province of Iloilo Region VI



MASTERLIST OF QUALIFIED AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES (ARBs)

Pursuant to Section 15 of DAR Administrative Order No. 3 Series of 2012, the Department of Agrarian Reform is mandated to effect the publication of the certified Master List in a local newspaper if the Notice of Coverage was not served through personal or substituted service, and the Landowner has yet to correspond with the DAR, or if the registered mail was sent back to the PARO or remained unserved for fifteen (15) days or more. The hereunder list of Landholdings were not effected with personal or substituted service, hence, this publication.

The hereunder landholdings information with corresponding certified Master List of Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries is subject for the Landowner to either attest or to file a written protest within fifteen (15) days from date of publication. Failure of the Landowner to submit an attestation or to file a protest within the given period shall be construed as a waiver of his right to attest to the said list.

DARPO-ILOILO MANAGEMENT

MASTER LIST OF QUALIFIED AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES (ARBs)

Landowner/s: (Write full names of all co-owners – Family Name/First Name/Middle Name).

MARIANITO ASPERA

Location (Municipality/Barangay): OCT/TCT No. **T-13770** TD No. **39-0039-00129** Total Area: **16.0571** (has.)
Lot No. **259** Survey No. _____
Crops Planted: rice, corn and mixed trees

Location; **Tad-y, Sara, Iloilo**

No.	Name of ARBs	Address	Name of Spouse	Present Status ¹	Position/ Designation ²	Length of Tenure/ Service (No. of Days)	Remarks	LO Attestation (to be filled-up By the LO)	LO's Signature
1	Ernesto P. Aspera	Brgy. Tady, Sara, Iloilo	Neressa A. Beramo	Actual Tillers	Laborer	3,650			
2	Marilyn P. Biona	Brgy. Talo-Ato, Sara, Iloilo		Actual Tillers	Laborer	1,825			
3	Eddie P. Aspera, Jr.	Brgy. Tady, Sara, Iloilo		Actual Tillers	Laborer	3,650			
4	Miguel A. Peñaflor	Brgy. Talo-ato, Sara, Iloilo		Actual Tillers	Laborer	1,825			
5	Elbert P. Aspera	Brgy. Tady, Sara, Iloilo		Actual Tillers	Laborer	3,650			
6	Raquel D. Aspera	Brgy. Arante, Sara, Iloilo		Actual Tillers	Laborer	3,650			
7	Allan M. Aspera	Brgy. Tady, Sara, Iloilo		Actual Tillers	Laborer	1,825			
*****Nothing follows*****									

Landowner/s: (Write full names of all co-owners – Family Name/First Name/Middle Name).

GLICERIA ARROYO

Location (Municipality/Barangay): Banate, Libertad OCT/TCT No. **O-2173** TD No. _____ Total Area: **9.5728** (has.) Lot No. 1 & 3 Approved Survey No. _____
Crops Planted: Sugarcane

No.	Name of ARBs (Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial)	Address	Name of Spouse (Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial)	Present Status ¹	Position/ Designation	Length of Tenure/Service (No. of Days)	Remarks
1	Penuela, Estelita J.	Brgy. Libertad, Banate, Iloilo	Widow	Actual Tiller		73 YEARS	
2	De La Cruz, Vivencio B.	Brgy. Libertad, Banate, Iloilo	De la Cruz, Margie B.	Actual Tiller		54 YEARS	
3	Apachicha, Jr., Leoncio B.	Brgy. Libertad, Banate, Iloilo	Apachicha, Apple May D.	Actual Tiller		3 YEARS	
4	Iran, Teresita A.	Brgy. Libertad, Banate, Iloilo	Widow	Actual Tiller		45 YEARS	
-NOTHING FOLLOWS-						XXXX	

Landowner/s: (Write full names of all co-owners – Family Name/First Name/Middle Name).

KABAYAO/MARCELA/LOPEZ

Location (Municipality/Barangay): PALACIAWAN OCT/TCT No. **T-43944** TD No. **07-0019-00041**
Total Area: **17.7643** (has.) Lot No. **1553-B & F** Approved Survey No. _____ Crops Planted: RICE

No.	Name of ARBs	Address	Name of Spouse	Present Status ¹	Position/ Designation	Length of Tenure/ Service (No. of Days)	Remarks
1	Barrido, Teresita S.	Palaciawan, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo	Antonio C. Barrido	Actual Occupant		40 years	
2	Basito, Julia B.	Palaciawan, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo	Widow	Actual Occupant		40 years	
3	Basito, Marlo B.	Palaciawan, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo	Gilda M. Encarnacion	Actual Occupant		40 years	
4	Bayogos, Jose B.	Palaciawan, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo	N/A	Actual Occupant		40 years	
5	Bayogos, Lorena A.	Palaciawan, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo	N/A	Actual Occupant		40 years	
6	Bilbao, Jerry C.	Palaciawan, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo	Juvy D. Torio	Actual Occupant		20 years	
7	Binobo, Elvira S.	Palaciawan, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo	widow	Actual Occupant		40 years	
8	Binobo, Myrna G.	Palaciawan, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo	Carmelino B. Binobo	Actual Occupant		40 years	
9	Braza, Eledwina B.	Palaciawan, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo	single	Actual Occupant		40 years	
10	Buenavides, Angeles L.	Palaciawan, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo	widow	Actual Occupant		40 years	
11	Buenavides, Liza J.	Palaciawan, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo	Richard Buenavides	Actual Occupant		31 years	
12	Buenavides, Rafy B.	Palaciawan, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo	Hilda L. Capuso	Actual Occupant		20 years	
13	Buenavides, Romulo B.	Palaciawan, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo	Widower	Actual Occupant		40 years	
14	Canto, Julia B.	Tiwi, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo	Moises V. Canto	Actual Occupant		11 years	
15	Castor, Imelda B.	Palaciawan, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo	Widow	Actual Occupant		40 years	
16	Claridad, Ricardo Jr. A.	Palaciawan, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo	Liza D. Lazarito	Actual Occupant		20years	
17	Deaño, Rebecca S.	Palaciawan, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo	Single	Actual Occupant		40 years	
18	Deferia, Jesus D.	Palaciawan, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo	Widower	Actual Occupant		20 years	
19	Fuentes, Antonio B.	Baras, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo	Evelyn b. Benban	Actual Occupant		40 years	
20	Subere, Daisy P.	Palaciawan, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo	single	Actual Occupant		30 years	
21	Jurilla, Letecia D.	Palaciawan, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo	Robleto V. Jurilla	Actual Occupant		40 years	
22	Luage, Mercy C.	Palaciawan, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo	Henry J. Luage	Actual Occupant		15 years	
23	Balajadia, Arvin Helder S.	Lagubang, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo	Cristine Estares	Actual Occupant		19 years	
24	Balajadia, Leonisa B.	Lagubang, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo	N/A	Actual Occupant		39 years	
25	Decinal, Elden S.	Palaciawan, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo	Janette Superal	Actual Occupant		37 years	
26	Decinal, Leonardo S.	Palaciawan, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo	Hernanita Batapa	Actual Occupant		39 years	
27	Descalzota, Mila C.	Palaciawan, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo	Fedy Descalzota	Actual Occupant		12 years	
28	Condino, Florentino C.	Palaciawan, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo	widower	Actual Occupant		40 years	
29	Parreño, Joemarie P.	Tiwi, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo	Valeriana Munar	Actual Occupant		40 years	

