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'SEA SPECTACLE'

Paraw Regatta 2024 ready to sail off

All is set for the Paraw Regatta Festival 2024, with highlights slated on March 1 to 3, 2024.

Now on its 51st year, Paraw Regatta Festival promises to offer exciting and fun events aside from the much sought paraw sailing competition.

According to Dr. Roberto Samosa, chairman of



51ST PARAW REGATTA. Colorful sailboats (paraw) will again line up the shores of Arevalo, Iloilo City this March 3 as Southeast Asia's oldest sailboat racing competition, the Iloilo-Guimaras Paraw Regatta stages its 51st edition. (photo from web)

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IWAG Teen Center up in Pototan soon

THE provincial government is building a teen center in Pototan that will soon be named after the municipality's Iwag Festival and is designed to illuminate the youth's path for them to become responsible and productive individuals.

Gov. Arthur Defensor Jr. led the groundbreaking ceremony of the construction of Teen Center 2.0 at Alberto Sorongon Sr. Memorial National High School on February 5, 2024. He was assisted by Mayor Rafael Enrique Lazaro, Vice

Mayor Tomas Peñaflorida, School Principal Ma. Grace P. Coronado, Provincial Population Officer Atty. Ruel Von Superio, Provincial Engineer Engr. Romeo Andig, and the municipal and barangay officials, among others.

Coronado said that once completed, the facility will be called IWAG Teen Center. IWAG stands for Illuminating the Way for the Adolescent Group.

"Iniangmagahatag sang dalan sa aton kabataan. This is not just for Alberto

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First Lady leads groundbreaking rites for WVSU Law building

FIRST Lady Louise Araneta-Marcos led the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of a four-story College of Law building at the West Visayas State University (WVSU).

The First Lady is a part-time faculty member at WVSU College of Law where she teaches Criminal Law.

The WVSU, which is the first and only state university in Western Visayas that offers a legal education program in the region, recognizes the need for a separate building.

"At the height of the pandemic when most schools were closing their

doors, our university took a leap of faith by opening its juris doctor program. As the only state university offering a legal education program in Western Visayas, we embark on a journey that has surpassed our initial vision," said WVSU President Dr. Joselito F. Villaruz.

During the ceremony, Villaruz took pride in announcing that the pioneer batch of the program will be taking the Bar examination in September this year.

He also extended gratitude to the First Lady and other stakeholders for "providing the university the opportunity to expand

its student intake and widen its legal advocacy programs" through the construction of the state-of-the-art building.

According to DPWH Regional Director Sonny Boy O. Oropel, the College of Law (COL) building is situated within the main campus of WVSU in the La Paz district of this City and will be a green building with a total floor area of 3,456 square meters or 864 square meters per floor.

Facilities to include in the construction are six theater-type air-conditioned classrooms, an auditorium, a review room, a conference room, a legal clinic, a Wi-Fi connection, and a library.

To further enhance the capabilities of the law students, the building will also house two moot

courtrooms, an arbitration or training room, and a Journal for Law Advocacy Office which will be used for the simulation of court hearings and litigation processes, among others.

For the instructors, a faculty room and offices for the college dean and associate dean will also be available upon completion of the project.

Apart from these, the COL building will also house a cafeteria, prayer room, storage or supplies room, comfort rooms with persons with disability (PWD) accessible facilities, and a parking area.

To promote the use of sustainable energy, the project also includes solar panels to supply power to the building. Elevators will also be available to allow

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Iloilo National High School Batch 1984 Ruby Jubilee 40th Batch Reunion 2024

The Iloilo National High School Batch '84 led by their President Eva Abajencia, NEWS EXPRESS Antique Bureau Chief, during their Ruby Jubilee 40th Batch Reunion last January 27, 2024.

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Agri chief orders review of solar-powered irrigation projects

Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu-Laurel has ordered a "thorough" review of the Solar-Powered Irrigation System (SPIS) projects.

This was after reports of neglected and non-operational units reached the Department of Agriculture (DA).

In a news release on Wednesday, the DA said former Agriculture Secretary Emmanuel Piñol posted on his Facebook account about an SPIS in Mlang, Cotabato that was completed in 2020 but was not turned over to farmer beneficiaries by DA 12 (Soccksargen).

Tiu-Laurel instructed the regional executive directors to coordinate with Piñol as they assess the SPIS units nationwide to ensure transparency.

The units will be



reviewed whether they are fully functional and have an impact on increasing rice productivity, including contributing factors to their successful operations.

On the other hand,

non-working units will be investigated as to why they failed.

Additionally, existing units would undergo technical assessment, including recommendations

on how to improve the program.

The DA's records show that more than 200 SPIS units were constructed since it was adopted as a DA banner program. (PNA)

Year of the Dragon in Iloilo City

Millions celebrate the culturally significant Chinese New Year. Here in Iloilo City, this feast highlights the resilience and influence of the local Chinese-Filipino community, the Ilonggo Tsinoys. As we approach the Year of the Dragon this February 10, a strong sense of unity and festivity permeates the atmosphere.

The CNY celebrations took root in the city in 2002, thanks to the Filipino-Chinese community's and local authorities' collaborative efforts. Then on, this tradition has evolved into one of the city's most

prominent cultural events.

Ateneo de Iloilo, a Jesuit, Catholic, and Chinese-Filipino basic education institution, was where I previously worked as an educator. There, we celebrated the feast with Chinese costumes, ate Chinese food, especially the famous "tikoy," provided by the Chinese-Filipino program, held a Chinese-motif institutional presentation, and marched in the annual Chinese New Year parade through the city with other Chinese-Filipino schools and associations. This blend of cultures

perfectly exemplifies the Ilonggos' welcoming nature.

Before the pandemic, Iloilo City was thought to have the largest Chinese New Year celebration outside of Metro Manila. The celebration was vibrant due to the thousands of participants, primarily students from Chinese-Filipino schools, dressed in traditional Chinese clothing known as "Qipao" or "Cheongsam." The celebration included great cultural entertainment, a beautiful fireworks display, a colorful Chinese lantern,

float, dance, and foot parade downtown, and a delicious Chinese food festival. The Chinese-Filipino community's diverse heritage and customs are being displayed throughout these celebrations. We have every reason to believe that today's celebrations will be even more elaborate, dazzling, spectacular, and joyous than before the

IPPO recognizes eight Outstanding Ilonggo Cops

The Iloilo Police Provincial Office headed by PCol. Ronaldo P. Palomo, Provincial Director (PD), through PLtColOrly Z Gabinete, Deputy PD for Administration, conducted the Traditional Monday Flag Raising and Awarding Ceremonies on February 5, 2024.

PNP Commendation Medals (Medalya ng Papuri) were awarded to three personnel of Dingle Municipal Police Station, namely: PCtAileen Lacrite, Chief of Police, together with PSSg Glen L Hilada and PSSg Ronald Sibag, for their successful buy-bust operation in Brgy. Licu-an, Dingle, Iloilo on May 14, 2023 which resulted in the arrest of a drug personality and the recovery of Php7,265.80 worth of shabu.

Further, five others received Certificates of Commendation for their devotion to duty and laudable effort, which significantly contributed to operational accomplishments from October 9-15, 2023, namely:

1. PCpl Keith Dave T Casa of Mina MPS - Arrest of Most Wanted Persons;
2. PSSg Richard C Cabucos Jr of Pototan MPS - Arrest of Other Wanted Persons;
3. PSSgJesrel C Barrido of Barotac Viejo MPS - Anti-Illegal Drugs Operation;
4. PSMS Jose Raffy E Roquero of Igaras MPS - Campaign Against Illegal Possession of Firearms; and
5. Pat Eddie L Parcon of Lemery MPS - Campaign Against Illegal Gambling.

Barotac Viejo MPS also received a Certificate of Appreciation for hosting the program. Their Chief of Police, PMajCiriacoEsquilarga, received the certificate.

Pastor Verdiking Russell Gayoma, faith-based

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pandemic.

Approximately 13,000 Chinese-Filipinos reside in Iloilo City, which is

also home to a number of vibrant Chinese-Filipino organizations, including the Philippine-Chinese

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the Paraw Sailing Event, this year's edition of the longest and biggest sailing competition in Southeast Asia will officially open on Feb. 25 at Tatoy's Poolside Resort after a Holy Mass at Arevalo Parish.

Samosa said they expect participants for the Paraw Main Race on March 3 from as far as Boracay Island and nearby towns in Iloilo province and Guimaras. Last year, 48 paraw racers joined in the main sailing event.

Other Paraw events include PintaLayag that will start on Feb. 26

at JBLFMU-Arevalo Campus; Pinta Regatta Contest on Feb. 27 at Festive Walk Mall Garden Atrium; Paraw Regatta Job Fair (TBA) and Miniature Paraw on Feb. 28; Slalom Race and Paraw Food Fest (Day 1) on Feb. 29; Paraw H.I.I.T, Paraw Duathlon, Beach Sports, Sinambasa Regatta (Hall of the Justice to Freedom Grandstand) and ParawFoodfest (Day 2) on March 2.

Aside from the main race, there will be PintaTawo, PintaLayag Judging, ParawLechon Contest; Beach Sports at

Villa Beach; Paraw Beach Bodies, Lighted Paraw and Fireworks, Paraw Food Fest (Day 3), Paraw Photo Contest and Awarding Ceremony on March 3.

Majority of the events particularly the main sailing race are traditionally held at Tatoy's Beach Front.

The Paraw Regatta Festival is spearheaded by the Iloilo Festivals Foundation Inc. (IFFI) in collaboration with the Iloilo City Government, Iloilo Provincial Government and the Guimaras Provincial Government.

(Iloilo City PIO)

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Sorongon Sr. Memorial National High School but for the community as well," she said.

More or less 500 students from the school and its catchment areas are expected to benefit the youth building which will guide the teenagers to become productive citizens of the locality.

Atty. Superio said the leveled-up teen centers

currently being built in secondary schools serve as a symbol of the commitment of the provincial government "in nurturing the youth to become responsible individuals and eventually become a partner in development and nation building."

Governor Defensor said the construction of school infrastructure is his

"favorite project" under his brainchild BuligEskwela sang Probinsya or BES Probins Program.

The provincial government is also building a Youth Development Center in secondary school worth P5 million.

The governor appealed to the students to utilize the facility as it serves as an extension of their homes in school.



DEBT CONDONATION. Personnel of the Department of Agrarian Reform Negros Occidental 2 assist agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) in securing certificates of condonation and release of the mortgage in this undated photo. Republic Act 11953, or the New Agrarian Emancipation Act, condones all loans, including interests, penalties and surcharges incurred by ARBs. (Photo courtesy of DAR Negros Occidental 2)

5.6K ARBs in south Negros validated to get loan condonation

BACOLOD CITY – Some 5,607 agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) under the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) Negros

Occidental 2 (South) are validated to receive the certificate of condonation and release of mortgage (CoCRoM) under the Republic Act 11953 or the New Agrarian Emancipation Act (NAEA).

The NAEA, signed by

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. on July 7, 2023, condones all loans, including interests, penalties, and surcharges incurred by ARBs.

On Tuesday, the DAR Negros Occidental 2 reported a 100 percent accomplishment of the total

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easy access to all levels of the building for the students, faculty members, and guests.

Security features will also be incorporated including close circuit televisions or CCTV and a key card access system for the entire building.

According to the public works department, the project is targeted to be completed within 458 days after the commencement of its construction.(PIA)



Barangay Development Council Chairperson John Aldrix Varona (left) and a resident of Barangay Mabasa.

Drainage canal to address community's health concerns

The construction of drainage canals is the immediate response of the 10 communities in the town of Patnongon, Antique to address the health concerns of residents specifically during the rainy season.

Mabasa Barangay Development Council Chairperson John Aldrix Varona said their community had no proper drainage system years ago. The lack of a proper drainage system has brought illness to the community like dengue.

Varona recalled that in June 2022, the barangay had the highest number of dengue cases in the entire municipality. It caused alarm in the community.

In Barangay Mabasa alone, there were 24 recorded cases.

Mabasa is a coastal barangay and has no proper drainage system. The stagnant water becomes a conducive breeding place for dengue-carrying mosquitoes *Aedes Aegypti*.

