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ANPPO OIC strongly appeals to remaining rebels to surrender

POLICE Colonel Lea Rose B. Peña, Officer-In-Charge of Antique Police Provincial Office (ANPPO), strongly appealed to remaining rebels in the province of Antique to surrender and avail the programs of the government.

PCol. Peña underscored this during the turning-over of financial assistance to a former rebel followed by a press conference held on March 8, 2024 at New Capitol, San Jose de Buenavista.

It can be recalled that the 69 year old, male, resident of Brgy Bontol, Sibalom, Antique and former member of New People's Army' Sandatahang Yunit Pangpropaganda (SYP) had surrendered to PLT. Col. Jereme Belo, Force Commander of 1st Antique Provincial Mobile Force Company (1st APMFC) last March 1, 2024.

The former rebel had received Php10,000.00 financial assistance, a

sack of rice, medicines, and groceries from Governor Rhodora J. Cadiao to aid the former rebel for his reintegration in the society. He was also endorsed by Governor Cadiao to the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO) to be recipient of livelihood program from the government.

PCol. Peña disclosed that Barangay Captain Rey Ventura of Brgy Bontol, Sibalom initiated the effort to have the former rebel avail the support from the provincial government of Antique under Governor Cadiao.

"I really appreciate the efforts of Brgy Capt Rey Ventura and Governor Cadiao for their immediate assistance given to the former rebel which shows the government sincerity in helping the rebels to live peacefully and free from dangers life of being a rebel," PCol. Peñasaid.

"I am appealing to all rebels in the province



A 69-year old resident of Brgy. Bontol, Sibalom, Antique and a former member of New People's Army' Sandatahang Yunit Pangpropaganda (SYP) receives cash assistance from Gov. Rhodora Cadiao in the presence of Antique Police Provincial Office (ANPPO) Police Colonel Lea Rose B. Peña, PLT. Col. Jereme Belo, Commander of 1st Antique Provincial Mobile Force Company (1st APMFC), and Brgy. Captain Rey Ventura.

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Capitol to build P30M abattoir in Concepcion

TO provide consumers with premium meat products, the Iloilo provincial government, through the assistance of World Bank, is establishing a Double-A abattoir in the municipality of Concepcion located at Sitio Anak Bukid, Barangay Lo-ong.

Gov. Arthur Defensor Jr. spearheaded the groundbreaking ceremony on March 8, 2024 together with Provincial Administrator Raul Baniyas, Philippine Rural Development Project

(PRDP) Deputy Project Director Engr. Jose Albert Barrogo, Mayor Milliard Villanueva, municipal officials, and Punong Barangay Rizalino Panes. Jr.

They were also

joined by Provincial Engineer Romeo Andig, Provincial Veterinarian Dr. Darel Tabuada, Provincial Planning and Development Officer Mario Nillos, and Executive Assistant to the Gov. Niel Tupas III.

The abattoir has the capacity to cater to 50 heads per day for swine and 8 heads per day for

cattle and adheres to the standards of the National Meat Inspection Service.

It features a slaughterhouse, holding pen, boiler and generator set room, water treatment facilities, and decomposing chambers which ensure compliance to animal welfare, food safety, and environmental standards.

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Iloilo City Mayor Jerry P. Treñas and other city officials witnessed the blessing of the newly-acquired P5.8 million vacuum sweeper truck last March 11, 2024. The truck has a 2-cubic-meter water tank and a large 7-cubic-meter trash bin, totaling to 9-cubic-meter capacity, for street sweeping and sanitation of main thoroughfares in metro. (Iloilo City Government)

Sen. Imee Marcos to keynote YWCA biennial convention

BY NEONITA A. GOBUYAN

SENATOR Imee Marcos will be keynote speaker in the National Biennial Convention of the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) on April 26-28, 2024 to be held at Hotel del Rio in Iloilo City.

Also to give their video greetings are Ms. Mira Rizeq, World YWCA President, and Ms. Casey Harden.

YWCA Iloilo President Dr. Emee Saplada said everything is already set for the upcoming event.

YWCA Philippines National President Atty. Bienvenida Gruta is excited to meet with women advocates from all over the country during the three-day gathering.