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No.	NAME OF LANDOWNER	TITLE NO.	LOT NO.	AREA PER TITLE	AREA ACQUIRED	LOCATION OF THE PROPERTY (Municipal/Barangay)	POSTAL ADDRESS
1	Aguilar, Natividad	T-10389	2	40.3626	14.2531	Dueñas, Brgy. Pandan	c/o Lolita R. Lopez Golden Heritage Bldg. #2, Araneta Street, Bacolod City c/o Gemma T. Singson Arevalo, Iloilo City
2	Amparado, Delecia married to Gerardo Pinuela	T-92270	3107, Psc-26	0.9263	0.9081	Alimodian, Bry. Coline	c/o Ms. Natasa Amparado Brgy. Poblacion, Alimodian, Iloilo
3	Arnao, Beata	RT-39 (17842)	6217	0.7974	0.7974	Cabatuan, Gines Patag	Brgy. Gines Patag, Cabatuan, Iloilo
4	Asturias Sugar Central, Inc.	T-12465	7532-C	439.8578	13.9413	Passi City, Bitoagon	c/o Aurelio M. Garcia – Ramos III Brgy. Loboc, Lapuz, Lapaz, Iloilo City; c/o Manuel M. Garcia- Ramos III President Don Jesus Boulevard, Kalipayan Homes, Brgy. Cupang Muntinlupa City 1771
5	Belmonte, Jocelyn et al. Nestor Belmonte married to Carmencita G. Belmonte; Eduardo B. Belmonte married to Thelma S. Belmonte; and Manuel Belmonte, single)	T-124012	157, Cad. 205	18.2174	9.1867	Btac. Nuevo, Poblacion & Bungca	c/o Dennis Belmonte Ilaud Poblacion, Btac. Nuevo, Iloilo
6	Carbon, Jorge married to Felisa Araneta	T-72347	4984	5.3254	1.6410	Passi City, Brgy. Bagacay	c/o Angel A. Carbon, Sr. and Elenita S. Carbon Brgy. Bagacay, Passi City, Iloilo
7	Castromayor, Remedios & Coronacion Ortizo	T-41857	5507	12.9735	2.9735	Bingawan, Brgy. Agbao	Brgy. Agbao, Bingawan, Iloilo
8	Celis, Amparo	F-6685	F-29-295-D	22.6900	0.0645	Sara, Brgy. Domingo	c/o Romualdo Celis Tadois Village. Brgy. Airport, Mandurriao Iloilo City
9	Delgado, Catalina Vda de	T-70991	6151	9.3056	0.0658	Pototan, Cahaguichican	Poblacion, Pototan, Iloilo
10	Dolar, Cirilo	T-6275	5060	0.5502	0.4003	Dumangas, Tambuelan	Brgy. P.D. Monfort North, Dumangas, Iloilo
11	Eusala, Cesar married to Remedios Eusala	T-122225 (090-2019012054)	1659-B-2	14.0772	1.0300	Ajuy, Brgy. San Antonio	Brgy. San Mauricio, Molo, Iloilo City
12	Evangelista, Gregorio married to Marta Doronila	T-24866	4642	6.9737	6.9734	Dumangas, Brgy. Bolilao	Brgy. Bolilao, Dumangas, Iloilo
13	Ferraris, Severino married to Gloria Javellana	T-40371	10, Psu-61386	183.3724	14.4224	San Dionisio, Bondulan, Capinan & Pase	c/o Mary Josephine Ferraris Vitug 11-A Gen. Hughes St., Iloilo City
14	French, Bruce	T-62736	C	86.8756	0.0260	Passi City, Alimono	Arguelles Street, Jaro, Iloilo City
15	Gelacio Tabiana, et. al GELACIO TABIANA m/to Henrietta Garganera; ESTER TABIANA m/to Jaime Uy; CARMEN TABIANA m/to Antolin Catequista	T-41371	8, Plan II-12283	20.9252		Tigbauan, Bantud	Gelacio Tabiana married to Henrieta Garganera Magnolia St., Greenfield Subd., Cubay, Jaro, Iloilo City Ester Magalona #1 Compania St., Molo, Iloilo City Carmen Catequista #283 Lopez Jaena St., Molo, Iloilo City
1	Gonzales, Sps. Raul Sr. & Pacita	T-229890	2-J	7.0134	2.1794	Sara, Padios	Quintin Salas, Jaro, Iloilo City
2	Gonzales, Sps. Raul Sr. & Pacita	T-229890	2-J-9	1.5488	1.5488	Sara, Padios	Quintin Salas, Jaro, Iloilo City
3	Gonzales, Sps. Raul Sr. & Pacita	T-22989	2-I	6.9952	1.4676	Sara, Padios	Quintin Salas, Jaro, Iloilo City
4	Guariña, Maria Lao	T-43132	2-B	75.0048	9.0127	Batad, Bular Sur, Bulak Norte & Pasayan	47 T.A. Dicen Street, La Paz, Iloilo City
5	Patubo, Bernardo	T-54961	1879	3.0264	0.6017	Dingle, Liboo	
6	Peñaflorida, Amparo, wife of Manuel Alvarez	OCT-35606	5565, Cad. Survey of Pototan	20.2869	15.6928	Pototan, Brgy. Dawis	c/o Ataulfo Alvarez & Celine Magpayo; c/o Jun Provido 4 th Street, Lawaan Village, Batantang, Jaro, Iloilo City
7	Peremne, Dolores Tirador married to Federico Tirador	T-21159	1	17.2585	7.7263	Pototan, Culob	T. Magbanua Street, Pototan, Iloilo
8	Perez, Maria Vda de Solinap	T-28876	Psu-56689	12.5091	5.4571	Dueñas, Brgy. Jagdong	Brgy. Poblacion, Dingle, Iloilo
9	Posadas, Linda married to Leon Posadas	F-23329	3-A	14.9631	0.4498	Batad, Brgy. Calangag	Batad, Brgy. Poblacion
10	Q. Derequito & Co., Inc.	T-52611	7534	1.5506	0.0908	Dumangas, Brgy. Sulangan	c/o Eugenio Derequito Purok 3-A Hagonoy Crossing Hagonoy, Davao del Sur
11	Sanson, Luisa	T-2310	1, Psu-135636	23.7991	2.4544	San Dionisio, Madanlog	c/o Geminiano J. Sanson North San Jose, San Matias Street Molo, Iloilo City
12	TIMOTEO Y. CONSING Et. Al. married to Nieva Glana Ramirez Consing LUIS Y. CONSING (single) MARIO Y. CONSING married to Lourdes Ditching ARTURO Y. CONSING married to Celia Peralta HORACIO Y. CONSING (single) ANITA Y. CONSING married to Eduardo Hilado	T-117128	577-E	81.9403	2.8789	Dumangas, Bantud Fabrica	Lopez Jaena Street, Molo Iloilo City
13	Tupas, Eugenio & Carmen Silva Sps.	O-9284	3051	27.7338	1.7046	San Rafael, Brgy. Poblacion	Brgy. Poblacion, San Rafael, Iloilo
14	Tupas, Eugenio & Carmen Silva Sps.	O-9284	3051	27.7338	24.1862	San Rafael, Poblacion	Poblacion, Barotac Viejo, Iloilo
15	Yusay, Florencia Picco Vda de	T-10297	7593	2.5618	2.5618	Dumangas, Pulao	Lopez Jaena Street, Jaro, Iloilo City

(SGD.) HARRIET A. LOOT
PARPO II

DECEMBER 18, 2023

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **ANASTACIO B. GONZALES** known as a **Dollar Savings Deposit** at **Philippine National Bank (PNB), Plaza Libertad, Iloilo City** under **Savings Account No. 3115-6004-1407** is adjudicated to sole heir **FLORA G. MANTIQUILLA**, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Patrick Lloyd D. Gellada** per Doc. No. 331, Page No. 68, Book No. III, Series of 2023.

