

# Ordinance to protect cultural properties in Antique



**CULTURAL PROPERTIES.** The Antique provincial board tackles the proposed ordinance to protect and conserve cultural properties, historical landmarks, monuments and shrines in Antique during its regular session on Monday (Feb. 12, 2024). The proposed ordinance passed the scrutiny of the board on second reading. (PNA photo by Annabel Consuelo J. Petinglay)

SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, Antique – A proposed ordinance aimed to protect and conserve cultural properties, historical landmarks, monuments and shrines in Antique passed the scrutiny of the provincial board on Monday.

“The Province of Antique, known for its rich cultural and historical heritage and having been blessed with the number of cultural, religious, and tourist sites, wanted to ensure their protection and conservation,” said board member Egidio Elio,

chair of the Committee on History and Cultural Heritage, during their regular session.

Elio said six structures in the province bear the historical marking of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), including the Leandro Fullon Shrine, Evelio B. Javier Monument, Balay na Bato, Old church and convent in Patnongon, Hantique Igcabuhi, and the bust of former Chief Justice Calixto Zaldivar.

Through an ordinance, the provincial board also declared other structures 50 years old and above as cultural properties.

Any proposed construction, renovation retrofitting, or demolition activities that may affect the integrity of historical and cultural sites or any adjoining historical or cultural sites need consultation with the NHCP as provided for in Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Order 12, series of 2019.

In support of the DPWH

order, the provincial board, through the ordinance, prohibits demolition or damage of any local cultural properties, any awkward or disrespectful gestures, modifications and alteration of NHCP-marked historical edifices without permission by the national commission.

Any demolition or acts for other cultural properties without the NHCP should seek permission from the Antique Provincial Council on History and Cultural Heritage. (PNA)

## ILOGGOS, VISITORS ENJOY REDEVELOPED PLAZAS

The Iloilo City Government has successfully restored the once-deteriorating district plazas, where people are now enjoying the open spaces as they relax, bond, and hold get-together activities.

Tourists love it, too, as must-try Ilonggo foods such as La Paz Batchoy and Pancit Molo and native coffee are just around the corner, waiting to be a gastronomic treat.

The plazas are now attracting crowds, particularly from late afternoon to late evening, as they have become a favorite hangout place for both locals and visitors alike.

Statues of Ilonggo heroes and history icons were also installed to instill a sense of pride and for the young generation to know the city’s rich heritage.

Landscaping and lighting, as well as speakers and a fountain, were set up to create a laidback yet modern vibe.

International lifestyle designer PJ Arañador, in his Facebook post, said the plaza restoration project was a result of taxes well spent.

“I don’t mind paying taxes to a city, like Iloilo, that uses our money properly and innovatively, not only on social and environmental considerations but also in wellness and well-being,” Arañador stated.

“Health to citizens in Iloilo means... benches to read a book, trees to take refuge underneath, and plazas to walk on or dance the day. I walk at Jaro Plaza at least three to four times a day. It means a slimmer tummy and a longer life for me and the rest of the residents. Most of all, share happiness with all Ilonggos,” he added.

Jaro Plaza is well-designed with great flat pavements, ample seats, classical pipe in music, giant tree canopies, picturesque and informative, clean and green, Arañador said, adding, “I only wish it would have a people’s amphitheater, too.”

He suggested that developments should consider becoming “people-centered” amid a busy life.

“Jaro Plaza allows me to walk and get my morning sun at least three times a week. Urban planning is not at all about skyscrapers or roads. It must include amenities that sustain

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## Dry months to boost mango production in Guimaras

ILOILO CITY – Guimaras expects an increase in the production of mangoes, its main products, due to the prolonged dry months.

Provincial Office for Agricultural Services (POAS) head Alvin Nava

said mango production could reach 21,000 metric tons (MT), higher than last year’s 17,000 MT.

“Originally, mangoes were summer crops. So the prolonged hot weather is favorable,” he said in an interview Monday.

He said they have already induced mango production as early as the first two weeks of January in preparation for this year’s Manggahan Festival.

Two years ago, around one-third of the 6,000 hectares of mango plantation in the province were in production.

The Bureau of Plant Industry also provides grafted mango seedlings that bear fruit after five years.

Nava said they have observed that even those not induced are bearing flowers.

While the hot weather is favorable to mangoes, the POAS initially recorded around 2,628 hectares planted with rice, corn, and high-value crops that did not yield much due to the dry spell, with losses valued at over PHP17.8 million and 2,478 farmers affected since September last year.

Rice crops recorded the



**THRIVING.** Mango production is expected to thrive in Guimaras province during this year’s prolonged dry season. The Provincial Office for Agricultural Services recorded around 2,628 hectares planted with rice, corn, and high-value crops that suffered from the dry spell in 2023, with losses valued at over PHP17.8 million, affecting 2,478 farmers. (PNA file photo)

highest area affected with 2,572 hectares valued at PHP16.8 million; high-value crops consisting of vegetable varieties planted in 35.5 hectares recorded PHP783,000 in losses; and 20 hectares of corn plantation, with PHP160,000 in losses.

“Since last month, the Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation has been

assessing the damage to crops,” he added.

Nava said the provincial government has been preparing for El Niño as early May 2023.

He said they identified alternative commodities with their municipal counterparts, while the Department of Agriculture Regional Office-Western Visayas provided

vegetable seeds.

In June last year, the provincial government distributed 137 to 140 bags of yellow corn as an alternative commodity to palay.

The DA Regional Agriculture Engineering Division also held a survey to look for possible water impounding for future use. (PNA)

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of the said units.

MGen. Sison commended the outgoing battalion commanders for their unwavering contributions to shaping the success of their respective battalions. He acknowledged their tireless commitment, dedication, and guidance, which resulted in commendable milestones, reflected in the numerous awards and commendations bestowed upon their units and the 3ID as a whole.

“The Change of Command Ceremony marked a milestone for the Army Officers in upholding commitment and dedication to the organization. Thus, the Army officers must maintain organizational dynamics and professional growth,” said MGen. Sison.

In his speech, MGen. Sison also underscored that Panay is a sleeping dragon and the remaining bastion of the Communist Terrorists Group; hence, he instructed the 82IB to work closely with the local government units, all partners, and stakeholders to facilitate the dismantling of the remaining weakened guerilla fronts in Panay Island.

“We cannot accomplish this mission without the support and collaboration of our stakeholders and local chief executives serving as chairmen of the Local Task Force-ELCAC. It is crucial to coordinate, cooperate, and maintain open communication with our partners, as they play a vital role in helping us bring an end to insurgency in Panay. It is essential to recognize that the resolution of this problem requires not only military action but also the effective implementation of Task Force ELCAC as the best solution,” MGen. Sison emphasized.

Moreover, he ordered LTC Garsuta to dismantle the weakened Central Panay Front.

“Finish the fight! That’s my first order. Lick the enemy, totally decimate and eradicate them, in coordination with the LGUs, Civil Society Organizations, the private, religious, and the business sectors, in order to establish just and lasting peace in Panay,” MGen. Sison concluded. (3ID Spearhead Troopers)

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them - farmers and members of our cooperative - because it will reduce their expenses in purchasing fertilizers for their fields.

“We hope that through the free organic fertilizers provided to us, it will contribute to the increase and improvement of our production, benefiting our community in Dumangas, Iloilo,” said Dedal.

DAR Iloilo recognized

the challenges posed by climate change thus, through this initiative, aligns and contributes to the advocacy of the government to implement the practice of organic agriculture (Republic Act No. 10068) which underscores the importance of embracing organic farming as a strategic response to the evolving challenges of the changing climate.

By providing organic fertilizers to farmers, DAR-Iloilo aims not only to sustain their livelihood but also to foster a shift towards organic farming practices that will consequently enhance the soil fertility, boost agricultural yields and raise their incomes. The initiative not only serves as a lifeline for ARB’s livelihood but also as a bold step towards building a climate-

resilient Agrarian Reform Communities (ARCs).

The distribution of organic fertilizers was funded through the Sustainable Livelihood Support (SLS) program under the agency’s Climate Resilient Farm Productivity Support (CRFPS) Project implemented in both ARCs and non-ARCs that have been identified as susceptible to the effects of climate change. (PIA6-Iloilo)



# Elderly among early poll registrants in Iloilo City



**EARLY REGISTRANTS.** A staff of the Commission on Elections-Iloilo City helps an elderly man affix his thumbmark on the registration form at the start of the poll enlistment on Monday (Feb. 12, 2024). Comelec-Iloilo City Assistant Officer II Jonathan Sayno said they catered to 236 applicants. (Photo courtesy of Comelec – Iloilo City)

ILOILO CITY – Senior citizens were among the first in line here as voters’ registration for next year’s midterm elections started on Monday.

In an interview on Tuesday, Comelec-Iloilo City Assistant Officer II Jonathan Sayno said they catered to 236 applicants during the first day, 47 of whom were elderly.

“Mostly are senior citizens who are 90 or 80 years old. Their intention is not really to cast votes but to avail of benefits from the city government provided under the Ilonggo Centenarian Ordinance,” he said.

Under the ordinance, senior citizens are eligible to receive PHP10,000 and PHP20,000 once they reach the age of 80 years and 90 years old, respectively.

One of the requirements to avail of the incentive is for them to be a registered voter of Iloilo City.

Meanwhile, Sayno said the Register Anywhere Program (RAP) is already available at their office on the second floor of the Angeles Arcade in De Leon-Mabini Streets in the city proper.