The theme of the convention is "Empowering women, propelling for a bright future."

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Redev't of Iloilo port to strengthen BOC's import, export services

THE Bureau of Customs (BOC)-Port of Iloilo in Western Visayas (WV) welcomes the upcoming redevelopment of the Iloilo Commercial Port Complex (ICPC) here.

According to BOC-Iloilo District Collector Julius B. Premediles, the project will be a big boost to their import and export services.

Premediles said men and women of Port of Iloilo in Western Visayas are committed and ready to serve international container arrivals through the new management of Visayas Container Terminal.

"We are ready to serve various international container arrivals directly to Iloilo from different economic hubs of the world,"

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Aid assured for family of Antiqueño seafarer killed in Houthi strike

SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, Antique – The Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) has assured assistance for the family of the Antiqueño seafarer, one of the two killed during the March 6 missile attack of the Houthi rebels in the Gulf of Aden.

Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) officer in charge, Undersecretary Hans Leo Cacdac, coordinated with Antique Governor Rhodora J. Cadiiao after his visit to the family of the seafarer whom he declined to identify, in Barangay Madrangca, San Jose de Buenavista on Monday.

“Our (DMW) assistance starts with the ongoing salvaging effort,” he said in an interview.

He said President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. had instructions to do everything to help the family until the remains of the seafarer arrived.

Cacdac said the retrieval of the human remains

aboard the ship M/V True Confidence is still ongoing, so he does not know when it will arrive.

Cadiiao also assured Cacdac that the provincial government would help take care of the family of the seafarer while the retrieval of his remains continues.

“I will be sending the staff of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO) to visit the family of the seafarer,” she said.

The PSWDO will conduct case management so the provincial government can extend aid to individuals in crisis situations (AICS) and their livelihood.

“I learned that the seafarer has a wife and child who are in a crisis situation now, so we will provide them with livelihood to augment their income,” Cadiiao said.

The father, in an exclusive interview with the Philippine News Agency, said his son had been working as a seafarer for

11 years.

It has been just a month since he returned to the ship when the incident happened.

“We are still having

difficulty absorbing the news about our son,” the father said.

He said they learned about the incident on March 7, a day after the attack.

The death of his son is a big loss to their family, and they are hoping that he is still alive, he added.

The family has yet to determine the kind of

assistance they would ask from the national government while waiting for the result of the retrieval operation. (PNA)



ASSISTANCE. Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) officer in charge, Undersecretary Hans Leo Cacdac, pays a courtesy call on Antique Governor Rhodora J. Cadiiao on Monday (March 11, 2024). Cacdac visited the family of the Antiqueño seafarer, one of the two killed during the missile attack of the Houthi rebels at the Gulf of Aden on March 6, 2024. (PNA photo by Annabel Consuelo J. Petinglay)

ILOILO CITY'S CALLE REAL JOINS WV SUGAR HERITAGE TRAIL VYING FOR UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE

ILOILO CITY'S CALLE REAL JOINS WV SUGAR HERITAGE TRAIL VYING FOR UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE

The Western Visayas (WV) Sugar Heritage Trail, which includes Calle Real in Iloilo City, is vying for inclusion in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage List.

Nominated by UNESCO-Philippines, the trail made it to the World Heritage Tentative Lists.

It will be needing submission of

documentation to substantiate the trail's identified areas and properties' "outstanding universal value" and to be deliberated by UNESCO if it is suitable for inscription in the World Heritage List.

Calle Real, which has been identified as integral part of the Panay and Negros sugar heritage trail, is the city's old central business district, and was declared as heritage zone by the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP).

“I am very happy... We might be the first city with a Calle Real identified in the

UNESCO World Heritage List,” Mayor Jerry P. Treñas said.

Aside from Calle Real in Iloilo City, the region's sugar heritage trail also includes, among others, the Historic Center of Silay City, which has a large collection of preserved heritage houses that have been declared also by the NHCP as part of the Silay National Historical Landmark.