NE/December 11, 18 & 25, 2023

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **ANASTACIO B. GONZALES** known as a bank deposits at **Eastwest Banking Corporation** under **Time Deposit Account No. 200040408699** and **Savings Account No. 200010581736** are adjudicated to heir **FLORA GONZALES MANTIQUILLA**, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Patrick Lloyd Gellada** per Doc. No. 362, Page No. 76, Book No. III, Series of 2023.

NE/December 4, 11 & 18, 2023

AFFIDAVIT OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **SOLEDAD P. LOREDO** known as a **Savings Deposit** with **Land Bank of the Philippines** under **Savings Account Number 2321-0202-51** is adjudicated to sole heir **EVELYN LOREDO-GALVE**, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Mandelvin B. Dadivas** per Doc. No. 328, Page No. 67, Book No. IV, Series of 2023.

NE/December 11, 18 & 25, 2023

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **TOMAS A. MORALES** consisting of two parcels of land, namely, **Lot No. 8616** of the Cadastral Survey of Sibalom, with the improvements thereon, situated in Brgy. San Juan, Sibalom, Antique covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-22625** with an area of **THIRTY SEVEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FORTY-SIX (37,846) SQUARE METERS, more or less** and **Lot No. 7985** of the Cadastral Survey of Sibalom, with the improvements thereon, situated in Brgy. San Juan, Sibalom, Antique covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-22607** with an area of **EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY FIVE (8,355) SQUARE METERS, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **Leticia J. Morales, Shirley M. Reyes, Melocena J. Morales, Jimmy J. Morales, Pedro J. Morales, Nida Gladdys J. Morales, Liezl M. Encarnacion, Yvonne M. Serapion, Tommy J. Morales, and Jean M. Orate**, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Alexis C. Salvani** per Doc. No. 285, Page No. 57, Book No. 366, Series of 2023.

NE/December 4, 11 & 18, 2023

DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **GLYNGENH Y. WHITFIELD** consisting of a parcel of land identified as **Lot 3, Block 15, PLAN NO. PCS-06-005457** situated in Brgy. Balabag, Pavia, Iloilo covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. 090-2019007882** with an area of **One Hundred Thirty (130) square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to heir **Sharon L. Whitfield**. That, **Sharon L. Whitfield** hereby **SELL, CEDE, CONVEY** and **TRANSFER** the said parcel of land by way of Deed of Sale unto **spouses Mel H. Mangaser and Jonnah M. Mangaser**, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Ma. Sonnette V. Seville Daquita** per Doc. No. 322, Page No. 84, Book No. XV, Series of 2022.

NE/December 4, 11 & 18, 2023

DEED OF ADJUDICATION & PARTITION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **LILIA PALANCA VDA. DE MOSQUEDA** consisting of a parcel of land **Lot 9, Pcs-06-002382, being a cons-subd of Lots 19-K & 19-N, Psc-063024-028135** situated in Brgy. Alaguissoc, Jordan, Guimaras covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-161,095** with an area of **SIXTY ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE (61,835) SQUARE METERS, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **Guardalino P. Mosqueda, Jr., Jocelyn Mosqueda Causing, Roman P. Mosqueda, Erlinda Mosqueda Porquez, and Remia Mosqueda Lim**, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Maricar P. Villanueva** per Doc. No. 409, Page No. 83, Book No. I, Series of 2001.

NE/December 4, 11 & 18, 2023

Bacolod City seeks DOT funding for plaza, gov't center upgrade



The Bacolod City Government Center (PNA-Bacolod file photo)

Republic of the Philippines
Sixth Judicial Region
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
Iloilo City
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT & EX OFFICIO SHERIFF

FORECLOSURE FILE NO. F-10850-23

**HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
(POPULARLY KNOWN
AS PAG-IBIG FUND),
Mortgagee,**

-versus-

**MELANIE E. SAY married to REMTON C. SAY,
Debtor/s-Mortgagor/s**

X-----X

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118, filed by **HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND**, a government financial institution duly existing under and by virtue of Republic Act No. 9679, with principal office at Petron Megaplaza Building, 358 Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue, Makati City, Philippines, duly represented by **WILMER B. LIRAZAN, Department Manager III**, against **MELANIE E. SAY married to REMTON C. SAY**, both of legal age, Filipinos, and with residence address at Zone 11, Calaparan, Arevalo, Iloilo City, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of August 31, 2023 amounted to **NINE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-TWO PESOS & 02/100 (Php 935,592.02)**, Philippine Currency, the undersigned, and/or his duly authorized deputy will sell public auction on **03 January 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning** at the abovementioned Office of the Clerk of Court & Ex Officio Sheriff, CJRQA Hall of Justice Building, Iloilo City, to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine Currency, the mortgaged property together with all the other buildings and other permanent improvements thereon, all covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. 090-2018010670** (Owner: **MELANIE E. SAY, OF LEGAL AGE, FILIPINO, MARRIED TO REMTON C. SAY; Address: ZONE 11, CALAPARAN, AREVALO, ILOILO CITY, WESTERN VISAYAS**), to wit:

"LOT NO: 56 BLOCK NO: 5 PLAN NO: PCS-06-006227 PORTION OF: LOT 1756 AND 1759 OF THE CADASTRAL SURVEY OF JARO; LOT 1757-A AND 1757-B, PSD-06-13549; LOT 1772-E-3, PSD-06-078723; LOT 25, 26, 27, ALL OF BLOCK 12, PCS-06-005366

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION

LOCATION: BARANGAY OF PANDAC, MUNICIPALITY OF PAVIA, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY

BOUNDARIES:

LINEDIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT/S
1-2 NE	LOT 57, BLOCK 5, PCS-06-006227
2-3 SE	LOT 17, BLOCK 5, PCS-06-006227
3-4 SW	LOT 55, BLOCK 5, PCS-06-006227
4-1 NW	ROAD LOT 3, PCS-06-006227

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AREA: FORTY EIGHT (48) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS"

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 **31 January 2024** at the same time and venue without further notice and re-publication.

Iloilo City, Philippines, 30 October 2023

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

Prepared by:

(SGD.) RAMIL G. FACURIB
Authorized Deputy

NE/December 4, 11 & 18, 2023

BACOLOD CITY – The city government has sought a PHP300-million funding from the Department of Tourism (DOT) and the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA) for the improvement of the facilities at the public plaza and Government Center here.

Mayor Alfredo Abelardo Benitez said on Tuesday they have requested PHP80 million for the installation of a water fountain at the plaza and PHP220 million for the renovation of the Bacolod City Government Center grounds.

"We have sent a request, we are expecting that they will ask more details. I will just follow it up," he said.