When it rains, the water also overflows which further affects the residents, said Varona.

Varona said the experiences of the residents prompted them to propose drainage canal projects for KALAHI-CIDSS funding.

Mabasa is one of the 10 barangays that received funding from KALAHI-CIDSS for the construction of the drainage canal project.

The 175 linear meters drainage canal is situated at Purok II.

The drainage canal has a cover to further protect the community from foul smell and same time it can be cleaned when full of debris and garbage. The drainage canal also comes with rip rap.

The community is grateful for the government's response, the national government through DSWD, local and barangay local development units in dealing with their needs, said Varona.



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The drainage canal project.

Antique IPHO warns public vs. rise in dengue cases during El Niño

SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, Antique – The Antique Integrated Provincial Health Office (IPHO) has warned the public against the possible rise of dengue cases during the El Niño phenomenon.

Irene Duldoco, IPHO information officer, said in an interview Monday that from Jan. 1 to 27, 2024, they have monitored 59 cases, or an increase of 11 percent compared with the 53 cases in the same period last year,

but both have no deaths. "The households are storing water to ensure they would have enough water supply for drinking and their other needs, and these could be possible mosquito breeding places," she said.

Duldoco said it is important to always cover water containers so they will not serve as mosquito-breeding places.

She said dengue thrives in the Philippines because it is a tropical country and

when there is a long dry spell.

"We continue to campaign for the 5S strategy against dengue," she added.

Duldoco said the 5S strategy against dengue includes the search and destroy of mosquito breeding sites; self-protection; seek early consultation; support fogging, spraying, and misting in hot spot areas; and sustain hydration.

For hydration because of the intense heat, the IPHO recommended increasing daily water intake of up to 12 glasses from eight to 10 glasses for replenishment.

Meanwhile, Duldoco said that aside from dengue, they also monitor other diseases related to the El Niño

phenomenon such as diarrhea, food poisoning, asthma, sunburn and heat stroke.

"The IPHO has the El Niño Mitigation and Preparedness Plan for Health, where we have the strategies on disease prevention," she said.

Included in the plan are for the LGUs to conduct a risk assessment and the geo-tagging and monitoring sources to ensure safe local drinking water.

Handwashing and proper food preparation are advised to prevent diarrhea and food poisoning.

"Use sunscreen and other sun protection such as an umbrella to prevent sunburn and heat stroke," Duldoco said. (PNA)



INTENSE HEAT. Residents of Sibalom, Antique use umbrella as protection against the intense heat. Irene Duldoco, Antique Integrated Provincial Health Office information officer, said in an interview on Monday (Feb. 5, 2024) that they are recommending an increase in daily water intake of up to 12 glasses from eight to 10 glasses for replenishment because of the intense heat of the sun due to the El Niño phenomenon. (PNA photo by Annabel Consuelo J. Petinglay)

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volunteer/life coach, gave his spiritual guidance and said that police officers are servants of God, not just servants of our country and people. He also encouraged Ilonggo Cops to be role models in speech, lifestyle, love, faith, and purity.

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target ARBs for validation set by the central office.

"The list will then be forwarded to the regional and central offices and the Land Bank of the Philippines. They will determine the final list of ARBs based on the remarks from the provincial office," it said.

After the certificates are issued, the DAR Negros Occidental 2 will proceed with the distribution on dates yet to be announced.

ARBs with completed the validation are from 18 local government units in southern Negros, including the cities of Bago, La Carlota, Himamaylan, Kabankalan, and Sipalay as well as the municipalities of Pulupandan, Valladolid, San Enrique, Pontevedra, Hinigaran, Isabela, La Castellana, Moises

Padilla, Binalbagan, Ilog, Candoni, Cauayan, and Hinoba-an.

After Secretary Conrado Estrella III issued a memorandum circular in September last year for the creation of a nationwide condonation response and action desk, the DAR Negros Occidental 2 created the Provincial Condonation Response Desk (CoRD) led by Arnulfo Figueroa, officer-in-charge provincial agrarian reform program officer II.

When the CoRD released a summary report in October, the Generation Section started receiving the master lists of ARBs for the filling in of title and lot numbers for transmission to the DAR municipal offices (MOs).


The DARMOs then checked and validated the

master lists and sent and posted letter invitations for ARB profiling.

"Aside from validation through CoRD, each municipal office conducted a DAR-to-door or house-to-house validation for a more efficient and effective implementation and continuous monitoring

and validation," the report added.

The DAR said the CoCRoM will open doors and create opportunities for ARBs to make their farms more productive, resulting in greater financial security for farmers and food supply chain security for the Filipino people. (PNA)



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ILOILO CITY CELEBRATES 20TH CHINESE NEW YEAR

The Iloilo City Government, Iloilo Festivals Foundation Inc. (IFFI), and the local Chinese community launched the week-long Chinese New Year celebration with cultural exhibit at SM City Iloilo Event Center Feb. 6.

Mayor Jerry P. Treñas, IFFI Chairman Judge Peña, IFFI President Allan Tan, Chinese New Year 2024 Chairman Roland Uy, Filipino Chinese Family Associations, Filipino-Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Iloilo Inc., and Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Panay Inc. led the opening program.

On February 9, a grand parade from Capitol will kick off at 4:00 pm to Chinatown, followed by a grand cultural show, food festival, and fireworks display at the Filipino-Chinese Friendship Arc at Plazoleta Gay, Iznart Street.

The Chinese New Year falls on Feb. 10.

One of the highlights of this year's celebration is the showing of the Quanzhou String Puppetry at West Visayas State University Cultural Center, and Chinese New Year Mall Shows at SM City Event Center, Main Mall and Indoor Atrium, and Festive Walk Mall on Feb 10-11.

Four Chinese-Filipino schools, namely Sun Yat Sen High School of Iloilo, Ateneo de Iloilo, Iloilo



Scholastic Academy, and Hua Siong College of Iloilo, will perform dragon and lion dances.

Treñas said that the celebration themed "Harmony in Blossom: 20 Years of Cultivating Filipino-Chinese Unity" is a manifestation of strong Public-Private Partnership (PPP) in the city.

"As a yearly tradition, the Ilonggos are joining the

whole nation in celebrating the Chinese New Year, especially with the Filipino-Chinese community here in the City of Love. Iloilo City has come a long way as evident of its continuous progress and development, and we must acknowledge the selfless contribution of our beloved Ilonggo Tsinoys in the city's relentless journey towards development," Treñas

stressed.

"It cannot be denied that the Public-Private Partnership that was forged with Ilonggo Tsinoys has grown deeper and bigger, creating a great impact in all our endeavors, especially in achieving our goals," he added.

Meanwhile, Uy emphasized the big contribution of the Filipino-Chinese community in the

city's overall progress.

"The Filipino-Chinese community has forged an unyielding and sturdy relationship that has contributed a lot to strengthening both cultural and economic development. Our celebration will be extra special because there will be a cultural exhibit that will showcase different festivals in China, Chinese New Year Mall shows, food

festivals, grand parades, cultural shows, and the Quanzhou String Puppetry that will join us for the first time," he said.

A Thanksgiving Mass at Sta. Maria Chinese-Filipino Parish is set on Feb. 11 at 8:00 am and Chinese New Year Closing Ceremony at Park Square, Festive Walk Parade at 5:00 pm. (Andrea Pearl Fernandez/Iloilo City PIO)



NEWS UPDATE

'PANAMIT-NAMIT LITSON' Paraw Lechon Contest, showcasing Arevalo's best lechon

Paraw Regatta Festival is again showcasing the best lechon of Arevalo District through a lechon contest.

John Lex Bayombong, chairperson of the Paraw Regatta Festival, said this year's Paraw Lechon Contest is slated on March 3 during the

main sailing event, which is the highlight of the oldest sailing event in Southeast Asia and the biggest in the Philippines.

Bayombong said they are looking at 10 to 15 establishments to participate and showcase their lechon product.

The lechons will be

judged based on taste (delectability) and presentation.

"We will be inviting some of our local Ilonggo chefs to do the judging," Bayombong said.

The public will have a chance to get free-taste of the lechons after the judging. (Iloilo City PIO)

Globe 'malasakit' to customers seen in aftermath of Davao floods

In response to severe flooding that affected the Davao del Norte and Davao de Oro lowlands in January, Globe swiftly mobilized relief operations and communication support to assist affected families and individuals.

The initiative is part of the company's longstanding commitment to embody "malasakit," a core value that translates to genuine care and compassion for its customers and the communities it serves.

Heavy rainfall triggered flooding in the two regions that lasted days last month, leaving houses submerged and residents displaced, forced to seek shelter in evacuation centers and along roadsides.

In response to the crisis, Globe set up Libreng Tawag and Libreng Charging booths at strategic locations in Brgy. Guadalupe, Carmen town, and in Mankilam and San Miguel in Tagum. These booths enabled residents to communicate with their loved ones and stay connected.

Globe also distributed life-saving food aid to 176 households in Purok 5, Brgy. Guadalupe, Carmen.

The operation was spearheaded by key Globe leaders, including Jimbo Cordero, Territory Business Head; Rozy Opina, District Business Head; James Lopez, External Affairs for Mindanao; Jheryl John Callo, Regional Support Ops; and Arnel Estrada, Regional Field Operations.

Rodnelle Dacudag, Manager for North Operations at Mars Agri Ventures

And Commodities, Inc., an authorized distributor of Globe products in the Davao region, also lent support.

"At Globe, we always endeavor to act swiftly to provide support for our customers and communities, especially during critical moments. We know that connectivity and food aid is crucial, especially in times of disaster," said Patrick Gloria, Globe Vice President for External Relations.

In the latest wave of floods in the region, Globe has also provided urgent support, including extended payment due dates for Globe Postpaid users and connectivity support for Globe At Home users, including free 5GB of data for eligible Globe At Home Prepaid WiFi customers and free 15GB of data for Globe At Home Postpaid users. TM customers in the affected regions, meanwhile, received free All-Net SURF for one day, with unli allnet calls and texts, 100MB data for internet browsing, and 100MB to use Facebook, Viber, Whatsapp and X (Twitter).

Globe teams on the ground continue to assess the situation and are ready to send support as needed.

The most recent flooding in the Davao region has left 21 dead, with over 1 million people affected in Northern Mindanao, Davao, Soccsksargen, Caraga and Bangsamoro, according to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council. The flooding, caused by the northern monsoon and a low pressure area, has left a damage toll of PHP54.9 million.

Bacolod City to issue PWD ID cards with data security feature

BACOLOD CITY – The city government here will issue persons with disability (PWD) identification (ID) cards with added QR (quick response) codes starting next week to ensure data security and curb indiscriminate issuance.

On Tuesday, the city government announced it will start accepting applications for new cards on Feb. 12 after Mayor Alfredo Abelardo Benitez ordered on Monday the recall of the ID cards of about 12,000 PWDs.

“The recall is essential to ensure data security, comply

with updated regulations, address other relevant concerns regarding the PWD cards, including the indiscriminate issuance of PWD IDs, which has come to my knowledge,” Benitez said in a memorandum addressed to Alma Gustilo, officer in charge of the Department of Social Services and Development (DSSD).

With the recall order, the city will set up a 24/7 hotline, which businesses can contact to validate the authenticity of the PWD ID cards presented to them for granting discounts.

Temporary ID cards with QR codes will be issued to cardholders who have surrendered their existing cards to the DSSD office at the Bacolod City Government Center or in satellite sites.

As part of the city’s ongoing program to secure and streamline the processing of PWD ID cards, Benitez directed the DSSD to strictly comply with the provisions of the national law and related administrative orders and regulations in issuing and replacing PWD cards. (PNA)



BACOLOD CITY
Mayor Alfredo Abelardo Benitez shows a sample of a PWD identification (ID) card with a QR (quick response) code on Monday (Feb. 5, 2023). He ordered the recall of existing PWD cards to replace them with new ones with data security features. (Screenshot from Bacolod City PIO Facebook video)

Bago City turns over P200K fund to NFA to increase palay buying price

BACOLOD CITY – The City of Bago in Negros Occidental turned over PHP200,000 to the National Food Authority (NFA) for an additional premium of PHP1 for every kilogram (kg.) of palay (unhusked rice) sold by farmers.