“The Sugar Cultural Landscape of Negros and Panay Island showcases the legacy of the sugar industry brought by the **ILOILO CITY'S / page 3**



APPROVED REVENUE CODE. The Antique provincial board approves the 2023 Revenue Code during its regular session on Monday (March 11, 2024). Board Member Victor Condez, author of the 2023 Revenue Code, said the provincial government expects to generate an additional PHP119.86 million annually that can help build more schools, better health facilities, and other infrastructures. (PNA photo by Annabel Consuelo J. Petinglay)

Approved revenue code ushers support to health, education in Antique

SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, Antique – The approved 2023 Revenue Code of Antique would mean additional funds to construct more schools, better health facilities and other needed infrastructures in the province.

The provincial board approved the ordinance, expected to generate an additional PHP119.86 million annually, during its regular session on Monday.

“We are finally able to approve the 2023 Revenue Code after a long and tedious

process of holding public consultation and debate,” ordinance author Board Member Victor Condez said in an interview.

The revenue could provide funds for the construction of schools, especially in the hinterland areas where there are no educational facilities, procurement of medicines and upgrading of medical facilities and equipment of the seven district hospitals, and the needed infrastructures based on the Annual Investment Plan of

the province.

“Let us help the provincial government by paying our obligations, for in that way we could also access better services,” he said.

In a related interview, Antique Governor Rhodora

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of Antique to stop the non-sense and twisted ideology of the CPP-NPA and return to the folds of the law and support the government, tatanda lang kayo sa taas (bundok), maghihirap at walang makakatulong sa inyo kundi ang ating gobyerno lamang,” PCol. Peña stressed.

Further, PCol. Peña assured the safety of the former rebel through the supervision of PLt. Col. Belo, Force Commander, 1st APMFC.

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Engr. Andig said that upon its completion in November of 2024, cheaper butcher fee for cattle is expected from P2,000 to P800 and from P600 to P405 for swine.

Governor Defensor said the facility could also contribute to local economy by providing additional source of revenue through job opportunities and marketable high quality meat.

He added that the abattoir could also aid the province in covering from African Swine Fever (ASF) by venturing into the pork processing industry.

“We export 8,000 swine heads to Luzon every month but we don't process pork products. With a high standard slaughterhouse, we can have a processed pork industry. Instead of exporting heads, we should

export processed meat. It will give us additional source of revenue,” Defensor said.

The P29.950 million facility is funded through the Philippine Rural Development Project of the Department of Agriculture and is situated on a 4,407 square meter lot.

The World Bank is shouldering 80 percent of the project cost while the DA and the provincial government each has a counterpart of 10 percent. (Capitol news)

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said Premediles.

Earlier, the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) awarded International Container Terminal Services, Inc. (ICTSI) a 25-year concession contract to develop and operate the port facility.

Premediles expressed

optimism with the well-equipped, new and high-tech arrastre operator serving international containers.

The BOC, for the year 2024 under the leadership of Commissioner Bienvenido Y. Rubio, has contributed almost half a billion

revenue to the government expenditures specially to Internal Revenue Allotment of Cities and Municipalities of Region 6.

The BOC-WV, in particular, is consistent in surpassing its revenue target for the months of January and February.

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Iloilo City Mayor Jerry P. Treñas will welcome delegates and guests on April 26.

Other activities of the said event are YWCA Olympics and presentation of delegates and guests, meeting of national president and local associations, awarding of special awards and certificate of participation.

Highlight of the three-day event is the election of National Council Members and MBM/NBC Committee Members for Biennium 2021-2026.

During the last convention, the delegates visited the YWCA campsite in barangay Alegre, Oton and Garin Farm in San Joaquin, Iloilo. (nag)

Bacolod City forms action team to improve water supply

BACOLOD CITY – Mayor Alfredo Abelardo Benitez has formed a coordinating action team mainly to expedite the implementation of vital infrastructure to improve water supply for Bacolodnons.

In Executive Order 014, series of 2024, Benitez said the body, which he chairs, will come up with a coordinated action and approach plan as well as build effective collaboration between and among agencies in both the public and private sectors.

“The city government is taking steps to address the shortage in water supply,” he said in a press conference on Monday.

Benitez noted “as much as 15 percent” reduction in the level of the city’s water sources, based on the report of Bacolod City Water District (Baciwa)-PrimeWater.

He said reports of water shortages and interruptions aggravated by the El Niño weather phenomenon have affected the daily lives of residents.

