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questions to the TV screen monitor being displayed at the NFA lobby because all the facts are there. This reporter was also being denied to take pictures inside the NFA bodega.

Doronila assured the Ilonggos that NFA has a buffer stocks of rice intended to the calamities and it is distributed thru DSWD and other related agencies. She clarified that NFA is not selling rice to retailers or traders since last year.

The mandate of NFA is to buy the palay produced by the farmers at P23.00 per kilo and sell it to DSWD, LGU and other related agencies at P1,250 per bag. She also explained that NFA is making money out of this buy and sell of rice. Their 50 years of existence is a proof of good management.

Doronila added that they are only buying the locally produced rice but they have no hands on rice importations since it was handled by the rice traders.

In an interview with the rice retailer, a certain Oscar told News Express since the time of President Rodrigo Duterte to date they no longer get their supplies at the NFA, and they have no choice but to get their supplies from rice traders. Since then rice prices went up from P32.00 per kilo to P58.00 per kilo of locally produced rice.

**TREÑAS ... (from page 1)**

performance and trust ratings," the certificate, signed by Dr. Paul Martinez, a Global Affairs Analyst and the Executive Director of RPMD, read.

Treñas expressed his profound gratitude to RPMD for the recognition, which he dedicates to all the Ilonggos.

He thanked everyone for the continued trust and confidence in his leadership and vowed to serve better and come up with more programs beneficial to the whole Ilonggo community.

"This is validation of all the hard work and dedication of all the men and women in the City Government, of course, with the support of our people and our various partners," Treñas stated.

In giving the award, the RPMD cited that under Treñas' transformative leadership, Iloilo City has witnessed significant advancements in infrastructure, public services, and community engagement.

"His unwavering dedication to the welfare of his constituents and his innovative governance approach have been instrumental in propelling the city towards remarkable progress, embodying the spirit of "Uswag Iloilo" (Progress Iloilo) and laying the foundations for "Rise Iloilo", a vision that under his guidance, can be seamlessly realized," it added.

The RPMD's rigorous evaluation process examined the initiatives led by Mayor Treñas, gauging their impact on the city's development and the residents' quality of life.

"This award not only celebrates Mayor Treñas' substantial contributions to Iloilo City's upliftment but also highlights his role as an exemplary leader capable of navigating the complexities of modern governance to foster sustainable community development," the RPMD emphasized. (*Iloilo City PIO*)

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**ANG TAGDUMALAHAN**

# USWAG SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORTS ILONGGOS' FUTURE

The Uswag Scholarship Program, one of Iloilo City Government's flagship initiatives, anchored on its W.H.E.E.L.S. or Welfare, Health, Environment, Education, Livelihood, Sustainability roadmap under Education, has been successfully assisting underprivileged yet deserving students in receiving financial aid to further their education.

Mayor Jerry P. Treñas launched this program in 2010 and eventually established a list of professionals.

The initiative has aided young Ilonggos in pursuing their academic goals and achieving their dreams.

"Education is vital to building a community and a nation. As father of the city, I want my children, the Ilonggos, to have bigger and better opportunities to improve their lives; that's why investing in education through various programs and projects is one of our priorities," said Treñas.

Qualified beneficiaries get P5,000 cash assistance per semester, or a total of P10,000 per year.

"To the scholars, they should continue studying well and strive hard since the guidelines state that there must be no grade

lower than 80 in any subject for their scholarship to continue; they need to maintain their grades until they graduate," Uswag Scholarship Office Head Rene Jabican said.

A total of 27,389 scholars since 2010 have benefited from the program, and many are already doing well professionally.

There were 2,000 awardees including 34 Cum Laude, 11 Magna Cum Laude, one Summa Cum Laude, and 46 with Latin Honors in 2023.

Shyraine Ann G. Pajanel, who graduated Cum Laude in Bachelor of Secondary Education Major in Filipino at Central Philippine University expressed appreciation for the help she received.

"I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude and say thank you to our beloved Mayor Jerry P. Treñas for being one of his Uswag Scholars. Thank you so much for helping me pursue my dream and making me believe that education is the key to success. Now I am proud to say that I am a licensed professional teacher," Pajanel said.

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**ILOILO TOWNS ... (from page 1)**

Symposium held recently in Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo.

"What we need in the province of Iloilo is the best investment that can generate jobs, employment, and unlimited revenue for the government in the community. We need locators, business locators. We can only have business locators in the district or the province of Iloilo. There is economic growth kun na plastar sang insakto," says Fernandez.

According to Fernandez, there has to be a reliable water district, a reliable telecommunication system, a transport system, and a robust power supply. The latter is in question simply because of the frequent unscheduled blackouts and the high cost of electricity for electric cooperatives.

But for the people in the fourth district, there is a glimmer of hope as they welcome MORE Electric and Power Corporation. This power distribution utility has been serving Iloilo City for four years and has shown that there is more than just distributing power to each home. It is capable of opening doors to more investments.

"We cannot expect the Province of Iloilo to attract foreign direct investments if we do not have these four layers of economic growth. We cannot, and to students, I hope natalupangdan ninyo, mga administrators, but in your curriculum dapat e-include ang Entrepreneurship. Tudluan kita nga mag negosyo, indi mangin empleyado pagka-graduate," says Mr. Fernandez.

Engr. Fulbert Woo, President of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) – Iloilo Chapter, says there are a lot of MSMEs in Iloilo, which alone require a stable power supply to operate. For large-scale industries, it requires even more.

"You see, all programs on business development are

not only because of the driving force of the dream of our chief executives. It will always be the partnership between the private sector and local government units," says Engr. Woo.

Currently, MORE Power has the lowest power rate among Distribution Utilities (DUs) in Western Visayas. It is the only utility that uses SCADA-ready equipment, has a 24/7 customer helpline, and a vision that foresees Iloilo as a prime investment hub for the decades to come.

Atty. Allana Mae Babayen-on, AVP, Legal Officer of More Power, says the company offers not just power supply. Still, it wants to become a part of the community by connecting with various groups and communities to identify the needs of the people.

"We cannot just isolate ourselves and say ari lang kami sa background ma provide lang kami sang kuryente and nothing. So, we try to connect to our more than 90 thousand consumers by collaborating with groups that represent the sector. We hope to do that continually kay now and then may ga sprout nga new sectors, businesses. I think the province of Iloilo mentioned that may ara naman kita potential partners, in terms of those ga transport sang cargo, we trying to look ways kun paano kami ka help not just like a passive provider, like somebody that will take first steps to collaborate with these agencies," says Atty. Babayen-on.

The symposium encourages students and teachers, as well as members of the business group, to create a holistic solution and approach to the challenges in harboring investment for the province.

"Our goal is clear: we aim to advocate for the enhanced services and strategic investments. There will lead to be rising expectations of our dynamic economic landscape," says Mr. Wency Peñafiel Senayo, Regional President – BMAP Region VI from the University of St. La Salle.

# 20K cops, force multipliers to secure Semana Santa in Western Visayas

**ILOILO CITY –** The Police Regional Office 6 (Western Visayas) will deploy around 20,000 security officers, including force multipliers, to ensure a safe and peaceful Lenten season through “Oplan Semana Santa (Holy Week).”

PRO-6 Acting Director Brig. Gen. Jack Wanky, in a press conference on Monday, said they will be deployed in convergence areas like churches, pilgrim sites, and other tourist destinations.

“Since it’s a long vacation, we are also expecting an influx of tourists in our destinations. We have already briefed our personnel,” Wanky said.

Col. Gilbert Gorero, PRO6 Regional Operations and Management Division chief, said in the same briefing that all concerned government agencies, like the Bureau of Fire Protection, Armed Forces of the Philippines, Philippine Coast Guard, Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Offices, are aiming for zero major incident.

“We have to secure our devotees. This is the opportune time for those coming from other countries and outside of Iloilo to come home,” he said.

Gorero said security preparations are also in place in areas where there will be “tatal” or the observance of the Passion of Christ and the visita iglesia (church visits). (PNA)



**READY.** Around 20,000 security officers will secure devotees and tourists in Western Visayas during the Holy Week, according to Police Regional Office-6 Acting Regional Director Brig. Gen. Jack Wanky during a press conference Monday (March 18, 2024). He said they will be deployed in convergence areas like churches, pilgrim sites and popular tourist spots. (PNA photo by PGLena)

## SEC, Antique biz group team up for investor’s education, advocacies

**SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, Antique –** The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) Antique Chapter signed an agreement Wednesday to strengthen their collaboration on the conduct of investor’s education and advocacies.

SEC Iloilo Director lawyer Ma. Cristina Montelibano, in her message, said they need to establish and strengthen linkages, communications and collaborative activities for their agency to effectively carry out its mandate.

“SEC is reaching out to all sectors in order to advance the government services,” she said.

Signatories to the agreement included PCCI Antique Chapter President Rani Rodriguez and Vice President Aben Ortega, and Montelibano.

In the agreement, the parties will have regular consultations and dialogues



**COLLABORATION.** Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) Antique chapter, represented by its vice president Aben Ortega and president Rani Rodriguez (first and second from left), on Wednesday (March 20, 2024) sign an agreement with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) represented by Iloilo extension office Director lawyer Ma. Cristina Montelibano and administrative officer Rutchie Depon (third and fourth from left) for their collaboration in the conduct of investor education and advocacies. Montelibano said they need to establish and strengthen effective linkages, communications, and collaborative activities with PCCI for their agency to become effective in its mandate. (PNA photo by Annabel Consuelo J. Petinglay)

in the design, development, and implementation of financial literacy programs and investment scams awareness activities.

They will also conduct joint programs, activities

and interventions focused on equipping the people with the knowledge and skills to understand financial principles and practices, as well as to avoid becoming victims of investment fraud through the SEC Capital Market Promotion and Awareness Inter-Agency Network (SEC CAMPAIGN Network).

“Although there is no any investment scam in Antique now, but then, we are pursuing the program to prevent anyone from being (a) victim,” Montelibano said.

Rodriguez said PCCI seeks to help its members; micro, small and medium

enterprises (MSMEs) and other stakeholders how to legitimize their businesses by registering it with SEC.

“We also know that one of the requirements of the financial institutions whenever an entrepreneur or MSME applies for a loan for his developing business is the SEC registration so we would like to help them learn on how to register,” he said.

The SEC will be establishing a station or satellite office in Antique so those needing their services no longer have to transact at SEC in Iloilo city in the future. (PNA)

## More renewable energy projects to be developed in Negros

**BACOLOD CITY –** Several renewable energy (RE) projects, totaling more than 1,000 megawatts, are being proposed across Negros Occidental in the next 15 years, data from the Department of Energy (DOE) showed.

Those were among the developments discussed during the Negros Island Power Forum organized by the Metro Bacolod Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MBCCI) at the L’ Fisher Hotel here on Wednesday.

In his presentation, Engr. Jose Rey Maleza, chief of DOE-Visayas Energy Industry Management Division, said that Negros Island has a total of 155.6 megawatts (MW) committed power projects and 1,231.7 MW indicative power projects.

“Committed projects ready for implementation or already being implemented while indicative projects are those in the planning stage,” he added.

Committed projects include biomass in Victorias City, geothermal in Bago City, solar in Silay City, and battery energy storage in Murcia and San Carlos City.

Indicative projects are solar in the cities of Victorias,

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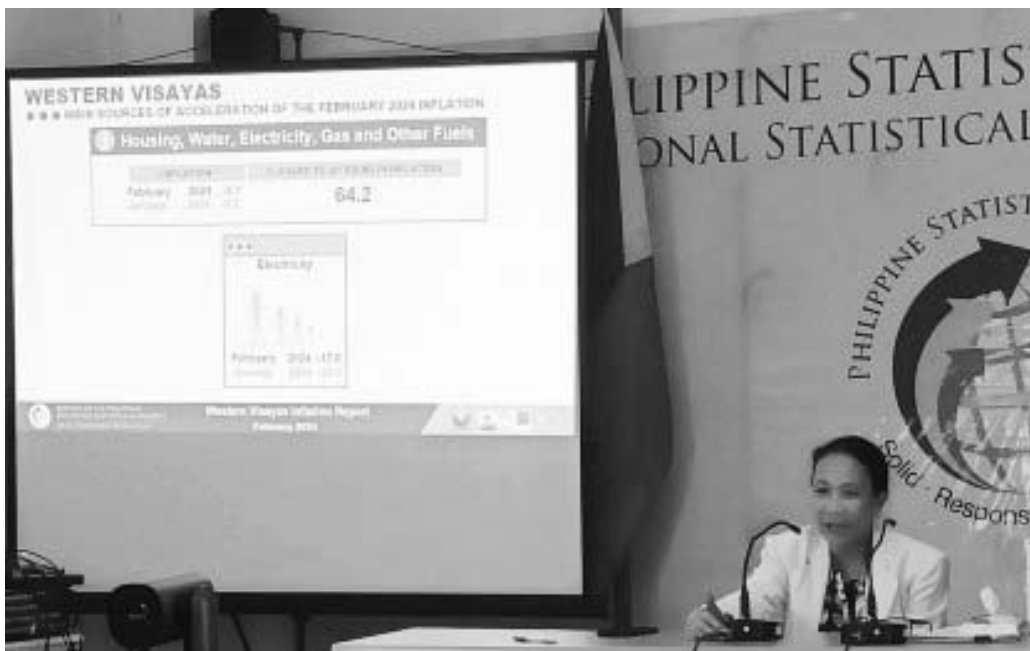
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# Iloilo wants improved agri productivity to ease inflation



**BOOSTING AGRICULTURE.** The Philippine Statistics Authority in Western Visayas on Tuesday (March 19, 2024) says the region registered a 2.7 percent inflation rate in February 2024. In a press conference on Wednesday (March 20), Iloilo Governor Arthur Defensor said the province is working to boost the supply side to lessen the impact of inflation. (PNA photo by PGLena)

**ILOILO CITY**—The Iloilo provincial government is working hard to boost the agriculture industry to help ease the impact of inflation.