Under the partnership, Bago City farmers will get PHP24 per kg., higher by PHP1 than the NFA buying

price of PHP23 per kg., for clean and dry palay.

NFA-Negros Occidental branch manager Glenda Gonzales-Paz on Tuesday thanked Mayor Nicholas Yulo and the City Council for adopting the Palay Marketing Assistance Program for Legislators and Local Government Units (PALLGU) Program.

“Rest assured, when the

prices of palay drop, there is the NFA as the farmers’ ready market during harvest season,” Gonzales-Paz told the Philippine News Agency.

Assistant branch manager John Alvarez received the check from Yulo in the presence of city agriculturist-designate Marvin John Blance at the mayor’s office on Monday.

Yulo and Gonzales-Paz signed a memorandum of agreement for the program in December last year.

Gonzales-Paz said that to avail of the additional premium, Bago City farmers can deliver their produce to the NFA or utilize the mobile procurement service by coordinating with their office for hauling from their location to designated warehouses.

Bago City, the top rice-producing LGU in Negros Occidental, is the third locality to have entered into an agreement with the NFA-Negros Occidental for the implementation of the PALLGU Program.

Last year, Sibalay City turned over the amount of PHP600,000 to add a premium of PHP3 per kg. to the NFA support price, and the municipality of Valladolid allocated PHP200,000 for PHP1 per kg. as an additional premium. (PNA)



PALAY BUYING ASSISTANCE. National Food Authority-Negros Occidental assistant branch manager John Alvarez (center) receives from Bago City Mayor Nicholas Yulo (left) the PHP200,000 check for the implementation of the Palay Marketing Assistance Program for Legislators and Local Government Units Program in the presence of city agriculturist-designate Marvin John Blance at the office of the mayor on Monday (Feb. 5, 2024). Under the partnership, Bago City farmers will get an additional premium of PHP1 for every kilogram of clean and dry palay sold to the NFA. (Photo courtesy of National Food Authority-Negros Occidental)

Over 37k SK treasurers complete TESDA bookkeeping course

More than 37,000 appointed Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) treasurers nationwide have so far finished the two-day online Basic Bookkeeping Course provided by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA).

As of writing, a total of 40,860 appointed SK treasurers had enrolled in the course nationwide, of which 37,608 have already completed. TESDA initially anticipated some 41,701 to enroll in the Basic Bookkeeping Course.

In a statement, TESDA Secretary Suharto Mangudadatu welcomed the good turnout of the Basic Bookkeeping Course for SK treasurers but noted that there are still participants who have not been able to enroll in the program due to various reasons, including the absence of reliable internet connection in their areas.

“For those SK treasurers who were not able to enroll during their respective schedules, they can enroll and train until

February 3. After this period, enrollment shall no longer be allowed, however, those enrolled can still finish the program until February 10,” Secretary Mangudadatu emphasized.

The TESDA Chief also shared that some barangays have still to appoint their respective SK treasurers.

Upon completion of their Basic Bookkeeping Course, the SK treasurers can take their oaths and assume their posts. Afterwards, they are required to complete the full Bookkeeping NC III training program within one year and pass the mandatory competency assessment.

It can be recalled that according to Section 10 of Republic Act (RA) No. 10742, as amended by RA 11768, appointed SK treasurers “shall undergo a mandatory bookkeeping training from, and be duly certified by the TESDA before assumption to office.”

Relative to this, last January 19, Secretary

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Guimaras' Top 2 Most Wanted Person for the Crime of Rape by Sexual Assault nabbed

A 68-year-old man tagged as Guimaras' Top 2 Most Wanted Person for the Crime of RAPE BY SEXUAL ASSAULT was arrested in Sibunag, Guimaras.

Alias "Francisco" was arrested by the elements of Sibunag Municipal Police Station with the support of GPPO PIU, RIU6 PIT Guimaras, and CIDG PFU

Guimaras at 9:22 in the morning of February 8, 2024, at Brgy. Maabay, Sibunag, Guimaras.

The accused was arrested through Service of Bench Warrant under CC. Nr. 15-2278, issued by Hon. Rosario Abigail M. Dris-Villanueva, Presiding Judge, RTC6, San Miguel, Jordan, Guimaras, with NO BAIL RECOMMENDED.

The arrested individual is now under the custody of Sibunag MPS for the proper disposition of his case.

PBGEN Sidney N Villafior, RD PRO6, said, “We are continuously apprehending individuals accountable under the law, a testament that we are relentless in pursuing justice for their victims,” he said.###

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Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Panay Chapter, the Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Panay, Inc., and the Filipino-Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Iloilo, Inc. Together with the 6,000 students and faculty at the Iloilo Scholastics Academy, Hua Siong College of Iloilo, Sun Yat Sen High School of Iloilo, and Ateneo de Iloilo-SMCS, these organizations are essential to promoting cross-cultural understanding and local economic development.

Not less than Mayor

Jerry P. Treñas, who, along with Mrs. Fanny Lao Uy, President of the Iloilo Multi-Sectoral Business Organization, Inc., Fr. Manny Uy, Jr., SJ of the Santa Maria Parish, and other Filipino-Chinese local leaders started the annual Chinese New Year celebration more than two decades ago. It has consistently highlighted the significant contributions of the Tsinoy community to the city's thriving economy. Over the years, the government and community collaboration has steadily

grown, contributing positively to the city's development.

As we embrace the Year of the Dragon in 2024, we are prompted to reflect on the profound symbolism associated with this zodiac sign. The dragon symbolizes strength, dignity, honor, good fortune, and accomplishment. It is seen as a heavenly entity that personifies perfection and is unmatched in brilliance and aptitude.

Growth, expansion, and an upsurge in energy are

anticipated in the Wood Dragon year, consistent with Iloilo City's progressive character. The year 2024 is the Ben Ming Nian of individuals born in the year of the Dragon (1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000, 2012), a year marked by significant changes and possible difficulties. It is a moment to exercise patience and prudence since possibilities could replace obstacles as the year progresses.

Nonetheless, Iloilo City's Chinese New Year festival exemplifies its

cultural diversity, cohesion, and grit. Regardless of cultural backgrounds, the city unites to commemorate the common heritage of its citizens during this period. Let us embrace the principles of harmony and advancement that characterize our dynamic local Chinese-Filipino community as we usher in the Year of the Dragon. Xīn nián kuài lè!

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A 'foolish' plan

Editorial

In calling for the secession of Mindanao from the Republic, former President Rodrigo Duterte is treading on dangerous ground.

First of all, it is definitely against the 1987 Constitution. Article I defines the national territory as the Philippine archipelago with all the islands and waters embraced therein.

Second, if he and his followers insist on secession, he will have to deal with the Armed Forces of the Philippine whose duty is to secure the sovereignty of the State and the integrity of the national territory, as provided for in Sec. 3 of Article II.

While Duterte can openly advocate secession and organize people behind their advocacy as part of freedom of expression, it is another matter if they use coercion, intimidation or even advocate the use of force to pursue their misbegotten project.

Even as the Charter recognizes the right to self-determination, it refers to our relations with other states

as part of an independent foreign policy.

It does not refer to a group of people within the jurisdiction of the national government seeking to declare independence.

Duterte and his rabid supporters believe their move is based on a supposed process of the United Nations that would allow them to launch a signature campaign among people in all parts of Mindanao who want to set up a separate state.

This, the former president said, was suggested by Pantaleon Alvarez, a former Speaker of the House of Representatives, who would also go around Mindanao to gather signatures similar to a people's initiative for Charter change.

Duterte and Alvarez are both lawyers, yet they would rather spit on the 1987 Constitution and tear it to shreds in their lust for unbridled political power.

But Duterte's dream of an independent Mindanao is not likely to gather steam, as it has been roundly

rejected by right-thinking people in and out of government.

Senate President Juan Miguel Zubiri, a native of Mindanao's Bukidnon province, stated that "right now the last thing tis for our country to be chaotic and divided."

Sen. Aquilino Pimentel III, the minority leader from Mindanao, is unequivocal in his stand against secession of any part of the country's territory.

Former Supreme Court Senior Associate Justice Antonio Carpio, who also hails from Davao, dismissed Duterte's call for a separate Mindanao, describing it as "foolishness" and "sloganeering."

"This is just a slogan. There is nothing to secede, it is against the Constitution. That is threatening the integrity of the national territory," he pointed out.

We agree completely.(manilastandard)

January blues and the national backwards day

"No one wins ... by only moving forward... sometimes you have to move backward..." - Marc and Angel Chernoff

Today is the end of January. For many, it is the end of what seemingly was the longest month of the year. Facebook had been replete with memes like, "tomorrow is January 55th" and "It's still January?". Apparently, a lot of people feel that January is like a long Monday after the holidays. Some psychologists believe that the January blues or boredom affliction is caused by the ordinariness of the month compared to the frenzy of the Christmas season. It is for this reason that, in many parts of the world, some celebrate National Backwards Day on Jan. 31 to end the month with something different.

National Backwards Day is a lighthearted special day where folks are encouraged to do things in reverse or unconventional ways. "Be creative and do something unexpected" is the mantra for the day. On this day, one can speak in reverse or read a book backwards. Through lighthearted ways, people are reminded that thinking outside the box and being unconventional can be a good thing.

Other than adding some whimsy to an otherwise dreary time, going backward can also be an appropriate

strategy for certain situations and times. When the way forward seems troublesome or bleak, going backward or in another direction might be a better alternative.

Let us take career paths for instance. Traditionally, going to the cities or abroad is the logical way forward for occupational advancement. Today, a lot of millennials or even Gen X'ers are doing the reverse and going to the provinces to make a living. I have friends and family who have moved to other parts of the country to set up shops, restaurants and other related businesses or to find jobs where they don't need to go to offices in the cities.

In some industries reversing paths can sometimes be viable solutions. In the business outsourcing industry, many BPO companies are beginning to embrace AI and remove human agents. There are some companies, however, who have gone the other way. They still embrace AI but they hire more people and retool them with different skill sets to augment their services.

Traffic problems can also be an area for backward solutions. EDSA bus lane violations seem to be a common sight recently. There was one netizen who suggested that, perhaps, reversing the bus lane direction can help solve the problem. In his proposal, buses going northbound should use the southbound

OBLIQUE OBSERVATIONS

BY ATTY. GILBERT LAUENCO, J.D.

bus lane while those going southbound should use the northbound bus lane. In theory, private vehicles cannot go in and out of the bus lanes because they will run into the buses going the other way. We can then add a proviso that buses who hit private vehicles in the bus lane will have zero liability, whatsoever. By violating the bus lane, private vehicle owners are already presumed liable in collisions under the present rules. We can make the liability as absolute and remove any circumstance that can make the bus driver liable.

In politics, issue inoculation by embracing criticisms can be a better tactic than defensive engagement. When people bash candidates or cite their faults, some candidates normally fight back with excuses or throw criticisms back. Some politicians, however, embrace these criticisms and apologize for their faults.

Perhaps, moving backward rather than forward would be a better solution when you face difficulties or problems the next time around.

This is my oblique observation.

Peace toward attaining national development

“Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding,” said Albert Einstein, one of the greatest and most influential scientists of all time.

The voice of Einstein kept ringing in my ears when I participated in the National Peace Advocates Summit last week at the Hive Hotel and Convention Place in Quezon City. The summit, led by the Political Officers League of the Philippines (PolPhil), gathered more than 250 people from various sectors, including former rebels and soldiers. I was there to represent the business sector and understand the issues surrounding the illusiveness of peace in our country.

The summit aims to widen public support for the ongoing peace negotiations between the government and the National Democratic Front. It is a good political gesture for the current government to open negotiations with the NDF after peace negotiations failed in 2016. If both camps are talking, we can safely say that they are coming to an understanding, and perhaps peace will finally dawn in our land. Understanding each other may usher in peace in our country.

Philippine insurgency is rooted in the poor conditions of the people, especially in the countryside. The government continues to address these conditions, so Filipinos do not have any reason to rebel against their government. Programs to address poverty and unemployment continue to reach the broad masses of our people.