Benitez said one of the recognized causes of water shortage is the difficulty of acquiring ownership or road right of way in areas where the pipes pass through to supply water to the city.



WATER SUPPLY. The water truck of PrimeWater and its joint venture partner Bacolod City Water District delivers water to residents of one of the areas in the city in this photo released on March 9, 2024. Mayor Alfredo Abelardo Benitez said on Monday (March 11, 2024) the city government is taking steps to address the shortage in water supply. (Photo from Baciwa-PrimeWater Bacolod City’s Facebook page)

“Acquiring road right of way for infrastructure projects is essential for the development and improvement of road networks in our city. There is a need to expedite the process of acquiring road right of way,” he added.

Benitez said the coordinating action team will also develop and implement short-term and long-term strategies to address water shortages and ensure the provision of adequate water supply to all

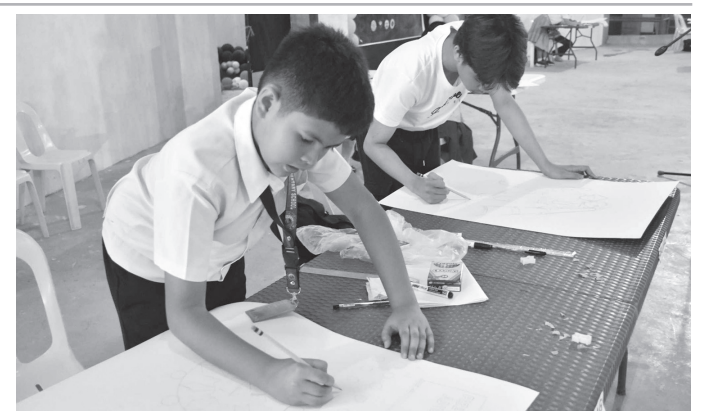
residents.

They will also make recommendations and endorsements to the appropriate office and/or agency of any activity, plan or project to be pursued as part of the coordinated effort to improve the city’s water supply, he added.

Since the last week of February, the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) has been rationing water to several sub-villages and schools in Barangay Mandalagan with limited water supply.

In a statement over the weekend, PrimeWater, together with its joint venture partner Baciwa, said it has acquired a water truck for deployment as a contingency plan to mitigate the impact of the El Niño on the current water supply.

The water truck, which can store up to three cubic meters of water, is being used to deliver water during service disruptions across multiple barangays, it added. (PNA)



Guimaras conducts fire prevention art contest

STUDENTS from five towns in the province of Guimaras showed their talents in the Provincial Art Contest held on March 13, 2024 at the Provincial Covered Gym, San Miguel, Jordan, Guimaras.

The contest was organized by the Provincial Government of Guimaras through the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office in partnership with the Bureau of Fire Protection - Guimaras in line with the commemoration of Fire Prevention Month this March.

The contest has four categories consisting of Composo, Binalaybay, Poster Making Contest, and Drawing Contest.

A student from Salvacion National High School in Nueva Valencia bagged the first price for Composo while representatives from Dr. Catalino G. Nava Memorial High School (San Lorenzo) and Jordan National High School placed second and third respectively.

The Binalaybay Contest was won by Jordan National High School while students from Calaya National High School (Nueva Valencia) and Buenavista National

High School got the second and third place.

A student from Alaguisoc Elementary School in Jordan was hailed champion in Drawing Contest. The second and third place went to the representatives of Sapal Elementary School (San Lorenzo) and Dasal Elementary School (Sibunag).

A representative from Ayangan National High School in Sibunag placed first in the Poster Making Contest while Calaya National High School came second and Hijas de Jesus St. Joseph School snatched the third place.

First place winners in all categories took home Php 1,500; second placers received Php 1,000; Php 800 for third placers and Php 500 consolation prize for non-winners.

Aside from the Arts Contest, the Iloilo Emerald Lions Club also gave out reading glasses, medicines, and FBS screening for the employees of the Provincial Government of Guimaras.

Fire Prevention Month is observed every month of March. The theme for this year’s observance is: “Sa Pag-iwassaSunog Hindi ka Nag-iisa.”