“It goes together with our regular registration. In the meantime, we accept registrants here at our Comelec office while we are waiting for the final schedule of our satellite registration targeting big universities, malls, and barangays,” he said.

Seven of those who registered on Monday availed of the RAP.

Sayno emphasized that the registration until Sept.

30 this year is only for regular voters.

Sanguniang Kabataan voters are not included because it will not be an SK election.

Those who cast votes in the October 2023 SK elections and would turn 18 on or before the May 12, 2025 midterm polls need not register because Comelec will automatically migrate their records to the database of regular voters.

Sayno said they target to register between 8,000 and 12,000 individuals.

Among the expected registrants are those who failed to register during the previous village election and transferees.

Iloilo City has 330,470 qualified voters as of the 2022 regular elections. (PNA)

## TREÑAS IN DUBAI FOR WORLD GOVERNMENT SUMMIT

Iloilo City Mayor Jerry P. Treñas is currently in Dubai for the World Governments Summit (WGS) February 12–14.

The prestigious gathering of visionary leaders from cities around the world aims to foster collaboration, knowledge sharing, and collective action among mayors, city officials, and urban stakeholders.

Treñas is one of the panelists on Feb. 14 during the session on Global Mayors Dialogue: Future Readiness of Cities.

The city mayor, who was invited by WGS Advisor Guido Bertucci, is the lone representative from Iloilo and the Philippines.

He will share about the Iloilo City Tree Park Network which will establish eco-forests in three districts, namely: Tree Park at Lanit, Jaro worth P22.8 million; Beach Forest at Boulevard, Molo P31.9 million; and Mangrove Eco-Park at Hinactacan, La Paz P48.7 million.

The whole project is aimed at restoring the biodiversity in the metropolis, promoting plant and animal diversity, and complementing the city’s massive tree planting



efforts towards a sustainable environment.

Through insightful discussions, best practice sharing, and networking opportunities, the discussions will address pressing challenges faced by cities today and explore innovative solutions for building sustainable, inclusive, and resilient urban areas.

“This is a worthwhile opportunity for Iloilo City to share its best practices and, at the same time, learn from other participating cities,” Treñas said. (Iloilo City PIO)

## 20T More Seedlings For Greener Iloilo City

In a sustained effort to make Iloilo City greener, the Iloilo City Tree Nursery in Caingin, La Paz keeps on propagating tree seedlings for continuous greening efforts this year.

Mayor Jerry P. Treñas’ Executive Assistant for Environment Armando Dayrit, who also heads the city’s tree nursery and the Urban Tree Planting Program, said this year’s target is to produce 20,000 more seedlings apart

from the existing 13,000 currently at the nursery for an intensified greening and massive tree-planting efforts.

“Taking care of the environment has been part of the development agenda of the administration of Mayor Jerry Treñas when he took over in 2019. This is part of his vision to green and clean Iloilo City to make it more liveable and sustainable. So, we are sustaining the effort,” said Dayrit.

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## Iloilo City doubles garbage fee rate

ILOILO CITY – Garbage fees in this city have increased by 100 percent to cover the expenditures of the local government, which has been subsidizing over 80 percent of solid waste management expenses.

Engineer Neil Ravena, head of the General Services Office (GSO), said that with the adjusted rate effective January, the city government will not bear the burden of paying for the salary of street sweepers, payment for garbage collection and operation of the landfill.

A study conducted by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) on the cost-of-service analysis (COSA) showed that in 2022, the city government collected PHP55.92 million but spent over PHP365.65 million on solid waste management, showing that 84 percent of the cost was subsidized.

In 2021, the city government spent over PHP332.8 million but collected PHP55.8 million, with the local government subsidizing around 82 percent of the expenses.

“We computed the expenses of the city in the



**SOLID WASTE.** A portion of the Iloilo City dumpsite in Barangay Calajunan, Mandurriao district. The city government implemented an increase in garbage fees this year to defray the high cost of expenses in solid waste management. (Photo courtesy of Engr. Neil Ravena)

collection and disposal of garbage compared with our collection. There is a big difference so we have to adjust,” Ravena said in an interview.

The 2021 Waste Analysis and Characterization Study showed Iloilo City generated 496 tons of waste daily.

The study also indicated the city government did not adjust its garbage fee rate for 16 years prior to the recent hike. (PNA)

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## Bacolod City logs over 1-K new business permit applications

BACOLOD CITY—This city government received business permit applications from around 1,100 new business establishments at the beginning of 2024.

Data as of Tuesday showed that the number is part of the 18,839 business permit applications received in January alone by the Business Permits and Licensing Office through the Business-One-Stop-Shop at the Ayala Mall's Capitol Central.

Mayor Alfredo Benitez said in an interview that last month's total was 11 percent higher than the 16,994 applications recorded in January 2023.

"As you can see, there is an influx of business establishments coming into the city. I hope that is because of the confidence in our business environment," he added.

In January this year, the city government collected PHP467.201 million in business taxes, higher by 18.4 percent compared to the PHP394.627 million generated in January 2023.



**BUSINESS PERMIT PROCESSING.** Business permit applicants in Bacolod City process their requirements at the Business-One-Stop-Shop in Ayala Mall's Capitol Central in this photo last month. In January 2024 alone, the city government received 18,839 applications, of which more than 1,000 were for new business establishments. (Photo courtesy of Bacolod City PIO)

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As per record, since August 2019 to December 2023, through the city's Urban Tree Planting Program, around 30,776 trees mostly native species have already been planted all over the city with seedlings provided by the Caingin Tree Nursery.

Dayrit noted the figure does not include those tree seedlings distributed to groups, individuals, offices, and schools for their respective tree planting activities.

So far, some of the city areas planted with trees and being maintained are the esplanades; circumferential and coastal roads; General Luna to MH Del Pilar; Fort San Pedro; Calle Real (plant boxes); Hinactacan in La Paz; and other open spaces.

The city also maintains eight pocket forests along the city's flood ways.

According to Dayrit, they also target to distribute fruit-bearing trees to 40 city barangays, in

"January 2023 was already a record month. It was beyond the 2019 pre-pandemic level. We are way ahead," Benitez said.

The mayor reiterated the city government's campaign to ensure that all business establishments comply with the required permit after the City Legal Office (CLO) discovered during a recent mapping operation in the downtown area that only 10 of the 67 businesses in three buildings have permits to operate.

Last week, the CLO also apprehended a person who produces fake business permits.

In an earlier executive order, Benitez reconstituted the joint inspection team to conduct a "comprehensive mapping of all businesses in the city and document all the procedures for effective data banking."

The order also directed the joint inspection team to "monitor and implement adherence of businesses to regulatory requirements set by the city on business operations." (PNA)



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coordination with the City Agriculturist's Office.

Even cemeteries are included in the target for tree planting in partnership with the City Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO).

Open spaces in 10 more subdivisions in the city are also eyed for massive tree planting, along



## Bacolod City hikes wage of job order workers

BACOLOD CITY – More than 3,800 job order (JO) workers of this city government started receiving higher wages in January this year.

The current rate is PHP480 daily or PHP10,560 for 22 days per month, from the previous PHP450 per day or PHP9,900 monthly.

In a press conference

on Monday, Mayor Alfredo Abelardo Benitez said the upward adjustment conforms to the daily minimum wage rate in Western Visayas (Region 6).

"We adhered to the wage order. All JO workers are now receiving PHP480 per day. I checked the payment of wages in the first week of February; 70 to 80 percent have already been paid for January. The remaining workers should be fully paid by today or tomorrow," he said.

In October last year, the Regional Tripartite Wages and Productivity Board-6 granted a PHP30 daily minimum wage increase across all sectors.

The daily pay is PHP480 for non-agriculture establishments with more than 10 workers, PHP450 for non-agriculture establishments with 10 workers or less, and PHP440 for workers in agriculture. (PNA)



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

## To amp up EV training, TESDA gains insights from Malaysian auto giant

Top officials of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) visited the facilities of a Malaysian automotive giant as part of their benchmarking activities in a bid to support the current administration's direction of improving the electric vehicle (EV) industry in the Philippines.

On the company's invitation, Secretary Suharto T. Mangudadatu and other TESDA executives toured the Bermaz Auto Berhad Head Office in Selangor, Malaysia, and received insights into the skills training best practices employed by Malaysia's prominent electric vehicle player.

During the visit last February 5, Bermaz showed the agency's top officials their production and training facilities, and shared their experiences in identifying the market, supply and demand as well as their contributions to the creation of an EV roadmap in Malaysia.

The TESDA Chief expressed interest in learning about the latest developments in the EV industry, specifically in setting up training facilities for the production and servicing of electric vehicles, including its operational protocols and equipment requirements.

"By benchmarking our training programs and curricula against international standards,

we can ensure that our workforce meets the demands of the rapidly evolving electric mobility sector in the Philippines," the TESDA Chief said.

"This activity will also enable us to make necessary adjustments and tailor our training programs to the specific needs of the EV industry, ensuring that our graduates possess the skills required to succeed in this field," he added.

With a keen focus on advancing the skills of the local workforce, TESDA also sought knowledge exchange on the development of necessary skills policies that can contribute to ensuring workforce readiness and global competitiveness in the face of the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR).

Secretary Mangudadatu personally thanked Bermaz Auto Berhad for generously sharing their knowledge

and expertise in the EV industry to the agency.