Civil society groups play a significant role in attaining peace. They can reach out to their constituents to support peace initiatives. No less than former Supreme Court Chief Justice Reynato Puno urged the summit participants to “take the position of the people and listen to their voice to have meaningful peace talks, the

intervention of the people, their participation, and the inclusion of their agenda that affects the marginal sector of society.” There are thousands of civil society organizations in our country. Our innate values to form organizations to address sectoral concerns remain one of the positive facets of our community as a whole. And perhaps it is through these organizations that we may foster the camaraderie of peace that we need most in our communities.

Undoubtedly, we have the longest communist insurgency in the world. Insurgency means there is internal strife – a rebellion happening that pits fellow Filipinos against each other. The primary casualty, however, is peace. The absence of peace hinders the economic development of our nation. Peace and development go hand-in-hand. As peace is inclusive, so is development.

I was honored to read the statement of the National Economic Protectionism Association (NEPA) during the peace summit, and we emphasized that focus should be given to economic development to build a peaceful and prosperous Philippines. Prosperity in this sense means creating opportunities for every individual, their families, and their communities. A long-lasting peace should give full economic benefits to the citizenry and prosperity to all sectors.

NEPA was established in 1934 and is the oldest organization of its kind. It advocates protectionism for local development, economic nationalism, and patriotism. It believes in the development of local businesses using locally produced materials. Just like the experiences of developed countries, the development of local industries will spur employment and numerous economic opportunities for Filipinos. National development will propel the country

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By Brian James Lu

to unprecedented new heights at various levels. Science and technology will develop, widening the prospects for our scientists and engineers in various fields.

The voice of the people must be heard in the quest for peace. Civil society organizations composed of different sectors can fill in the gaps. People’s demands usually consist of economic benefits since they are the most prevalent and immediate. But economic development is not the end of peace. There lies the importance of social development, which encompasses a wide range of issues, such as education, health care, gender equality, and community.

Just listening to the speakers at the peace summit sends shivers through my being, knowing that many of them have advocated social change in a very radical way. They have been there on the battlefield of ideology and politics. They have used the roughest method possible. But change is still wanted. Peace is still the aspiration of various sectors and the people, including former rebels and soldiers.

It is a good thing that personalities from different political spectrums are lending their hands to the quest for peace. There is hope for peace, as I saw the enthusiasm of the participants as they absorbed the input of various speakers. I realize that there is a need for more forums to discuss the aspirations of the people for peace and development.

I am hopeful that the peace advocates will continue to work to achieve their vision of peace. We need more advocates to make the people understand that peace is achievable if there is understanding from all those concerned.

Holistic support for senior citizens

Just recently, the government started the distribution of social pension payouts for indigent senior citizens in a bid to cushion the impact of inflation on rising prices of basic goods.

From a monthly stipend of PHP500, poor senior citizens will now receive double the amount at PHP1,000 per month. The said program is set to benefit over 4 million senior citizens—a sizable portion of the population, who, I believe, can continue to become active and meaningful contributors to national development.

According to the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), senior citizens covered by the social pension are those who are ineligible to receive stipends from public or private insurance firms such as the Social Security System, and Government Service Insurance System, among others.

As a senior citizen myself, I believe that there should be a more holistic approach in improving the benefits and social services available to Filipino elders. While some seniors may need more social support than others, it is crucial to review current benefits and privileges extended to all senior citizens to ensure their sufficiency and competitiveness in today's dynamic market.

For instance, we can review discounts for basic goods, public transportation, and

medicines to determine if there is a need to increase such benefits. And with the pandemic disrupting businesses, it's essential to enforce express lanes for the elderly in commercial establishments, with strict enforcement of penalties for non-compliance.

To effectively manage resources and address the needs of senior citizens, regular consultations with the elderly coming from diverse educational and economic backgrounds can provide new perspectives on their needs, the roadblocks they face in availing government services, and the challenges they encounter as seniors in the Philippines.

As a new senior citizen and veteran communicator, I understand the importance of accurate information for the elderly. It's crucial that senior citizens are informed about their benefits, as it can be a lifeline, especially for those who need greater social support.

To ensure that policies and benefits are aligned with the needs of senior citizens, a more proactive and robust information campaign is a must. After all, what good are these benefits and programs if the beneficiaries cannot or do not know how to avail of it themselves?

In this regard, both the public and private sector can work together to make our country more inclusive and age-friendly. Providing

ESPRESSO MORNINGS

BY JOE ZALDARRIAGA

social support to seniors is not just the responsibility of the state, it also represents how we value their contributions to national progress and economic development.

It's heartening to see that huge strides have already been made under the administration of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to protect and advance the welfare of senior citizens this early on.

The President launched the five-year Philippine Plan of Action for Senior Citizens (PPASC 2023-2028) last year, which aims to create a more age-friendly society and explore ways on how the government can tap the potential of the Filipino elderly. This is a welcome development given that there are around 9 million senior citizens in the country based on the 2020 national census.

While elderly Filipinos may not be as physically fit as the Gen Z and millennial workforce, they possess a wealth of experience and knowledge that can help in advancing national progress if effectively tapped.

Let's continue to work towards improving the available social services for the elderly and keep them involved and informed about their rights, benefits, and privileges.

DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **IRENEO N. QUINOVIVA, SR.** known as a **Savings Account Deposit with Land Bank of the Philippines** under **Account No. 0031-5266-20** is adjudicated to heirs **Asuncion H. Quinoviva, Ritchell P. Quinoviva, Urchin H. Quinoviva, Lilyrose Q. Baya and Florence H. Quinoviva**, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Jorge Gregori** per Doc. No. 401, Page No. 82, Book No. XXX, Series of 2024.

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DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **RONALYN GECA CHU** known as a **Condo Unit at AMAIA Land Corporation – AMAIA Skies Sta. Mesa Tower 1 Unit 521, Sta. Mesa, Metro Manila** are adjudicated to heirs **MA. SOL GECA CHU, RONALD MAQUIRAN CHU, CARINA CHRISTINE CHU JUAN HONG, AND ROMARIE JHOANNA CHU EDER**, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Nelson C. Oberas** per Doc. No. 392, Page No. 80, Book No. 229, Series of 2022.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses ILUMINADA SALVALOSA-SOLAS and MANUEL U. SOLAS** known as a parcel of land **Lot No. 8848** of the Cadastral Survey of Sta. Barbara, with improvements thereon, covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-42446** situated in the Municipality of Sta. Barbara, Iloilo with an area of **SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHT (6,108) square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **ELMA SOLAS and EVELINA S. BUENAFE**. That, the heirs/adjudicatees hereby **SELL, TRANSFER, CONVEY and DELIVER** by way of **ABSOLUTE SALE** unto **NILDA D. SUMANGHID** the above-said property, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Igmedio S. Prado, Jr.** per Doc. No. 352, Page No. 92, Book No. I, Series of 2024.

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Jobless man wanted for Carnapping nabbed in Bacolod City

The most wanted person (Station Level) for violation of RA 6539 as amended by RA 10883 or the NEW ANTI-CARNAPPING LAW, identified as Alias "Ronald," was arrested by Bacolod City Police Station 6 Tracker Team as Lead Unit together with BCPO Tracker Team at 3:45 in the afternoon of February 7, 2024, at Magsaysay Avenue, Barangay Sincang, Bacolod City, Negros Occidental.

The accused was arrested by virtue of Warrant of Arrest for Violation of RA 6539, as amended by RA 10883, the New Anti-Carnapping Law with CC. Nr. 24-58751, issued and signed by Hon. Maria Lina Palencia Gonzaga, Presiding Judge,

RTC Branch 42, Bacolod City, on February 1, 2024. BAIL RECOMMENDED is fixed at Php300, 000.00.

Arrested Individual is presently at PS6 for booking and turn over to the court of origin.

"I commend the operating units in apprehending the station's most wanted person. Our commitment to upholding the rule of law and ensuring the safety of our communities remains persistent. I appreciate the dedication of our law enforcement personnel and their continuous efforts in maintaining peace and order in the region," stated PBGen Sidney N Villaflor, Regional Director of PRO6.###



CHURCH BELLS. One of the 182-year-old church bells fabricated during the Spanish period and kept at the Parish of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Barangay Egaña in Sibalom. Engineer Jonathan De Gracia, a local history and culture advocate, said in an interview Tuesday (Feb. 6, 2024) there is a need to preserve the two bells that could serve as additional attractions in the province. (Photo courtesy of Engr. Jonathan De Gracia)

DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **ELIZABETH S. NABALTA** known as a parcel of land **Lot No. B-9-A, PSD-06-007485 (OLT)**, being a portion of Lot B-9, (LRC) PSD-61369, covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. (T-116016) 090-2019000845** situated in Brgy. Tastasan, Buenavista, Guimaras with an area of **THIRTY THOUSAND (30,000) SQUARE METERS, more or less; Savings Account with Metrobank (Foreign Currency) under Account No. 092-2-09200939-9; Savings Account with Philippine National Bank (PNB) – Iloilo Plaza Libertad Branch under Account No. 311560051330** are adjudicated to heirs **Teodorico F. Selebio and Joylyn S. Adriano**, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Shereal M. Ferrer-Vicho** per Doc. No. 200, Page No. 41, Book No. I, Series of 2024.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **LEONARDO SIMORA** known as **one-half (1/2) undivided share** on a parcel of land **Lot No. 8775-E, Psd-06-065216**, being a portion of Lot 8775, Sta. Barbara Cadastre Cad. 7, covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-216789** situated in Brgy. Binangkilan, Sta. Barbara, Iloilo with an area of **ONE HUNDRED (100) SQUARE METERS, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **LOLITA S. SIMORA, JUDITH SIMORA-SOLINAP, JOCELYN SIMORA-RIOS, AND GEMMA SIMORA-SAQUITAL**. That, the heirs/adjudicates hereby **SELL, TRANSFER, CONVEY and DELIVER** by way of **ABSOLUTE SALE** unto **NILDA D. SUMANGHID** the above-said property, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Igmedio S. Prado, Jr.** per Doc. No. 353, Page No. 92, Book No. I, Series of 2024.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION AND WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses JOSE ROBLES AND ESTRELLA LARIOS** known as a parcel of land **Lot No. 3546** of the Cadastral Survey of Sta. Barbara, with the improvements thereon, located at Delgado St., Sta. Barbara, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-3,437** with an area of **Two Hundred and Sixty Four (264) square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **Jessie L. Robles, Rebecca L. Robles-Cocoy, Irma L. Robles-Osal, Nicolas L. Robles, Jose Fernando L. Robles and Marissa L. Robles-Solivas**. That, the heirs agreed to **WAIVE, RELINQUISH, CEDE and TRANSFER** their rights and interests over the above-said property in favor of their co-heir **Marissa L. Robles-Solivas**, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Jessie G. Sullano** per Doc. No. 208, Page No. 43, Book No. XVI, Series of 2006.