“As much as we can, we help agriculture so that we can address the supply side but there are other factors that are beyond our control, especially those that are coming from the international market,” Governor Arthur Defensor Jr. said in a media conference Wednesday.

Iloilo province registered a 2.1 percent inflation rate in February, the lowest among all the provinces and highly urbanized cities of Western Visayas.

Defensor said the rate is significant, especially since the province registered 1.2 percent in January.

He, however, stressed that February’s inflation rate was also affected by the international market and supply.

Contributing to the uptrend inflation are housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuels; food and non-alcoholic beverages; and a slower decline in transport.

Electricity; cereals and cereal products, meat and other parts of slaughtered

animals, particularly pork; and fuels are among the factors that accelerated the inflation.

Defensor said the latest inventory showed an increase in hog population in the province.

The provincial government is also preparing to embark on sentineling in line with its recovery efforts from African swine fever.

Seven municipalities progressed to pink from the previous red or infected zone, including Batad, Sta. Barbara, San Miguel, Oton, New Lucena, Barotac Viejo, and Banate.

The provincial government is also mulling the idea of embarking on swine dispersal to assist farmers affected by the El Niño phenomenon.

Other interventions of the province are embedded in the program of the provincial agriculture office.

Meanwhile, the headline inflation in Western Visayas at 2.7 remains lower when compared with 10.8 percent in the same period last year, according to the Philippine Statistics Authority. (PNA)

## Children of slain NPA rebel in Negros to get educational aid

**BACOLOD CITY**—The Philippine Army’s 79th Infantry Battalion (IB) has assured the children of the slain remnant of the New People’s Army (NPA) in Negros Occidental of educational assistance for them to finish school.

Jose Caramihan, a member of an anti-crime volunteer group before joining the NPA Northern Negros Front, was among the three rebels killed during the series of encounters in Sitio Mansulao, Barangay Pinapugasan, Escalante City, on Feb. 21.

Lt. Col. Arnel Calaoagan, commander of 79IB, recently visited Caramihan’s wife Susan and their three daughters at the barangay hall to extend his sympathies.

Capt. Dan Carlo Samoza, civil-military operations officer of 79IB, said Wednesday that the Caramihan family accepted the support of their unit and also assured their cooperation with the government forces.

“We have ongoing assistance to them, and we will keep on assisting them,” he said in an interview.

Among the three daughters, two are still minors who are junior high school students.

Samoza said the 79IB will assist the family in securing various forms of assistance, such as educational scholarships for all the children.

The Philippine Army is providing assistance for their basic needs in partnership with the city government and other stakeholders, he added.

In a statement, Calaoagan said he told the Caramihan family that the government troops are not enemies and are offering assistance to them.

“May we all stand in one voice to prevent another tragic story like this. Let us all make a resilient community that will protect and preserve the sanctity of life and the very basic foundation of society, the family,” he said.

The two others killed along with Caramihan were Emarny “Jandie” Pastedio and Christopher “Michael” Ebarle, recruited by the NPA as child warriors several years back. (PNA)



## DepEd to establish learner protection desk during sports meet

**SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, Antique**—The Department of Education (DepEd) Schools Division of Antique will establish a learner rights and protection desk (LRPD) to promote safe interaction and fun sports for the estimated 2,000 learner-athletes who will compete during the Antique Provincial Athletic Association Meet (APAAM).

DepEd-Antique LRPD focal person Christine Marie Tamon said in an interview Wednesday that they would establish desks at the billeting

area and playing venues.

“We will be establishing more visible desks, manned by at least two DepEd personnel or school officials at the billeting area at the Antique National School (ANS) and at the more than 10 playing venues in the province to ensure a safe interaction among the athletes,” she said.

The LRPD is mandated under DepEd Memorandum Order 2024-05-00946, emphasizing DepEd’s zero-tolerance policy for any act of learner abuse, exploitation, violence, discrimination,

bullying, and other forms of abuse during the sports event.

The LRPD will also assist athletes needing help in tandem with medical teams the division will deploy during the sports event set on April 2-5.

“We really hope that there will be no bullying or other incidents even if the sports competition becomes tough,” she said.

She appealed to learner-athletes not to get carried by their high emotions and for the parents to help promote sportsmanship among their children. (PNA)



**PROTECTION DESK.** Department of Education (DepEd) Schools Division of Antique learner-athletes during the 2023 Antique Provincial Athletic Association Meet (APAAM) opening parade in San Jose de Buenavista on March 31, 2023. Christine Marie Tamon, DepEd-Antique learner rights and protection desk (LRPD) focal person, said during an interview Wednesday (March 20, 2024) that they would establish an LRPD to promote safe interaction and fun sports for the estimated 2,000 learner-athletes who will be competing during the 2024 APAAM on April 2-5. (Photo courtesy of Province of Antique)



Radiating confidence and optimism, Agnes Mercado confidently stands on her coconut shells, mirroring the resilience she displayed in overcoming life's adversities and obstacles.

## Standing Strong Against the Odds

"In the world of business, success is not guaranteed every time. Losses are possible, yet it's essential to persevere and keep moving forward despite setbacks," said Agnes Mercado, a thriving entrepreneur from Bagacay, Buenavista, Marinduque.

Agnes has been a client of CARD Bank, Inc. for one year when she opened her sari-sari store. She learned about CARD Bank through her sibling, and she was motivated to join knowing it would be a great help in starting a business.

With a PHP 5,000 loan from CARD Bank and the earnings from selling a cow, she managed to purchase a few products for her sari-sari store and fit them in a small hut that also serves as their home.

Despite its small space, their store retained good sales. Eventually, they gathered enough savings to initiate buying and selling of copras and charcoal. Because of their desire to increase their income, they immediately purchased ten sacks of coconut shells and turned them into charcoal that they could sell within their community.

The business idea came from Agnes' husband, who worked in a copra processing facility. The couple decided to invest in purchasing coconuts, extract copras to sell oils and separate its shells to be sold for charcoal productions or turn them into charcoal.

Similar to any other start up business, she encountered numerous challenges. The lack of coconut resources posed a significant obstacle for them as they ventured into this new business.

"At first, our sales were very inconsistent due to frequent shortages of coconuts. Being inexperienced in the industry, we struggle to locate reliable suppliers, leading to insufficient inventories of coconut shells and limited sales of coconut oils," Agnes said.

Throughout the pandemic, they suffered significant losses as the number of customers visiting their store started to decrease, accompanied by changing weather conditions that halted their operations. Agnes had no choice but to use her savings in CARD Bank to provide her family's needs.

Amidst the challenges they faced, she remained steadfast and hopeful. With the help of her husband and the support of CARD Bank, they were able to rise again and resume their business.

"I got to the point where I attempted to borrow capital from various individuals but was not successful. Thankfully, CARD Bank was always there to provide our financial requirements," she said.

Agnes slowly started to overcome the challenges she faced. Their coconut related business and sari-sari store grew overtime.

From ten sacks of coconut shells and charcoal, they now managed to sell between 50 and over a hundred sacks in nearby towns. Through this, Agnes was able to sustain the educational needs of her two children, managed to renovate their home, and established their own bakery shop in 2011.

"Despite the challenging and exhausting nature of our business that revolves around coconuts, I knew that it could bring me a lot of opportunities. I have remained optimistic, believing in myself that I can do it," she said.

Despite the countless challenges Agnes faced, her determination and efforts were the keys that led to her establishment of three successful businesses.

## P30-M housing program to benefit families in danger-prone areas

ILOILO CITY – A PHP30 million housing project of the Iloilo provincial government will benefit 30 families exposed to natural or other kinds of hazards in the municipality of Batad.

"Purok Resilience is our socialized and localized housing program that is also a climate change response. Here in Batad, we have identified families living in landslide-prone. We want to transfer them to a safe area, which is not far from their sources of livelihood," said Iloilo Governor Arthur Defensor

Jr., who announced Wednesday its official launch in Barangay Nangka in Batad on Friday.

It is localized because it is only at the barangay level and socialized because the beneficiaries are those with no houses of their own and living in danger-prone areas.

Defensor said based on experience, it is better if the housing project is not far from their sources of livelihood.

He said the provincial government would work with the United Nations

Habitat for Humanity and other partners to implement the small-scale program.

The local government, according to the governor, is ready with the lot for the project site.

After the Batad project, the provincial government will continue looking for other areas.

"We have a design for that. We will see how it develops," he added.

Executive Order 333, signed by the governor in 2022, mandated the establishment of the project. (PNA)



**GAINING GROUND.** Iloilo City ranked fourth among highly urbanized cities outside of the National Capital Region based on the Philippine Statistics Authority's first-ever Provincial Product Accounts for 2022, results of which were released on Monday (March 18, 2024). Mayor Jerry Treñas, in an interview Tuesday, said he wanted the gains of the city sustained. (PNA file photo)

## Iloilo City 4th richest city outside NCR

ILOILO CITY – The local government here is hoping to sustain its gains after placing fourth among the pilot highly urbanized cities (HUCs) outside of the National Capital Region (NCR) based on the results of the Provincial Product Accounts (PPA) for 2022.

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), in a special release on Monday, said Iloilo City's per capita gross domestic product (GDP), or the average contribution of individuals to an economy's output for a certain period, in the first-ever PPA stood at PHP306,444, higher than the national average of PHP178,751.

"We worked very hard for that and it showed in the result. We are very happy that Iloilo City is gaining ground... Hopefully, this will continue because we have so many plans for Iloilo City," Mayor Jerry Treñas said in an interview Tuesday.

Iloilo City followed the cities of Baguio, Cagayan de Oro and

Lapu-Lapu, which are the top one to three, respectively.

Velma Jane Lao, head of the Iloilo City Local Economic Development and Investment Promotion (LEDIP) office, told the Philippine News Agency on Tuesday that the result of the PPA means that Iloilo City has a strong economy.

"The strength of its economy is one of the elements investors look into. The high GDP per capita of Iloilo City indicates that the population is productive," she said in an interview.

Lao said the city's aggressive promotion for investments has generated more employment and opportunities for entrepreneurship, thus increasing the productivity of the Ilonggos.

"The output of each Ilonggo contributes to our GDP," she said, adding that investments have multiplier effects like job creation, boosting purchasing power, and increasing tax collection. (PNA)

## P1.4- M shabu seized in various sting ops in Antique capital town

SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, Antique – Intensified anti-drug operations in this capital town of Antique from the start of year to date resulted in the arrest of five suspects and confiscation of 200 grams of shabu valued at PHP1.4 million.

"We have focused our campaign jointly with the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) on suppliers or high-value individuals to make sure that we could reduce the supply of illegal drugs in the municipality," San Jose de Buenavista Municipal Police Station chief Maj. Jeremy Ian Magbanua in an interview on Tuesday.

The focus is on the suppliers instead of small-time retailers or drug pushers.

Negros Occidental and Iloilo were the identified sources of the illegal substance.

Shabu's prevailing street price in Antique is PHP7,000 per gram, Magbanua said.



Meanwhile, the San Jose de Buenavista police apprehended 43-year-old Elarde Villar, a tricycle driver and resident of Barangay Mdrangca, who stabbed dead Indian national Avtar Sivia, 36, on March 17.

Sivia was driving a motorcycle when waylaid by the suspect along Capadocia Street corner Salvani Subdivision without any apparent reason or provocation and stabbed twice.

He was declared dead on arrival at Angel Salazar Memorial General Hospital. (PNA)



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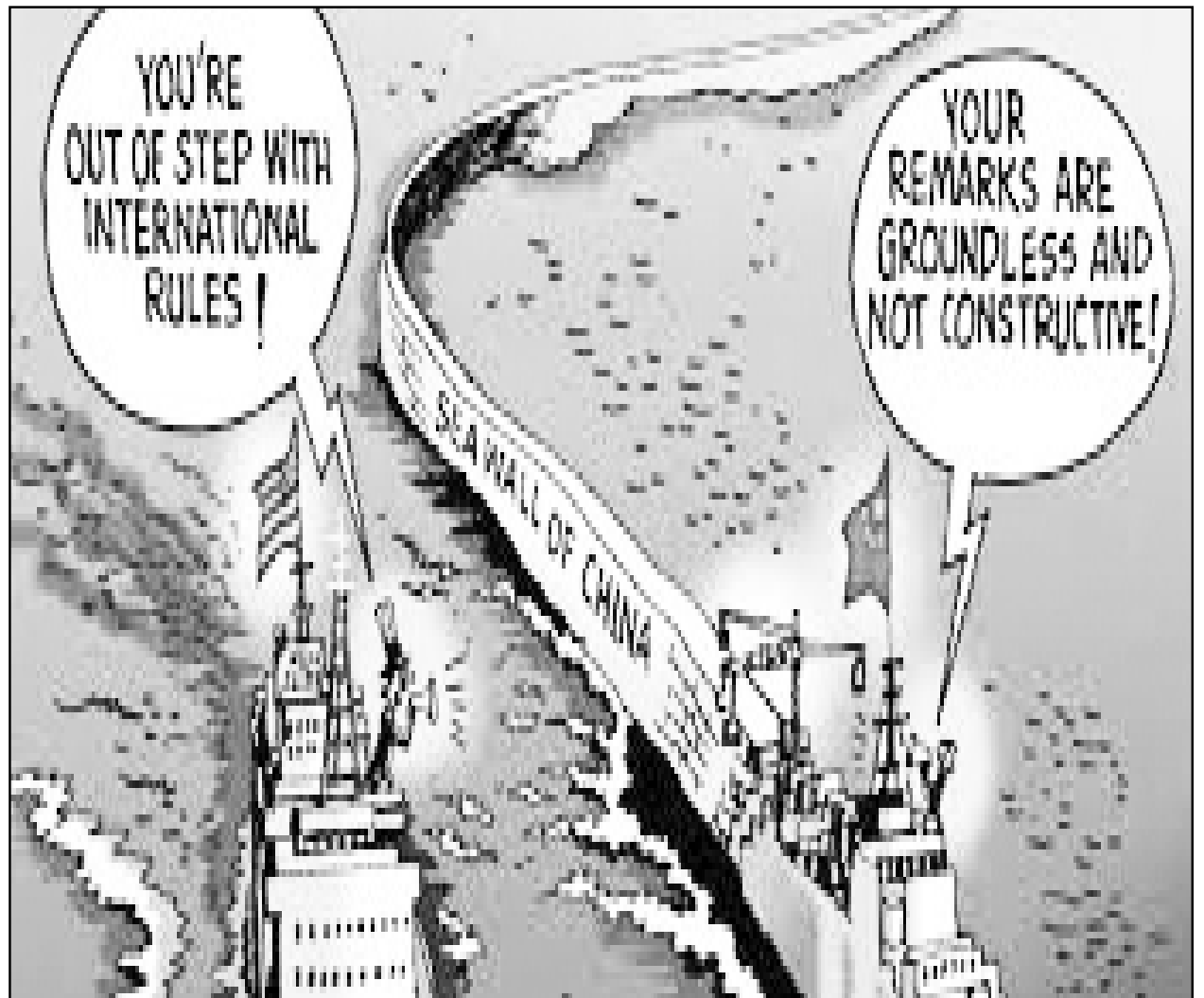
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## Reaffirming international law

*Editorial*

Visiting US Secretary of State Antony Blinken has had his words loud and clear the expanded defense cooperation with the Philippines is “extraordinary” and underlined Washington’s expanding alliances are not aimed at China.