"We thank Bermaz for their kind support to TESDA as we embark on bolstering the growing EV sector in the Philippines. This is definitely beneficial in ensuring that our training programs are not only current, but also in line with emerging technologies and trends," the TESDA Chief said.

Secretary Mangudadatu also noted that e-vehicles offer cleaner and more efficient alternatives to traditional internal combustion engine vehicles, reducing harmful emissions and dependence on finite fossil fuels.

"Over the years, we have relied mainly on fossil fuels for our transportation. This does not only contribute to environmental degradation but also poses health risks to our citizens due to air pollution. However, amidst these challenges lies an

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# Getting to Know CRVS

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The month of February has been designated as the Civil Registration Month pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 682 during the time of President Corazon Aquino. The celebration reminds every Filipino to have vital events in their lives to be registered in their respective civil registry offices as mandated under our civil registration law.

At the outset, it is imperative to refresh our minds with some of the basic precepts of civil registration and vital statistics or CRVS.

Civil registration is the recording in the appropriate civil registry office, vital acts and events that affect the civil status of individuals. Vital acts and events are the births, deaths, fetal deaths, marriages, and all such events that have something to do with an *individual's entrance and departure from life* together with the changes in civil status that may happen to a person during

his lifetime. Changes in the civil status of a person may be brought by marriage or its dissolution, legitimation, adoption, etc. Vital statistics are the statistics gathered relating to these vital acts and events.

Our civil registration system was established in 1930 by virtue of Act No. 3753 or the Civil Registration Law, Republic Act No. 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991 formally established the City and Municipal Civil Registrars to directly carry the function of civil registration in their respective locality. Republic Act 10625 otherwise known as the Philippine Statistical Act of 2013 introduced the reorganization of our statistical system and merged the major statistical agencies including the National Statistics Office (NSO) into the present Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA). The PSA now serves as the central statistical authority of the government and one of its functions is to carry

out, enforce and administer civil registration in the country as provided for in Act 3753. The National Statistician is the head of the agency and at the same time act as the Civil Registrar General whose office oversee the implementation of civil registry laws and exercise technical supervision over all local civil registrars.

Civil registration is fundamental in the life of every citizen as it brings back multiple benefits. Civil registry documents such as birth, marriage and death certificates are the most reliable sources in establishing one's identity, civil status and family relations, not to mention the right of the child to be registered after birth and to have a name and nationality as contained in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. They are necessary in the availment of health, education and other public services. A certificate of live birth, for instance, is a mandatory requirement in school enrollment and in getting a learner's reference number. One needs to submit his or

her certificate of live birth, marriage certificate or both, in order to get a passport. Death certificate is a prerequisite in processing a deceased person's insurance claim. Nearly all kinds of employment require the presentation of these civil registry documents.

On the other hand, the statistics derived from civil registry records provide our government an important demographic information that is essential in planning and policy-making. It equally aids the department monitor and ensure that development programs are truly responding to the social, economic, health and educational needs of the people they particularly serve.

Improvement of civil registration services in the country has gotten underway. The passage of Republic Act No. 9048 has given the city/municipal civil registrar or the consul general authority to correct a clerical error or typographical error in an entry and/or change the first name or nickname in the civil register without

need of a judicial order. In addition, Republic Act No. 10172 authorized the city or municipal registrar or the consul general to correct clerical or typographical errors in the day and month in the date of birth or sex of a person appearing in the civil register without undergoing judicial process. The use of surname of the father by an illegitimate child under RA 9255 can now be processed in the local civil registry office along with legitimation by subsequent marriage.

The local civil registry offices have long been embarking on various programs such as mobile registration in remote areas, mass weddings and other civil registration activities. The Barangay Civil Registration System (BCRS) is now in place in some LGUs.

Being the agency mandated by law to keep and preserve the birth, marriage and death records of every citizen, the PSA offers a variety of services through its regional and provincial offices. Its computerization project or the CRS-IT established

various *Serbilis* outlets nationwide to conveniently serve the requesting public. The Batch Request System (BREQS) which authorizes a partner to receive request for certificates from the public has effectively eased the long lines in physical outlets. Anyone can now request for his or her birth certificate in the local civil registry office where he or she resides as LGUs were already BREQS users. Through its *Serbilis* and Helpline services, requests for copies of civil registry certificates are likewise available online with door-to-door delivery service.

This year, we are celebrating the 34<sup>th</sup> Civil Registration Month with the theme, "*CRVS: The Future of Seamless Services*". The importance of civil registration cannot be overemphasized. Achievement of the essential goals of our social and economic development are heavily dependent on our civil registration system. A strong and efficient CRVS would lead us forward.

## P15-M rehab of Antique hospital hangs amid NHCP halt order

SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, Antique – The provincial engineer of Antique is urging the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) to lift the cease and desist order (CDO) issued on the rehabilitation of the President Diosdado Macapagal District Hospital in Tobias Fornier town for the project to proceed.

Engr. Inocencio Dajao Jr. said, with the assistance of the provincial legal office, they sent the proposed development plan of the hospital to the NHCP on Dec. 5, 2023, but they have not received a response.

The PHP15 million project seeks to upgrade the hospital to a 25-bed capacity from its existing 15-bed capacity.

"I am just hoping that how quickly we had responded to the NHCP letter, that would also be how fast they would

respond to us," Dajao said in an interview on Tuesday.

Dajao said they immediately halted repair work that was about 60 percent to 80 percent completed following the issuance of the CDO signed by NHCP chairman Dr. Emmanuel Franco Calairo on Sept. 6, 2023.

The CDO cited that the 56-year-old hospital, an important cultural property, is protected from any modification or renovation based on Republic Act (RA) 10066, as amended by RA 11961 or the National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009; hence, the project needs clearance from the commission.

"Before the CDO was issued, we had already started construction of the sewage treatment plant, firewall, and repair of the wards as well as the existing hospital building," Dajao said.

## Impact of dry spell in Antique won't affect food sufficiency

SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, Antique – The effect of the El Niño phenomenon on rice and corn crops in Antique will not affect the food sufficiency of the province since it is mild and negligible, according to the Office of the Provincial Agriculture (OPA).

OPA chief Nicolasito Calawag said eight municipalities, the majority in the southern part of Antique, initially reported damage in rice crops covering 1,762.57 hectares with losses estimated at PHP92.9 million as of Feb. 8, 2024.

Calawag said the damages could not affect food sufficiency since the area planted with standing

rice crops reached 3,249.3 hectares.

"There is still intermittent rain in the northern towns of Antique where we could have harvest rice and corn," he said.

"Farmers in municipalities where there's still water are also using quick turnaround rice varieties, so rice is harvested in a shorter time," Calawag said.

Those reported damage included Hamtic, Anini-y, Tobias Fornier, San Jose de Buenavista, Sibalom, San Remigio, Patnongon, and Valderrama.

Forcom, the municipalities of Barbaza, Hamtic, Patnongon, Valderrama, San Jose de Buenavista, Sibalom, and San Remigio reported

that 327.855 of the total 403.8 hectares of standing crops are affected, with losses estimated at PHP15.7 million.

Calawag said farmers who could not plant rice due to the lack of water resorted to planting vegetables and other drought-resilient crops that could caution against the impact of El Niño.

"Some farmers have also opted to rest their farmlands by not planting any crop during the El Niño," he said.

He said that DA is also providing farmers with seeds for replanting.

Meanwhile, Calawag said they already contained rice black bug (RBB) infestation in Patnongon and Valderrama.

"The infestation covered

only around two hectares of the rice land in Patnongon and Valderrama," he said.

He said the immediate application of biocontrol agents following the fast detection by the Barangay Peste Brigade of the two municipalities in coordination with agricultural technicians from the Regional Field Office 6 (Western Visayas) of the Department of Agriculture helped curb the spread.

Calawag also urged other farmers to immediately coordinate with their respective Barangay Peste Brigade and Municipal Agriculture Officers if they are suspicious of infestation for immediate application of control measures. (PNA)

## Cebu Pacific, UNICEF Raise P91 Million for Vulnerable Filipino Children

Cebu Pacific (PSE: CEB) demonstrates its unwavering commitment to empowering and uplifting the lives of vulnerable Filipino girls and boys as its in-flight fundraising campaign, Change for Good, has now reached P91 million in donations since its launch in 2016.

Change for Good, a joint initiative between UNICEF Philippines and CEB, aims to convert the spare change of passengers into life-saving supplies and services that benefit vulnerable children and communities.

"Our partnership with UNICEF has allowed us to channel the collective goodwill of our passengers into meaningful initiatives

that will positively impact the lives of Filipino children. We are thankful for the generosity of our passengers and look forward to continuing this important work with UNICEF," said Candice Iyog, Chief Marketing and Customer Experience Officer of Cebu Pacific.

In 2023, CEB raised P 10.9 million through Change for Good. These funds were channeled into various UNICEF programs that helped Filipino children gain access to education, health care, and humanitarian aid in the Philippines.

"Children have the right to a better and brighter future. Our partnership with Cebu Pacific has helped

support our work so that every Filipino child can grow up healthy, educated, and protected," said Oyunsakhan Dendevnorov, UNICEF Philippines Representative.

To date, CEB is the first

and only airline partner of UNICEF in Southeast Asia for the Change for Good campaign. It is also the only local carrier that actively raises funds to support children in its home country.

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opportunity for transformation, and that opportunity lies in the electric vehicle industry," Secretary Mangudadatu said.