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF REAL ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **MARY ANN B. VALLADOR** known as a parcel of land **Lot 3-B-10, PSD-06-033826** being a subdivision of lot 3-B, psd-06-018790, situated at Jereos Street, La Paz, Iloilo City covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-91673** is adjudicated to heirs **JOE MARIE J. VALLADOR, JOE ART B. VALLADOR, JOE-ANN MARIE B. VALLADOR, AND JOHN MICHAEL B. VALLADOR**. That, the heirs **WAIVED/RELINQUISHED** all their rights and interest over the said parcel of land in favor of **JOHN MICHAEL B. VALLADOR**, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Igmedio S. Prado, Jr.** per Doc. No. 511, Page No. 104, Book No. I, Series of 2024.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **LORETO ESPANILLO VARGAS** known as a bank deposit with **Land Bank of the Philippines** under **Account No. SA 3236 0767 91** is adjudicated to heirs **GETTY H. VARGAS AND ANGEL H. VARGAS**. That, **ANGEL H. VARGAS** waive, renounce, relinquish, transfer and convey all his rights and interests over said claim in favor of his mother **GETTY H. VARGAS**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. GEORGE H. GREGORI** per Doc. No. 60, Page No. 13, Book No. XXXI, Series of 2024.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SUBDIVISION AGREEMENT AND PARTITION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses JOSE NILO BACABAC ESPINOSA and FE LANAJA ESPINOSA** known as a parcel of land **Lot 501-H, Csd-06-000445** located at **SitioTubod, Barangay De La Paz, Banate, Iloilo** with an area of **458,285 square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs and partitioned into **14 sublots** as follows: **Lot 501-H-1** with an area of **38,828 sq.m.** to **Ma. Finlanda Espinosa**; **Lot 501-H-2** with an area of **38,828 sq.m.** to **Lurex Lanaja Espinosa**; **Lot 501-H-3** with an area of **38,828 sq.m.** to **Ma. Genia Espinosa Villa**; **Lot 501-H-4** with an area of **38,828 sq.m.** to **Alexander Lanaja Espinosa**; **Lot 501-H-5** with an area of **38,828 sq.m.** to **Bernardo Lanaja Espinosa**; **Lot 501-H-6** with an area of **38,829sq.m.** to **Clemente Lanaja Espinosa**; **Lot 501-H-7** with an area of **38,829 sq.m.** to all the adjudicatees; **Lot 501-H-8** with an area of **38,829sq.m.** to **Dionelo Lanaja Espinosa**; **Lot 501-H-9** with an area of **38,829sq.m.** to **Duralinda Espinosa Baldonasa**; **Lot 501-H-10** with an area of **20,000sq.m.** to all the adjudicatees; **Lot 501-H-11** with an area of **20,000sq.m.** to all the adjudicatees; **Lot 501-H-12** with an area of **20,000sq.m.** to **Ronilo Lanaja Espinosa**; **Lot 501-H-13** with an area of **10,000sq.m.** to **Ronilo Lanaja Espinosa**; and **Lot 501-H-14** with an area of **38,829sq.m.** to **Nilberto Lanaja Espinosa**. Entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Bronwen May A. Lagura-Gayongorsa** per Doc. No. 323, Page No. 65, Book No. VII, Series of 2023.

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TALISAY CITY'S NUMBER 8 MOST WANTED PERSON ARRESTED FOR VIOLATING 10 COUNTS OF THE BOUNCING CHECK LAW

In order to bring justice to those victims of criminal activity, a 68-year-old contractor was apprehended by the Tracker Team of Talisay Component City Police Station (Lead Unit) in Negros Occidental, alongside AKG-VFU, Bacolod City Maritime Police Station, and 1st MP 605th MC, RMFB6, for issuing bouncing checks.

A bench warrant for violating **Batas Pambansa Bilang 22 (10 counts)** was served to Alias "Joel" at Brgy. Zone

12-A, Talisay City, Negros Occidental, at around 9:03 in the morning on February 8, 2023, under Criminal Case Nos. S-638-23 to S-648-23, issued on December 27, 2023 by Hon. Mark Anthony D. Polonan, Presiding Judge of MTCC, Branch 8, Iloilo City-Iloilo, with **NO BAIL RECOMMENDED**.

The arrested person is now under the custody of Talisay CCPS before turn-over to the court where the case is pending.

PRO6's top cop, Police Brigadier General Sidney N. Villaflor, acknowledges the dedicated police officers that contributed to this victory. He emphasizes PRO6's commitment to apprehending and prosecuting those responsible for unlawful conduct. "The PRO6 will ensure that all law offenders are apprehended and justice is served for victims of criminalities," he assert.###

Historian pushes preservation of 182-year-old church bells in Antique

SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, Antique – A local historian from this province recommended the preservation of two church bells built during the Spanish period in the municipality of Sibalom. Engineer Jonathan De

Gracia, a member of the Sibalom Municipal Council on Tourism and History, on Tuesday said the 182-year-old church bells are kept at the belfry of the Parish of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Barangay Egaña but are exposed to the sun.

"The bells at the Parish of the Sacred Heart of Jesus are important treasures that have to be sheltered so it will not get rusty and will last for a longer time," De Gracia said in an interview on Tuesday. Spanish priest Fr. Julian

Nuñez assigned to the Sta. Rita De Cascia Parish Church in Sibalom town from 1839-1851 commissioned the fabrication of the bells, he said.

The bells are 91.44 centimeters tall and made **HISTORIAN / page 10**

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a summary hearing on the petition for notarial commission of **ATTY. DONNA MAE B. FERNANDEZ** shall be held on **February 20, 2024 at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon**. Any person who has any cause or reason to object to the grant of the petition may file a verified opposition thereto before the date of the summary hearing.

Barotac Viejo, Iloilo, January 31, 2024.

(SGD.) OSCAR LEO S. BILLENA
 Executive Judge

NE/Feb. 12, 2024

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
 REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
 6th JUDICIAL REGION
 OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE JUDGE
 Branch 76
 Janiuay, Iloilo
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NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a summary hearing on the petition for the notarial commission of:

Atty. GELBERT M. PALOMAR

shall be held on **March 5, 2024 at 2:00 in the afternoon** in the Office of the Executive Judge, Regional Trial Court Branch 76, Janiuay, Iloilo.

Any person who has any cause or reason to object to the grant of the petition may file a verified or written opposition thereto and should be received by the undersigned before the date of the summary hearing.

Janiuay, Iloilo, Philippines, February 2, 2024.

(SGD.) GEMALYN FAUNILLO – TAROL
 Executive Judge

NE/February 12, 2024

Republic of the Philippines
Local Civil Registry Office
 Province of: Iloilo
 City/Municipality: Pototan

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with **R.A. Act No. 9048**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **JOEM DE PEDRO DEQUITO** has filed with this office a petition for **CHANGE OF FIRST NAME** from ROSARIE ANN to **KEI ANN** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **KEI ANN PALOMO DEQUITO** was born on **JULY 15, 2011** at **Pototan, Iloilo** and whose parents are **JOEM D. DEQUITO** and **ESEL P. PALOMO**.

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

(SGD.) MARY ANN S. JARDELEZA
 Acting Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/Feb. 12, 2024 & Feb. 19, 2024

Iloilo City charts strategic roadmap to sustain dev't

ILOILO CITY – The city government here launched its newest roadmap to ensure the sustainability of the Welfare, Health, Education, Environment, Livelihood and Sustainability (WHEELS) program.

The RISE, Iloilo City Strategy Roadmap: 2028 logo was unveiled during Monday's flag-raising ceremony led by Mayor Jerry Treñas.

Treñas said it is the initiative of the Local Economic Development and Investment Promotion Office (LEDIPO) that gathered and put together the initiatives of the city government with the help of its department heads and chiefs of offices for an integrated approach in pushing for the development of the city.

"The development does not stop with us leveling up. We aim to continue going up, that is why we have come up with RISE, Iloilo City. RISE is the acronym of the core pillars of the Iloilo City strategic roadmap," LEDIPO head Velma Jane Lao said on Tuesday.

R is for Responsive and Inclusive Human Development, I for Innovative Economic Development, S for Sustainable Environment, and E for Essential Resilient Infrastructure.

The R in the logo reflects the two hands reaching out, a representation of the involvement

of all stakeholders to improve the quality of life of citizens through the expansion of social services.

The screw-like elements inside the letter I symbolize the continuous development of the city in terms of the economy, while the arrows in S are from a recycling symbol, representing how the circle of "waste life" works.

"This, as the city is committed to implementing eco-friendly practices by promoting renewable energy sources, creating green spaces, stabilizing waste management system, and raising environmental awareness," she said.

The letter E looks like a building, representing the aim of the city to build liveable and sustainable green communities through accessible and resilient infrastructure.

"The arrow pointing upward with 'Iloilo City' inside it represents the Strategic Roadmap of the City Government of Iloilo, stating all the goals, desired outcomes, and steps we will take to be among the Top 3 Most Competitive Highly Urbanized Cities in the Philippines by 2028," Lao added.

The city also uses the tagline "Sustaining WHEELS" because it does not replace the WHEELS project but ensures its continuity. (PNA)

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

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of Republic Act Number 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **LIBERTY SINOY PEREZ** has filed with this Office a petition for Change of First Name from **HEGELEN** to **LIBERTY** in the birth certificate of **HEGELEN B. SINOY** who was born on **January 18, 1959** at **Janiuay, Iloilo** and whose parents are **Marcelino Sinoy** and **Monina Borro**.

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

(SGD.) ANA LISA M. CORNELIO
 OIC-Office of the Mun. Civil Registrar

NE/Feb. 12, 2024 & Feb. 19, 2024

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

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of Republic Act Number 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **CELINA SAMANIEGO ESPINA** has filed with this Office a petition for Change of First Name from **CELY** to **CELINA** in the birth certificate of **CELY ACLARACION SAMANIEGO** who was born on **June 29, 1966** at **Janiuay, Iloilo** and whose parents are **Francisco S. Samaniego** and **Angelica C. Aclaracion**.

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

(SGD.) ANA LISA M. CORNELIO
 OIC-Office of the Mun. Civil Registrar

NE/Feb. 12, 2024 & Feb. 19, 2024



ROADMAP. Mayor Jerry Treñas (second from left) leads in unveiling the logo of the city's RISE, Iloilo City roadmap during the flag-raising ceremony on Monday (Feb. 5, 2024). "RISE is the acronym of the core pillars of the Iloilo City strategic roadmap," said the Local Economic Development and Investment Promotion Office (LEDIPO) head Velma Jane Lao on Tuesday (Feb. 6). (PNA photo by PGLena)

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of copper.

He said there used to be a copper mine in Barangays Carawisan and Bongbongan in Sibalom in the 1840s that could have helped realize the commissioning of the two bells.

He added that while they are no longer in use, they are considered treasures of the Diocese of Antique and important cultural properties of Sibalom.

When preserved, they could be additional tourist

attractions in the province.

The Sta. Rita De Cascia Parish Church lent the bells to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the 1950s and stayed there until today.

De Gracia further said other churches in Antique

also had copper bells, including Bugasong, San Jose de Buenavista, Hamtic, and Anini-y.

"Only rich churches before could afford to have such bells made," he said. (PNA)

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. 10172, a notice is hereby served to the public that **FULLYN DELMO** has filed with this office a Petition for Correction in the Entry of Sex from "**FEMALE**" to "**MALE**" in the birth certificate of **FULLYN PEPITO DELMO** who was born on **July 9, 1995** at **Lanas, 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/Feb. 5, 2024 & Feb. 12, 2024

Republic of the Philippines
Local Civil Registry Office
Province of: Iloilo
City/Municipality: Pototan

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

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. No. 10172**). Notice is hereby served to the public that **BONIFACIO P. PEOLLO JR.** has filed with this office a petition for correction of entry in **CHILD'S DATE OF BIRTH** from **JULY 17, 1976** to **JULY 18, 1976** in her Certificate of Live Birth who was born on **JULY 18, 1976** at **Pototan, Iloilo** and whose parents are **BONIFACIO PEOLLO** and **ERLINDA PANAGDATO**.

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

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

NE/Feb. 12, 2024 & Feb. 19, 2024

Republic of the Philippines
Local Civil Registry Office
Province of: Iloilo
City/Municipality: Pototan

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with **R.A. Act No. 9048**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **ROSE ANNE G. DEOCAMPO** has filed with this office a petition for **CHANGE OF FIRST NAME** from **TERENCE** to **LORETO** in her Certificate of Live Birth who was born on **APRIL 25, 1963** at **Pototan, Iloilo** and whose parents are **JOSE DEOCAMPO** AND **TERESITA FRANCO**.

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

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

NE/Feb. 12, 2024 & Feb. 19, 2024

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EJF Case No. 23-17

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

FIRST STANDARD FINANCE CORPORATION (Formerly FIRST STANDARD LENDING CORPORATION)
Petitioner/s-Mortgagee/s,

-versus-

**MARIA C. CARISMA,
JANETTE C. ROBLES,
EMMANUEL D. PASPE,**
Respondent/s-Mortgagor/s.

X-----X

AMMENDED SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 filed **FIRST STANDARD FINANCE CORPORATION (Formerly FIRST STANDARD LENDING CORPORATION)** against **MARIA C. CARISMA, JANETTE C. ROBLES and EMMANUEL D. PASPE** to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which, as of **March 23, 2023** amounts to **SIX MILLION FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR AND 47/100 (P6,585,554.47) PESOS ONLY**, the undersigned Deputy Sheriff will sell at public auction on **March 26, 2024**, at **10:00 AM**, or soon thereafter, at the main entrance of the Regional Trial Court Branch 76, Janiuay, Iloilo to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine Currency the following properties with all its improvements, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. CLOA T-18404

A PARCEL OF LAND (Lot 6259-B, Psd-06-071549 (AR), being a portion of Lot 6259 Cad. 261, Cabatuan Cadastre, situated in the Barangay of Gines Calzada, Municipality of Cabatuan, Province of Iloilo, Island of Panay.