ISUFST launches 3-day gender sensitivity mainstreaming event

The Iloilo State University of Fisheries Science and Technology (ISUFST) kicked off its three-day Gender Sensitivity Training and Gender Mainstreaming for the Gender and Development Focal Point System (GFPS)

this Wednesday, March 13, at Smallville 21, Mandurriao, Iloilo. The event, under the theme “Seeing Through the Lens of Gender: Deepen your Understanding and Impact,” aims to educate and engage 50 of the university’s vice presidents, deans,

directors, office heads, and selected coordinators on gender issues and gender-responsive strategies.

The training started with an opening address by Dr. Lenirose Mondero, the Director of ISUFST

Gender and Development, followed by an inspirational message from University President Dr. Nordy Siason, Jr. The seminar workshop is facilitated by esteemed resource speakers P/Col Ma. Cecilia Detablan and UP

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industrialization of sugar production in the late 18th century, such as mills, factories, plantations, buildings, and mansions that reflect the social and economic dynamics of the late Spanish-colonial and American-colonial eras,” stated in the UNESCO World Heritage Convention website.

The nomination stemmed

from a proposal by the Department of Tourism (DOT) to explore the possibility of establishing a Western Visayas Sugar Heritage Trail.

Citing the role of the region in the world’s sugar industry, the objective is to provide better understanding of the industrial heritage and identify the opportunity for sugar heritage tourism

products.

Initially, there were 127 identified trails or remnants and landmarks of the industry—87 are in Negros Occidental, 25 in Iloilo, five in Guimaras, seven in Capiz, and three in Antique.

In Iloilo City, among the distinct features connected to the trail, are the historical district of Calle Real in City Proper, and the districts of Jaro, La Paz and Molo.

Treñas also previously

stated that the sugar industry in the region started in Iloilo, and has transferred to Negros because of the vast tracts of land available in the province.

“That is very significant because we have to look back at the past before we can move forward. This means we have a very great history that we should be proud of,” Treñas said. (Iloilo City PIO/with reports from PNA)

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Cadio said the passage of the 2023 Revenue Code is already long overdue since the enactment of the first code 18 years ago.

“Thank you to Antique Provincial Board for we now have the newest revenue code,” she said.

Cadio said other provinces in Western Visayas have already amended their revenue code.

“The increase in the

taxes in the revenue code is mainly on the business permits, quarry, and other tax sources,” she added.

Cadio further said although the revenue code will take effect after a month’s publication, the Antique provincial government remains open to comments and suggestions from those who will be affected by the increase in taxes. (PNA)

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WATER SOURCES. The Bureau of Fire Protection presents its El Niño action plan during the emergency meeting of the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (PDRRMC) at the Casa Real in the afternoon of Tuesday (March 12, 2024). Senior Fire Officer 3 (SFO3) Romelo Aguilar, acting municipal fire marshal of the Zarraga Fire Station, said they need to find additional sources of water. (PNA photo by PGLena)

BFP eyes alternative sources amid water scarcity due to El Niño

ILOILO CITY – The Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) in Iloilo is looking for alternative sources amid the scarcity of water supply due to the El Niño phenomenon.

Senior Fire Officer 3 (SFO3) Romelo Aguilar, acting municipal fire marshal of the Zarraga Fire Station, said Tuesday they need to immediately identify possible sources so as not to jeopardize their operations, especially during fire incidents.

“Not only do we lack utility waters but also the sources of water supply in cases of fire incidents,” Aguilar said during the emergency meeting of the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management

Council (PDRRMC) at the Casa Real on Tuesday afternoon.

He said the main water source during fire incidents is the fire hydrant, with a capacity of 1,000 gallons per minute.

“In Iloilo, we don’t have that kind of hydrant,” he added.

The area with the utmost concern is the fifth district of Iloilo province because it has no water source and mostly relies on water drilling.

“Even our mainstream natural sources are also depleting so we focus on finding alternative sources because our main tool in firefighting is water, especially grass fire,” Aguilar said.

He said they will coordinate with local government units (LGUs) and water districts to help them with the concern.

Iloilo Board Member Rolando Distura said he already brought up these issues to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan.

He said the BFP has informed him that only 80 of their 91 firetrucks are serviceable, aside from the problem of lack of enough water sources.