That Blinken, who just flew in from a democracy summit in Seoul, stated this should remind the skeptics that indeed Washington and Manila share a common concern about China’s actions in the South China Sea, more than 90 percent of which it claims as its own under its mythical nine-dash line, now upgraded to ten-dash line.

Such disturbing actions have been seen within the 200-mile exclusive economic zone of the Philippines, particularly on some shoals and reefs, when Philippine vessels,

on humanitarian missions, were blocked or subjected to water cannons.

The Manila trip comes one month before a trilateral meeting on April 11 among US President Joe Biden, President Marcos and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, when the three, according to White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre, would push a “shared vision for a free and open Indo-Pacific.”

Blinken said that arrangement was “a very important platform” for peace and building greater stability.

“It is not designed against anyone, but in service of realizing a common vision for the future to the benefit of people in all of our countries,” Blinken said.

Washington is keen to improve relations

with its regional allies, such as Manila and Seoul, in efforts to check China and North Korea as tensions rise in the South China Sea, over Taiwan and on the Korean peninsula.

The Tuesday meeting, the second visit by Blinken since President Marcos took office on June 30, 2022, is seen as part of efforts to boost security and economic ties in face of growing Chinese aggression in the West Philippine Sea.

Such commitments are also included in the Mutual Defense Treaty between the Philippines and the United States, signed on Aug 30, 1951 by their representatives in Washington, DC.

The treaty has eight articles and requires both nations to support each other if another party attacks the Philippines or the United States. (*manilastandard*)

## Driving on the wrong side of the road

“Hold people accountable for irresponsible behavior, that affects you and the world around you”- Trish McCann

By now, a lot of people have seen that viral video of a motorcycle rider traversing the wrong side of the skyway and smashing into an Asian utility vehicle (AUV). It is regrettable that the said rider died but what is more regrettable is that the innocent driver of the AUV, who had clearly the right of way, had to go to jail for a few days before he was released only because the family of the rider filed an affidavit of desistance.

According to reports, the motorcycle rider allegedly had no helmet nor valid driver’s license at the time. He was also travelling faster than the speed limit and riding a motorcycle type not allowed on the skyway, all while under the influence of alcohol. Despite the plethora of violations and being clearly on the wrong side of the skyway, the AUV driver had to suffer being held in jail for a few days simply because the rider died and the standard procedure in our system is to detain the other driver when the other party dies.

Yesterday, another similar video was recorded in Cebu of a rider again on the wrong side of the road hitting another car. Lately, we have been seeing several videos of accidents that involve riders and some drivers on the wrong side of the road that have resulted in injuries and death. In most of these instances, the other driver is detained even when it is obvious that the other party was where he/she was not supposed to be. For the past

few years, we have seen an uptick of riders and drivers traversing solid lanes into the wrong side of roads and even on exclusive bus lanes along Epifanio de los Santos Avenue (EDSA). Despite being obviously the ones violating traffic rules, many of these riders and drivers have the gall to be angry when they are confronted about being on the wrong side of the road. We have all seen the video where a motorcycle rider blocking a car was arguing and refusing to budge even though it was the car who had the right of way.

The incident on the Skyway has several people asking why the system is the way it is and why clearly innocent drivers are being made to suffer for the obvious lack of care of errant riders and drivers. There is actually a house bill pending in congress that addresses precisely this obvious flaw in our legal system. House Bill 1987 or the Philippine Responsible Driving and Accountability Act puts the onus of culpability on the driver who at the time of an accident is committing a traffic violation. If a rider or driver is on the wrong side of the road then any accident should be attributable to that rider or driver automatically. It is respectfully submitted that perhaps it is time to urgently pass this house bill into law.

Many suggest that it is time to make just being on the wrong side of the road as conclusive proof that the driver and rider is the one at fault under any circumstances even if the same cause the rider or driver’s death. Others also add that the concept of last clear chance where the

## OBLIQUE OBSERVATIONS

BY ATTY. GILBERT LAUENGCO, J.D.

law-abiding driver is required to try all means to avoid the reckless driver lest he be held liable for the injury or death of the errant rider be finally scrapped. In addition to this shift in the burden of proof, a lot of motorists are demanding that a massive “no mercy enforcement drive” should be implemented against those who insist on driving on the wrong side of the road. People are also saying that anyone who is caught driving on the wrong side of the road should be given very stiff penalties and have their license suspended for several months for the first offense and suspended permanently for the second offense.

This is just common sense. Perhaps, it is high time that we take a tough stand on something as simple as driving on the right side of the road. Perhaps, we should all pitch in to bring common sense back into some aspects of our culture, one step at a time, even if we have to drag some recalcitrant drivers kicking and screaming into the fold.

This is my oblique observation.

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## INVESTMENTS: IS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT OR REVISION THE SOLUTION? (Part IV)

By VIRGILIO L. LEYRETANA, SR.



On January 01, 2024 the U.S. Department of States' Investment Climate Statement, published the following disincentives for foreign investment in the Philippines:

- 1) poor infrastructure,
- 2) high power costs,
- 3) slow broadband connections,
- 4) regulatory inconsistencies,
- 5) a cumbersome bureaucracy, and
- 6) Corruption remain disincentives to investment.
- 7) the Philippines complex, slow, redundant, and sometimes corrupt judicial system inhibits the timely and fair resolution of the commercial disputes.
- 8) Traffic in major cities and congestion in the ports remain barriers to doing business.
- 9) The PSA maintains foreign ownership restrictions on six "public utilities":
  - 9.1) distribution of electricity;
  - 9.2) transmission of electricity;
  - 9.3) water and waste water pipeline distribution systems, including sewerage;
  - 9.4) petroleum/m and petroleum products pipeline transmission systems;
  - 9.5) seaports, and
  - 9.6) public utility vehicles.

As it appears, the foregoing restrictions to attracting foreign investments to the Philippines are not entirely and absolutely bound by the Constitution. A cursory perusal of the "Quisumbing Torres Handbook on Easing of Investments" show that, even without amending the Constitution, the foregoing investment barriers can be relaxed by legislative action. In fact, the Congress of the Philippines has done this already by enacting the following laws, to wit:

1. In 2020, Congress enacted R.A.11469 and R.A.11494 otherwise known as Bayanihan Act One and Two to stimulate and revitalize the economy after the havoc wrought by the Covid-10 pandemic. To augment the Bayanihan Acts, the government also instituted a policy of liberalizing the economy to attract foreign direct investment into the country, while establishing certain safeguards to protect national security through the following landmark laws, to wit:
  2. R.A. No.11569, "An Act Amending Commonwealth Act No.146, Otherwise known the Public Service Act, was amended ( PSA Amending Law).
  3. R.A. No. 11647, An Act Promoting Foreign

Investments, Amending Thereby R.A. 7042, Otherwise known as the "Foreign

Investments Act of 1991 as Amended, and for Other Purposes ("FIA Amending Law"). The Amendments to the Foreign Investment Act ( FIA) eliminated restrictions on foreign ownership of exports enterprises and opened up most areas except those subject to the nationality requirements outlined in the Constitution and the Philippines Foreign Investment Negative List (FINL).

4. R.A.11595, "An Act Amended Republic Act 8762 Otherwise known as the "Retail Trade Liberalization Act of Act 2000, by lowering the Required Paid-up Capital for Foreign Retail Enterprises, and For Other Purposes" (RTLAmending Law") and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).

The Retail Trade Liberation Act (RTLTA) reduced the per store investment requirement for foreign-owned retail trade business from \$830,000 to \$200,000 and the quantity of locally manufactured products foreign-owned stores are required to carry.

5. R.A. 11534, An Act Reforming the Corporate Income Tax and Incentives Systems Amending for the Purpose Sections 20, 22, 25, 27, 28, 29, 34, 40, 57, 109, 116, 204 and 290 of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997 as Amended and Creating Therein New Title XIII, and for Other Purposes." (CREATE Law).

In addition, the 2021 Corporate Recovery and Tax Incentives for Enterprises (CREATE) Act reduced the corporate income tax rate from 300 percent to twenty 25 percent for large firms, and 20 percent for small firms. The rate for large firms will be gradually lowered to 20 percent by 2025. CREATE also mandated fiscal incentives to be performance-based and time-bound and granted more authority to the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), which narrowed eligibility for Value Added Tax (VAT) exemptions

From the context of the laws aforesaid, it is perceptible that these evolved out of the ideas culled from consultations between and among members of Congress. Subliminally, it implies that, consultation is an indispensable medium. The more minds are consulted the better as more ideas could crystallize and the wider the choices for the most viable options.

In view of all the foregoing, is it still necessary to amend, if not revise the Constitution despite the passage of RA 11647, An Act Promoting Foreign Investments, Amending R.A.7042, otherwise known as the Foreign Investments of 1991, has liberalized the economy in order to attract

foreign investments into the country?

Amending the Constitution an obligatory imperative that cannot wait any longer? Is there a demand from the people on their volition? Is the proposal not tantamount to a redundancy during this most extraordinary crucial times?

Moreover, is it not a "non sequitur" or a misplaced expediency to propose amendment or revision of the Constitution at this juncture of our history, when the Philippines is saddled by demands for good governance and facing increasing complexities of security challenges from internal conflicts, climate change, environmental degradation, natural disasters, terrorism and maritime threats plaguing the country such as illegal fishing, piracy, smuggling, human trafficking, marine pollution, and territorial incursions?

Furthermore, is the amendment or revision the 1987 Constitution an urgency while the country is reportedly confronted by critical socio-economic and political problems e.g.

- (1) corruption, (2) poverty, (3) high unemployment and under-employment, (4) high cost of food items and prime commodities, (5) decadent agriculture and costly farm input; (6) high cost of electricity and poor service; (7) exorbitant and poor access to health care (8) high cost and shortage of potable water supply; (9) destructive fishing; (10) poor education; (11) drug and substance abuse; (12) air pollution (13) water pollution; (14) environmental degradation; (15) climate crisis and natural disasters among others?

Could it be logical that before advocating for amendment or revision of the 1987 Constitution, the decision-makers should endeavor to undertake an expanded, in-depth and exhaustive consultation with all branches, departments and offices of the government?

The foregoing questions whetting public curiosity and triggers a litany of questions begging for answers.

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## Healthcare access for persons deprived of liberty

With the Philippines ranking third in the world for prison overcrowding, it is a heavily concerning reality that persons deprived of liberty in the country face deplorable living conditions that compromise their overall health and well-being.

Some 165,000 people are incarcerated across the country as of end-2023—the 11th most in the world according to the Department of the Interior and Local Government. While some would argue that incarcerated individuals deserve less than the rest of society, I share the view that it is the policy of the State to value human dignity and guarantee full respect of human rights—even for those in prison.

Being deprived of freedom is already a heavy punishment, however, this deprivation should not extend to the denial of basic services with respect to human rights.

For years, incarcerated individuals have faced significant challenges in accessing basic services such as sufficient and nutritious food, personal care supplies, and even the most basic of healthcare services. These challenges not only hurt their living conditions but also contribute to the widening inequality gap in healthcare access in the country.

It is worth noting however that in recent years, there has been progress in improving the living conditions of persons deprived of liberty but there is still much work to be done.

Recently, the Department of Justice (DOJ) has partnered with business leader Manuel

V. Pangilinan-led Metro Pacific Investments Corporation's mWell to provide teleconsultation services to over 3,000 persons deprived of liberty at the Correctional Institute of Women.

mWell, through a joint initiative with Huawei Philippines, has enabled those incarcerated at the facility to e-consult with doctors using a tablet that's pre-loaded with the app and get e-prescriptions and lab referrals. This telemedicine service complements the laboratory services set to be implemented by the DOJ at the correctional facility.

The setup is an innovative and practical solution to the healthcare challenges faced by persons deprived of liberty.

The collaboration between the DOJ and mWell underscores the power and impact of public-private partnerships in addressing many social issues—in this case, the often-overlooked medical needs of those within the criminal justice system.

As Justice Secretary Jesus Crispin Remulla said in a statement: "It is the right of every human being to have access to a reliable, free and speedy healthcare, it is the most basic aspect of humanity which should be accorded not only to those who are free but to those who are not, as well."

By leveraging the strengths of both the public and private sectors, gaps in healthcare access for those incarcerated can be better addressed. This also relieves the burden from public funds which

can be allocated to other social services.