Bounded on the W & NW, along lines 1-2-3-4-5 by Lot 7094, Cad 261, Cabatuan Cadastre, on the NE, along line 5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12- by Lot 6259-A; on the SE., & SW. m along lines 12-13-14-15 by Lot 6259-P (Road), both of this subd plan, on the W., along lines 15-1 by Lot 7094, Cad 261, Cabatuan Cadastre.

Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan, being S 22-31 W., 1,084.06 m. from MBM No. 34, Cad. 261, Cabatuan Cadastre, thence;

- N. 31-31 W., 45.19 m. to pt. 2;
- N. 58-15 W., 27.13 m. to pt. 4;
- S. 66-37 E., 60.92 m. to pt. 6;
- S. 52-43 E., 23.03 m. to pt. 8;
- S. 27-54 E., 12.93 m. to pt. 10;
- S. 36-16 E., 32.62 m. to pt. 12;
- S. 14-54 W., 53.18 m. to pt. 14;
- N. 10-39 E., 23.03 m. to pt. 1;
- N. 00-40 E., 36.48 m. to pt. 3;
- N. 11-22 E., 95.01 m. to pt. 5;
- N. 28-23 E., 20.82 m. to pt. 7;
- S. 59-12 E., 38.95 m. to pt. 9;
- S. 27-10 W., 17.06 m. to pt. 11;
- S. 16-50 W., 90.90 m. to pt. 13;
- N. 70-07 W., 76.14 m. to pt. 15;

Point of beginning.

Containing an area of **TWENTY THREE THOUSAND SEVENTY FOUR (23,074) square meters more or less.**

Registered in the name of Maria C. Carisma, of legal age, Filipino, widow and a resident of Brgy. Gines Calzada, Cabatuan, Iloilo.

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

In the event the public auction shall not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **April 02, 2024 at 10:00 AM**, without further notice.

Janiuay, Iloilo, Philippines, **January 15, 2024.**

(SGD.) ATTY. MA. JUANNA ESTER D. SENUPE
Ex-Officio Sheriff
Clerk of Court VI

(SGD.) CARLO M. YAP
Sheriff IV

NE/February 5, 12 & 19, 2024

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-versus-

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MELLIZA GLAIZE Y. DELA TORRE**
Respondent/s-Mortgagor/s

X-----X

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 filed **FIRST STANDARD FINANCE CORPORATION (Formerly FIRST STANDARD LENDING CORPORATION)** against **CECILIA C. CARISMA and MELLIZA GLAIZE Y DE LA TORRE** to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which, as of **October 25, 2023** amounts to **FOUR MILLION TWO HUNDRED NINETY-ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIVE PESOS AND 20/100 (P4,291,305.20)** only, the undersigned Deputy Sheriff will sell at public auction **March 26, 2024**, at **10:00 AM**, or soon thereafter, at the main entrance of the Regional Trial Court Branch 76, Janiuay, Iloilo to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine Currency the following properties with all its improvements, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. CLOA T-18415

A PARCEL OF LAND (Lot 6259-M, Psd-06-071549 (AR), being a portion of Lot 6259 Cad. 261, Cabatuan Cadastre, situated in the Barangay of Gines Calzada, Municipality of Cabatuan, Province of Iloilo, Island of Panay.

Bounded on the NE, along line 1-2 by Lot 6225; along line 2-3 by Lot 6198; on the along line 3-4 by Lot 6197; on the SE., along line 4-5 by Lot 6195; on the S., along lines 5-6-7 by Lot 6260, all of Cad 261 Cadastre; on the SW & W., along lines 7-8-9 by lot 6259-H., along lines 9-10-11-12 by Lot 6259-P (Road), both of this subd. plan; on the NE, along line 12-1 by Lot 6255, Cad. 261, Cabatuan, Cadastre.

Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan., being S. 05-13 E., 968.41 m. from MBM No. 34, Cad. 261, Cabatuan Cadastre, thence;

S.	74-04 E.,	51.87	m.	to pt.	2
S.	57-35 E.,	17.27	m.	to pt.	3
S.	04-18 E.,	154.11	m.	to pt.	4
S.	49-40 W.,	51.35	m.	to pt.	5
N.	52-32 W.,	109.35	m.	to pt.	6
S.	35-58 W.,	42.20	m.	to pt.	7
N.	68-55 W.,	99.96	m.	to pt.	8
N.	22-44 E.,	17.37	m.	to pt.	9
N.	64-56 E.,	15.86	m.	to pt.	10
N.	65-06 E.,	37.66	m.	to pt.	11
N.	35-57 E.,	145.01	m.	to pt.	12
S.	63-16 E.,	30.92	m.	to pt.	1

point of beginning

Containing an area of **THIRTY THOUSAND (30,000) square meters more or less.**

Registered in the name of Cecilia C. Carisma, of legal age, Filipino, single and a resident of Brgy. Gines Calzada, Cabatuan, Iloilo.

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

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Janiuay, Iloilo, Philippines, **January 23, 2024.**

(SGD.) ATTY. MA. JUANNA ESTER D. SENUPE
Ex. Office Sherriff
Clerk of Court VI

(SGD.) CARLO M. YAP
Sheriff IV

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LGU eyes dev't of export products ahead of port modernization



THINKING AHEAD. Mayor Jerry Treñas is excited about the economic opportunities from the looming modernization of the Iloilo Commercial Port Complex in Lapuz district. He has instructed the Local Economic Development and Investment and Promotion Office to meet with economic development managers of other provinces in Western Visayas to discuss the development of export-quality agriculture-based products. (PNA photo by PGLena)

ILOILO CITY – Mayor Jerry Treñas on Monday cited the need to develop export-quality agriculture-based products in preparation for the modernization of the Iloilo Commercial Port Complex (ICPC) in Lapuz district.

In a briefing, Treñas said he has instructed the Local Economic Development and Investment and Promotion Office to gather economic development officers of various provinces and meet with representatives from the Department of Trade and Industry and the Department of Agriculture to develop export products.

“We can push the products of each province. Once the port modernization is complete, they have already developed their respective export products. The advantage is, there will be lesser shipment cost

considering (that) ships no longer have cargoes when returning to their respective origin,” he said.

Among the initial products eyed are dried mangoes, pineapple, and furniture.

Aside from export opportunities, Treñas said other benefits of the port modernization include cheaper cost of goods like construction materials and agricultural inputs like fertilizer, chemical, and rice imports since vessels can dock directly at the port instead of passing Cebu or Manila.

“Considering the Manila and Cebu ports are very congested, other places in Visayas and maybe Mindanao may opt to proceed here,” he said.

“We will develop some products to be sent abroad because vessels will come

from the United States, South America, China, and Europe. This is a very positive development for us, and this will impact not only the city but the province as well. And the whole region (too),” he added.

Last week, the Philippine Ports Authority issued the notice of award to the International Container Terminal Services Inc. (ICTSI) to develop and manage the ICPC with a total project cost of over PHP10.5 billion.

The ICPC will be named Visayas Container Terminal once ICTSI takes over and manages the port complex for 25 years.

The facility has 627 meters of operational quay length and 20 hectares of land for container and general cargo storage, warehousing, and other cargo-handling activities. (PNA)

GCash, NBI partnership leads to arrest of more cybercriminals

Immediately following the landmark MOA signing of the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) and GCash, the solidified commitment has already led to consecutive successful arrests of cybercriminals. This time, seven individuals in Quezon City were apprehended for defrauding GCash customers.

Inquest proceedings followed the arrest at the Quezon City prosecutor's office on charges of violating Republic Act 8484, or the Access Devices Regulation Law, in relation to RA 10175, the Cybercrime Prevention Act, and RA 11934, also known as the Subscriber Identity Module Registration Law.

“This is a strong testament to our partnership in action. We congratulate the NBI on the successful arrest of the sellers, users, and maintainers of mule accounts. This is a win for us all as we continue to work towards our mission to protect the Filipino people and their hard-earned money,” G-Xchange, Inc. president and CEO Ren-ren Reyes said.

“The world is changing, and crimes are also changing along with it. Before, we called ourselves traditional investigators. Now, to face the challenge, we have to reinvent ourselves to face cybercriminals. As more and more Filipinos embrace the digital space for their daily transactions and investments, it's critical for law enforcement agencies to have an active partner like GCash with whom we exchange technical knowledge and expertise

on the latest cybersecurity measures. This partnership is a big milestone in our shared fight against scammers, fraudsters, and other cybercriminals,” NBI director Medardo De Lemos said during the recent MOA signing held between both parties.

From January 2022 to 2023, GCash and NBI blocked over 4 million accounts involved in fraudulent activities on the app and arrested top fraudsters who have been victimizing customers through fake social media pages and digital storefronts.

In line with its mission to protect Filipinos' cyber security in pursuit of digital financial inclusion, GCash continues to strengthen its collaboration with NBI to further intensify their shared campaign against scammers and fraudsters, and ultimately apprehend scammers who victimize its users. We are committed to protecting the information of our customers. Alongside this, GCash remains committed to safeguarding the information of its customers in accordance with global privacy and security standards.

GCash also continues to remind and urge its users to be extra vigilant when making transactions online. Likewise, GCash advises Filipinos to never interact with someone online without verifying the person's identity and to never share personal details such as banking details, and any other sensitive and personal information to avoid getting scammed

Negros Occidental to use solar energy for provincial gov't buildings

BACOLOD CITY – The Negros Occidental provincial government will soon utilize solar power to energize its main office buildings as part of the initiatives to go renewable to ensure power security for Negrenses.

Governor Eugenio Jose Lacson said in a statement on Tuesday the province will bid out the works for the utilization of solar panels, based on the result of the energy audit.

“As a result of this energy audit, the provincial government will soon bid out the solarization of seven provincial buildings, the biggest of which is the Negros First Cyber Centre,” he said.

Lacson said that since 2023, he initiated the energy

audit for the Provincial Capitol and other key provincial buildings to “set an example in action, not just words.”

“I enjoin everyone, particularly our local government units, to do the same, starting with grid tied rooftop solar systems,” he added.

On Monday afternoon, Lacson and former governor Rafael Coscolluela, the provincial consultant on energy and environment concerns, led the launch of the SecuRE Negros campaign as a commitment to energy security through the support for distributed energy systems or distributed energy resource models, and the use of renewable energy sources.

Negros Occidental has

a total installed renewable energy capacity of 510 megawatts produced by 16 power plants, among these are eight biomass and six solar plants and one battery energy storage system.

However, the province does not directly consume the power it produces, the study showed.

The governor acknowledged that ensuring energy security for the province is “not an easy, short-term endeavor,” adding that “it requires careful study, strategic planning and implementation, and continuous consultation.”

“In this, we have been proactive, strategic, and consultative,” he said.

Lacson said the province

has been proactive by anticipating future energy challenges given the periodic power outages the Negrenses have been experiencing for so long through a research-based assessment of the real power situation as a basis for policy-making.

The Provincial Power Sector Study Group was created in 2021 to assess the province's current power situation and propose policy measures and other recommendations, and Negros Occidental Power Sector Assessment Study research team was subsequently formed in 2022.

“We have been strategic by utilizing the information collected from the study and examining it against the backdrop of bigger challenges such as impending energy and climate crises,” he said.

“We have been and continue to be consultative because what affects us all must involve us all. We are for a just transition that is fair and inclusive, too, not just any transition,” he added.

Lacson said that this year, the province will conduct power summits to consult all stakeholders to develop the Negros Occidental Energy Development Road Map, hold a Renewable Energy Week, and ask the Provincial Board to pass a Renewable Energy Ordinance.