It can be recalled that, in 2021, TESDA developed and deployed the competency standards for Pure Battery Propelled Electric Vehicle Servicing Level II in close collaboration with the Electric Vehicle Association of the Philippines (EVAP) and other stakeholders.

"With the new information at hand, TESDA will be able to further improve our policies and align them with international standards," the TESDA Secretary noted.

"Through this, we will be able to strengthen our programs and train more Filipinos needed for the possible shift towards more electric vehicles for public transportation under the Public Utility Vehicle Modernization Program (PUVMP)," he added.







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## Fake Pinoys

*Editorial*

How do you detect foreign nationals, said to be mostly from China, who were able to obtain Philippine passports through devious means?

The Department of Foreign Affairs has resorted to an ingenious way to catch those suspected of having fraudulently acquired Philippine passports by presenting genuine birth certificates from the Philippine Statistics Authority and government-issued identification cards.

How? By asking them trivia questions from local show business.

The DFA Office of Consular Affairs says since some of the suspected impostors can speak Filipino, their front-liners have devised their own methods to find out whether applicants are really Filipino as their documents claim.

They ask those foreigners applying for new passports or renewing expired ones such questions as “Who is the Superstar’s love team partner?” “Name one of the Megastar’s songs.” “Who is the Star for All Seasons?”

These questions, the DFA said, are not likely to

be answered at all by those suspected of having obtained fraudulent documents.

Foreign nationals posing as Filipinos manage to get genuine PSA birth certificates because they can file for late registration of birth at the local civil registrar’s office.

The DFA has therefore begun to actively engage with law enforcement agencies, such as the Bureau of Immigration and the National Bureau of Investigation, to file criminal charges against the foreigners.

The DFA is on the right track in plugging the cracks in the system so that they can keep the situation from going from bad to worse.

The DFA believes, for instance, that it must be very expensive for foreigners to acquire genuine documents from PSA. Something fishy is going on in that agency that needs decisive action from the proper authorities.

At the main DFA consular office in Parañaque City, reports said, at least 58 Chinese nationals have been prevented from acquiring Philippine passports.

Several other consular offices around the country have reported similar attempts.

The recently convened Inter-Agency Committee on Passport Irregularities is investigating around 12 Philippine passport holders who are obviously foreigners.

Foreign nationals caught applying for Philippine passports have been blacklisted in the DFA database through their biometric information and can no longer apply in any consular office.

This is a correct response to what’s obviously an underhanded attempt to go around the rules.

Under Republic Act 8239, or the Philippine Passport Act of 1996, the penalty for making false statements in the passport application is imprisonment of between three years and 10 years, and a fine of between P15,000 and P60,000.

This law should be implemented to the letter. (manilastandard)

## The Traffic Czar: One office to rule them all

“Try to think of new ways to solve old problems.”  
– Steve Wozniak

There is a renewed call by a business group for the creation of an office or position of a traffic czar. One office that will exist solely to study and know the problems causing traffic. One office that will bring all related agencies together and in shared knowledge and direction bind them. One office to rule them all.

A few days ago, the Management Association of the Philippines, led by its president Rene Almendras, created a stir when it declared that a traffic crisis exists in metro Manila and that a traffic czar is needed to implement a holistic plan to solve the said crisis. This was immediately countered by an official of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) who stated that there is no need for a traffic czar.

The concept of appointing a single man to solve a community’s problem is not an easy thing to sell. People and Filipinos, in general, seem to have an inherent aversion to mandated centralized control in anything. There seems to be a gut instinct common to many to resist giving a single office or person the needed power and authority to run roughshod over all traffic obstacles.

At present, our government has already tried coordinating agencies with different mandates through the Inter-Agency Council for Traffic (I-ACT), which uses cooperation as its key tool in finding and solving traffic problems. Is it time to truly try centralized traffic control under a very high-ranking official who would have the power and authority to compel various agencies to implement traffic measures? What kind of individual would even qualify to hold such a difficult post?

In the United States, there was a famous traffic engineer and commissioner named Henry A. Barnes who served in several cities including Baltimore, Denver, and New York. Given vast powers and authority, he was able to implement many innovations in traffic engineering, which are now commonplace, such as synchronized traffic signals, dedicated bus lanes, well-planned street expansions, and the famous Barnes dance, which is the precursor of the Shibuya Scramble in Tokyo. Barnes was known as a tough no-nonsense official who often had to push through various roadblocks to his innovations. He was not loved by everyone but in general, he got the job done.

Former Transportation undersecretary and MMDA chairman and traffic expert Thomas Orbos stated

## OBLIQUE OBSERVATIONS

BY ATTY. GILBERT LAUENCO, J.D.

in his opinion column that a traffic czar needs to be appointed by President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. himself to give him the gravitas to loop in all the related agencies and the Philippine National Police into a single program. Other than having the needed authority, Orbos insists that the traffic czar must have a specific skill set that includes having the abilities and qualities of a manager, coordinator, enforcer, communicator, politician, and innovator with at least a basic working knowledge of traffic engineering, urban planning, and logistics.

Former vice president Noli de Castro, in his show, had a simpler criterion. The traffic czar, he said, should not be a lawyer.

Clearly, the idea of appointing a traffic czar is both controversial and difficult to implement. Unfortunately, we seem to have tried many solutions to solve our perennial traffic problem. Perhaps, it is time to be creative and try something new.

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 to unprecedented new heights at various levels. Science and technology

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By Brian James Lu

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.

## Inclusive digitalization for OFWs

Businessman and philanthropist Manuel V. Pangilinan, who once worked as an overseas Filipino worker (OFW) in Hong Kong, recently shared that “OFWs work hard because that’s the only way to cope with homesickness”. This leads me to ponder on the role our migrant workers play not just in economic progress but in national development.

Filipino migrant workers have emerged over the years as an economic pillar and lifeline of the country—highlighting the significant value of their perseverance and sacrifices abroad. A testament to this is the cash remittances from OFWs that were highly instrumental in keeping the country afloat during the pandemic and continue to be a key driver of the Philippines’ economic recovery and growth.

In 2022 alone, total inflows from OFWs posted an all-time high of USD36.14 billion. Cash remittances reached USD3.16 billion—a 5.8 percent jump from the USD2.99 billion recorded in 2021, data released by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas showed.

Beyond providing support to their families here in the Philippines, OFWs also play a significant role in the development and progress of societies across the world—bringing pride to Filipinos everywhere.

The value that OFWs bring to our country cannot be measured and it is only right that we do our part to promote their welfare. President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. had assured OFWs that

his administration will continue to strengthen diplomatic ties with countries that host Filipino migrants to ensure their safety, and well-being.

Given the significant number of Filipinos working abroad estimated to be around 2.5 million, our government and citizens bear the responsibility of improving the safeguards and social services available to our OFWs. The creation of the Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) is a significant step towards this goal, but challenges remain in terms of safeguarding their rights and promoting their welfare.

Beyond providing social and safety measures for OFWs, it is also important to empower them given today’s rapid digitalization across the world.

One way to effectively empower our OFWs is by ensuring that digitalization efforts in the Philippines are inclusive in the sense that the benefits are felt not only by Filipinos here in the country but also by those working in other countries. Inclusive digitalization is a must to ensure holistic interconnectivity not just in terms of communications but also in other aspects of personal, family, and work life.

In today’s highly interconnected world, digitalization has become a necessity for economies worldwide to remain competitive. But beyond market expansions, digitalization has emerged as a vital tool for ordinary Filipinos for communication and access to information, social services, and electronic banking among others.

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BY JOE ZALDARRIAGA

With digitalization among the top socio-economic agenda of the Marcos administration, it is imperative for both the public and private sectors to work towards the achievement of this goal for the benefit of all Filipinos, whether here or abroad, most efficiently and effectively possible.

Through strategic public-private partnerships, our country can extend more and better social and digital services to OFWs. For example, the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) recently partnered with PLDT Global Corp. to enable OFWs to have easier access to the OWWA Helpline 1348 for free through TINBO (Tindahan ni Bossing), a one-stop online marketplace for global Filipinos. The DMW on the other hand inked a deal with the Cybercrime Investigation and Coordinating Center to mitigate cyber-related risks for our migrant workers and enhance their digital defense as well.

All these initiatives foster a safer and more conducive digital environment for our OFWs and show the government’s support to them even though they are not physically present in the Philippines.

As we continue to work towards progress in today’s highly digital world, let us ensure that no Filipino—whether here or abroad—gets left behind.