As seen in the partnership between the DOJ and mWell, the private sector brings a lot to the table in this regard such as medical expertise and new technologies. These do not only address the problem on access to basic healthcare needs of persons deprived of liberty but also enhance the overall environment of correctional facilities.

The private sector is also usually at the forefront of medical advancements—innovations that the public sector can largely benefit from to improve access and quality of healthcare services to persons deprived of liberty.

Looking ahead, public-private partnerships offer an efficient and effective way forward in addressing many of the pressing and often-overlooked challenges in improving the healthcare system within our criminal justice system.

By actively pursuing public-private partnerships, our government does not only respond to the basic needs of incarcerated individuals but also shows commitment to pursuing a better quality of life for all Filipinos—even for those behind bars.

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## ESPRESSO MORNINGS

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*Defendants.*

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**ORDER**

In view of the failure of the plaintiff to the deposit the required amount equivalent to the sum of one hundred percent (100%) of the value of the land based on the current relevant zonal valuation of the BIR, upon filing of the compliant, plaintiff is directed to immediately pay the required amount from notice, otherwise the court cannot acquire jurisdiction over the res.

Consequently, the prayer for the immediate issuance of the writ of possession cannot be acted upon by this court without posting of the required bond.

Meanwhile, issue summons to the defendants Vivie T. dag-um, Spouses Robert T. Magadag-um and Mara M. Macadag-um, Renan T. Macadag-um, Spouses Jimmy T. Macadag-um and Merla D. Macadag-um, Daryl T. Madag-um, Roselyn T. Macadag-um, Spouses Pablo Macadag-um, Jr. and Rodelyn B. Macadag-um, Spouses Silver T. Macadag-Um and Susan B. Macadag-Um, and National Food Authority (NFA) by personal service, and all the other heirs of Spouses Pablo Macadag-um and ErlindaTangu-an of unknown identities and whereabouts, and all other persons who may have rightful claim or interest over lot not. 1372-A(7790) located in Barangay Natividad, Barotac Viejo, Iloilo, by publication in **News Express**, a newspaper of general circulation in the province of Iloilo, twice in two (2) consecutive weeks, at the expense of the plaintiff.

**SO ORDERED.**

Barotac Viejo, Iloilo, Philippines, **6 November 2023.**

**(SGD.) JOSE MAURICIO E. GOMEZ**  
 Presiding Judge

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**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**

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**(DEFENDANTS' WHEREABOUTS CANNOT BE ASCERTAINED DESPITE DILIGENT AND EXHAUSTIVE EFFORTS)**

**LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: BRGY. NATIVIDAD, BAROTAC VIEJO, ILOILO**

Greetings:

In an Order dated 06 November 2023, this Court directed that summons issue, to be effected upon all other heirs of *Spouses Pablo Macadag-um and Erlinda Tangu-an of unknown identities and whereabouts and all other persons who may have claim or interest over Lot No. 1372-A(7790), located in Brgy. Natividad, Barotac Viejo, Iloilo, Philippine* by publication in the News Express, a newspaper of general circulation in the province of Iloilo, twice for two (2) consecutive weeks.

Now, therefore, you are hereby required to file with the Branch Clerk of Court of Regional Trial Court (RTC), Branch 71, Barotac Viejo, Iloilo **within sixty (60) days from the last date of publication of this summons** in accordance with Section 16, Rule 14 as amended by A.M. No. 19-10-20-SC dated 15 October 2019, exclusive of the day of such notice, your Answer to the complaint for expropriation with urgent prayer for issuance of writ of possession, a copy of which is hereto attached and herewith served upon you, and to serve said answer within the same period upon the plaintiff.

If you fail to answer within the time aforesaid, upon motion of the plaintiff, the court may render judgment against you and impose appropriate sanctions based on the Rules of Civil Procedure, as amended.

WITNESS my hand under the seal of the Court, this 9th day of November 2023 at Barotac Viejo, Iloilo, Philippines.

  
**ATTY. MEL JOHN E. ACUROS**  
 Branch Clerk of Court

**COMPLAINT**

Plaintiff, National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP), by counsel, unto this Honorable Court, respectfully states:

1. Plaintiff is a private corporation created and existing under Philippine laws, with principal office address at NGCP Building, Quezon Avenue corner BIR Road, Diliman, Quezon City. It may be served with notices and other court processes through its Right of Way Department – Visayas Division, Banilad Power Complex, Nasipit, Talamban, Cebu City, copy furnished the afore-mentioned principal office.

2. Pursuant to Republic Act (R.A.) No. 9511, NGCP was granted a franchise to operate, manage and maintain, and in connection therewith, to engage in the business of conveying or transmitting electricity through a high-voltage back-bone system of interconnected transmission lines, substations and related facilities, systems operations, and other activities that are necessary to support the safe and reliable operation of a transmission system and to construct, install, finance, manage, improve, expand, operate, maintain, rehabilitate, repair and refurbish the present nationwide transmission system of the Republic of the Philippines.

3. Under Section 4 of the same law, NGCP was granted the power of eminent domain, subject to the requirements of the Constitution and existing laws.

4. Plaintiff is engaged in the business of transmitting electric power from the generating plants of power producers to distributors. As such, plaintiff's business is imbued with public interest.

5. Due to increasing demand for electricity, there is a need to construct a transmission system that will provide a reliable, secured and efficient power delivery system in the municipalities, cities and provinces in the Island of Panay, as well as in the other islands of Visayas. Owing to this necessity, plaintiff must immediately construct the transmission and interconnection lines that will significantly enhance the transmission of power to the distributors of electricity in the aforesaid areas. These undertakings are for the use and benefit of the public and one of which is known as the **Barotac Viejo – Natividad 69kV Transmission Line Project**.

6. Defendants known heirs of Spouses Pablo Macadag-um and Erlinda Tangu-an, who could be located, namely: **Vivie T. Macadag-um, Spouses Robert T. Macadag-um and Mara M. Macadag-um, Renan T. Macadag-um, Spouses Jimmy T. Macadag-um and Merla D. Macadag-um, Daryl T. Macadag-um, Roselyn T. Macadag-um, Spouses Pablo T. Macadag-um, Jr., and Rodelyn B. Macadag-um, Spouses Silver T. Macadag-um and Susan B. Macadag-um**, are all of legal age, Filipinos and residents of Brgy. Natividad, Barotac Viejo, Iloilo, where they can be served with summons, notices and other court processes.

6.1. Defendant **Roselyn T. Macadag-um** is further impleaded herein by virtue of an adverse claim as annotated on Original Certificate of Title No. O-9885

7. Defendant **National Food Authority (NFA)** is an agency created by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with business address at NFA Building, Visayas Ave. Brgy. Vasra, Quezon City, where it can be served with summons, notices and other court processes. It is impleaded herein pursuant to Section 1, Rule 67 of the Rules of Court by virtue of an encumbrance over the property subject of this Complaint, as annotated on Original Certificate of Title No. O-9885.

8. Plaintiff cannot ascertain the identities and whereabouts of the other heirs of Spouses Pablo Macadag-um and Erlinda Tangu-an, as well as the existence, identities and whereabouts of all other persons who may have any rightful claim or interest over the property subject of this Complaint despite diligent and exhaustive efforts. Hence, plaintiff undertakes to cause the service of summons to them by publication, pursuant to Sections 16, 17, and 18 of Rule 14 of the Revised Rules of Civil Procedure

9. Plaintiff intends to expropriate a portion of a parcel of land located in Brgy. Natividad, Barotac Viejo, Iloilo, denominated as **Lot No. 1372-A (7790)**. The said property is registered and declared in the names of Spouses Pablo Macadag-um and Erlinda Tangu-an under **Original Certificate of Title (OCT) No. O-9885**<sup>1</sup> and **Tax Declaration (TD) No. 08-0009-00339**.<sup>2</sup> The affected area sought to be expropriated consists of **692 square meters**, more or less, as shown in the Sketch Plan<sup>3</sup> and Narrative Technical Descriptions,<sup>4</sup> and is more particularly described below, together with the Report on the Count of Improvements,<sup>5</sup> to wit:

<b>Lot No.</b>	1372-A (7790)
<b>OCT No.</b>	O-9885
<b>TD No.</b>	08-0009-00339
<b>Registered and Declared Owners</b>	Spouses Pablo Macadag-um and Erlinda Tangu-an
<b>Total Area</b>	10,986sq.m.
<b>Affected Area</b>	692 sq.m.
<b>Classification of Land</b>	Agricultural
<b>Market Value of Affected Area (Php12.51/sq.m.)</b>	(Php8,657.87)
<b>Assessed Value of Affected Area (Php2.19/sq.m.)</b>	(Php1,514.89)
<b>BIR Zonal Value of Affected Area (Php40.00/sqm)<sup>1</sup></b>	Php27,680.00
<b>Cost of Affected Improvements</b>	Php12,021.40
<b>Total Amount of Compensation</b>	<b>Php39,701.40</b>

<sup>1</sup>ANNEX "A" – Original Certificate of Title No. O-9885.

<sup>2</sup>ANNEX "B" – Tax Declaration No. 08-0009-00339.

<sup>3</sup>ANNEX "C" – Sketch Plan for Lot No. 1372-A (7790).

<sup>4</sup>ANNEXES "D" to "D-2" – Narrative Technical Descriptions for the affected portion of Lot No. 1372-A (7790).

<sup>5</sup>ANNEX "E" – Report on the Count of Improvements.

10. To enable plaintiff to construct and maintain the **Barotac Viejo – Natividad 69kV Transmission Line Project**, it is both necessary and urgent to acquire the above-described portion of Lot No. 1372-A (7790), upon payment of just compensation, to ensure stability and reliability of power supply in the Island of Panay and other Islands of Visayas.

11. Plaintiff's personnel negotiated with the knowndefendants who could be located for the acquisition of the above-described portion of Lot No. 1372-A (7790) for the implementation of the project. However, no settlement was reached between the parties. Considering the urgency involved in the construction of the project, plaintiff has no other recourse but to file the instant Complaint.

12. Plaintiff is willing and able to pay the just compensation for the above-described portion of Lot No. 1372-A (7790) sought to be expropriated, subject to deductions for capital gains and documentary stamp taxes for the transfer of the property in the name of plaintiff, applicable estate taxes, and all other outstanding taxes under the National Internal Revenue Code (NIRC), and other outstanding realty taxes and dues under the Local Government Code, which plaintiff shall directly pay to the Government.

<sup>6</sup> ANNEX "F" –BIR Certification.

<sup>7</sup> Section 13, R.A. 11361 provides that "Subject to the limitations and procedures prescribed by the law, the power to exercise the right of eminent domain granted to any person with a franchise to operate, manage, or maintain the electric power lines shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of the Rules of Court."

13. Section 13 of R.A. 11361<sup>6</sup> provides that Rule 67 of the Rules of Court governs plaintiff's expropriation cases. Under Section 2 of Rule 67 of the said Rules, plaintiff may already enter and possess the affected portion of the subject property during the pendency of the expropriation case,<sup>7</sup> thus:

**"SEC. 2. Entry of plaintiff upon depositing value with authorized government depository. —**

Upon the filing of the complaint or at any time thereafter and after due notice to the defendant, the plaintiff shall have the right to take or enter upon the possession of the real property involved if he deposits with the authorized government depository an amount equivalent to the assessed value of the property for purposes of taxation to be held by such bank subject to the orders of the court. Such deposit shall be in money, unless in lieu thereof the court authorizes the deposit of a certificate of deposit of a government bank of the Republic of the Philippines payable on demand to the authorized government depository."

14. Pursuant to the above Rule, plaintiff shall cause to be served, among other means, together with the summons and the instant Complaint, a **Notice to Take Possession**<sup>8</sup> upon the defendants.

15. Notwithstanding that R.A. No. 10752 does not specifically apply to the plaintiff, but considering that it will be for the benefit of the defendants and in the interest of immediate project implementation within established timelines, plaintiff shall deposit with the Honorable Court, in favor of the defendants, 100% of the BIR zonal value of the portion of the subject property sought to be expropriated, including the cost of the affected improvements standing therein, in the total amount of **Thirty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred One and 40/100 Pesos (Php39,701.40)**, thereby placing it in *custodia legis*, pursuant to OCA Circular No. 113-2019.

16. Upon deposit of the provisional amount, which is higher than the assessed value of the affected portion of the property, plaintiff would have fully complied with the requirements for the issuance of a writ of possession as mandated by law.

17. In a long line of cases<sup>9</sup> and in accordance with OCA Circular No. 113-2019, once the above requirements are complied with, it becomes the ministerial duty of the trial court to issue the writ of possession in favor of the plaintiff, without need of any further hearing. Therefore, this Honorable Court can already immediately issue to the plaintiff an order to take possession of the subject property and start the implementation of the project.

<sup>8</sup> *National Power Corporation vs. Posada, et. al.*, G.R. No. 191945, March 11, 2015.

<sup>9</sup> ANNEX "G" –Notice to Take Possession.

<sup>10</sup> *Robern Development Corporation vs. Quiatain*, G.R. No. 135042, September 23, 1999; *SMI Development Corporation vs. Republic of the Philippines*, G.R. No. 1372-A (7790)37, January 28, 2000; *Biglang-awa vs. Bacalla*, G.R. Nos. 139927 and 139936, November 22, 2000; *City of Manila vs. Serrano*, G.R. No. 142304, June 20, 2001; *Bardillon vs. Brgy. Masili*, G.R. No. 146886, April 30, 2003; *City of Iloilo vs. Legaspi*, G.R. No. 154614, November 25, 2004.

18. In the case of *Municipality of Cordova v. Pathfinder Development Corporation*,<sup>10</sup> the Supreme court emphasizes the mandatory issuance of the writ of possession upon the receipt of the required deposit. "No hearing is actually required for the issuance of a writ of possession, which demands only two (2) requirements: (a) the sufficiency in form and substance of the complaint; and, (b) the required provisional deposit x xxx. Upon compliance with these requirements, the petitioner in an expropriation case is entitled to a writ of possession as a matter of right and the issuance of the writ becomes ministerial."