“These are only for 2024. We will have more to work on together after we have jointly developed the Negros Occidental Energy Development Road Map,” he said. (PNA)



ENERGY SECURITY. The launch of the SecuRE Negros campaign led by Negros Occidental Governor Eugenio Lacson and former governor Rafael Coscolluela at the Capitol Social Hall in Bacolod City on Monday (Feb. 5, 2024). The campaign underscores the province's commitment to energy security through the support for distributed energy systems or distributed energy resource models, and using renewable energy sources. (PNA Bacolod photo)

Mayor: Chinese community helps develop Iloilo City

ILOILO CITY – Iloilo City will celebrate the Chinese New Year as an acknowledgment of the significant contribution of the Filipino-Chinese community on the city's development.

Mayor Jerry P. Treñas, in a briefing on Monday, said they started the celebration, now on its 20th year, with only three persons as organizers and later expanded with the help of various Chinese associations and schools.

“What is the contribution? The employment is huge. The development of our city is faster,” the mayor said.

One of the projects that involve the Chinese-Filipino community is the construction of the PHP247 million Housing Balance Compliance Project of

the SM Development Corporation (SMDC), with 120 residential units at the Usrag Subdivision in Barangay San Isidro, Jaro.

Treñas said the socialized housing project for low-income employees of the city hall is ready for turnover in the second quarter of this year.

Another project is the rehabilitation of the city's public markets.

“Our local Chinese community, we see them in businesses, giving employment (opportunities),” he added

Chinese New Year will fall on February 10 this year and celebrations in the city will start on Feb. 6 with the opening program and cultural exhibit featuring major



READY FOR CELEBRATION. Chinese lanterns adorn Iloilo City's Iznart Street to usher in the Chinese New Year on Feb 10, 2024. The local government has recognized the contribution of the Chinese community in the development of Iloilo City. (PNA photo by PGLena)

festivals in China at the SM City Iloilo.

There will be a sneak preview of the Quanzhou puppet show at the SM

City on Feb. 8; a grand parade and cultural show at the Filipino-Chinese Friendship Arc in Iznart Street, also known as the

“Chinatown of Iloilo”, on Feb. 9; and a Chinese New Year Thanksgiving

in the morning of Feb. 11 and closing ceremony at the Park Square, Festive Walk Parade in the afternoon. (PNA)

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online. To report scams and fraudulent activities, visit the official GCash Help Center at help.gcash.com/hc/en-us or message Gigi on the website and type, “I want to report a scam.” GCash will never

send users personal messages to address concerns or get personal details, especially the MPIN and one-time PIN (OTP). Customers can also reach out to the official GCash hotline at 2882 for queries and other concerns.

Tighter measures vs. drugs in W. Visayas ports, wharves pushed


ILOILO CITY – Operators of seaports and wharves in Western Visayas are enjoined to install and maintain operational x-ray devices and to have narcotics sniffing dogs to address the proliferation of illegal drugs in the region.

Resolution number 01, signed by 19-member agencies of the Regional Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee (RLECC), a copy of which was furnished to the media on Monday, also called for additional deployment of personnel of the


Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) and the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) for the aggressive and sustained campaign.

The X-ray device provides clear and unobtrusive views of items hidden in containers, while

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



JONATHAN M. DAGOS **CASE NO. MRO VI 24-001**

NOTICE OF HEARING

Applicant requested for Approval of Sale and Transfer of Ownership of the vessel named **MBca "SENTOSA"** owned by **EDMON & NERISSA PELINGON (VENDOR)** to **JONATHAN M. DAGOS (VENDEE)**.

This application will be heard by this Authority on **27 February 2024, 2:00 PM** at Maritime Regional Office VI Bldg., De La Rama St., Iloilo City, at which herein applicant shall present its/his/her/their evidence. Before the start of the actual hearing, a pre-hearing shall be conducted in accordance with Rule 7 of the Interim Rules of Practice and Procedure.

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


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

WITNESS, the MARINA Administrator, **Hon. Sonia B. Malaluan, this 5th day of February 2024.**


BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR:

JEFFREY A. BANGSA
Regional Director

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



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

LUZVILLA E. BONDOC **Case No. MRO VI 20-032**
Applicant. **1st CPC Amendment**

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ORDER

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

ROUTE/S TO BE SERVED:				
BORACAY ISLAND AND ITS VICINITIES WITHIN THREE (3) NAUTICAL MILES RADIUS AND/OR BORACAY ISLAND TO BURUANGA ISLAND AND ITS VICINITIES WITHIN THREE (3) NAUTICAL MILES RADIUS AND VICE VERSA				
Name of Additional Vessel				
OWNED BY APPLICANT	GT	Hull	Type of Service	Passage Rate
M/Y LUZVILLA II	26.07	FIBERGLASS	Carriage of	Per Contract Basis
M/Y LUZVILLA III	27.65	FIBERGLASS		
S/B HORIZON	3.67	FIBERGLASS	Tourist/ Guest	
S/B AQUALIFE DIVERS	3.67	FIBERGLASS		

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

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

The Applicant shall present the jurisdictional, qualification and documentary requirements in a summary proceeding to be conducted on **23 February 2024 at 10:00 A.M.** at the Maritime Regional Office VI Building, De La Rama St., Iloilo City, which is within seven (7) days from the date of publication/posting.


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

WITNESS, the MARINA Administrator, **Hon. Sonia B. Malaluan, this 31st day of January 2024.**


BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR:

JEFFREY A. BANGSA
Regional Director

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



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



MARVIN T. CASIDSID **CASE NO. MRO VI 23-055**

NOTICE OF HEARING

Applicant requested for Approval of Sale and Transfer of Ownership of the vessel named **MBca "PRECY LADY 1"** owned by the heirs of **PETER B. CASIDSID**, namely, **MARLYN T. CASIDSID, MARVIN T. CASIDSID, PRECY T. CASIDSID, MARLON T. CASIDSID, MARLOU T. CASIDSID, CRIS T. CASIDSID, PERLYN T. CASIDSID, PIA MAE T. CASIDSID AND MIA T. CASIDSID (VENDEE)**, to **MARVIN T. CASIDSID (VENDEE)**.

This application will be heard by this Authority on **27 February 2024, 10:00 AM** at Maritime Regional Office VI Bldg., De La Rama St., Iloilo City, at which herein applicant shall present its/his/her/their evidence. Before the start of the actual hearing, a pre-hearing shall be conducted in accordance with Rule 7 of the Interim Rules of Practice and Procedure.

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

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

WITNESS, the MARINA Administrator, **Hon. Sonia B. Malaluan, this 5th day of February 2024.**

BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR:

JEFFREY A. BANGSA
Regional Director

nia/mma
Vendor: Heirs of Peter B. Casidsid
Address: Yapak, Malay, Aklan
Vendee: Marvin T. Casidsid
Address: Yapak, Malay, Aklan
Office of the Solicitor General 134 Amorsolo St., Makati FS, Manila
File

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
 6TH Judicial Region
**OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
 AND EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF OF ILOILO**
 Barotac Viejo, Iloilo
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EJF NO. 2023-536

FOR:
 EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF
 REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER
 ACT 3135 as AMENDED by Act No. 4118

RURAL BANK OF SAN MIGUEL (ILOILO), INC.,
 Petitioner-Mortgagee,

-versus-

REYGAN P. LITERATO
 Respondent-Mortgagor.

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage under Act 3135, as amended by Act No. 4118 filed by the petitioner-mortgagee **RURAL BANK OF SAN MIGUEL (ILOILO), INC.,** is a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal office address at R.V Sanchez Street, Poblacion, San Miguel, Iloilo, against respondent-mortgagor **REYGAN P. LITERATO**, of legal age, Filipino, married and a resident of Barangay Bon-Bon, Lambunao, Iloilo, Philippines, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of August 2023 amounted to **ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND AND SIX HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE PESOS (Php1,552,631.00)**, Philippines Currency, inclusive of accrued interest, service charge and other charges, plus attorney's fees, and all other expenses incidental expenses but excluding publication cost, sheriff's legal expenses of foreclosure and auction sale, the Ex-Officio Sheriff of Barotac Viejo, Iloilo or his/her duly authorized deputies will sell at public auction on **MARCH 08, 2024** at 10 o'clock in the morning at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Don Ramon Tugbang Bldg., Lopez Jaena Corner B. Causing St., Brgy. Poblacion, Barotac Viejo, Iloilo, to the HIGHEST BIDDER for CASH or MANAGER'S CHECK and in Philippine Currency, the following real properties with all the improvements found thereon, to wit:

**KATIBAYAN NG ORIHINAL NA TITULO
 BLG. CARP2015001482
 F-063038-09-18162**

"A parcel of land (Lot No. 572, Cad 781-D identical to Lot 3415-S, Csd-06-010320 San Dionisio, Iloilo); Bounded on the NW along line 1-2 by lot 4571, Cad 81-D identical to Lot 3415-R; on the NE along line 2-3 by Lot 4575, Cad 781-D identical to Lot 3415-V; on the NE., and SE., along line 3-4 by Lot 3414, Cad 781-D and on the SW along lines 4-5 by Lot 4569, Cad. 781-D identical to lot 3415-P containing an area of **Two Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-One (2,931) square meters more or less** with all improvement thereon registered under **Romeo Francisco.**"

**KATIBAYAN NG ORIHINAL NA TITULO
 BLG. CARP2015000892
 F-063038-09-18178**

"A parcel of land (Lot No. 4569, Cad 781-D identical to Lot 3415-P, Csd-06-010230 San Dionisio, Iloilo); Bounded on the N along line 1-2-3-4 by lot 4570, Cad 981-D identical to Lot 3415-Q and along line 4-5 by Lot 4571 Cad 781-D identical to Lot 3415-R Csd-06-010320; on the NE along line 5-6-7- by lot 4572, Csd 781-D identical to Lot 3415-C; on the SE, along 7-8 by lot 3414 Cad 781-D; on the SW along lines 8-9-10 by lot 4567, Cad 781-D identical to Lot 3415-N, Csd-06-010320 and on the W along line 10-11-12-13-14-15-1 by Lot 4568, cad 781-D identical to Lot 3415-O, Csd-06010320 containing an area of **Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Three (12,893) square meters more or less** with all improvements thereon registered under **Haide Francisco.**"

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the aforementioned date and time. In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **MARCH 15, 2024** without further notice.

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

Iloilo City City, Philippines, January 31, 2024.

(SGD.) ATTY. CARMELA ROSARIO C. PASQUIN
 Clerk of Court VI
 & Ex-Officio OCC Sheriff

(SGD.) JOEMAR V. BOLANTE
 Branch 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.

Post Contract Award Disclosure Summary Report										
Procuring Entity		DPWH - Iloilo 3rd District Engineering Office								
Reporting Period		From : January 1, 2024			TO : January 31, 2024					
Youtube Channel Name		DPWH Iloilo 3rd DEO Procurement LS				YouTube Handle :		@DPWH.Iloilo3.DE0		
Youtube Channel URL		https://www.youtube.com/								
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No.	Contract ID and Name	Approved Budget for the Contract	Mode of Procurement	Winning Bidder's Information		Awarded Contract Price	Date of Award (Issuance)	Date of Acceptance (Conforme)	Contract Period	IU
				Name	Official Address					
1	24GH0023 - Construction of Concrete Road- Balasan Diversion Rd, Balasan, Iloilo	96,500,000.00	Competitive Bidding	Virgin Builders Construction	E. Reyes Avenue, Estancia, Iloilo	95,535,178.20	01/31/2024	01/31/2024	222	DPWH - Iloilo 3rd DEO
2	24GH0038 - Construction of Road Slope Protection Structure - Iloilo East Coast- Capiz Rd - K0239+246 - K0239+482	100,205,600.00	Competitive Bidding	IBC International Builders Corporation	58 Avanceña St, Molo, Iloilo City	99,678,718.69	01/31/2024	01/31/2024	241	DPWH - Iloilo 3rd DEO
3	24GH0042 - Rehabilitation/Major Repair of Flood Control Structure - Rehabilitation of Seawall, Barangay Poblacion, Carles, Iloilo	59,288,635.00	Competitive Bidding	A.D. Pendon Construction & Supply, Inc.	Avanceña Subdivision, Sto Niño Sur, Arevalo, Iloilo City	59,088,517.21	01/31/2024	02/01/2024	203	DPWH - Iloilo 3rd DEO

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned, hereby attest and certify under penalty of perjury that this report and all information submitted herein is true and correct to the best of our knowledge. We understand that should any information submitted prove to be inaccurate, erroneous, or incomplete, the necessary civil, criminal, and/or administrative sanctions, as may be applicable and proper, may be imposed against us individually.