“We have a resolution that we request water districts to improve their water sources for fire hydrants. As disaster managers, we have to look beyond the box, beyond the capacity and capability of our agencies and resources at hand,” he added. (PNA)

Treading feminism in the school setting

There is a wide range of ideologies regarding feminism. Extremist feminism can be dangerous, in contrast to progressive feminism's pursuit of women's empowerment and equality. While wary of the threats radical ideologies offer, it is critical to grasp the relevance of progressive feminism, especially in education.

Extreme feminism can manifest in ways that affect male and female students' educational experiences in the classroom. Striking a balance between meritocracy and gender equality in leadership positions and extracurricular activities is a significant challenge.

Extreme feminists may advocate for strict gender quotas, which may fail to consider merit-based selection criteria. On the other hand, if this system is based only on merit, it risks ignoring the systemic biases that prevent all students from having equal opportunities. Fostering a fair and supportive educational environment requires finding a harmonic balance that honors inclusivity and merit.

For example, in

extracurricular activities like sports or clubs, some individuals hold extreme feminist views and advocate for gender parity, even if it means sacrificing aptitude and competence. Students may experience bias due to being treated differently because of their gender rather than their talents. Furthermore, radical ideologies may suppress various viewpoints and impede chances for collaborative learning by favoring one gender over the other in class discussions and group assignments. A more welcoming and stimulating learning environment can be achieved by adopting a moderate stance that respects contributions according to their worth and understanding.

Furthermore, radical feminist ideology may only care about attaining gender equity when it comes to tackling gender gaps in academic performance and accomplishment, ignoring individual talents in the process. This method can potentially diminish the achievements of worthy pupils who succeed because of their

abilities and hard work. A progressive feminist stance would promote fairness and excellence in education, which would also call for equal opportunity and the recognition and reward of individual success.

It is critical to foster an atmosphere where men and women are encouraged to achieve success according to their strengths and efforts to traverse the intricacies of gender parity and representation in educational institutions. All students, regardless of gender, may succeed and realize their potential in an inclusive and welcoming academic environment that promotes mutual respect and equal opportunity.

Adopting progressive feminism's ideals while being vigilant about radicalism can achieve a more just and inclusive society. It will also create a more inclusive, meritocratic, and supportive educational environment. Committing to these values in our classrooms and beyond can make a better world where people of all gender identities can realize their full potential.

Bacolod City pioneers QR code use on PWD ID cards



SECURITY FEATURES. Bacolod City Mayor Alfredo Abelardo Benitez shows a sample of persons with disability identification card with added quick response code in a press briefing last month. As of Tuesday (March 12, 2024), the Department of Social Services and Development has released more than 1,000 PWD cards with security features. (PNA Bacolod file photo)

BACOLOD CITY – This city is leading the initiative of adding security features through a quick response (QR) code in local government-issued identification (ID) cards for persons with disability (PWDs).

As of Tuesday, the Department of Social Services and Development (DSSD) here has released more than 1,000 PWD cards with the security feature out of the target 7,000 cards for registered PWDs.

Mayor Alfredo Abelardo Benitez said in an interview that so far, Bacolod is the only local government unit in the country to add a QR code on PWD IDs.

“(That’s) as of now. Senator Raffy Tulfo was very impressed with it and he will push this to become a national law,” he added.

Benitez said Tulfo is looking at creating a law

that will require adding QR codes in all PWD cards to enable establishments to validate if the ID card presented is authentic.

Using a smartphone, business establishments in Bacolod can scan the QR code to determine the validity of the PWD card.

“This system is for the protection of our business establishments. They will be put at a disadvantage if fake IDs get through and eventually, also the government, since the additional taxes would go to waste,” he added.

Last month, Benitez ordered the DSSD to recall all the PWD ID cards so the city could “ensure data security, comply with updated regulations, and address other relevant concerns regarding the PWD cards, including indiscriminate issuance.”

Applications for PWD cards are accepted at

the city’s Government Service Express at SM City Bacolod and Bacolod Express Services Office at Ayala Malls Capitol Central.

Among the requirements are a medical certificate or abstract from the attending physician, a certificate of barangay residency, a valid ID or birth certificate (for new applicants), a photocopy of an old PWD ID (for a replacement ID), and a certificate of disability.