The Sangguniang Panlungsod passed a resolution requesting for the proposed funding for the two projects to boost tourism in this city.

"Tourism Secretary Christina Frasco

required us to send a letter with regards to the construction of the fountains in the plaza and the Government Center," Councilor Jason Villarosa, chairman of the committee on tourism, said.

Benitez proposed the necessary renovations to both city landmarks during Frasco's visit to the city for the launching of The Philippine Experience: Culture, Heritage, and Arts Program on Nov. 29.

He said that once the

public plaza is improved and upgraded, he is thinking of converting it into a destination similar to those that can be found in countries like Japan and Singapore.

"The concept is similar to teamLab (international art collective) which uses light and music to highlight the serenity and comfort of people visiting the place. If we do that in the plaza, then you can just imagine how people will appreciate it and go there," he added.

(PNA)

DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late LONABEL GUMBAN-HUANG known as a savings deposit with Philippine National Bank (PNB), Iznart Branch, Iloilo City under Savings Account No. 260670600018 is adjudicated to heir HUANG, YUNG-BEN as entered in the notarial registry of Atty. Henedines C. Aranda per Doc. No. 04, Page No. 02, Book No. XVIII, Series of 2023.

NE/Dec. 18, 25, 2023 & Jan. 1, 2024

Republic of the Philippines
Local Civil Registry Office
Province of Iloilo
Municipality of Calinog

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with **Section 5 of R.A. Act No. 9048**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **MA. FLOR ROSALES DEANG** has filed with this Office a petition for Change of First Name from **MARIA JOY** to **MA. FLOR** in the birth certificate of **MARIA JOY CAPUCAO ROSALES** who was born on **October 8, 1966** at **CALINOG, ILOILO** and whose parents are **ERNESTO CAPUCAO ROSALES** and **MATILDE CARISMA CALVO**.

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

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

NE/Dec. 11, 2023 & Dec. 18, 2023

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Iloilo
Municipality of Barotac Nuevo

**OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

In Compliance with R.A. **9048**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **HELEN BLANCO BOGLOSA** has filed with this Office a Petition for Change of First Name from **"MA. HELEN GRACE"** to **"HELEN"** in the Birth Certificate of **MA. HELEN GRACE PESCADERIA BLANCO** who was born on **August 13, 1955** at **Tinorinan, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo**.

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

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

NE/Dec. 11, 2023 & Dec. 18, 2023

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Iloilo
Municipality of San Dionisio
OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR

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 **PEL JODEN PACIENTE PIEDAD** has filed with this Office, a petition for correction of sex from **"FEMALE"** to **"MALE"** in the certificate of Live Birth of **PEL JODEN PACIENTE PIEDAD** at **San Dionisio, Iloilo** and whose parents are **Jefrey B. Piedad** and **Marife L. Paciente**.

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

(SGD.) MARY JEAN G. DEMONTEVERDE
Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/Dec. 11, 2023 & Dec. 18, 2023

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
6TH JUDICIAL REGION
OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF OF ILOILO
CJ Ramon Q. Avanceña Hall of Justice
Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City
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FORECLOSURE NO. F-10860-23

FOR: EXTRA-JUDICIAL 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,

vs

ROSS ANTHONY D. TUPAS,
Debtor/Mortgagor.

X-----X

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for foreclosure and
sale under Act No. 3135, as amended filed by the
mortgagee, 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, Philippines,
against debtor/mortgagor, ROSS ANTHONY D.
TUPAS, single, of legal age, Filipino, and with postal
address at #3 Rizal St., Lapaz, Lapuz Sur, Iloilo City,
Philippines, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness
which as of July 20, 2023, amounts to SEVEN
HUNDRED FORTY TWO THOUSAND FORTY
FOUR and 51/100 Pesos (P742,044.51), Philippine
Currency, including of interest, 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 January 9, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the
morning or soon thereafter 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 MANAGERS CHECK and in Philippine Currency,
the following real property including buildings and all
the improvements found hereon, to wit;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
NO. 090-2014007712

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 11, BLK 21, PCS-06-005366,
BEING A CONS-SUBD. OF LOT 1584 AND 1586, ALL
OF AGONOA CAD. 8) SITUATED IN THE BARANGAY
OF PANDAC, MUN. OF PAVIA, PROVINCE OF ILOILO,
ISLAND OF PANAY CONTAINING AN AREA
OF FORTY EIGHT (48) SQUARE METERS MORE OR
LESS

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 shall be held on January 23, 2024, at the
same time and place without further notice.

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

Iloilo City, Philippines, October 17, 2023.

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

(SGD.) ROBERTO D. GARILVA
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: (Rule 39, Sec. 15)

LAGING . . . (from page 6)

With worldwide concerns over global pandemics,
war, large scale natural disasters (like the big earthquake
we are expecting) and even a zombie apocalypse
increasing. The prospect of a societal collapse is now
seriously being considered outside science fiction
forums. There are even survivalist groups in our
country preparing for such eventuality.

Can our kids survive an apocalypse or even a mild
societal breakdown? What will they do when they pull
out their cell phones only to find that the internet is
gone? What will they do when they cannot google
their way out of trouble? Maybe it is time to actively
encourage scouting or perhaps make it mandatory
just in case?

This is just my oblique observation.

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS
AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
Region VI

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Kimberly P. Guzman,
Regional Operations Manager of Sta. Lucia Realty
& Development Inc. (Developer), has filed with this
office a sworn registration statement for the sale of
residential subdivision lots at GREEN MEADOWS
PHASE 2 (Residential Lots) project located at Brgy.
Tacas, Jaro, Iloilo City and more particularly described
as portion of Lot(s) Blk. 86, Pcs-06-004869; Blk. 87,
Pcs-06-004869; Blk. 88, Pcs-06-004869; Road Lots
78 & 79, Pcs-06-004869; Lot 4495-B-2, Psd-06-
057717; Lot 4121 Cad. 7, Sta. Barbara Cadastre;
Lot 4312-A, Psd-57098, containing an area of 475,316
sq.m. and covered by TCT No(s). 095-2016004429;
095-2016004430; 095-2016004431; 095-2016004509;
095-2016004510; 095-2018001757; 095-2022004769;
095-2012001742.

The foregoing project is utilizing Lago Vista
Residences as its compliance pursuant to Section 18
of Republic Act No. 7279 as amended by RA 10884
under Department Order No. 2021-003 Series of 2021
(Deferment of Submission of Proof of Compliance to
the Balanced Housing Development Program).

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 certificate, in
evidence thereof, shall forthwith be issued after five
(5) days from the last day of publication.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT,
2nd Floor Gaisano Capital - ICC Mall, Benigno S.
Aquino, Jr. Avenue, Diversion Road
Mandurriao, Iloilo City, Telephone Nos. (033) 321-
6177.

Iloilo City, Philippines, December 04, 2023.

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

Republic of the Philippines
Local Civil Registry Office
Province of Iloilo
Municipality of Leganes

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In Compliance with Section 5 of R.A. Act No.
9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that
JOSE DENNIS G. GRIÑO has filed with this Office,
(complete name of petitioner)
a petition for Change of First Name from "JOSE" to
(first name to be changed)
"JOSE DENNIS" in the Certificate of Live Birth of JOSE
(new first name to be adopted)
GUNAY GRIÑO who was born on November 26, 1963
(date of birth)
at Leganes, Iloilo and whose parents are FELICISIMO
(place of birth) and CORAZON GUNAY.
(name of father)
(name of mother)

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

(SGD.) JAY-R G. MATUTINA
Municipal Civil Registrar

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
6TH JUDICIAL REGION
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FORECLOSURE NO. F-10888-23

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

UNIONBANK OF THE PHILIPPINES
Mortgagee,

-versus-

SHIELLA L. ANSINO
Debtor/Mortgagor.