RONIL B. TUPAS
 Procurement Unit Head
 Date: 2-01-2024

RITCHEL B. MONDIA
 BAC Chairperson
 Date: 2-01-2024

TESDA execs join preparations for 47th WorldSkills competition

As part of its continuing bid to ensure that the level of the country's tech-voc training is at par with international standards, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) officials participated in the WorldSkills Lyon 2024 Competition Preparation Week in France.

TESDA Deputy Director General and Official Delegate Aniceto Bertiz III

led the Philippine delegation in France from January 28 to February 2 in line with the Philippines' participation in the 2024 WorldSkills International and the hosting of the 14th WorldSkills ASEAN Philippines 2025.

In a statement, TESDA Secretary Suharto Mangudadatu emphasized that joining international events such as the Competition Preparation Week will help the agency

better understand the processes of designing, preparing, and managing skills competitions that are consistently and reliably capable of supporting excellent vocational performance.

"Through this event, TESDA shall initiate partnerships with international organizations and global partners in line with the Philippine hosting of the 14th WorldSkills

ASEAN in 2025, and ensure constant updating and improvement in standards and assessment, in keeping with best practice and development in work and vocational education and training worldwide," the TESDA chief said.

The Competition Preparation Week brings members and global partners together to discuss competition updates and ongoing planning. It involves discussions, finalization of the infrastructure list, workshop layouts, and tools and equipment requirements for the competition itself.

TESDA has been collaborating with international partners and joining international competitions to ensure that the country's tech-voc training is at par with prevailing benchmarks. Further, Philippine competitors in skills competitions abroad have likewise been successful in bringing home medals and other accolades in the past.



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narcotics sniffing dogs have been effective in gathering evidence for the filing of cases under the Republic Act 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002.

The RLECC, chaired by Brig. Gen. Sidney Villaflor of the Police Regional Office 6 (PRO6), said that from Jan. 1 to Sept. 30, 2023, the 1,706 anti-illegal drug operations seized over 33 kilograms of shabu and 2.2 kilograms of marijuana with a total value of PHP228 million.

The series of operations also apprehended 2,225 drug personalities, it said.

In January this year, PRO6 seized 7,713.15 grams of shabu valued at over PHP52 million and apprehended 237 personalities from 185 operations.

"Illegal drug trafficking and smuggling through roll on-roll off (RORO) vessels and by the use of public/private transportation are the primary means of transporting large volumes of illegal drugs in the region," the 12-page resolution said.

It added the use of technology and the growing popularity of courier services and bank-to-bank or wireless cash transfers are the preferred modes of payment.

"Security measures to be implemented at seaports and public transportation terminals remain a big challenge in denying the entry of illegal drugs as they serve as a common gateway, along with the new norm of transaction and movement of illegal drugs in the region through the use of social

media platforms and online payment applications," the RLECC said.

Based on its intelligence information, the drug distribution in the region was dominated by the "Happy Go Lucky Gang" and the "Batang Cebu Gang" inside the New Bilibid Prison in Muntinlupa City.

The RLECC resolution will be furnished to the Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC) and other concerned agencies and instrumentalities for appropriate action. (PNA)

Republic Of The Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
 6th Judicial Region
OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF
 C.J. Ramon Q. Avanceña Hall of Justice
 Iloilo City
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FORECLOSURE NO. F-10889-23
 (Branch 27, RTC-Iloilo City)

EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED

CHINA BANK SAVINGS, INC.,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPS. JAYLORD L. BILLONES and
CLAIROL D. BILLONES,
Mortgagors,

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 filed by the **mortgagee, CHINA BANK SAVINGS, INC.**, with principal place of business at CBS Building, No. 314 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, Philippines office, against the **mortgagors, SPS, JAYLORD L. BILLONES and CLAIROL D. BILLONES** both of legal age, Filipinos, and with known addresses at Zone 1-B 034 Brgy. Boulevard, Iloilo City; and Lot 46 Blk. 5, Ciudad De Iloilo, Brgy. Calumpang, Molo, Iloilo City, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **October 31, 2023**, amounted to **SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-FOUR PESOS AND 22/100 (P784,494.22)**, Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges, the **Ex-Officio Sheriff of Iloilo** or his **lawful deputy** will **SELL** at Public Auction on **FEBRUARY 20, 2024**, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at Ground Floor, Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, C.J. 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 properties with all existing improvements if any, to wit:

TCT NO. 095-2017001930

"A PARCEL OF LAND (Lot 46, Block 5, PCS-06-006158), being a portion the consolidation-subdivision of Lots 1 To 59, Block 8; Lots 1 To 61, Block 9; Lots 1 To 64, Block 10; Lots 1 To 67, Block 11; Lots 1 To 69, Block 12; Road Lots 8 To 13; all of PCS-06-005336; situated in Brgy. Calumpang and Calaparan, District of Molo and A r e v a l o , Respectively, City of Iloilo, Island of Panay. xxx Containing an area of **THIRTY SIX (36) SQUARE METERS, more or less.**"

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **February 27, 2024**, at the same time and place aforementioned without further notice.

Iloilo City, Philippines, **January 10, 2024.**

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

(SGD.) ERIC GEORGE S. LUNTAO
 Sheriff-In-Charge

NE/Jan.29, February 5 & 12, 2024

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EJF Case No. 23-20

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

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

Petitioner/s-Mortgagee/s,

-versus-

ANDY F. ALAG
 Respondent/s-Mortgagor/s

X-----X

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 filed **HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (POPULARLY KNOWN AS PAG-IBIG FUND)** against **ANDY F. ALAG** to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which, as of July 31, 2023 amounts to **one million nine hundred thirty-four thousand four hundred five pesos and 05/100 (P1,934,405.05)** only, the undersigned Deputy Sheriff will sell at public auction **March 26, 2024, at 10:00 AM**, or soon thereafter, at the main entrance of the Regional Trial Court Branch 76, Janiuay, Iloilo to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine Currency the following properties with all its improvements, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2010000610

A PARCEL OF LAND (Lot 600-D-2, PSD-06-074163, being a portion of Lot 600-D, PSD-06-000778 (AMD.), situated in Brgy. Tabucan, Municipality of Cabatuan, Prov. of Iloilo, Island of Panay. Bounded on the SW; along line 1-2 by Lot 538; along line 2-3 by lot 437; both of Cabatuan Cad 261; on the NW; along line 3-4 by Lot 600-A, PSD-06-000778 (AMD); on the NE; along line 4-5 by Lot 600-D-1 of this subd. survey; on the SE; along line 5-1 by Lot 502, Cabatuan Cad. 261. Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan, being N. 67 deg. 37' W., 76.28 M. from BBM. No. 107, Cabatuan Cad. 261; thence N. 59 deg. 11' W., 8.57 m. to point 2; thence N. 48 deg. 57' W., 16.08 m. to point 3 thence N. 27 deg. 45' E., 21.46 M. to point 4; thence S. 62 deg. 09' E., 22.03 M. to point 5; thence S. 22 deg. 55'W., 25.68 m to point of beginning; containing an area of **five hundred fifty-four (554) square meters more or less.**

Owner: **ANDY ALAG**, single, of legal age, Filipino
 Address: Brgy. Tabucan, Cabatuan, Iloilo

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

In the event the public auction shall not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **April 02, 2024 at 10:00 AM**, without further notice.

Janiuay, Iloilo, Philippines, January 15, 2024.

(SGD.) ATTY. MA. JUANNA ESTER D. SENUPE
 Ex. Office Sherriff
 Clerk of Court VI

NE/February 5, 12 & 19, 2024

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Spl. Proc. No. 21-0077

For: Adoption with Application for Change of Middle Name

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF THE MINOR JOHN PAUL PAULINO OSTRAES TO BE KNOWN AS JOHN PAUL PARTISALA OSTRAES.

SPOUSES FERMIN S. OSTRAES & MARY GRACE P. OSTRAES,
Petitioners.

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ORDER

Before this Court is a verified petition for adoption filed by Petitioner **SPOUSES FERMIN S. OSTRAES & MARY GRACE P. OSTRAES**, through counsel, praying that after due notice, publication and hearing, the herein Petition be granted and "that the minor adoptee **JOHN PAUL PAULINO OSTRAES** be freed from all legal obligations of obedience and maintenance with respect to her natural parents and, for all legal intents and purposes, be declared as the child of the petitioners **SPOUSES FERMIN SALAZAR OSTRAES and MARY GRACE PARTISALA OSTRAES**. It is likewise prayed that the adoptee's name be changed to **JOHN PAUL PARTISALA OSTRAES** and an Order be issued directing the Local Civil Registrar of Marikina City, Metro Manila, Philippines and the Philippines Statistics Authority to effect the same change of name in the adoptee's Certificate of Live Birth."

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the same is hereby set for hearing on **August 19, 2024 at 8:30 in the morning** at the Regional Trial Court, Branch 76, Janiuay, Iloilo. Notice is hereby given that any person who has objection to this petition may file his/her opposition thereto.

The petitioner shall cause this Order to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City and Province of Iloilo, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks.

The social worker of the Municipal Social Welfare and Development of the Municipality of Maasin assigned to handle this case is directed to conduct counseling sessions with the biological parents on the matter of adoption of the adoptee and submit their reports before the date of hearing.

Furnish Atty. Ma. Salvacion Portia Maquino, the petitioners, the biological parents, the minor child subject of this petition, the Office of the Solicitor General, the Iloilo Provincial Prosecutor's Office, the Department of Social Welfare and Development, Region VI and the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office, Maasin, Iloilo, copy each of this Order.

SO ORDERED.

December 19, 2023
 Janiuay, Iloilo, Philippines.

(SGD.) GEMALYN FAUNILLO-TAROL
 Presiding Judge

NE/February 5, 12 & 19, 2024

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of the late **ALUDIO RODAS**, namely **Brenda Villarete Labastida, Rebecca VillareteYandog, Norinyl Mae RonimoAmbi, Francisco Dundee Villarete (Aka As Francisco Villarete), Alex P. Villarete, Celino P. Villarete, Connie Villarete** Contehaveexecuted a **DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL ADJUDICATION** of the Estate of **ALUDIO RODAS** dated **January 30, 2023** notarized by Notary Public **Nelson C. Oberas** under Doc. No. 153; Page No. 32; Book No. 234; Series of 2023, involving **one (1) parcel of land** including improvements thereon identified as **Lot No. 1985-A-2-A-2** covered by **TCT No. T-86417**, situated in Molo, Iloilo City of the Registry of Deeds of Iloilo City.

NE/February 5, 12 & 19, 2024

Assistance eyed as dry spell brings more losses to Negros rice farmers

BACOLOD CITY – Negros Occidental's provincial government plans to provide aid to rice farmers from seven local governments affected by the dry spell, with crop damage and losses rising to about PHP12.8 million as of this week.

Governor Eugenio Jose Lacson, in a media interview Wednesday, said he has instructed Provincial Administrator Rayfrando Diaz II

to source funds that can be used to extend assistance to the rice farmers.

"He said there is (available funds). We will sit down with the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist (OPA) to set the parameters on who is qualified to receive assistance," he said.

On Tuesday, the OPA reported PHP12.8 million worth of agricultural damage and losses

incurred by 373 rice farmers with 346 hectares of rice lands in 36 villages in upland areas.

The affected rice plants are either in the vegetative stage or ready for harvest.

The affected areas include the cities of Himamaylan and Sipalay, as well as the municipalities of Isabela, Binalbagan, Hinobaan, Moises Padilla, and Cauayan.

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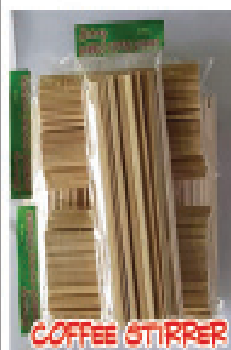
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