Based on Republic Act 7277, or the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons, PWD ID card applicants are classified under seven disability categories.

These include psychosocial disability, disability caused by chronic illness, learning disability, mental disability, visual disability, orthopedic disability, and communication disability. (PNA)

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Professor Dr. Rosario Asong focused on a comprehensive gender sensitivity curriculum to foster an inclusive and equitable academic environment.

The first day's agenda included training on the four premises of gender, statistics on local gender issues, gender awareness, and discussions on the legal bases of Gender and Development (GAD), covering both international policies and domestic legal frameworks. The session concluded with a short assessment and an open forum to encourage dialogue and reflection

among participants.

The afternoon session delved into gender sensitivity, equality, equity, gender bias, the differences between sex and gender, categorization of gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression, as well as the distinctions between gender roles, gender division of labor, and the implications of these concepts in the school setting.

The second day, scheduled for Thursday, March 24, will continue with discussions on gender socialization, mass gender subordination, the HerStory

narrative, gender-related laws supporting women's welfare and rights, and the vision of a gender-fair society.

The workshop's final day will concentrate on strategies for GAD mainstreaming, aiming to integrate gender-sensitive approaches into the university's policies, programs, and projects. Through this initiative, ISUFST reaffirms its commitment to promoting gender equity and inclusivity within its community, aspiring to model gender fairness and understanding in higher education institutions across the region.

DA to provide technical assistance for 'BINHI' project in Antique

SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, Antique – The Department of Agriculture (DA) will extend technical assistance for the implementation of the Project Breaking Insufficiency through Nutritious Harvest for Impoverished (BINHI) in Antique aimed to ensure food security.

Project BINHI seeks to strengthen the adaptive capacities of poor and vulnerable families during severe drought conditions by planting vegetables and other crops.

DA Regional Executive Director for Western Visayas Dennis Arpia said in an interview Monday they are open to collaboration with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Regional Office 6 for the project.

“We will be providing technical assistance to the BINHI beneficiaries to make the project sustainable and for their communities to progress,” he said.

The technical assistance includes the identification of project sites, capacity building on small farm reservoirs, urban or peri-urban agricultural activities, and providing needed seedlings.

In a separate interview, Mylene Binondo, DSWD

Regional Office 6 Preparedness for Disaster Response section head, said they already have initial coordination with DA for the project targeted to start after the signing of an understanding this month.

“We are now in the process of working out a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with DA as well as the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), Department of the Interior and Local Government

(DILG), and the Antique provincial government for the implementation of BINHI,” she said.

Through the BINHI, beneficiaries will plant vegetables and other crops around water reservoir projects of the Local Adaptation to Water Access (LAWA) initiative.

“In Antique, there are three municipalities with 10 LAWA service areas each,” Binondo said.

Validation is ongoing in Sibalom, Sebaste and

Barbaza towns, which also served as pilot areas for LAWA.

DSWD will provide 20 days of cash-for-work and cash-for-training to beneficiaries of the BINHI project.

BFAR will give fingerlings for culture at the water reservoir, and the DILG will ensure the implementation of the LAWA and BINHI projects with the help of municipal and provincial governments. (PNA)



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. The Local Adaptation to Water Access (LAWA) or water reservoir in Esparar, Barbaza. The Department of Agriculture will provide technical assistance for the Breaking Insufficiency through Nutritious Harvest for Impoverished (BINHI) project in areas where the LAWA project is present. (Photo courtesy of Pamela Azucena)

ILOILO CITY ACQUIRES FIRE TRUCK FOR ICARE

The Iloilo City Government is acquiring a new fire truck as part of its continuing efforts toward achieving a disaster-resilient city.

According to Mayor Jerry P. Treñas, the additional unit will be stationed in one of the Iloilo City Action and Resilience (ICARE) Centers.

The city’s ICARE Centers in strategic locations house frontline services including the police, City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office, Public Safety and Transportation Management Office, and fire personnel, bringing emergency and disaster management closer to the people.

Once the fire truck arrives, Treñas said the city government will donate this to the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP)-Iloilo City to help boost their fire-fighting capability.