**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF INTESTATE ESTATE with WAIVER OF RIGHTS AND DONATION**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **ELNORA VILLA LORIEGA** namely: 1) **TCT No. T-48512, Lot No. 32**, under **Tax Declaration Number 15-03-002-02299 / Property Index No. 10-149**, located at Lucky Homes Subdivision, Brgy. Balabago, Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of **240 sq.m.**; 2) **TCT No. T-83363, Lot No. 18 Block 15**, under **Tax Declaration Number 15-03-002-03634 / Property Index Number 13-087**, located at Alta Tierra Village, Brgy. Balabago, Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of **240 sq.m.**; 3) **Improvement standing on TCT No. T-83363, Lot 18 Block 15, Floor Area 122.28 sq.m.**; 4) **TCT No. T-158836, Lot No. 17 Block 15, Tax Declaration Number 15-03-002-03636 / Property Index Number 13-088**, located at Alta Tierra Village, Brgy. Balabago, Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of **240 sq.m.**; 5) **Improvement standing on TCT No. T-158836, Lot No. 17 Block 15, Floor Area 34.80 sq.m.**; 6) **TCT No. T-119517, Lot No. 3 Block 38, Tax Declaration Number 20-03-022-10218 / Property Index Number 29-006**, located at Land Heights Iloilo Development Corporation, Brgy. Balabago, Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of **121 sq.m.**; 7) **TCT No. T-102220, Lot No. 2 Block 38**, under **Tax Declaration Number 20-03-002-10219 / Property Index Number 29-007**, located at Land Heights Iloilo Development Corporation, Brgy. Balabago, Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of **113 sq.m.**; 8) **TCT No. T-135231, Lot No. 2220-A-2**, under **Tax Declaration Number 20-03-002-10764 / Property Index Number 29-302**, located at Brgy. Balabago, Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of **1,077 sq.m.**; 9) **TCT No. T-109172, Lot No. 7 Block 8**, under **Tax Declaration Number 15-04-036-00125 / Property Index Number 01-091**, located at Ledesco Subdivision, Brgy. Tabuc Suba, La Paz, Iloilo City with an area of **623 sq.m.** are adjudicated to heirs **Celso V. Loriega, Jr., Celso V. Loriega III, Helen Joy L. Rivera, Kristine Mae L. Ruiz, Sean Carlo Rey V. Loriega, and Felix Leo V. Loriega** and waive their respective hereditary shares in favor of their co-heir **Celso V. Loriega Jr.** pertaining to **TCT No. T-109172**; That, **Helen Joy L. Ruiz, Sean Carlo Rey V. Loriega, and Felix Leo V. Loriega** waive their respective hereditary shares in favor of their co-heirs, and that, **Celso V. Loriega Jr.** donate his one-half share as co-owner of the following properties in favor of their co-heirs: **Kristine Mae L. Ruiz** – Lot No. 32 covered by **TCT No. T-48512** and **Celso V. Loriega III** – Lot No. 3 Block 38 covered by **TCT No. T-119517** and **Lot No. 2 Block 38** covered by **TCT No. T-102220**. Entered under the notarial registry of **Atty. Lynie C. Suganob** per Doc. No. 417, Page No. 85, Book No. 1, Series of 2024.

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# Bacolod City's MassKara Festival poised for more global exposure

**BACOLOD CITY** – This city is eyeing more global exposure to promote the annual festivity every October, following the successful stint of the MassKara Festival dancers in the 2024 Cathay International Chinese New Year Night Parade in Hong Kong over the weekend.

Mayor **Alfredo Abelardo Benitez** said in a press conference on Monday the MassKara dancers, who comprise the street dance champions

from Barangay Granada, were the only group from Southeast Asia invited by the Hong Kong Tourism Board (HKT B) to participate in the event.

“MassKara Festival is one of those making a mark in the international community,” he added.

**Benitez** said **Maria Teresa Manalili**, city chief tourism operations officer who joined the Bacolod delegation in Hong Kong, told him that HKT B general manager

for event and product development **Raymond Chan** said “Bacolod does not only represent the Philippines, but the whole Southeast Asia.”

“The HKT B invited world-class performers per continent, and for Southeast Asia, they have only chosen and invited our Bacolod MassKara dancers,” the mayor quoted **Manalili** as saying.

Later this month, the MassKara dancers

of Barangay Sum-ag will also perform at the 2024 Lantern Festival in Kaohsiung City, Taiwan.

“Next will be Taiwan. We are also now looking at several invitations from different parts of the world. We have one from Europe and standing invitations from Long Beach, California, and New York. We will try to see how we can fit all these schedules,” **Benitez** said.

In June last year, the MassKara Festival dancers from Barangay Granada performed for the first time in New York during the 125th Philippine Independence Anniversary Commemoration Parade on Madison Avenue, while the dancers from Barangay Sum-ag participated in the 2023 Busan International Dance Festival in Busan Metropolitan City, South Korea.

The City Council will soon grant **Benitez** the authority to sign an agreement with the foundation to run the 2024 MassKara Festival.

“We have to prepare early. We want it to be better this year. We received interest from TV5 to cover our MassKara events,” **Benitez** said. (PNA)



**WORLD-CLASS PERFORMERS.** The MassKara Festival dancers of Barangay Granada, Bacolod City, showcase Pinoy pride as one of the performers in the 2024 Cathay International Chinese New Year Night Parade in Hong Kong on Saturday night (Feb. 10, 2024). The Bacolod delegation represented Southeast Asia in the event upon the invitation of the Hong Kong Tourism Board. (Photo courtesy of Bacolod City Tourism Office)

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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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**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 **Sitio Tubod, 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.

NE/February 5, 12 & 19, 2024

**MAN FACING CHARGES FOR RAPE NABBED IN HIMAMAYLAN CITY**

Tracker Team of the Himamaylan Component City Police Station in Negros Occidental and the 604th Coy RMFB 6, AKG VFU Bacolod Satellite, and 2nd NOCPMFC successfully captured a 19-year-old farmer, known as "Reymark" charged with the crime of RAPE. The arrest occurred on February 13, 2024, at around 11:10 in the morning at Brgy. Talaban, Himamaylan City, Negros Occidental.

The arrest of the said individual was made possible by a warrant of arrest under Criminal Case Number 23-5730-HC, issued and signed by HON. WALTER G ZORILLA, Acting Presiding Judge, RTC Br. 56, Sixth Judicial Region, Himamaylan City, Negros Occidental, dated January 15, 2024, with NO BAIL RECOMMENDED.

Presently, the apprehended individual is in the custody of Himamaylan City Police, awaiting turnover to the court where the case is pending.

PRO6 top cop, Police Brigadier General Sidney N. Villaflor, compliments the committed police officers involved in this success. He highlights PRO6's dedication in ensuring that individuals accountable for crimes, particularly against children, are found and prosecuted. "PRO6 is unwavering in its stand against any form of abuse, particularly towards the youth. We will ensure that all law offenders are apprehended and justice is served for victims of abuse," he said.###

**PARAW FOR ALL: JUNIOR, WOMEN RACES EYED**

Next year's edition of Iloilo Paraw Regatta Festival is seen to be more inclusive with the participation of women and young racers.

Paraw Sailing Events chair Dr. Roberto Somosa noted they have already initial plans to initiate junior for 12 to 16 years old and women categories in slalom competition with a shorter race course.

"We also have women in maritime, and we want to

pay tribute to them being part of industry," Somosa said.

However, due to time and financial challenge and also to prepare the would-be participants, Somosa said this is targeted to be pushed through next year.

This year's 51st Paraw Regatta Festival will highlight on March 1-3.

Pre-registration has started until Feb. 23, 2024.

Participants may register at Iloilo Festivals

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the health of its residents," he said.

A well-traveled person, Arañador likened to "foreign feels" the new ambiance offered by the park that has been transformed into a feast for senses.

"In Scandinavian and Nordic countries, they embrace a culture called 'hygge' that includes walking every day to go to markets and groceries, etc. It makes them live happier, healthier, and longer. Their cities, like Iloilo City, are walkable. It makes their residents calm and well-balanced," Arañador said.

"Jaro Plaza is perhaps on par with Central Park in New York City, where I experienced walking with its ample sun benches, including my favorite Vivaldi's and Tchaikovsky's playing in the background. I walk to Jaro Plaza, which is a stone's throw from

where I live. I think, sleep, eat, and work better with people because I walk. Thanks, Iloilo City. You are adorable," he added.

Mayor Jerry P. Treñas stressed, "We want to make public spaces available to our constituents; they are very important as they give people a place to rethink and recharge."

City Hall has initially funded P257 million for the major makeover of Jaro Plaza with P90 million; La Paz Plaza with P75 million; Arevalo Plaza with P46 million; Plaza Libertad in City Proper with P30 million; and Mandurriao with P10 million.

Plaza Libertad also got P19 million, and Mandurriao Plaza got P17 million, or a total of P36 million, from the Green, Green Program of the Department of Budget and Management and the

Department of the Interior and Local Government.

Jaro Plaza Bandstand, Belfry, and Lopez Jaena Shrine, as well as Molo Plaza, were funded by the National Historical Commission of the Philippines.

Plaza Libertad has paved the way for an assembly area now being used for Monday's flag-raising ceremony and other programs organized by offices.

The plazas' perimeters have been opened for easy access, except for La Paz, which will be installed with a grilled fence to secure the facilities inside.

A retention pond and improved drainage system have made the area flood-free by catching rainwater, which can be utilized for watering plants.

The football field will be provided with lights so that

the players can still play at night.

The development of La Paz Plaza has been added, with features including a Koi Lagoon and Butterfly Garden, in partnership with the private sector.

The Liga ng mga Barangay office will be replaced by a community center with a library in front of La Paz Church.

Meanwhile, the gymnasium in Jaro Plaza will be relocated to Alta

Tierra Subdivision.

These development projects definitely contribute to the improvement of the whole city and always benefit the welfare of every Ilonggo. (Iloilo City PIO)



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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

Republic of the Philippines  
Local Civil Registry Office  
Province: Iloilo  
Municipality: Anilao

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

In compliance with **Section 5** of **R.A. Act No. 9048**, a notice is hereby served to the Public that **ELIANITA B. LADEMORA** has filed with this Office a Petition for Change of First Name from "**CRISPINE**" to "**CRISPIN JR.**" in the **Certificate of Live Birth** of **CRISPINE LADEMORA** who was born on **19 February 1947** at **La Paz, Iloilo City** and whose parents are **Crispin Lademora** and **Felicisima Adrias**.