19. Recognizing further the urgency of the resolution of expropriation cases involving transmission lines, in OCA Circular No. 127-2021 dated 13 October 2021, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court enjoined judges to give primacy to cases that involve, among others, government expropriation, and infrastructure projects (including energy transmission projects), commercial- and economic-impact cases.

20. Moreover, it must be emphasized that an expropriation proceeding is an action *quasi in rem*.<sup>11</sup> Thus, jurisdiction over the defendants is not required. The important matter is that there is jurisdiction over the *res*. Concomitantly, prior service of summons upon the defendants is not required for the issuance of the Writ of Possession.

21. In *NM Rothschild & Sons (Australia) Ltd. vs. Lepanto Consolidated Mining Company*,<sup>12</sup> the Supreme Court held that:

"[W]hen the case instituted is an action *in rem* or *quasi in rem*, Philippine courts already have jurisdiction to hear and decide the case because, in actions *in rem* and *quasi in rem*, jurisdiction over the person of the defendant is not a prerequisite to confer jurisdiction on the court, provided that the court acquires jurisdiction over the *res*."

<sup>11</sup> *Municipality of Cordova v. Pathfinder Development Corporation*, G.R. No. 205544, June 29, 2016

<sup>12</sup> *Ramos vs. Philippine Tourism Authority* (G.R. Nos. 52449-50, 09 June 1980), cited in paragraph 1, page 4 of OCA Circular No. 113-2019.

<sup>13</sup> G.R. No. 175799, November 28, 2011

<sup>14</sup> G.R. No. 156759, June 5, 2013

22. Again, in *Macasaet vs. Co, Jr.*,<sup>13</sup> the Supreme Court held:

"Jurisdiction over the person, or jurisdiction *in personam*—the power of the court to render a personal judgment or to subject the parties in a particular action to the judgment and other rulings rendered in the action—is an element of due process that is essential in all actions, civil as well as criminal, except in actions *in rem* or *quasi in rem*. Jurisdiction over the defendant in an action *in rem* or *quasi in rem* is not required, and the court acquires jurisdiction over an action as long as it acquires jurisdiction over the *res* that is the subject matter of the action. The purpose of summons in such action is not the acquisition of jurisdiction over the defendant but mainly to satisfy the constitutional requirement of due process."

23. Corollary to the successful and complete implementation of the Writ of Possession and for the orderly and peaceful entry of the plaintiff into the subject property for project implementation, the assistance of the Philippine National Police (PNP) and temporary access through the subject property to the area being expropriated is prayed for. In view of the requirement under Section 28.2, Rule 28<sup>14</sup> of the Revised PNP Operational Procedures, it is likewise earnestly prayed that the Order for issuance of a writ of possession specifically directs the PNP to render assistance because the PNP shall not act unless the same is specified by the Court.

24. While the instant special civil action is governed by Rule 67 of the Rules of Court which is not affected by the new amendments provided in A.M. No. 19-10-20, plaintiff nonetheless intends to present at least three (3) witnesses for the smooth flow of the case as in ordinary civil cases, namely: a) **Jesse L. Asuga**, to establish the propriety of expropriation for plaintiff's project, the necessity and public use for which the instant expropriation case is instituted, and other facts of the case, b) **Asterio B. Tubera**, to establish the areas and sites necessary for the construction of plaintiff's project pertinent to the subject property, the consequent necessity

of the taking of the subject property, and other facts of the case, and c) **Jun A. Celoso**, to establish the bases for the determination of the just compensation, among others. Copies of their Judicial Affidavits are attached hereto as **Annexes "H" to "J,"** including the documentary exhibits identified therein by said witnesses and made as integral parts hereof.

<sup>15</sup> "28.2 – Re requirements for Police Assistance. Request for police assistance in the implementation of final decisions/orders/writs shall be acted only, upon compliance of the following conditions:

- The request for police assistance is based on an order of the court, quasi-judicial or administrative bodies;
- The written request for police assistance shall be signed by the Sheriff or equivalent officer in quasi-judicial or administrative bodies;
- The request is filed at least five (5) working days prior to the actual implementation; and
- The original document of the final decision/order/resolution must be presented. In the absence of the same, a copy duly authenticated by the Clerk of Court or other authorized representative of the court, quasi-judicial or administrative body will suffice."

**PRAYER**

**WHEREFORE**, premises considered, plaintiff most respectfully prays of this Honorable Court to:

1. ISSUE a **Writ of Possession** in plaintiff's favor authorizing it to enter and take possession of the portion of Lot No. 1372-A (7790) subject of this Complaint, that will be affected by the construction and implementation of the **Barotac Viejo – Natividad 69kV Transmission Line Project**, as described in paragraph 9 hereof; order the demolition of the affected houses/structures standing thereon, if any; order all defendants to vacate the same; direct the Philippine National Police (PNP) to assist the plaintiff in the implementation of the said writ of possession so that project construction can immediately commence even during the pendency of the case; and if necessary, allow plaintiff to have temporary access in going to the area subject of the complaint while the construction of the project is on-going;

2. ISSUE an **Order of Expropriation** declaring that plaintiff has a lawful right to take and condemn to public use the portion of Lot No. 1372-A (7790), sought to be expropriated, consisting of a total area of 692 square meters, more or less, specified in paragraph 9 hereof;

3. After the determination of just compensation, ISSUE a **Judgment**:

a. Authorizing the payment thereof by plaintiff to the rightful defendants after deducting the capital gains and documentary stamp taxes for the transfer of the property in the name of plaintiff, the applicable estate taxes, all other outstanding taxes under the National Internal Revenue Code, and all outstanding realty taxes and dues under the Local Government Code, which plaintiff shall pay to the Government;

b. Declaring plaintiff as the lawful owner of the portion of Lot No. 1372-A (7790), sought to be expropriated, consisting of a total area of 692 square meters, more or less, specified in paragraph 9 hereof;

c. Directing the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Iloilo to register and annotate the Writ of Possession, Order of Expropriation, and Judgment on OCT No. O-9885; and, upon application by plaintiff, to issue a new and separate certificate of title in the name of plaintiff over the portion of Lot No. 1372-A (7790), sought to be expropriated herein; and

d. Directing the Provincial Assessor Iloilo and the Municipal Assessor of Barotac-Viejo, Iloilo, to cancel Tax Declaration No. 08-0009-00339, and to issue a new and separate tax declaration in the name of plaintiff with respect to the portion of Lot No. 1372-A (7790), sought to be expropriated herein.

Plaintiff prays for other relief just and equitable under the premises.

Quezon City for Barotac Viejo, Iloilo, **September 15, 2023.**

**NATIONAL GRID CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES**

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**RIGHT OF WAY DEPARTMENT - VISAYAS DIVISION**  
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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES )  
Cebu City ) S. S.

**VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION**

I, **ELENA MARIE MADARANG-CAPANAS**, after having been duly sworn to in accordance with law, hereby state:

1 I am the Regional ROW Manager, Visayas Right-of-Way Division (VROWD), of the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP);

2. I am authorized to sign the Verification and Certification of Non-Forum Shopping in the expropriation cases for and in behalf of NGCP with respect to the projects and areas under my supervision pursuant to the authority granted by the NGCP Board of Directors as evidenced by a Secretary's Certificate, dated 22 July 2021, hereto attached as **Annex "K";**

3. I caused the preparation of the foregoing Complaint. I have read the foregoing Complaint and I attest that the allegations therein are true and correct of my personal knowledge and based on authentic records on file. It is not filed to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation. The factual allegations therein have evidentiary support or, if specifically so identified, will likewise have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for discovery;


4. I further attest that the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines has not commenced any action or filed any claim involving the same issues in any court, tribunal or quasi-judicial agency and, to the best of my knowledge, no such other action or claim is pending therein. If I should thereafter learn that the same or similar action or claim has been filed or is pending, I shall report that fact to this Court within five (5) calendar days therefrom.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto affixed my signature this **15<sup>th</sup>** day of **September 2023**, in Cebu City, Philippines.

  
**ELENA MARIE MADARANG-CAPANAS**  
Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this **15<sup>th</sup>** day of **September 2023**, affiant exhibited to me her Driver's License bearing No. G01-90-123324 issued by the Land Transportation Office of Cebu, as her competent proof of identity.

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ANNEX "G"

Republic of the Philippines  
**Regional Trial Court**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Judicial Region**  
**Branch 71**  
Barotac Viejo, Iloilo

**NATIONAL GRID CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES,**

*Plaintiff,*

-versus-

**Special Civil Action**  
**No. 2023-1421**  
**For: Expropriation**  
**With Urgent Prayer**  
**for Issuance of Writ of**  
**Possession**

**HEIRS OF SPOUSES PABLO MACADAG-UM AND ERLINDA TANGU-AN, ET AL.,**

*Defendants.*

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**NOTICE TO TAKE POSSESSION**

**Vivie T. Macadag-um**  
**Spouses Robert T. Macadag-um and Mara M. Macadag-um**  
**Renan T. Macadag-um**  
**Spouses Jimmy T. Macadag-um and Merla D. Macadag-um**  
**Daryl T. Macadag-um**  
**Roselyn T. Macadag-um**  
**Spouses Pablo T. Macadag-um, Jr., and Rodelyn B. Macadag-um**  
**Spouses Silver T. Macadag-um and Susan B. Macadag-um**  
Brgy. Natividad, Barotac Viejo, Iloilo

**National Food Authority (NFA)**  
NFA Building, Visayas Ave. Brgy. Vasra,  
Quezon City

**All other heirs of Spouses Pablo Macadag-um and Erlinda Tangu-an of unknown identities and whereabouts and all other persons who may have any claim or interest over Lot No. 1372-A (7790), located in Brgy. Natividad, Barotac Viejo, Iloilo**


Please be informed that the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP), by virtue of Section 2 of Rule 67 of the Rules of Court and of other related laws, will take possession and control over the affected portion of the property subject of the above-captioned expropriation case, denominated as **Lot No. 1372-A (7790)**, situated in Brgy. Natividad, Barotac Viejo, Iloilo. The said property is registered and declared in the names of Spouses Pablo Macadag-um and Erlinda Tangu-an under **Original Certificate of Title No. O-9885** and **Tax Declaration No. 08-0009-00339**.

The portion of the subject property consisting of 692sq.m., which NGCP will take possession and control over, is more specifically described and identified in the Complaint, and it will be for the use and benefit of the public through NGCP's **Barotac Viejo – Natividad 69kV Transmission Line Project**.

NGCP shall deposit with the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC, Barotac Viejo, Iloilo, the provisional amount of **Thirty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred One and 40/100 Pesos (Php39,701.40)**, equivalent to the current BIR zonal value of the affected portion of the subject property, plus the cost of the affected improvements standing therein.

Further, please be informed that the plaintiff and/or its representatives shall enter and take possession of the subject property immediately after the Honorable Court issues the Writ of Possession in compliance with the law and Rules. Likewise, NGCP will no longer pay any improvements that will be introduced in the affected portion of the subject property after receipt of this Notice.