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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
UNIONBANK OF THE PHILIPPINES, banking institution
duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws
of the Philippines, with principal office address at Union Bank
Plaza Building, Meralco Avenue corner Onyx and Sapphire
Roads, Ortigas Center, Pasig City, Metro Manila, against
debtor-mortgagor SHIELLA L. ANSINO, single, of legal age,
Filipino with postal address at Brgy. San Juan Crisostomo,
Anilao, Iloilo and/or Lot 25, Block 22, Lumina Homes Iloilo, Brgy.
Abilay Norte, Oton, Iloilo represented by her duly designated
Attorney-in-Fact, NERLYN A. DIVINAGRACIA, by virtue of
Special Power of Attorney dated April 04, 2019 to satisfy
the mortgage indebtedness which as of October 31, 2023
amounted to ONE MILLION EIGHTY ONE THOUSAND FIVE
HUNDRED SIXTY ONE PESOS & 92/100 (P1,081,561.92),
Philippine Currency, inclusive 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 JANUARY 24,
2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the Office of the Clerk
of Court, Regional Trial Court, 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. 090-2021008962

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: 25 BLOCK NO: 22 PLAN NO: PCS-06-006730
PORTION OF: CONS-SUBD. SURVEY OF 4-C, LOT 5-A, LOT 5-B ALL OF
BSD-06-00032 (OLT) & LOT 6 (LRC) PCS-1217

Is registered in accordance with the provision of the Property
Registration Decree in the name of

Owner: SHIELLA L. ANSINO, SINGLE, OF LEGAL AGE, FILIPINO
Address: BRGY. SAN JUAN CRISOSTOMO, ANILAO, ILOILO

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

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on
the aforementioned time and date. In the event the public
auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be
held on FEBRUARY 7, 2024 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
property and encumbrances existing thereon, if any there be.
Let this Notice of Sale be published and posted in accordance
with the provisions of law.

Iloilo City, Philippines, November 15, 2023.

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

(SGD.) RITO RUEL A. CASTEN
Sheriff IV/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.



TESDA, UMPC open upgraded training center for plumbing

The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), in partnership with the Unitec Pipe Manufacturing Corporation (UMPC), has opened a training laboratory to boost its plumbing training courses.

Last December 7, TESDA Deputy Director General for TESD Operations, representing Secretary Suharto Mangudadatu and UMPC Managing Director Gregory Yap led the inauguration ceremony of the TESDA-UMPC Training Laboratory at the TESDA Women's Center (TWC) in Taguig City.

The training laboratory aims to elevate the plumbing training courses of TESDA and ensure that its graduates are employable and adaptive to the unceasing changes in the working

environment. The facility also aims to promote the participation of women in non-traditional trades like plumbing.

In a statement, Secretary Magudadatu emphasized the importance for TESDA to continuously partner with the private sector, particularly the employers, to ensure that tech-voc trainees receive the most appropriate instruction and learn the right skills they need to find work.

"The TESDA and UMPC recognize the need for a joint effort towards the promotion of the competency-based training in the country through programs that make industry-responsive education and skills training more accessible to the Filipino women as a step in nation building, thereby increasing productivity and improving

lives," Secretary Mangudadatu said.

It can be recalled that agency and the UMPC have a longstanding partnership geared towards improving the plumbing training courses of TESDA.

In 2021, the UMPC started its collaboration with the TWC through the provision of generous discounts on the supply of quality pipes and fittings for the delivery of the Plumbing NC I and NC II programs of TWC.

Further, in June 2023, TESDA and UMPC signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to support the improvement of the TWC's plumbing training facility.

The Plumbing NC I and Plumbing NC II have a nominal duration of 48 and 64 training hours respectively.

Top 4 Most Wanted fugitive of Capiz falls

ROXAS CITY, CAPIZ—Through the intelligence-driven police operation of the personnel of the Capiz Police Provincial Office, the Top 4 Most Wanted Person of Capiz and the Top 7 of Roxas City were arrested.

Joseph Dela Peña y Cariño Alias Nonoy was arrested for the Crime of New Anti Carnapping Act of 2016 (RA 10883) and tagged as Top 4 Most Wanted Person of Capiz and Top 7 Most Wanted Person of Roxas City by the joint elements of Warrant Section of Roxas City Police Station as Lead Unit together with RID 6 and HPG Capiz, at 11:00 in the morning of December 12, 2023 at Pueblo de Panay Barangay, Lawaan, Roxas City, Capiz.

The arrest took place during the Service of the Warrant of Arrest under CC No. C-639-23, issued and signed by Hon. Lorencito Belo Diaz, Presiding Judge, RTC, 6th Judicial Region, Br. 17 Hall of Justice, Roxas City, Capiz, dated November 30, 2023, with Bail Bond recommended fixed at Php300,000.00.

Subject arrested person is now under the custody of Roxas City Police Station for proper disposition prior to turn-over to the issuing court.

PBGEN Sidney N Villafior, PRO6 top cop, lauded the operatives involved in the successful arrest. "Patuloy po tayo saatingkampanyalabansamga wanted persons ditosaatingrehiyon para mabigyanghustisya ang kanilangmanganagingbiktima. Nagpapasalamat po akosapatuloyinasuporta ng atingmamamayan, saatingpagtutulungansapagsulong ng payapa at mas ligtasna Western Visayas," PBGEN Villafior said.###

3ID Joins Project Launching, Ceremonial MOA Signing for Cultural Mapping of Panay and Guimaras

CAMP PERALTA, Jamindan, Capiz – The Army's 3rd Infantry (Spearhead) Division participated in the project launching and ceremonial signing of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the Cultural Mapping of Panay and Guimaras (CMPG) on December 14, 2023, at the Little Theater, UP Visayas Iloilo City Campus.

Colonel Lennon Babilonia, Assistant Division Commander for Reservist and Retiree Affairs (ADC RRA) represented 3ID Commander Major General Marion R Sison as one of the witnesses during the CMPG MOA signing.

Among the signatories present were Dr. Clement Camposano, Chancellor, UP Visayas; Dr. Joselito Villaruz, President, West Visayas State University; and Dr. Lilian Diana Parreño, President, Guimaras State University. Representatives from other state universities and colleges and local government units in Panay and Guimaras Islands also witnessed the signing.

Senate President Pro Tempore Loren Legarda delivered a pre-recorded keynote message, emphasizing the significance of the CMPG Project, her priority cultural initiative.

The project aims to create an inventory of cultural assets in Antique, Aklan, Capiz, Guimaras, and Iloilo provinces. It is a collaborative effort involving UP through the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Extension, the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, various state universities and colleges in Panay and Guimaras, the Department of Education Region VI, and the LGUs of the five provinces.

In his message, Dr. Camposano highlighted the importance of cultural mapping in protecting and preserving assets in the mentioned provinces, emphasizing the need for knowledge to ensure the protection of cultural resources.