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

(SGD.) **MELITON E. BUYCO II**  
Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/Feb. 19, 2024 & Feb. 26, 2024

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
**REGIONAL TRIAL COURT**  
6<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL REGION  
**BRANCH 76**  
Janiuay, Iloilo  
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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.*

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**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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**EJF Case No. 23-23**

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-

**CECILIA C. CARISMA  
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.

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 23, 2024.**

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

(SGD.) **CARLO M. YAP**  
Sheriff IV

NE/February 05, 12 & 19, 2024



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 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  
**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

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

Republic of the Philippines  
**Local Civil Registry Office**  
 Province: Guimaras  
**Municipality of Jordan**

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

In Compliance with Section 5 of R.A. Act No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **MARILOU B. TOMINES** has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name from "**ELENA**" to "**MARILOU**" in the Birth Certificate of **ELENA B. TOMINES** who was born on **September 6, 1966** at **Jordan, Guimaras, Philippines** whose parents are **Rogelio R. Tomines** and **Esperanza Bangha-on**.

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

**(SGD.) JESUSA M. MILLONDAGA**  
 Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/Feb. 19, 2024 & Feb. 26, 2024

**DEED OF ADJUDICATION AND SALE OF REAL PROPERTY**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **NICOLAS SUDARIO** known **Lot No. 919** of the Cadastral Survey of Sta. Barbara, with all buildings and improvements, except those herein expressly noted as belonging to other persons, covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-25852** with an area of **SIX THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE (6,485) SQUARE METERS, more or less** are adjudicated to heirs **BALTARAZA SUELO SUDARIO (widow), JUANITO S. SUDARIO, ALEX S. SUDARIO, IRENE S. SOMCIO, MARTIN S. SUDARIO, SARAH JANE S. TIDWELL, ELENA S. DIENDO, MARIANO S. SUDARIO AND NICOLAS S. SUDARIO, JR.** That, the heirs **sell, cede, transfer and convey** by way of **absolute sale Lot No. 771 covered by TCT No. T-36896** unto their co-heir **IRENE S. SOMCIO**. That, the heirs **sell, cede, transfer and convey** by way of **absolute sale Lot No. 919 covered by TCT No. T-25852** unto **IRENE S. SOMCIO AND SARA JANE S. TIDWELL**. Entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Salvador J. Baylen** per Doc. No. 389, Page No. 79, Book No. 01, Series of 2008.

NE/February 19, 26 & March 4, 2024

**DEED OF ADJUDICATION**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses MARTIN SUELO and ASUNCION SUACASA** known as a parcel of land **Lot No. 883** of the Cadastral Survey of Sta. Barbara, with all buildings and improvements, except those herein expressly noted as belonging to other persons, situated in Sta. Barbara, Iloilo covered by **ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 12764** with an area of **FIVE HUNDRED TEN (510) SQUARE METERS, more or less** is adjudicated to sole heir **BALTARAZA SUELO SUDARIO**, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Salvador J. Baylen** per Doc. No. 329, Page No. 67, Book No. 01, Series of 2008.

NE/February 19, 26 & March 4, 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 **LIA ROSE FENIS REMEGIO** has filed with this office a petition for correction of entry in **CHILD'S SEX** from **MALE** to **FEMALE**, and **R.A. NO. 9048** Petition for **CHANGE OF FIRST NAME** from ROSALIA to **LIA ROSE** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **ROSALIA FENIS REMEGIO** who was born on **July 12, 1991** at **Pototan, Iloilo** and whose parents are **ROSALITO D. REMEGIO** and **LILIA F. FENIS**.

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. 19, 2024 & Feb. 26, 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 **ALENJOY A. BUAQUIÑA** has filed with this office a petition for correction of entry in **CHILD'S SEX** from **FEMALE** to **MALE** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **ALENJOY ANATA BUAQUIÑA** who was born on **SEPTEMBER 29, 1996** at **Pototan, Iloilo** and whose parents are **JOEL SUAREZ BUAQUIÑA** and **AILEN GRANDE ANATA**.

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. 19, 2024 & Feb. 26, 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 **CONSEJO MAE L. HIJASTRO** has filed with this office a petition for correction of entry in **CHILD'S SEX** from **FEMALE** to **MALE** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **JOBREEL P. ABOTOTO** who was born on **AUGUST 26, 2012** at **Pototan, Iloilo** and whose parents are **JENEL J. ABOTOTO** and **JO ANN L. PORRAS**.

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. 19, 2024 & Feb. 26, 2024



**SEIZED.** Northwest Panay Peninsula Natural Park (NPPNP) rangers seize 2.630 kilograms of agarwood with an estimated value of PHP1.97 million while conducting a foot patrol and wildlife monitoring in the municipality of Nabas in Aklan on Jan. 17 this year. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) on Monday (Feb. 12, 2024) warned against poaching of the threatened agarwood tree, commonly known as *Lapnisan*. (Photo courtesy of DENR6)

**DENR warns vs. poaching of endangered agarwood species**

**ILOILO CITY** – The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has warned the public against poaching the threatened agarwood tree, commonly known as *Lapnisan*, considered the highest-valued forest product in the world because of its distinctive fragrance. "We, at the DENR, environment and balancing our ecosystem will always be our priority. We are here to protect and conserve our flora and fauna, but how can we achieve those if there are individuals patronizing illegal activities," DENR Western Visayas Regional Executive Director Livino Duran said on Monday. In a statement, the DENR said the resinous wood is used as incense for medicinal purposes. Because of its distinctive fragrance, the pure resin in distilled form is used as an essential oil and perfume component. It said that while propagation is allowed, the collection of seeds directly from the wild is prohibited. "Secure all necessary permits with any activities concerning our flora and fauna, and seek clarification regarding environmental-related endeavors of other concerned stakeholders from the DENR," Duran said.

**PARAW . . . (from page 9)**

Foundation Inc. (IFFI) office at Ker building behind City Hall.

Somosa said they expect more participants to join than last year's 48 paraws, from as far as Boracay and Guimaras islands and coastal towns of Iloilo province like Leganes, Tigbauan, Guimbal and San Joaquin.

Native outrigger boats with colorful sails race in search of the perfect wind over the 30-kilometer stretch of Iloilo Strait from Villa Beach, Arevalo, Iloilo City to Guimaras, and back.

Paraw Regatta Festival is touted as the longest and oldest traditional craft sailing event in the country and even in Southeast Asia. (Iloilo City PIO)





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MROVI Building, De La Rama Street  
Iloilo City Philippines 5000



**FLOYD KENNETH TUGBANG** CASE NO. MRO VI 24-003

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

Applicant requested for Approval of Sale and Transfer of Ownership of the vessel named **MBca "KATKAT"** owned by **ARON S. ANIMAS (VENDOR)** to **FLOYD KENNETH TUGBANG (VENDEE)**.

This application will be heard by this Authority on **29 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR:

(SGD.) **JEFFREY A. BANGSA**  
Regional Director

nia/mma  
Vendor: Aron S. Animas  
Address: Concepcion, Iloilo  
Vendee: Floyd Kenneth Tugbang  
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Office of the Solicitor General 134 Amorsolo St., Makati  
FS, Manila  
File

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 **ARACELI ARSENAL CAUMBAN** has filed with this Office a petition for Change of First Name from **MARIA ARACELI** to **ARACELI** in the birth certificate of **MARIA ARACELI** **HERNAEZ ARSENAL** who was born on **March 29, 1964** at **Janiuay, Iloilo** and whose parents are **Vicente Arsenal** and **Lydia Hernaez**.

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

(SGD.) **ANA LISA M. CORNELIO**  
OIC-Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/Feb. 19, 2024 & Feb. 26, 2024

**DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **NELIA C. ANIAGO** consisting of the following: **One (1) unit Motor vehicle** described as follows, **1) Make: Mitsubishi Mirage G4 GLS1, Engine No. 3A92UKA3477, Chassis No. PAEA13RXMLA012800, Body Color: Majestic Red, Plate No. FAF 9352; 2) Bank deposits** with the following banks: **Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI) Iloilo Ayala Technohub Branch P2,000,000.00 Time Deposits** excluding accumulated interest and **Development Bank of the Philippines, Jaro Branch P87,000.00 Savings Deposit** under **S/A No. 0756-114374** as of **February 13, 2024** excluding accumulated interests; and **3) Household furniture and appliances** located at her former residence at Road 2, Don Julio Subdivision, Brgy. Aganan, Pavia are adjudicated to heirs **ZITA C. ANIAGO and CORAZON C. ANIAGO-PINEDA**, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Igmedio S. Prado, Jr.** per Doc. No. 401, Page No. 82, Book No. II Series of 2024.

NE/February 19, 26 & March 4, 2024

**DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **VICTORIA CARBON-CASUMLONG** known as a parcel of land **Lot 4410-G-1**, Psd-06-010072, being a portion of Lot 4410-G, Psd-06-006664, situated in Poblacion, Calinog, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-209812** with an area **NINE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE (929) square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **Jose C. Casumlong, Pacciano C. Casumlong, Maria Juvy C. Casumlong, Salve C. Casumlong, Marivic C. Casumlong, Maria Ludy Lee C. Jocson and Johnel C. Casumlong**. That, the heirs agreed to **SELL, CEDE, TRANSFER and CONVEY** by way of **Absolute Sale** unto **MA. LUZ CARABUENA TAMPIS** the above-described parcel of land as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Ruben M. Maca** per Doc. No. 385, Page No. 28, Book No. LXI, Series of 2022.