**September 15, 2023**, Cebu City for Barotac Viejo, Iloilo.

  
**JAMES A. HURR III**  
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**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF JESUS G. BARRIDO**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **JESUS GUSTILO BARRIDO** consisting of the following: (1)  $\frac{1}{2}$  share in **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 095-2012005844, Lot 2** located in La Paz, Iloilo City with an area of **One Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Nine (1,339) square meters, more or less**; (2)  $\frac{1}{4}$  share in **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-128462, Lot 3-B** located in Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of **Two Hundred Seventy-Three (273) square meters, more or less**; (3)  $\frac{1}{6}$  share in **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-52668, Lot 3935-A** located in La Paz, Iloilo City with an area of **One Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Nine (1,929) square meters, more or less**; (4)  $\frac{1}{6}$  share in **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-52669, Lot 3935-B** located in La Paz, Iloilo City with an area of **One Thousand (1,000) square meters, more or less**; (5)  $\frac{1}{6}$  share in **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-526670, Lot 3935-C** located in La Paz, Iloilo City with an area of **One Thousand Seven (1,007) square meters, more or less**; (6)  $\frac{1}{2}$  share of **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2015003079, Lot 8-G-2** located in Brgy. Apologista, Sara, Iloilo with an area of **Four Hundred One (401) square meters, more or less**; (7)  $\frac{1}{2}$  share of **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2015003078, Lot 8-G-3** located in Brgy. Apologista, Sara, Iloilo with an area of **Four Hundred One (401) square meters, more or less**; (8)  $\frac{1}{2}$  share of **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2015003080, Lot 1-B-5** located in Brgy. Ferrariz, Sara, Iloilo with an area of **ONE THOUSAND SIXTY ONE (1,061) square meters, more or less**; (9)  $\frac{1}{2}$  share of **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2015003081, Lot 1-B-6** located in Brgy. Ferrariz/Zerrudo, Sara, Iloilo with an area of **One Thousand Eighteen (1,018) square meters, more or less**; (10) **598.50 square meters** of **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-233362, Lot 1** located in Brgy. Ferrariz/Zerrudo, Sara, Iloilo; (11)  $\frac{1}{2}$  share of **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-233363, Lot 2** located in Brgy. Ferrariz/Zerrudo, Sara, Iloilo with an area of **One Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Five (1,295) square meters, more or less**; (12)  $\frac{1}{2}$  share of **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-233364, Lot 3** located in Brgy. Ferrariz/Zerrudo, Sara, Iloilo with an area of **One Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Five (1,295) square meters, more or less**; (13)  $\frac{1}{2}$  share of **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-233365, Lot 4** located in Brgy. Ferrariz/Zerrudo, Sara, Iloilo with an area of **One Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Five (1,295) square meters, more or less**; (14)  $\frac{1}{2}$  share of **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-233366, Lot 5** located in Brgy. Ferrariz/Zerrudo, Sara, Iloilo with an area of **One Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Five (1,295) square meters, more or less**; (15)  $\frac{1}{2}$  share of **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-233367, Lot 6** located in Brgy. Ferrariz/Zerrudo, Sara, Iloilo with an area of **One Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Five (1,295) square meters, more or less**; (16)  $\frac{1}{2}$  share of **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-233368, Lot 7** located in Brgy. Ferrariz/Zerrudo, Sara, Iloilo with an area of **Two Thousand Five (2,005) square meters, more or less**; (17)  $\frac{1}{2}$  share of **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-233369, Lot 8** located in Brgy. Ferrariz/Zerrudo, Sara, Iloilo with an area of **Two Thousand Five (2,005) square meters, more or less**; (18)  $\frac{1}{2}$  share of **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-233370, Lot 9** located in Brgy. Ferrariz/Zerrudo, Sara, Iloilo with an area of **Two Thousand One Hundred (2,100) square meters, more or less**; (19)  $\frac{1}{2}$  share of **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-233371, Lot 10** located in Brgy. Ferrariz/Zerrudo, Sara, Iloilo with an area of **One Thousand Three Hundred Twenty (1,320) square meters, more or less**; (20)  $\frac{1}{2}$  share of **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-233372, Lot 11** located in Brgy. Ferrariz/Zerrudo, Sara, Iloilo with an area of **One Thousand Three Hundred Twenty (1,320) square meters, more or less**; (21)  $\frac{1}{2}$  share of **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-233373, Lot 12** located in Brgy. Ferrariz/Zerrudo, Sara, Iloilo with an area of **One Thousand Three Hundred Twenty (1,320) square meters, more or less**; (22)  $\frac{1}{2}$  share of **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-233374, Lot 13** located in Brgy. Ferrariz/Zerrudo, Sara, Iloilo with an area of **One Thousand Three Hundred Twenty (1,320) square meters, more or less**; (23)  $\frac{1}{2}$  share of **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-233375, Lot 14** located in Brgy. Ferrariz/Zerrudo, Sara, Iloilo with an area of **One Thousand Three Hundred Twenty (1,320) square meters, more or less**; (24)  $\frac{1}{2}$  share of **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-233376, Lot 15** located in Brgy. Ferrariz/Zerrudo, Sara, Iloilo with an area of **One Thousand Three Hundred Twenty (1,320) square meters**; (25)  $\frac{1}{2}$  share OF **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-233377, Lot 16** located in Brgy. Ferrariz/Zerrudo, Sara, Iloilo with an area of **Fifteen Thousand Thirty-Four (15,034) square meters, more or less**; (26)  $\frac{1}{2}$  share of **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-234262, Lot 18** located in Brgy. Ferrariz/Zerrudo, Sara, Iloilo with an area of **One Hundred Fifteen Thousand One Hundred Nine (115,109) square meters, more or less**; (27)  $\frac{1}{2}$  share of **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-183083, Lot 1-B-7** located in Brgy. Ferraris, Sara, Iloilo with an area of **Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Three (8,743) square meters, more or less**; (28)  $\frac{1}{2}$  share of **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-183084, Lot 1-B-8** located in Brgy. Zerrudo, Sara, Iloilo with an area of **Ten Thousand One Hundred Forty Eight (10,148) square meters, more or less**; (29)  $\frac{1}{2}$  share of **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-217009323 (T-198607), Lot 8-D** located in Brgy. Apologista, Sara, Iloilo with an area of **Forty Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Nine (40,999) square meters, more or less**; (30)  $\frac{1}{2}$  share of **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-81065, Lot 1-A** located in Brgy. Bubog, Sara, Iloilo with an area of **Thirty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Five (39,485) square meters, more or less**; (31)  $\frac{1}{6}$  share of **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-72390, Lot No. 2, Plan Psu-60304**, with the improvements thereof, located in Brgy. Cabura, Sara, Iloilo with an area of **One Hundred Eighty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Seven (184,447) square meters, more or less**; (32)  $\frac{1}{6}$  share of **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-72392, Lot No. 2, Plan Psu-60300** located in Brgy. Cabura, Sara, Iloilo with an area of **Two Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Seven (257,937) square meters, more or less**; (33)  $\frac{1}{6}$  share of **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-72393 (Lot 1)** located in Brgy. Cabura, Sara, Iloilo with an area of **Forty Nine Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-One (49,461) square meters, more or less**; and (34)  $\frac{1}{6}$  share of **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-72393 (Lot 2)** located in Brgy. Cabura, Sara, Iloilo with an area of **One Thousand and Forty-Seven (1,047) square meters, more or less** are adjudicated to heirs **AMPARO CELIS BARRIDO (widow), JEROME C. BARRIDO, BARBRA RIA C. BARRIDO-STEFFEY, and BRIAN JOSEPH C. BARRIDO**. That, **AMPARO C. BARRIDO** waives all her rights, interests and participation in the above estate of her late husband in favor of all their children, namely, **JEROME C. BARRIDO, BARBRA RIA C. BARRIDO-STEFFEY, and BRIAN JOSEPH C. BARRIDO**. Entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. IAN THOMAS M. BESANA** per Doc. No. 34, Page No. 08, Book No. III, Series of 2024.

NE/March 25, April 1 & 8, 2024

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

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

In Compliance with Section 5 of R.A. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **JOHN BRYAN B. INAYAN** has filed with this Office a petition for Change of First Name from "LIZA" to "ANA LIZA" in the Certificate of Live Birth of **ANA LIZA B. INAYAN** who was born on **January 14, 1968** at Leganes, Iloilo and whose parents are **FELIZARDO J. INAYAN** and **BALDOMERA S. BERNAJE**.

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

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

NE/March 18, 2024 & March 25, 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 **ARLAN BARRANCO BANQUILLO** has filed with this Office a petition for Change of First Name from **ANGELICO** to **ARLAN** in the birth certificate of **ANGELICO BARRANCO BANQUILLO JR.** who was born on **June 9, 1959** at **Janiuay, Iloilo** and whose parents are **Angelico Banquillo** and **Flora Barranco**.

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/March 18, 2024 & March 25, 2024

Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Iloilo  
**Municipality of Leganes**  
**OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR**

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

In Compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that **JOY H. ABSALON** has filed with this Office, a petition for correction of entry in the **Child's Sex** from "FEMALE" to "MALE" in the Certificate of Live Birth of **JOY H. ABSALON** at Leganes, Iloilo and whose parents are **NICOLAS O. ABSALON** and **EDEN J. HORBALEGA**.

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

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

NE/March 18, 2024 & March 25, 2024

Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Iloilo  
**Municipality of Barotac Nuevo**

**OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

In compliance with R.A. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **GERSON BIONSON** has filed with this office a Petition for Change of First Name from "**ARIEL HERSON**" to "**GERSON**" in the birth certificate of **ARIEL HERSON BIOY BIONZON** who was born on **January 2, 1959** at **Acuit, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo**.

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

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

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Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Iloilo  
**MUNICIPALITY OF MAASIN**

**OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR**

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

In compliance with Section 7 of R.A. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **MA. LYDIA IRMA C. ESPAÑOLA** has filed with this Office, a petition for **Change of First Name** from **MARIA LYDIA IRMA** to **MA. LYDIA ERMA** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **MARIA LYDIA IRMA SUMUGOY CABRERA** who was born on **FEBRUARY 14, 1962** at **MAASIN, ILOILO** whose parents are **LAURENTINO MADERAJE CABRERA** and **TERESITA CANEO SUMUGOY**.

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

**(SGD.) REENA MARIEL M. LIMOSO**  
Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/March 18, 2024 & March 25, 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 **ROMEL S. SIGRE** has filed with this office a petition for **CHANGE OF FIRST NAME** from DANIEL to **ROMEL** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **ROMEL SUPLENTE SIGRE** who was born on **August 2, 1969** at **Pototan, Iloilo** and the parents are **ROLANDO SIGRE** and **IMELDA SUPLENTE**.

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

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

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Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Iloilo  
**Municipality of Barotac Nuevo**

**OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

In compliance with R.A. 10172, a notice is hereby served to the public that **JANILYN DUMANCAS** has filed with this office a Petition for Correction in the Entry of Sex from "**FEMALE**" to "**MALE**" in the birth certificate of **ALLEN SUTACIO DUMANCAS** who was born on **January 11, 2008** at **Home, Agcuyawan Calsada, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo**.

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

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

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**USWAG . . . (from page 2)**

Angel Grace Gellangarin is also thankful to have graduated Cum Laude in Bachelor of Science Major in Tourism Management at Colegio del Sagrado Corazon de Jesus.

"As an Uswag scholar of our beloved Mayor Jerry P. Treñas, I am grateful and honored to be one of his scholars in 2019. Thank you for making me believe that failures are redirections for better opportunities. This made me realize that I am able to do great things and discover my multiple intelligences. Thank you for this opportunity to be part of Uswag Scholarship and for bringing Iloilo City to the next level!" Gellangarin said.

The scholarship served as their stepping stone for getting a job as Pajanel and Gellangarin now work at the Iloilo City Office of Human Resource Management Officer.

Applicants who may avail of the scholarship must be bona fide city residents who are senior high school graduates, high school graduates under the old Department of Education (DepEd) curriculum, or already in college level.

They must submit an accomplished scholarship form, 1 pc. 2x2-size colored picture, barangay indigency and certificate of residency issued by the Punong Barangay, certificate of good moral character, case study or certificate of eligibility issued by the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO), and certified true copy of grades from previous semester. (Andrea Pearl Fernandez/Iloilo City PIO)

**MORE . . . (from page 5)**

Bacolod, Cadiz, Silay, and Calatrava town, wind in Pulu-pandan, hydro in Sagay City, and battery energy storage in Cadiz.

"(These are) the incoming projects here in Negros. Please take note that all are RE," Maleza said.

"The indicative projects of 1,000 MW additional RE in Negros is still until 2040. I think it's the time for the new lines from Mindoro going to Panay will come in to support another door (for supply access)," he added.

Based on the sub-grid power demand and supply snapshot, Negros has a total installed capacity of 910 MW but has only 692 MW of dependable capacity.

"Under the generation mix, 99.1 percent of power plants in Negros generate RE. Basically, all REs are in Negros," Maleza said.

MBCCI vice president for government affairs Frank Carbon said the forum discussed the electric power situation and how to ensure a reliable and sustainable power supply in Negros Island.

He added that the plan is to create the Negros Island Power Development Coordinating Council. (PNA)



**ELECTRIC POWER FORUM.** Power industry stakeholders gather for the Negros Island Power Forum organized by the Metro Bacolod Chamber of Commerce and Industry at the L' Fisher Hotel in Bacolod City on Wednesday (March 20, 2024). The forum discussed the electric power situation and how to ensure a reliable and sustainable power supply on the island. (Contributed photo)

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH ABSOLUTE SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **SPOUSES CORNELIO R. DELGADO, JR. and PRESCILA BANTAY-DELGADO** known as a parcel of land **Lot 571-46, Psd-06-015057 (OLT)**, situated in Brgy. Guadalupe, Janiway, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. EPT-18,590 (Emancipation Patent No. 405329)** containing an area of **TWELVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX (12,436) square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **LEA B. DELGADO-VILLA, JELLY B. DELGADO, JIMMY B. DELGADO, JULY B. DELGADO, JESSIE B. DELGADO, RICHARD B. DELGADO and MA. ELENA B. DELGADO**. That, the heirs/adjudicatees **SELL, TRANSFER, CONVEY and DELIVER** by way of **ABSOLUTE SALE** the above-said lot unto **SPOUSES STEPHEN H. CADETE and PRIMA DOLIE DOROMAL-CADETE**, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Mark C. Jurilla** per Doc. No. 332, Page No. 68, Book No. XXXVIII, Series of 2024.

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**AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS**

Notice is hereby given that **FRANKIE H. LOCSIN** of legal age, married, Filipino citizen and a resident of Brgy. Damoong, Janiway, Iloilo executed an Affidavit of Loss stating that he is the owner of **One (1) Share of Stock Certificate Number 2920** issued by **Iloilo Golf and Country Club, Inc.** on **September 10, 2008** which was lost and despite diligent efforts to find it turned futile as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. SAMILLE JAN ABADA AGRAVANTE** per Doc. No. 109, Page No. 22, Book No. II, Series of 2023.

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**DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **MYRNA MENDOZA RAVENA** consisting of the following: **1) Bank Deposit at Bank of Commerce – Estancia Branch under Account No. 080-20-004294-1; 2) OCT F-46354, Lot 3, Ccs-06-000496 identical to Lot 1993, Cad. 633-D located at Estancia, Iloilo with an area of THIRTY THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWO (30,202) SQUARE METERS; 3) OCT F-46383, Lot 17, Ccs-06-000497 identical to Lot 1978, Cad. 633-D located at Estancia, Iloilo with an area of ELEVEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIX (11,906) SQUARE METERS; 4) OCT F-46382, Lot 11, Ccs-06-000497 identical to Lot 1972, Cad. 633-D located at Estancia, Iloilo with an area of TWENTY THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE (20,439) SQUARE METERS; 5) OCT F-46348, Lot 10, Ccs-06-000497 identical to Lot 1971, Cad. 633-D located at Estancia, Iloilo with an area of THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN (31,267) SQUARE METERS; 6) OCT F-46342, Lot 20, Ccs-000497 identical to Lot 1981, Cad. 633-D located at Estancia, Iloilo with an area of EIGHT THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY-FOUR (8,794) SQUARE METERS; 7) Lot No. 4 (29PT.) covered by **Tax Declaration No. 18-0011-00092** located at Poblacion, Estancia, Iloilo with an area of **3.6825 ha.** are adjudicated to heirs **MA. INDEPENDENCIA R. FLORES**, Heirs of **TEOPISTA R. CRISME**, Heirs of **ROMEO M. RAVENA, SR.**, Heirs of **ANDRESITO M. RAVENA**, and Heirs of **ERNESTO M. RAVENA**. That, the heirs agreed to **SELL, CEDE, TRANSFER and CONVEY** unto and in favor of **KATHERINE SUE N. RAVENA-GAW TE** and **KARL STEPHEN N. RAVENA** all their rights, interests, and participation over the following parcels of land free from all liens and encumbrances: **1) a portion from OCT F-46354 equivalent to 18,027 square meters; 2) OCT F-46383 with 11,906 square meters; 3) OCT F-46382 with and area of 20,439 square meters; 4) OCT F-46348 with an area of 31,267 square meters and 5) OCT F-46342 with an area of 8,794 square meters.** Entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Sheryl May S. Ledesma-Alabanza** per Doc. No. 469, Page No. 95, Book No. I, Series of 2024.**

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **SPOUSES PEDRO DIVINAGRACIA AND TEOPISTA DIVINAGRACIA** known as a parcel of land **Lot No. 3223** of the Cadastral Survey of Dumangas, with the improvements thereon, situated in Dumangas, Iloilo covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. 25769** with an area of **TWELVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY SEVEN AND 75/100 (12,747.75) square meters; and the Republic of the Philippines, 992.25 squaremeters** is adjudicated to sole heir **DANIEL D. DIVINAGRACIA**. That, **Daniel D. Divinagracia** sell, transfer, and convey by way of **Absolute Sale** the above-said lot in favor of **STEPHEN G. CASIMERO**, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Luzermindo A. Calmorin** per Doc. No. 406, Page No. 82, Book No. 06, Series of 2024.