In response to the UP Chancellor's message, the 3ID leadership expressed commitment to supporting the cultural initiative to protect and preserve the five provinces' cultural assets.

"We are grateful to UP Visayas for inviting us to witness the launching and ceremonial MOA signing for the Cultural Mapping of Panay and Guimaras. It is a great honor for the 3ID to be part of the endeavor that fosters collaboration, cultural conservation, and unity among state universities and colleges, LGUs, and concerned government agencies. Rest assured that we will fully support this project, as safeguarding our rich culture is tantamount to protecting our people and nation

Cebu trike drivers get vulcanizing biz from P1-M DOLE aid

CEBU CITY – Tricycle drivers from the southern town of Dalaguete will soon operate their own motor parts and vulcanizing shop through the PHP1-million livelihood assistance from the Department of Labor and Employment, a labor official said Tuesday.

Emmanuel Ferrer, DOLE-Central Visayas officer-in-charge assistant regional director, said the financing was given to the North Dalaguete Tricycle Operators and Drivers Association and will benefit around 54 members.

"We highly encourage our livelihood beneficiaries to make the most out of the livelihood assistance that they received from the government through the DOLE. It is not every day that DOLE releases livelihood assistance and they

are very fortunate that they've been chosen and considered to receive it," Ferrer told the Philippine News Agency.

Ferrer said the labor agency's provincial office will assist the group in purchasing the jigs, materials and

equipment needed for the business, as well as in the monitoring on how the recipients run their own business.

Roque Camarillo, the tricycle drivers' association president, cited the reason why they chose the motor

parts and vulcanizing business.

"There is no vulcanizing shop near our place. Apart from this, the profit that we get from the vulcanizing shop business will be an added income to our family," Camarillo said in Cebuano. (PNA)



VULCANIZING BUSINESS. Roque Camarillo (second from left), president of North Dalaguete Tricycle Operators and Drivers Association, receives from DOLE-7 OIC Assistant Regional Director Emmanuel Ferrer a check worth PHP1 million on Tuesday (Dec. 12, 2023). The amount will be used to bankroll the association's new business --a vulcanizing and motor shop that will be owned by the group's 54 members in Dalaguete, Cebu. (Photo courtesy of DOLE-7)



3ID Ends 2023 Closer to Ending Insurgency in Visayas Region

CAMP PERALTA, Jamindan, Capiz – The Army’s 3rd Infantry (Spearhead) Division scores big in its campaign for ending the local communist armed conflict in Western and Central Visayas in 2023.

From January to the present date, the Division initiated a total of 90 armed engagements, marking noteworthy progress in efforts to end the decades-long insurgency.

Its persistent Focused Military Operations (FMOs), backed up by enhanced inter-agency initiatives, the convergence of efforts, and the vigilance and strong support of the people resulted in the neutralization of 236 leaders and members of the Communist Terrorist Group (CTG). Of these, 102 are from Western Visayas, and 134 are from Central Visayas. Among the neutralized NPAs, 57 were killed in encounters, 164 surrendered, and 15 were arrested and apprehended. Additionally, a total of 192 firearms were seized and recovered, with 76 classified as high-powered and 116 as low-powered guns. Of the total number of captured firearms, 142 are from Western Visayas, and 50 are from Central Visayas.

The 3ID also never failed to offer support to former members of the CTG who abandoned the armed struggle and opted for a life of peace. 341 FRs received benefits under the Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program (E-CLIP) for the period. These benefits include immediate livelihood assistance, firearms remuneration, reintegration aid, support for individuals in crisis situations, and sustainable livelihood assistance. Of the 341 E-CLIP beneficiaries, 285 are from Western Visayas, while 56 are from Central Visayas.

The strong collaboration of the 3rd Infantry Division with all government agencies, local government units, and the entire populace in the two regions has been the key to the successful implementation of its intensified combat and non-combat activities this year. Evident of this success is the recorded decrease in the manpower of the Communist Terrorist Group (CTG) in Western and Central Visayas. From 214 in 2022, the CTG now has only 146 active members, and its firepower has significantly diminished from 278 last year to 173 in 2023.

In light of these remarkable achievements, Major General Marion R. Sison, the commander of the 3ID, guarantees the people that the Army will steadfastly uphold its commitment to sustain the gains made in peace efforts, working towards fulfilling the Visayans’ aspiration for a CPP-NPA-free region.

“Your 3ID will continue its military operations even this Christmas season. We are resolute



in our stand of ‘no let-up’ against the CTG. We sacrifice our time with our families, even on this most special occasion of the year, just to ensure that these communist terrorists will be totally defeated. These endeavors are part of our commitment to the people, and we will give our best effort to attain their desired genuine peace and progress for Western and Central Visayas,” MGen Sison concluded.

DTI R6’s FiestaKucha showcases Western Visayas’ creative industry

Iloilo City - The Department of Trade and Industry in Region 6 (DTI R6) in collaboration with the Iloilo City local government has unveiled a spectacular showcase of Western Visayas’ creative prowess in a two-day event titled FiestaKucha. With the theme “Embracing Creative Industries in Western Visayas”, this extravaganza

celebrated the region’s diverse cultural heritage, artistic talent, and creative industry on December 11-12, 2023 in various locations within Iloilo City.

The inaugural day of FiestaKucha immersed attendees in the flavors of Western Visayas with the Hiligaynon Cuisine Showcase and Culinary Competitions at the

Molo Mansion in Iloilo City. Local chefs, culinary enthusiasts, baristas, culinary practitioners and students from various academic institutions engaged in friendly yet intense competitions, presenting traditional and innovative dishes that reflected the region’s culinary richness. The event also featured a captivating

exhibition by local artisans and artists, showcasing their craftsmanship and artistic expressions.

Iloilo City achieved a significant milestone in October 2023, officially becoming a UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy. It joined the ranks of 54 other newly added cities in the UNESCO Creative Cities Network, solidifying its position as an ideal hub for creative tourism. With its gastronomic delights, rich heritage sites, traditional crafts and arts, and captivating artistic expressions, including exotic delicacies that tantalize the senses, Iloilo City has truly become a global beacon of creativity.

Day two continued the festivities with “Istorya Ta,” a series of engaging fora that delved into various creative industry topics held at Zuri Hotel, Iloilo City. Esteemed speakers took the spotlight, featuring Dir. Lilian G. Salonga, Director of the DTI Competitiveness Bureau; Hon. Christopher

VPde Venecia, Congressman representing the 4th District of Pangasinan; Hon. Loren Legarda, Senate President Pro Tempore Chair, Committee on Culture and the Arts and Lindsay Barrientos, Deputy Executive Director of the Philippine National Commission for UNESCO or UNACOM. Meanwhile, the in-person lineup boasted experts like Mary Ann Matiling sharing insights on gastronomy, Martin Genodepa on Visual Arts, Dr. Lino Baldevarona discussing Design and Fashion, Marianne Tajanlangit-Bebit shedding light on IPOPHL Support for Western Visayas Creatives, and John Jester Tesoro on the Future of the Philippine Gaming Industry.

Speakers and participants explored insights, experiences, and innovations, fostering collaboration among creative professionals, creative groups, and students from different academic institutions.

As the day transitioned into the evening, FiestaKucha reached its zenith with “Kasadyahansa Gab-i,” a night that celebrated the vibrant culture, artistic experiences, and creative tourism of Western Visayas. “Kasadyahansa Gab-i” featured captivating performances and a gastronomic journey that showcased the region’s unique identity.