NE/February 19, 26 & March 4, 2024

**DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE OF A PORTION OF LAND**

Notice is hereby given that estate of the late **SALVADOR CELO** known as a parcel of land **Lot 4419-B-2-U-5**, Psd-06-010165, being a portion of Lot 4419-B-2-U, (LRC) Psd-381-70 situated in Poblacion, Calinog, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-120120** with an area of **SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE (7,253) square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **SALVADOR CHRISTIAN VOLTAIRE L. CELO and MA. JAZMINE CYNTHIA L. CELO**. That, the heirs agreed to **SELL, TRANSFER AND CONVEY** by way of **Absolute Sale** a portion of the said land with improvements constructed therein with an area of **ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY ONE (1,131) square meters, more or less** in favor of **MA. LUZ C. TAMPIS**. Entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Robert F. Catolico II** per Doc. No. 427, Page No. 87, Book No. 6, Series of 2022.

NE/February 19, 26 & March 4, 2024

**AFFIDAVIT OF SELF ADJUDICATION**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **SALVACION P. BAYLON** known as a **Savings Deposit** with **Metrobank Iloilo** under **Savings Account No. 240-3-240-31723-1** is adjudicated to heir **REGIE S. BAYLON**, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Joe Abad S. Lazaro, Jr.** per Doc No. 211, Page No. 44, Book No. LXV, Series of 2024.

NE/February 19, 26 & March 4, 2024



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



**JAMES V. SERVICE** CASE NO. MRO VI 24-002

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

Applicant requested for Approval of Sale and Transfer of Ownership of the vessel named **MBca "INDAY IMEE"** owned by **SUSIE ANINGAT (VENDOR)** to **JAMES V. SERVICE (VENDEE)**.

This application will be heard by this Authority on **28 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR:

(SGD.) **JEFFREY A. BANGSA**  
Regional Director

nia/mma  
Vendor: Susie Aningat  
Address: Carles, Iloilo  
Vendee: James V. Service  
Address: Carles, Iloilo  
Office of the Solicitor General 134 Amorsolo St., Makati  
FS, Manila  
File



Department of Transportation  
**MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY**  
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RE: Application for Renewal of Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) pursuant to Republic Act No. 9295 and its Revised - Implementing Rules and Regulations

**ASTORIA BORACAY, INC.** Case No. MRO VI 17-043  
Applicant. Renewal

X-----X

**ORDER**

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

**ROUTE/S TO BE SERVED:**

OWNED BY APPLICANT	HULL	TYPE OF SERVICE	PASSAGE RATE
SB ASTORIA BORACAY 1	FRP	Guest/Tourist	PER CONTRACT BASIS
SBAQUANIMITY	FRP	Guest/Tourist	PER CONTRACT BASIS

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

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

The Applicant shall present the jurisdictional, qualification and documentary requirements in a summary proceeding to be conducted on **28 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR:

(SGD.) **JEFFREY A. BANGSA**  
Regional Director

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



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



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

**CHRISTIAN JAMES D. BARTOLOME** Case No. MRO VI 24-004  
Applicant CPC Issuance

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**ORDER**

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

ROUTE(S) TO BE SERVED				
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				
Vessel Name	GRT	HULL	Type of Service	Passage Rate
THOUSAND SUNNY	29.0	FIBERGLASS	Guest/Tourist	Per contract basis

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

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

The Applicant shall present the jurisdictional, qualification and documentary requirements in a summary proceeding to be conducted **29 February 2023 at 10:00 A.M.** at the Maritime Regional Office VI Building, De La Rama St., Iloilo City, which is within seven (7) days from the date of publication/posting.

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

WITNESS, the Administrator, **Hon. Sonia B. Malaluan**, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR:

(SGD.) **JEFFREY A. BANGSA**  
Regional Director

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



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
**REGIONAL TRIAL COURT**  
 6<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL REGION  
**BRANCH 76**  
 Janiuay, Iloilo  
[rtc2jyi076@judiciary.gov.ph](mailto:rtc2jyi076@judiciary.gov.ph)  
 (033) 503 5371/320 5408

**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

**(SGD.) CARLO M. YAP**  
 Sheriff IV

NE/February 5, 12 & 19, 2024



Republic of the Philippines  
**REGIONAL TRIAL COURT**  
 6<sup>th</sup> 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. LITIRATO**, 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.

NE/February 5, 12 & 19, 2024

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
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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



## DICT activates satellite internet in 4 DRRMOs in Negros Occidental

BACOLOD CITY – The Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) activated the very small aperture terminal (VSAT) satellite internet connectivity in four disaster risk reduction and management offices (DRRMOs) in Negros Occidental.

The installed and activated VSATs are in the Provincial DRRMO based here and in Cadiz, Kabankalan and Sipalay cities.

Mary Jane Agonace, provincial director of DICT-Negros Occidental Provincial Field Office, on Tuesday said the four DRRMOs, which are among the recipients in the initial phase of the program, were chosen for their active involvement in disaster response.

“The VSAT will serve as data communications or internet access during disasters when all telecommunications signals are down. It can also be installed mobile on a vehicle for barangays without means of communication. The VSAT can provide them with internet connectivity,” Agonace told the Philippine News Agency.

She added that with the activation last month, the



**SATELLITE INTERNET.** Department of Information and Communications Technology-Western Visayas Government Emergency Communications System personnel install the very small aperture terminal (VSAT) at the Sipalay City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Operations Center on Jan. 23, 2024. Four disaster risk reduction and management offices in Negros Occidental are recipients of the VSAT satellite internet equipment from the Department of Information and Communications Technology. (Photo courtesy of Sipalay City-Local Government Unit)

equipment is installed for ready internet access for use by the public or the CDRRM office whenever a disaster happens.

DICT activated the VSAT at the PDRRMO on

Jan. 22, Sipalay City on Jan. 23, Kabankalan City on Jan. 24, and Cadiz City on Jan. 25.

Engineers Neil Divinagracia and Hypter Jean Posadas of the

DICT-Western Visayas Government Emergency Communications System led the installation and turnover of equipment in coordination with the Provincial Disaster

Management Program Division headed by Irene Bel Ploteña.

Personnel of the recipient-DRRMOs also trained on the use of VSAT during the installation and

the activation of the satellite internet equipment.

The VSATs are powered by internet service providers Stellarsat Solutions Inc. and Kacific Broadband Satellites. (PNA)

## Wounded Soldier Receives Cash Aid from Iloilo Provincial Government

CAMP PERALTA, Jamindan, Capiz - Corporal Ernie D. Dionson, a wounded soldier of the Army's 61st Infantry Battalion, received cash assistance from the Iloilo Provincial Government at Camp Peralta Station Hospital (CPSH) on February 12, 2024.

Dylan Rey L. Valencia, PDO III, Melinda C. Defensor, PDO II, and Mark Nervin N. Morada from the Iloilo Provincial Government personally handed over the P20,000 cash assistance to Cpl Dionson, who is currently confined and recuperating at CPSH.

Also present during the turnover of cash assistance were representatives from the Office of Assistant Chief of Staff for Personnel, G1; LTC Alexander C. Zapanta, Commanding Officer of CPSH, and 2LT Lady Charmaine S. Maguad, the Admin Officer of 611B.

To recall, Cpl Dionson was wounded during an encounter with the members of Puregold (SYP) Platoon, SPF, KR-Panay under Nahum Camariosa alias Bebong in Barangay Igpaho, Tubungan last January 17, 2024.

MGen Marion R. Sison, the 3ID Commander, is very much appreciative of the kind gesture and pleased that the Iloilo Provincial Government extended additional assistance to Cpl Dionson for his recovery and medical needs. He further emphasized that the provincial government's full support to the morale and welfare of our soldiers is a concrete manifestation of the strong collaboration, cooperation and partnership between the security sector and the LGU.

MGen Sison also lauded the strong support of the LGUs particularly the PLGU of Iloilo to the former rebels

(FRs) such as cash assistance, food packages, psychosocial interventions, employment opportunities and sustainable livelihood programs, among others. All these initiatives hasten the reintegration of the FRs to mainstream society and help them become more productive and law-abiding citizens.

“We are very much grateful to the PLGU of Iloilo for their support to our soldiers and to our peace, security and development efforts. With our strong partnership and continued collaboration, it would only be a matter of time that we can finally put an end to the local communist armed conflict in this part of the Visayas and declare not only the Province of Iloilo, but the entire Panay Island in a state of “Stable Internal Peace and Security”, MGen Sison ended.

## BSP approves full launch of GCash Overseas

GCash, the Philippines' leading finance super app and biggest cashless ecosystem, gets the green light from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) to allow millions more Filipinos overseas to use the app with their international mobile numbers.

Initially available in beta to users in the US, Canada, Italy, the UK, Australia, and Japan, the BSP's approval now paves the way for the full rollout of the service and expansion to 10 more countries, namely, the United Arab Emirates, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, South Korea, Taiwan, Singapore, Hong Kong, Spain, and Germany.

“In 2024 and beyond, we are doubling down on our mission to serve our users beyond Philippine

shores. With around 13 million Filipinos living abroad, we recognize and answer the need for them to be present for their families back home and remain in control of helping build the financial future of their loved ones,” said Ren-Ren Reyes, President and CEO of G-Xchange, Inc, the mobile wallet operator of GCash.