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**DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL ADJUDICATION WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS AND INTERESTS**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **ROMEO B. RAVENA, JR.** consisting of **four parcels of land**, to wit: **1) TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 095-2018001606, Lot 1, Block5, PCS-06-003839**, being a Cons.-Subd. of Lots 4095-A, PSD-28079, 4095-B-4, PSD-063022-026548, 4092, 4093, 4094, Iloilo Cadastre, situated in La Paz, Iloilo City with an area of **THREE HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE (355) square meters, more or less; 2) KATIBAYAN NG ORIHINAL NA TITULO BLG. FG-2910, Lot No. 4708-F, Csd-06-009351**, identical to Lot 5602, Pls 723-D, Buenavista, Guimaras, situated in Brgy. Suclaran, San Lorenzo, Guimaras with an area of **ELEVEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINETY-FOUR (11,694) SQUARE METERS, more or less; 3) KATIBAYAN NG ORIHINAL NA TITULO BLG. FG-2533, Lot No. 1892-D, Csd-06-008455**, identical to Lot 5519, Pls 723-D, Buenavista, Guimaras situated in Brgy. Suclaran, San Lorenzo, Guimaras with an area of **EIGHT THOUSAND SEVENTY ONE (8,071) SQUARE METERS, more or less; 4) TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2021008733, Lot 1964-B, PSD-06-0981169**, being a portion of Lot 1964, Cad. 633-D, Estancia Cadastre, Identical to Lot 3, CCS-06-000497, situated in Brgy. Gogo, Estancia, Iloilo with an area of **EIGHT THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE (8,959) SQUARE METERS, more or less** are adjudicated to heirs **SUZETTE N. RAVENA, KARL STEPHEN N. RAVENA AND KATHERINE SUE R. GAW TE**. That, **KARL STEPHEN N. RAVENA and KATHERINE SUE R. GAW TE** relinquished their rights, participations and interests over the above-described four parcels of land in favor of their mother **SUZETTE N. RAVENA**, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Mary Jean Quezon Sobrevega** per Doc. No. 519, Page No. 105, Book No. I, Series of 2024.

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**AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS**

Notice is hereby given that **MA. ELENA SALAZAR** of legal age, Filipino citizen and a resident of 455 E. Lopez Street, Jaro, Iloilo City, Philippines executed an Affidavit of Loss stating that she is the owner of **Two (2) Shares of Stock Certificate Number 719** issued on **December 8, 1990** and **Stock Certificate Number 1779** issued on **January 2, 1997** by **Iloilo Golf and Country Club, Inc.** which was lost and despite diligent efforts to find it turned futile as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. Igmedio S. Prado, Jr.** per Doc. No. 165, Page No. 35, Book No. XLVIII, Series of 2024.

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**DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL ADJUDICATION**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **BIENVENIDO A. ANACAY** known as a bank deposit with **Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI) Jaro Branch** is adjudicated to his heir **LYDIA A. ANACAY**, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Jude Vincent D. Fontilon** per Doc. No. 228, Page No. 47, Book No. II, Series of 2024.

NE/March 25, April 1 &amp; 8, 2024

**AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS**

Notice is hereby given that **ROY A. CIMATU** of legal age, married, Filipino citizen and a resident of **2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Emmanuel Business Center, Diversion Road, Mandurriao, Iloilo City** executed an Affidavit of Loss stating that he is the owner of **One (1) Share of Stock Certificate Number 1084** issued by **Iloilo Golf and Country Club, Inc.** on **May 29, 1995** which was lost and despite diligent efforts to find it turned futile as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY MARY VI M. SOLINAP** per Doc. No. 340, Page No. 69, 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 **BERNARDO PANIZALES** known as a parcel of land **Lot 8823, Cad. 148, Passi Cadastre**, identical to Lot 31, Gss-06-000044, together with the improvements thereon situated in Brgy. Sarapan, Passi City covered by **ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. H-627** with an area of **SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY SIX (6,846) SQUARE METERS, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **PACITA CASA (widow), ZENAIDA C. PANIZALES and WILLIE C. PANIZALES**. That, **PACITA CASA** waived, renounced and/or relinquished all her rights, interests and participations over the above-mentioned parcels of land in favor of **ZENAIDA C. PANIZALES and WILLIE C. PANIZALES**, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Paul Andre R. Margarico** per Doc. No. 24, Page No. 8, Book No. XI, Series of 2019.

NE/March 18, 25 &amp; April 1, 2024

**DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **ROMEO PACLIBAR** consisting of the following **parcels of land**, to wit: **1) TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-226835, Lot 22 Block 3, Pcs-06-004007** being a cons. Subd. of Lots 43,73,74, 63 Bcs-06-000042 (OLT), situated in Brgy. Pulo Maestra Vita, Oton, Iloilo with an area of **ONE HUNDRED (100) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS; 2) TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-149898, Lot 10 Block 18, situated in Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX (376) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS; 3) TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-165,884, Lot 11, Block 3 situated in Brgy. Cagamutan Norte, Leganes, Iloilo with an area of TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY (280) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS; 4) TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-164,902, Lot 8981-A, Ped-06-031158, being a portion of Lot 8981, Cad. 7, Sta. Barbara Cadastre, situated in Brgy. Mambuyo, Sta. Barbara, Iloilo with an area of **EIGHTEEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED ONE (18,181) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS; 5) TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-148680, Lot 12, Block 3 situated in Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX (336) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS; 6) TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-78012, Lot 34, Block 2 situated in Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of TWO HUNDRED FOURTEEN (214) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS; 7) TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-125683, Lot 22, Block 3 situated in Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of **TWO HUNDRED FORTY (240) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS; 8) TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 095-201000067, Lot 33, Block 2 situated in Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of TWO HUNDRED SIXTEEN (216) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS; 9) TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-226834, Lot 20, Block 3, Pcs-06-004007** being a cons.-subd. of Lots 43, 73, 74 & 53 Bcs-06-000042 (OLT), situated in Brgy. Pulo Maestra Vita, Oton, Iloilo with an area of **ONE HUNDRED (100) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS; 10) TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 095-2021002340, Lot 14, Block 10 situated in Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY (280) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS** are adjudicated to heirs **SARAH F. PACLIBAR, FRITZ RYAN F. PACLIBAR, RIZZA F. PACLIBAR AND FRIZZA F. PACLIBAR**, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Edward Datseen T. Giagone** per Doc. No. 13, Page No. 4, Book No. I, Series of 2023.****

NE/March 25, April 1 &amp; 8, 2024

**'Pinoy Aquaman' sets new record in 10.8-km Capiz swim**

**BUTUAN CITY** – Endurance swimmer Ingemar Macarine, dubbed as the “Pinoy Aquaman,” completed a 10.8-kilometer swim from Olotayan Island to the People’s Park in Baybay, Roxas City, Capiz province, on Sunday.

“(It was) good that the current, tides, and wind were all in perfect condition. I took advantage of it by swimming faster, as they would change at any time,” Macarine, a native Surigaonon, said in an interview on Monday.

Macarine’s three-hour, 15-minute nonstop, unassisted swim made him the first person to cross the waters between Oloyan Island and Baybay in Roxas City.

“The endurance swim is part of my advocacy and promo-

tion for clean seas and beaches, healthy lifestyle, and the local tourism of Roxas City,” Macarine said, adding it was his fastest swim yet.

Born in Placer, Surigao del Norte, Macarine grew up in Surigao City and currently serves as a prosecutor in Bohol.

On June 24 last year, Macarine also succeeded in his long-distance and open-water swim from Bugtong Island in Pio V. Corpus town to Barangay Matayum lagoon in Cataingan, all in Masbate province.

“Last year’s swim in Masbate was more difficult as I encountered a strong current about two kilometers from the shoreline,” he said.

The Surigaonon swimmer said he is now preparing for his next swim in July this year, covering 10 kilometers from Canada to the United States.

Macarine’s longest open water swim took place in 2017, covering 24.6 kilometers from Siliman Beach in Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental, to Tambisan Port in San Juan, Siquijor. It lasted 11 hours and 21 minutes.

He also had two open-water swims in 2016 and 2017 in the United Kingdom and another six in the United States. (PNA)

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DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATIVE ADOPTION  
 CASE NO:  
**RACCO VI-DAA-2024-0048-IP-023**

DATE: **MARCH 1, 2024**

**IN RE: PETITION FOR ADOPTION  
 OF MARY EDMILYN GILUA TO BE  
 KNOWN THEREAFTER AS MARY  
 EDMILYN PAILANAN MISTIO**

**SPS. EDGAR PROLOGO MISTIO AND  
 MILDRED PAILANAN MISTIO**  
*Petitioners*  
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**ORDER**

A verified petition for the adoption of **Mary Edmilyn Gilua** filed by the petitioners through the Regional Alternative Child Care Office (RACCO) praying that the after due notice, publication and appearances, a judgment be rendered to the effect that the minor **Mary Edmilyn Gilua** be declared for all intents and purposes the legitimate child of the petitioners and that the name of the child be change particularly to appear as **Mary Edmilyn Pailanan Mistio**.

Finding the said Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be set for Mandatory Appearance on **April 11, 2024**, to be held at **RACCO VI at DSWD Field Office VI, M.H. del Pilar St., Molo, Iloilo City**. Any interested party may appear and may file an opposition/complaint supported by evidence to the National Authority for Child Care (NACC), through the RACCO where the Petition was filed. The complaint will be subjected for verification and further investigation.

Let a copy of this Order be published at the expense of the Petitioners once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation pursuant to Section 31 of R.A. No. 11642 or the Domestic Administrative Adoption and Alternative Child Care Act.

**(SGD.) JANICE J. BRASILEÑO**  
**OIC – Regional Alternative Child Care Officer**

NE/March 11, 18 & 25, 2024

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

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that **SHIRDE G. FELONGCO** has filed with this Office, a petition for **correction of entry in the child's sex** from "F" to "**MALE**" in the certificate of live birth of **SHIRDE GUAZON FELONGCO** at **Calinog, Iloilo** and whose parents are **DEMETRIO P. FELONGCO** and **SHIRLEY D. GUANZON**.

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

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

NE/March 25, 2024 & April 1, 2024

Republic of the Philippines  
 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial Region  
 Regional Trial Court  
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE JUDGE**  
 CJ R.Q. Avanceña Hall of Justice  
 Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City  
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**NOTICE OF HEARING**

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

1. **Atty. Althea B. Tugado**
2. **Atty. John Ryan E. Anatan**
3. **Atty. Ruben M. Maca**
4. **Atty. Jazel C. Lauron**
5. **Atty. Maria Katrina Yves L. Sotes**
6. **Atty. Jessa P. Uychiat**
7. **Atty. Jayne Marie F. Onato**
8. **Atty. Annalie De La Cruz Treyes**
9. **Atty. Mary Mae G. Peñaflorida**

shall be held on **April 11, 2024**, at 9: 00 in the morning at Regional Trial Court, Branch 34, Iloilo City. Any person who has any cause or reason to object to the grant of the petition may file a verified written opposition thereto, received by the undersigned before the date of the summary hearing.

Iloilo City, Philippines, March 15, 2024.

**(SGD.) HON. MA. YOLANDA PANAGUITON-GAVIÑO**  
 Executive Judge

NE/March 25, 2024

## Crop damage from drought hits P87.4-M in Negros Occidental

BACOLOD CITY – Damage to agriculture from drought caused by El Niño in Negros Occidental has reached PHP87.44 million, latest data of the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist (OPA) on Monday showed.

As of March 13, total damage to rice was pegged at PHP87.034 million, and PHP442,740 to corn, as reported in some 15 local government units located mainly in the southern part of the province.

Affected were 1,951.80 hectares of rice and crops planted by 2,220 farmers, the report added.

The worst-hit is Kabankalan City, which incurred PHP41.9 million in crop damage, followed by Cauayan town with PHP14 million.

Others with reported damage include Ilog, with PHP7.49 million; Bago City -- P7.1 million; Himamaylan City -- P3.7 million; Valladolid --PHP3.4 million; Hinoba-an --PHP2.5 million; Hinigaran --P1.75 million; Sipalay City --P1.7 million; and San Enrique -- PHP1.1 million.

The municipalities of Murcia, Binalbagan, Moises Padilla, Isabela and Don Salvador Benedicto reported damage to crops at below PHP1 million.

Meanwhile, Governor Eugenio Jose Lacson said the Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Soils and Water Management (DA-BSWM) has not recommended the conduct of cloudseeding in Negros Occidental.