DTI Undersecretary Ceferino Rodolfo of the Industry Development and Trade Policy graced the event subsequent to his participation in the Philippine Economic Briefing, which transpired on the same day in Iloilo City.

“We at DTI stand at the forefront of supporting and empowering local creative talents. Our commitment is firm as we provide technical support services, collaborating with government agencies such as DFA, DOST, DICT, DOLE, IPOPHL, NCCA,



PTTC, food firm partner to help retirees engage in entrepreneurship



PARTNERSHIP. Monde Nissin People and Culture director Luz Mercurio and Philippine Trade Training Center (PTTC) Executive Director Nelly Dillera (3rd and 4th from left, respectively) sign a memorandum of agreement at the PTTC Office in Pasay City on Wednesday (Dec. 13, 2023). Through the partnership, retirees from Monde Nissin will be trained and equipped with entrepreneurial skills they can use after their tenure at the company. (Courtesy of Monde Nissin)

MANILA – The Philippine Trade Training Center (PTTC) of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and listed food manufacturing company Monde Nissin Corp. have partnered to equip the firm's retirees with entrepreneurial skills that will help them transition into their careers.

On Wednesday, PTTC and Monde Nissin signed a memorandum of agreement (MOA) for the latter's Monde Nissin University-School of Lifelong Learning.

The MOA was signed by the PTTC Executive Director Nelly Dillera and Monde Nissin People and Culture director Luz Mercurio.

Monde Nissin tapped the PTTC to provide the necessary expertise and capability building interventions to help its retiring employees transition into competitive entrepreneurs.

The first training program will begin in March 2024.

"Being the first of its kind, we aim to enrich Monde Nissin University's School of Lifelong Learning by providing skills development programs that will support the would-be retirees of the company," Mercurio said.

The School of Lifelong Learning aims to expand the skills of Monde Nissin employees that they will need beyond their tenure at the company. The program will provide retirees with the financial skills needed to explore entrepreneurship in retirement.

The PTTC will base the training program in its ASCEND Budding Pathway, one of its Enterprise Learning Pathways.

The program will also make use of a combination of classroom-style sessions, virtual learning platforms, mentorship and coaching programs, and hands-on practical expertise to develop both technical expertise and leadership abilities of the soon-to-be retirees for their career advancement. (PNA)

BOI gives green lane endorsement to P3.4-B vegetables, dairy projects

MANILA – Two agriculture projects of Metro Pacific Investments Corp. (MPIC) have received green lane certificate of endorsement from the Board of Investments' (BOI) One-Stop Action Center for Strategic Investments (OSAC-SI), the investment promotion agency said on Wednesday.

These projects are the vegetable greenhouse complex in San Rafael, Bulacan under Metro Pacific Fresh Farms, Inc. (MPFF), and the dairy farm project in Bay, Laguna under Metro Pacific Dairy Farms, Inc. (MPDF).

MPIC, led by magnate Manuel Pangilinan, is investing PHP3.4 billion for the two projects.

The projects aim to support the Marcos administration's push for food security and affordable food for Filipinos.

Under Executive Order 18, the government, through the OSAC-SI, endorses strategic investments for green lane treatment in all national government agencies and local government units that will simplify and expedite the processing of permits and licenses related to their projects.

MPFF's farm in Bulacan will be the country's largest vegetable greenhouse facility. The vegetable complex will also adopt sustainable farming and will use modern farming technology.

"Agriculture is the largest user of freshwater, accounting for 70 percent of global usage. By implementing modern farming practices such as nutrient film technique hydroponics and drip irrigation systems, MPFF hopes to reduce the agriculture sector's consumption of natural resources," the BOI said.

The BOI said the MPFF targets to commence the commercial operation of the farm by fourth quarter next year.

The MPIC started the project construction for the 22-hectare vegetable greenhouse complex last Feb. 20 amid woes on skyrocketing vegetable prices that put inflationary pressure due to supply issues.

Since the province is near Metro Manila, logistics of the farm produce should be easier and cheaper, Pangilinan said during the groundbreaking ceremony in Bulacan.

"So we make sure that prices are affordable and we will make sure that we are able to increase the supply of vegetables, especially for Metro Manila," he said.

Meanwhile, the MPDF integrated dairy farm in Bay, Laguna will boost local production of dairy products by 30,000 liters per day.

"The project expands local milk production capacity by 20 percent, which currently stands at 26.3 million liters," the BOI said, adding that the project aims to replace imported milk with locally produced high-quality dairy products.

The commercial operation of the dairy farm is eyed in the first quarter of 2025. (PNA)

PSEi sheds, peso weakens to P56-level Wednesday

MANILA – Both the local shares and currency finished the day with losses.

The benchmark Philippine Stock Exchange index (PSEi) shed 36.65 points at 6,255.74, with All Shares also down by 14.32 points at 3,339.14.

All counters closed in the red territory except for Services, which inched up by 2.65 points to 1,552.56.

The biggest decline in shares came from the Mining and Oil sector, which lost 52.82 points during this day's trading, followed by Holding Firms, which was down by 49.87 points; Property, 32.75 points; Industrial, 12.87 points; and Financials, 6.42 points.

Philstock Financials, Inc. assistant research manager Claire Alviar said investors were in a wait-and-see mode as they waited for the decisions of the central banks of the country and the United States on their respective interest rates.

"Aside from the interest rates decision, investors also want to know their outlook on inflation rate and the timing of monetary policy easing," she said.

"Moreover, net foreign selling worth PHP280.55 million exerted downward pressure on the market. The net market value turnover stood at PHP2.84 billion."

The losers outpaced the gainers at 95 to 64, with 47 left unchanged.

Meanwhile, the Philippine peso continued to weaken, falling back to the 56-level on Wednesday.

The peso shed against the US dollar by 0.49, closing at 56.06 from the previous day's 55.57.

Rical Commercial Banking Corp. chief economist Michael Ricafort said the local currency's close was among the weakest in a month.

Ricafort said one of the local factors that weakened the peso was the statement of the weather bureau on the possible impacts of El Niño next year, such as reduced agricultural production that could lead to higher food prices and contribute to inflationary pressures.

The peso opened the day at 55.67 from the previous day's kickoff at 55.60 to the US dollar.

The currency pair traded from 55.67 to 56.08, bringing the day's average to 55.86 to the greenback.

The volume of trade increased to USD1.6 billion from Tuesday's volume of USD1 billion.

"For tomorrow, the peso exchange rate could range (from) the 55.90 to 56.10 levels," the economist projected. (PNA)



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and others to implement creative programs that propel the industries forward," said DTI Region 6 OIC-RD Rachel Nufable.

The remarkable contributions of the creative industry are evident in the numbers. In 2022, it contributed 7.3 percent to the Philippine economy, amounting to P1.6 trillion—a 12 percent increase from the previous year. With 6.98 million Filipinos employed in creative industries, a 10.5 percent rise from 2021, the sector plays a vital role in Philippine trade, accounting for \$7 billion, or 6.6 percent of the country's trade.

"These numbers signify that the creative scene in the Philippines is more than just about being creative—it's about jobs, businesses, and strengthening our economy," said DTI Iloilo Provincial Director Ma. Dinda Tamayo.