GCash users in these 16 countries can sign up with their international mobile numbers with their Philippine passport or other Philippine Valid ID as proof of identity. Once fully verified, they can finally support their families back home securely and seamlessly by sending money for free (GCash-to-GCash), paying for bills on time, and instantly buying them load credits with just a few taps on the app.

“Thanks to BSP's support, we are now able to provide our Kababayans across the globe access to financial services that would help alleviate difficulties in managing their finances and better support their families back home. We will soon be rolling out more services like savings, gifting vouchers, using their GCash for online payments, as well as more accessible ways to cash-in,” said Paul Albano, General Manager of GCash

International.

Aside from enabling overseas Filipinos to use GCash with their own international mobile number, the leading fintech company has also been expanding its global touchpoints in partnership with global payments platform, Alipay+. The Philippine finance super app can be used to pay select merchants across countries like Japan, South Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, and Macau in Asia as well as Qatar, the UAE, the US, and destinations in Europe such as France, Italy, Germany, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.

On top of that, the new GCash card powered by international payments giant Visa, gives users another cashless payment method when they travel abroad. The card can be used to pay in over 100 million merchants across 200 countries and territories.

GCash offers its users a wide variety of accessible financial products and services, such as Send Money, Buy Load, and Pay Bills. Likewise, users can explore other innovative financial services to jumpstart their journey towards their financial goals through GSave, GInsure, and GInvest.

## DENR ... (from page 11)

The DENR, through the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO)Aklan, apprehended 10 persons in possession of 1.35 kilograms of agarwood with an estimated market value of PHP216,000 in Brgy. Kinalangay Viejo, Malinao, Aklan on Dec. 29 last year.

The Northwest Panay Peninsula Natural Park (NPPNP)rangers also arrested one poacher in possession of

2.630 kilograms of agarwood with an estimated value of PHP1.97 million while they were on overnight foot patrol and wildlife monitoring in the municipality of Nabas also in Aklan on Jan. 17 this year.

Considered as “Wood of the Gods”, its *Aquilaria malaccensis* species is listed as endangered under the National List of Threatened Flora of the DENR-Biodiversity

Management Bureau.

Seven other species are listed as vulnerable based on DENR Administrative Order No. 2017-11 or the Updated National List of Threatened Philippine Plants and their Categories.

Generally, agarwood is a threatened plant species in the country and it is mandatory to identify the species to determine the fines and penalties associated with

the violation committed, the DENR said.

The arrested poachers are facing cases for violation of Presidential Decree (PD) 705 or Revised Forestry Code of the Philippines as amended, Republic Act 9147 or Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act, and RA 11038 or the Expanded National Integrated Protected Area Systems (eNIPAS) Act. (PNA)



## TESDA signs agreement for research and development, innovation

True to its vision of developing a world-class and skilled Filipino workforce, the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) continues to tie up with international companies to strengthen the country's tech-voc sector.

Last February 3, TESDA Secretary Suharto Mangudadatu and LabTech International Batam Head Steven McKee signed a Memorandum of Understanding that aims to improve the Philippine tech-voc sector's research and development, and innovation.

"This partnership comes at a very opportune time. We are very grateful to LabTech International for this partnership as this will help us in our bid to further strengthen the technical and vocational education and training (TVET) in the Philippines," Secretary Mangudadatu said.

LabTech International is a company that has been designing and producing technology training systems for top educational institutions around the world for the past 35 years.

# Victorias City expands initiatives to fight child malnutrition

**BACOLOD CITY** – The City of Victorias in Negros Occidental is expanding efforts to address malnutrition among children in 15 of the city's 26 barangays through a sustained partnership with the Negrense Volunteers for Change (NVC) Foundation, a Bacolod-based non-profit

organization.

Mayor Javier Miguel Benitez and NVC chief executive officer and president Milagros Kilayko signed a memorandum of agreement in a ceremony held at the Victorias City Hall on Monday to seal the new partnership.

Some 61 stunted

children identified during the assembly of the Mingo Nutrition Program last month are the beneficiaries of the NVC's Mingo MingGROW Protocol, a 12-month complementary nutrition program for stunted children ages 6 to 36 months old.

"Through the partnership,

we aim to achieve zero stunted and severely stunted children in Victorias City," Benitez said in a statement on Tuesday.

The World Health Organization defines stunting, which is considered undernutrition, as low height-for-age.

Stunted children have

impaired growth and development due to poor nutrition, repeated infection, and deficient psychosocial stimulation.

The foundation will ensure the daily provision of 16 to 24 ounces of fresh milk per child, prescribe vitamins and minerals during the first month, facilitate home and group visits, and assist in creating family and community gardens for a sustainable food supply.

It will also tap barangay nutrition scholars to lead the peer groups, consisting of the mothers of beneficiaries, who will monitor and record the developments of identified children.

They also signed a memorandum of understanding for planning and the development of the city's nutrition master plan, with Victorias serving as one of the laboratories of NVC to implement the newly designed and tested protocols to eradicate malnutrition.

The Mingo MingGROW Protocol program is the second collaboration between the city government and the NVC, following the supplementary feeding program for 307 undernourished children last year. (PNA)



**NUTRITION PROGRAM.** Negrense Volunteers for Change Foundation chief executive and president Milagros Kilayko (standing, right) introduces the Mingo MingGROW Protocol, a 12-month complementary nutrition program for stunted children, to Victorias City Mayor Javier Miguel Benitez (seated, left) and other city officials. Benitez and Kilayko signed a memorandum of agreement for the program implementation during a ceremony held at the City Hall on Monday (Feb. 12, 2023). (Photo courtesy of Victorias City Information Office)

## VENDORS TRAINING, LIVELIHOOD IN PREP FOR MODERN MARKETS

Iloilo City vendors are undergoing trainings related to business operations and market management through the City Government's flagship program Usuwag Negosyo Academy (UNA).

Launched last year in partnership with BDO Foundation, UNA has already trained and empowered 130 vendors from various public markets.

This is in preparation for the opening of modern markets which are now undergoing construction works.

Mayor Jerry P. Treñas emphasized that this initiative is a big help to market vendors.

"We want a holistic approach in the redevelopment of our public markets. Part of this is the empowerment of our market vendors so they may also improve their business and income," he said.

The City Government is hopeful to have the 3,000 vendors all trained.

They are from Iloilo Terminal Market, Central Market, Jaro Big Public Market, Jaro Small Public Market, La Paz Public

Market, Mandurriao Public Market, and Arevalo Public Market.

Endorsed by the Local Economic Enterprise Office (LEEO), the market vendor must be a bonafide member with registered business, diligently paying his or her dues and committed to finish the training.

Local Economic Development and Investment Promotion (LEDIP) Office head Velma Jane Lao said the vendors are trained by batch and have to complete six sessions of trainings in order to avail of the livelihood

assistance worth P5,000.

Last year, six batches of vendors have graduated from the training. The first two batches were given livelihood assistance by the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO). The third to sixth batches were subsidized by BDO Foundation.

"We want our vendors to keep up with the redevelopment of public markets. We want to capacitate and empower them especially that we are now in the age of digitalization," said Lao.

They are trained on Work Ethics, Service Quality, Business Registration, Digitalization, Food Safety and Handling, Customer Service, Financial Literacy, Fair Trade laws, Consumer Rights and Responsibilities, Business Continuity Planning (BCP), and Financial Education (Fish N' Learn).

City Hall also partnered with government agencies like Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), Regional Tripartite Wages and Productivity Board of the Department of Labor and Employment, Department of Trade and Industry, and Iloilo City Community College for the program implementation. (Iloilo City PIO)



## MORE EXCHANGES, COOPERATIONS BETWEEN ILOILO CITY, CHINA SISTER CITIES URGED

With everything coming back to normal after the pandemic, Consul General of China in Cebu Zhang Zhen has recommended for Iloilo City and its sister cities in China to have more people exchanges and cooperations.

"We all know that during the pandemic years the exchange remains at a very low level. But now after pandemic, everything came back to normal, so I will suggest that both sides make good use of the Sister City relationship and to explore more opportunities and possibilities to have tangible win-win cooperation which can bring more benefits to both sides," said Zhang.

The Chinese official, who visited the city in line with the Chinese New Year celebration, said Iloilo's sister cities are very strong and famous in China and have their own features and strengths.

These are Qingdao wherein Iloilo has established sister city ties in 2000; Guangzhou City in Fujian province in 2020; and Wuhan in Hubei province in 2021.

"These big cities have vigorous potentials, and they have many, many strong sectors. So, I think the potential for the bilateral cooperation for Iloilo city and these cities are huge and great," she added.

She further cited, for instance, that "Wuhan is a very big city in the middle of China just like Iloilo, in the middle of the Philippines, the heart of the Philippines. Wuhan is also heart of China."

Meanwhile, with Iloilo City as a center of education, Zhang recommended more exchanges and cooperation in education.

"In China, there are a lot of good colleges and universities, including higher education; also the vocational education is very strong. Educational institutions can establish a kind of partnership, they can exchange students and teachers even, have more common projects so both sides can benefit," she said.

Other potential areas for partnership, she noted, are agriculture, green energy, sustainable development, urbanization, and tourism.

"If the visa policy to China can ease, then I'm sure the two sides, the tourism bureaus and travel agencies can have better cooperation," she said. (Iloilo City PIO)