"They have an assessment. I have a copy, but unsigned yet. They do not recommend it," he told reporters.

Lacson said that based on the initial report, cloudseeding could damage 20,000 mango trees in San Carlos City, Negros Occidental and also 5,000 mango trees in the neighboring Guimaras province.

On March 4 to 8, the team of the DA-BSWM Water Resources Management Division conducted a joint area assessment for pre-cloudseeding operation in Negros Occidental.

The initiative aims to boost precipitation and supplement the natural water supply, especially in agricultural areas to lessen the effect of the El Niño phenomenon.

The Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration said in an earlier report that Negros Occidental, including Bacolod City, would experience drought from the end of February to May this year.

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
**REGIONAL TRIAL COURT**  
 6<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL REGION  
**OFFICE OF THE EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF**  
**CHIEF JUSTICE RAMON Q. AVANCEÑA HALL OF JUSTICE**  
**ILOILO CITY**  
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FORECLOSURE NO.F-10922-24  
**(Branch 35, RTC, Iloilo City)**

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

**FIRST IMPERIAL BUSINESS BANK, INC.**  
 represented by its General Manager,  
**MARGARET B. BARCE,**  
 Mortgagee,  
 - versus -

**CHARLYN TELARMA PIROTE,**  
 for herself and as Attorney-In-Fact of  
**JOHN FRED H. TELARMA,**  
 Mortgagors.

**SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION**

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 filed by the **mortgagee, FIRST IMPERIAL BUSINESS BANK, INC. (A RURAL BANK)**, with principal office at BCB Building, Simon Ledesma Street, Jaro, Iloilo City, Philippines, as represented herein by its General Manager, **MARGARET B. BARCE**, against the **mortgagor, CHARLYN TELARMA PIROTE**, of legal age, Filipino and a resident of Phase 1, 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Alta Tierra Village, Barangay Balabago, Jaro, Iloilo City, Philippines, **for herself** and as **Attorney-In-Fact** of the **mortgagor, JOHN FRED H. TELARMA** to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of January 31, 2024, amounted to **One Million Three Hundred Seventy Four Thousand One Hundred Twelve Pesos & 06/100 (Php1,374,112.06)**, Philippine Currency, inclusive of interests and penalties, plus publication cost, attorney's fees, sheriffs fees and other incidental expenses of foreclosure and auction sale, the **Ex-Officio Sheriff of Iloilo** or his lawful deputy will sell at public auction on **MAY 14, 2024** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at Ground Floor, Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Chief Justice Ramon Q. Avanceña Hall of Justice, Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City, to the HIGHEST BIDDER, for CASH or MANAGER'S CHECK and in Philippine Currency, the following real property with the buildings and all the improvements found thereon, to wit:

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 095-2021002377**

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 7, BLOCK 8, OF THE SUBDIVISION PLAN, (LRC) PSD-184006, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 2144-B, (LRC) PSD-184003, LRC (GLRO) RECORD NO.8, SITUATED IN THE DISTRICT OF JARO, ILOILO CITY, ISLAND OF PANAY. X XX CONTAINING AN AREA OF **TWO HUNDRED AND THREE (203) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS.**"

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **JUNE 11, 2024** at the same time and place aforementioned without further notice, Iloilo City, Philippines, **February 21, 2024.**

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

**(SGD.) RICARDO F. PALABRICA, JR.**  
 Sheriff IV/Sheriff-in-Charge

NE/March. 18, 25 & April 1, 2024



Drought is characterized by a rainfall condition below normal for five consecutive months. (PNA)



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**OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

In compliance with **R.A. 10172**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **ANGELIKA HERRERA** has filed with this office a Petition for Correction in the Entry of Sex from "**FEMALE**" to "**MALE**" in the birth certificate of **RENZ ALDEN HERRERA LAGAMON** who was born on **April 8, 2022** at **DJSMCEH, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo**.

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

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

NE/March 25, 2024 & April 1, 2024

Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Iloilo  
Municipality of Barotac Nuevo

**OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

In compliance with **R.A. 9048**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **HONEY TEGUIHANON** has filed with this office a Petition for Change of First Name from "**MA. JULIE**" to "**JULIE**" in the birth certificate of **MA. JULIE PARANGA DELGADO** who was born on **July 27, 1966** at **Cabilauan, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo**.

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

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

NE/March 25, 2024 & April 1, 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 **YOLANDA SABO-O PUDADERA** has filed with this Office a petition for Change of First Name from **MA. YOLANDA** to **YOLANDA** in the birth certificate of **YOLANDA ARIPIO SABO-O** who was born on **January 3, 1964** at **Janiuay, Iloilo** and whose parents are **Martin Sabo-o** and **Angeles Aripio**.

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/March 25, 2024 & April 1, 2024

Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Iloilo  
Municipality of Barotac Nuevo

**OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

In compliance with **R.A. 9048**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **HONEY TEGUIHANON** has filed with this office a Petition for Change of First Name from "**JOEL**" to "**MARLON**" in the birth certificate of **JOEL RIO CELIZ JR.** who was born on **July 19, 1964** at **Brgy. Paraiso, Sagay, Negros Occidental**.

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

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

NE/March 25, 2024 & April 1, 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 **MARISSA Z. DE LA BANDA** has filed with this office a petition for **CHANGE OF FIRST NAME** from **MARICEL** to **MARISSA** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **MARICEL MAGLANTAY ZERRUDO** was born on **JANUARY 13, 1969** at **Pototan, Iloilo** and whose parents are **MARCELINO D. ZERRUDO** and **SALVACION M. MAGLANTAY**.

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/March 25, 2024 & April 1, 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 **JOSE RALLY MONTINOLA LOPEZ** has filed with this Office a petition for Change of First Name from **MATEO ROLY** to **JOSE RALLY** in the birth certificate of **MATEO ROLY MONTINOLA LOPEZ** who was born on **June 5, 1963** at **Janiuay, Iloilo** and whose parents are **Rafael A. Lopez** and **Lilia L. Montinola**.

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

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Republic of the Philippines  
Local Civil Registry Office  
Province of: Iloilo  
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**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 **JOSIEL PESCUELA GERMO** has filed with this office a petition for correction of entry in **CHILD'S SEX** from **MALE** to **FEMALE**, in the Certificate of Live Birth of **JOSIEL TUPAS PESCUELA** who was born on **JUNE 12, 1985** at **Pototan, Iloilo** and whose parents are **JOSE P. PESCUELA JR.** and **LETECIA P. TUPAS**.

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/March 25, 2024 & April 1, 2024

## BFP continues probe on Mt. Kanlaon fire

**BACOLOD CITY** – The Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) continues to investigate the cause of the fire that hit a portion of the Mt. Kanlaon Natural Park in La Castellana, Negros Occidental late last week.

Senior Supt. Arnold Alba, provincial fire marshal, said on Monday there are many possibilities on how the fire started, including the intense heat which could have caused a spark.

"Needless to say, we have to investigate so we can have a credible investigation report," Alba said in a radio interview.

He added that the initial assessment of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources showed the fire damaged 35 hectares of forest and grass areas.

Based on the BFP report, the fire call came at past 1:40 p.m. on March 14 and a fire out was declared by 12:30

p.m. on March 15.

The fire originated in the northern portion of Barangay Masulog, according to the initial investigation.

Alba said the site of the fire along Barangays Biak na Bato and Masulog was uninhabited.

"There were no residents on the ground zero since the area is within the four-kilometer danger zone," he added.

Alba, who joined the BFP personnel in responding to the fire, said they were unable to use firefighting equipment since the site was inaccessible to motor vehicles.

Firefighters, emergency responders, and volunteers walked through narrow paths for about two hours and 40 minutes to reach the location.

He said they only brought bolos, rakes, gloves, and boots and employed suppression techniques to put out the fire.

Alba acknowledged that the BFP has limited capability and training in responding to forest fire incidents, which usually occur every year.


"This would be a time to also ask the help of the local governments to help the BFP procure necessary equipment and undergo training to efficiently suppress this kind of fire," he added. (PNA)



**FOREST FIRE.** Volunteers from Kanlaon Green Brigade help suppress the fire that hit a portion of Mt. Kanlaon Natural Park in La Castellana, Negros Occidental on March 14-15, 2024. As of Monday (March 18), the Bureau of Fire Protection continues to investigate the cause of the fire. (Photo courtesy of Arturo Dumasog Jr./ Kanlaon Green Brigade)



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

**MARIBEL M. YORO**  
Applicant

**Case No. MRO VI 24-010**  
CPC Issuance

X-----X

**ORDER**

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

ROUTE(S) TO BE SERVED				
TACAY, BUENAVISTA GUIMARAS TO LEGANES, ILOILO AND VICE VERSA (DAYTIME NAVIGATION ONLY)				
Vessel Name	GRT	HULL	Type of Service	Passage Rate
MB "MDKY LOURDES"	31.07	WOOD	CARGO	Per contract basis

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

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

The Applicant shall present the jurisdictional, qualification and documentary requirements in a summary proceeding to be conducted **10 April 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), afterwhich, 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR:

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

Copy furnished:  
Applicant, Maribel Yoro  
Sto. Domingo, Nueva Valencia, Guimaras  
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  
MROVI Building, De La Rama Street  
Iloilo City, Philippines 5000

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

**DELNOR F. MAGSIPOC**  
Applicant.

**Case No. MRO VI 17-060**  
CPC Renewal

X-----X

**ORDER**

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

ROUTE/S TO BE SERVED:			
BORACAY ISLAND & ITS VICINITIES (WITHIN 3 NAUTICAL MILES RADIUS - DESIGNATED DIVING AREA) - DAYTIME NAVIGATION ONLY			
OWNED BY APPLICANT	HULL	TYPE OF SERVICE	PASSAGE RATE
MBca "CD & KM"	WOOD	PASSENGER	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 **01 April 2024 at 2:00 P.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), afterwhich, 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR:

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

Copy furnished:  
Applicant Caticlan, 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  
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Iloilo City, Philippines 5000

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

**JEZREEL M. TRINIDAD**  
Applicant.

**Case No. MRO VI 18-131**  
CPC Renewal

X-----X

**ORDER**

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

ROUTE/S TO BE SERVED:			
BORACAY ISLAND TO NEARBY ISLETS W/IN 3 NAUTICAL MILES RADIUS (DAYTIME NAVIGATION ONLY)			
OWNED BY APPLICANT	HULL	TYPE OF SERVICE	PASSAGE RATE
MBca "JAZZ JT"	WOOD	Guests/Tourists	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 **25 March 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), afterwhich, 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR:

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

Copy furnished:  
Applicant Caticlan, 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

**GENERAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **AGOSTO P. VILLANUEVA** with business address at Manocmanoc, Boracay Island, Malay, Aklan has filed with MARINA Regional Office VI for re-issuance of Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Philippine Registry due to Change of Ownership from **ALLAN & AGOSTO VILLANUEVA** to **AGOSTO P. VILLANUEVA** and Change of Vessel Name from **LCM "BORACAY EXPLORER"** to **LCM "MEDALYA MILAGROSA - 8"**. Any person or entity adversely affected by said claim may file their written opposition with Maritime Industry Authority Regional Office VI, MARINA Bldg., De La Rama St., Iloilo City within ten (10) days from the date of posting.

# Iloilo gov calls for continued fight against threats to dev't

ILOILO CITY – Developmental challenges confronting the Philippines are like the threats that veterans of World War II fought to free the country from foreign domination.

Iloilo Governor Arthur Defensor Jr. said on Monday the country is still facing threats despite enjoying freedom. "So let us mark this day, March 18, 2024, to renew our vows together with our veterans, together with our Armed Forces of the Philippines, together with our Philippine National Police, and together with the rest of our people. Let us continue in our fight for the defense of our country,"

Defensor said in his message during the commemoration of the 79th year of the Liberation of Panay, Guimaras, and Romblon held at Balantang Memorial Cemetery National Shrine in Jaro district.

The governor cited climate change, storms, floods, drought due to the El Niño phenomenon, La Niña, food security, and the educational system as among the current challenges to full development.

"The best way to honor the sacrifices of our veterans is to continue the fight, and finish the fight, and eventually see the Philippines as a truly free country, not only free from foreign domination but freedom from poverty and other threats that we are facing right now. Again, the best defense against the threats we are facing right now is development, and development is urgent," he added.

The commemoration was highlighted by the conferment of the World War II Service Medals to eight living war veterans and five posthumous awardees.

The living veterans are Corporal Simon Hinola; Private First Class Gregorio De Asis, Claro Daulo, Abello Eler and Esperidion Dalida; Private Angeles Calmorin and Resurreccion Salazar; and Sgt. Pablo Balsamo.

Hinola and De Asis are both 99 years old; Daulo, Eler, and Calmorin, 100 years old, Dalida and Salazar, 103 years old, and Balsamo, 105 years old.

The posthumous awardees are Sgt Nicolas Pulmones; and Private Joaquin Katipunan, Filomeno Flamiano, Ponce Madrigal, and Francisco Dimalaluan.

There are 14 living World War II veterans in Panay and Guimaras whose ages range from 99 to 105, and 7,000 post-war veterans.

The commemoration started with the flag-raising and the wreath-laying ceremonies at the Balantang Shrine by guests, including descendants of the veterans.

Proclamation No. 430 signed by President Corazon C. Aquino in 1989 declared March 18 of every year as Victory Day in Panay and Romblon, a special non-working day to commemorate the liberation of the islands from Japanese forces and the valor of the Free Panay Guerilla Forces. (PNA)



**HERO.** Private First Class Claro Daulo, 100, is conferred the World War II Service Medal during the commemoration of the 79th year of the Liberation of Panay, Guimaras, and Romblon held at Balantang Memorial Cemetery National Shrine in Jaro, Iloilo City on Monday (March 18, 2024). There are 14 WWII living veterans in Panay and Guimaras islands whose ages range from 99 to 105 years. (Photo courtesy of Rena Manubag)