OIC-RD Nufable further highlighted the recent enactment of the Philippine Creative Industries Development Act (PCIDA) or RA 11904 which underscores the government's dedication to providing comprehensive support and

incentives to the creative industry encompassing domains such as audiovisual media, creative services, digital interactive media, design, publishing and print media, performing arts, visual arts, traditional cultural expressions, cultural sites, and emerging segments.

DTI R6's Fiestakucha served not only as a celebration of creativity but also as a platform for local talents and artisans to showcase their skills on a broader stage. The event brought together locals, tourists, artists, and industry professionals, emphasizing Western Visayas as a hub for creative industries.

The resounding success of Fiestakucha reaffirms the region's commitment to nurturing and promoting its creative talents. As Western Visayas continues to shine as a beacon of culture and innovation, events like Fiestakucha play an essential role in shaping its dynamic and vibrant future fostering a deeper appreciation for our cultural heritage and promoting Western Visayas as a prime destination for creative tourism.

FESTIVAL OF FESTIVALS: 9 ILOILO TOWNS TO COMPETE IN KASADYAHAN

Nine town festivals in Iloilo province will compete for the 2024 edition of "Kasadyahan sa mga Kabanwahanan" on January 26, 2024.

Coming from different districts of Iloilo, the competing tribes are Kaing Festival of Leon; Kasag Festival of Banate; Saad Festival of Leganes; Katagman Festival of Oton; Tultugan Festival of Maasin; Banaag Festival of Anilao; Cry of Jelicuon Festival of New Lucena; Hinirugyaw Sugidanon of Calinog; and Pantat Festival of Zarraga.

The Iloilo Provincial Government and the Iloilo Festivals Foundation, Inc. (IFFI) will co-manage the 2024 Kasadyahan sa Kabanwahanan Festival.

Iloilo Provincial Tourism Officer Bombette Marin said the tribe contenders will present different genre of performances to include food-based, industry-based, religious, and historical.

"We are looking forward to a grand 'Kasadyahan sa mga Kabanwahanan' festivity. We also make sure nga and 'Fun Foodie Friendly Iloilo' nga tagline set by no less than our Governor Arthur Defensor Jr. will be executed as well as aton mga performances," Marin said.

The program for Kasadyahan will start at 1:30 p.m. at the Iloilo Freedom Grandstand. There will be special performances from three drum and bugle corps in between the tribes' performances.

The IFFI and the provincial government officially introduced the nine participating tribes during the kick-off program for the Kasadyahan Festival on Wednesday, Dec. 13 at SM City Iloilo where spectators got a glimpse of their respective performances.

Costumes of participating festivals will also be showcased in the Kasadyahan Festival exhibit. (Iloilo City PIO)



The event was graced by House Speaker Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, and House Representatives Janette Garin, Ferjenel Biron, Jam Baronda, Michael Gorriceta, Lorenz Defensor, Teodorico Haresco Jr., Francisco "Kiko" Benitez, Jojo Ang Ferj, Janette Garin, Antonio Legarda Jr., Raul "Boboy" Tupas, Jane T. Castro and Carlito S. Marquez, among others.

DTI Region 6 and DTI Iloilo extend support to Bagong Pilipinas Serbisyo Fair

Guimbal, Iloilo - In a collaborative effort to bring essential government services closer to the people, the Department of Trade and Industry Regional Office headed by OIC-RD Rachel Nufable along with DTI Iloilo Provincial Office led by PD Ma. Dinda Tamayo, actively participated in the Bagong Pilipinas Serbisyo Fair (BPSF) held at Guimbal National High School on December 9, 2023.

The DTI Iloilo Provincial Office took the lead in offering crucial services such as Business Counseling, Business Name Registration, and Consumer Advocacy Activities. These services aim to empower local entrepreneurs, facilitate business growth, and enhance consumer protection. The presence of

DTI officials and staff demonstrated the commitment to supporting the local community in Guimbal.

The Bagong Pilipinas Serbisyo Fair, recognized as the country's largest service caravan, is designed to bring key government services directly to underserved Filipino communities nationwide. The event showcases flagship programs like Kadiwa ng Pangulo, Passport on Wheels, and Driver's License registration/assistance, emphasizing accessibility and inclusivity in the delivery of government services.

Adding to the vibrancy of the fair, the event also featured the participation of Micro, Small, and

Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). These entrepreneurs were part of a Trade Fair and Diskwento Caravan, providing them with a platform to showcase their products and services to a wider audience. The trade fair and caravan activities at the venue ran for two days on December 9-10, 2023.

The Bagong Pilipinas Serbisyo Fair serves as a proof to the government's dedication to reaching out to all sectors of society, especially those in remote areas. By bringing together various government agencies and services, the fair ensures that Filipinos have easy access to essential programs and assistance that contribute to national development and uplift the lives of the less fortunate.



STT GDC Philippines triumphs at W.Media Awards for Outstanding Project Implementation

The Cavite facility of ST Telemedia Global Data Centres Philippines (STT GDC Philippines) was recently awarded the prestigious Asia Pacific Cloud & Datacenter Award in the Projects category by W.Media, a key technology publisher and community hub in Asia Pacific.

This esteemed recognition for STT Cavite 1, STT GDC Philippines' first facility at its campus in General Trias, underscores unparalleled excellence in data center development, marking a significant milestone in the company's journey towards innovation, efficiency, and sustainable design.

"Winning this award really highlights the hard work, creativity, and expertise of our entire team. It's a clear sign of our ongoing commitment to set higher standards in data center development and customer requirement implementation across the country. More importantly, it reinforces our promise to provide exceptional service to every customer. This honor motivates us to continue our robust expansion plans, meeting the growing demands of the market," said Carlo Malana, President and CEO of STT GDC Philippines.

The award was decided by a jury of global industry experts based on rigorous criteria covering project objectives, innovative design, timing, cost control, and sustainability. Malana received the award on November 30 at the Asia-Pacific Awards Gala Dinner and Ceremony at the Kowloon Shangri-La in Hong Kong.

STT Cavite 1 is a 4.3 MW facility strategically situated just south of the country's capital region. It is specifically designed to foster the growth and development of companies in vital business districts. Renowned for its alignment with Tier III standards and its enterprise-grade infrastructure, this data center is a preferred choice for businesses seeking geographical diversity and top-tier technological solutions.

CITY MARKETS, ABBATOIR INCOME UP

The Iloilo City Local Economic Enterprise Office (LEEO) posted a total collection of P79.1-million which is higher by P5.8-million than its P73.3-million target income, from January to November.

Mayor Jerry Treñas commended City Government employees for the collective efforts towards effective and efficient management despite the challenges caused by ongoing construction works on the development of all district markets.

LEEO head Maricel Mabaquiao attributed the accomplishments to the hard work of market in-charge and collectors in ensuring the attainment of monthly targets for rentals, entrance of goods, and other fees.

They manage the major public markets including Central and Terminal or Super in City Proper, Jaro Big and Small, Arevalo, La Paz, and Mandurriao, and Slaughterhouse in Brgy. Tacas, Jaro.

The rehabilitation is

being implemented to upgrade the infrastructure and facilities to better serve the needs of the buying public and vendors.

The modern markets are

expected to create better services and convenience for consumers, including parking space, clean facilities, help micro and small businesses, and

promote economic and tourism potentials.

Temporary stalls have also ensured the continuity of economic activities. (Iloilo City PIO)



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