He initially requested the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) for additional fire truck for Iloilo City, however, the agency is currently prioritizing local government units that have no fire truck yet.

“Thus, I instructed to procure a fire truck because we have ICARE centers



and some of them do not have fire a truck yet,” the city mayor added.

Meanwhile, the city is also expecting a ladder truck, which can reach a 14-storey building. This is a donation from Korea through the effort of former BFP- 6 director Chief Superintendent Jerry Candido.

While the city government is acquiring necessary equipment for BFP, it is also strengthening its campaign on fire prevention especially this March as Fire Prevention Month.

The city mayor appealed to the public to be alert and always ensure the safety of their homes and establishments against possible fire. (Iloilo City PIO)

DENR releases over 2.2K land titles in Western Visayas

ILOILO CITY–The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) released 2,204 free residential and agricultural patents covering 882.097 hectares (ha) in Western Visayas in 2023, exceeding the 1,600 target patents in the region.

“Free patents for residential and agricultural lands are given to qualified applicants in a much more simplified and practical administrative titling process, giving a sense of security to occupants or owners of alienable and disposable lands,” the DENR said in a statement on Monday.

The DENR, through the licenses, patents, and deeds division, in partnership with provincial and community environment and natural resources offices (PENROs/ CENROs), released over 1,255 agricultural free patents with a total land area of 852.7443 (ha) and 949 residential land titles for 29.3527 hectares.

The agricultural patents included 508 with 224.4297 ha. in Aklan, 280 patents for 227.1206 ha in Iloilo, 214

with 140.2574 ha in Antique, 62 with 125.4067 ha in Capiz, 105 patents for 61.3765 ha in Guimaras, and 82 patents with 74.1534 ha in Negros Occidental.

Residential patents were for Aklan with 258 for 9.4114 ha.; Antique, 211 patents for 6.0446 ha.; Iloilo, 199 for 5.9260 ha.; Negros Occidental, 166 with 3.2754 ha.; Capiz, 57 for 1.8863 ha.; and Guimaras, 58 with 2.8090 hectares.

Republic Act 10023 or the Residential Free Patent Act and Republic Act 11231 or the Agricultural Free Patent Reform Act, mandate the provision of free land titling for qualified lot owners.

“I laud the efforts of our field offices in making our services more accessible to the people, including the issuance of free patents to residential and agricultural lands. It is one of the major services of DENR and we are committed to further improve our services so that more of our clients can benefit from this,” DENR regional executive director Livino Duran said. (PNA)



FREE LAND TITLES. Ilonggos receive their land titles from House Speaker Martin Romualdez (4th from left) in Guimbal, Iloilo in December 2023. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources reported on Monday (March 11, 2024) that it released 2,204 free residential and agricultural patents covering 882.097 hectares in Western Visayas in 2023, exceeding the 1,600 target patents in the region. (Photo courtesy of DENR 6)

Senate OKs Negros Island Region Act

THE long-awaited Negros Island Region (NIR) Act, which bring the provinces of Negros Occidental, Negros Oriental, and Siquijor together under one administrative region, was approved today on third and final reading in the Senate.

“The people of Negros have been waiting for this for a long time,” said Senate President Juan Miguel “Migz” Zubiri, himself a Negrense through his father, who was born in Kabankalan City, Negros Occidental.

“The current administrative division of the island has always posed a problem to its residents, who

are forced to travel all the way to either Cebu or Iloilo in order to reach our regional government offices,” he stressed.

Negros Occidental presently belongs to Region VI while Negros Oriental is under Region VII, which places their regional centers in Iloilo and Cebu, respectively.

“It is hard to deliver people-centered governance under this set-up. We have to make our government services as accessible as possible.”

Under the NIR Act, regional offices will be split between Negros Occidental and Negros Oriental,

creating new growth areas in the region.

“I am hopeful that President Marcos sees the need for a united NIR, which is our way of bringing our services straight to our people. It is certain to improve the ease of doing business in the region, which will both empower our residents and also raise the confidence of investors in our capacity to facilitate efficient government transactions,” Zubiri said.

“By bringing our services straight to Negros Island, we hope to pave the way for greater economic and social development in the region.”###



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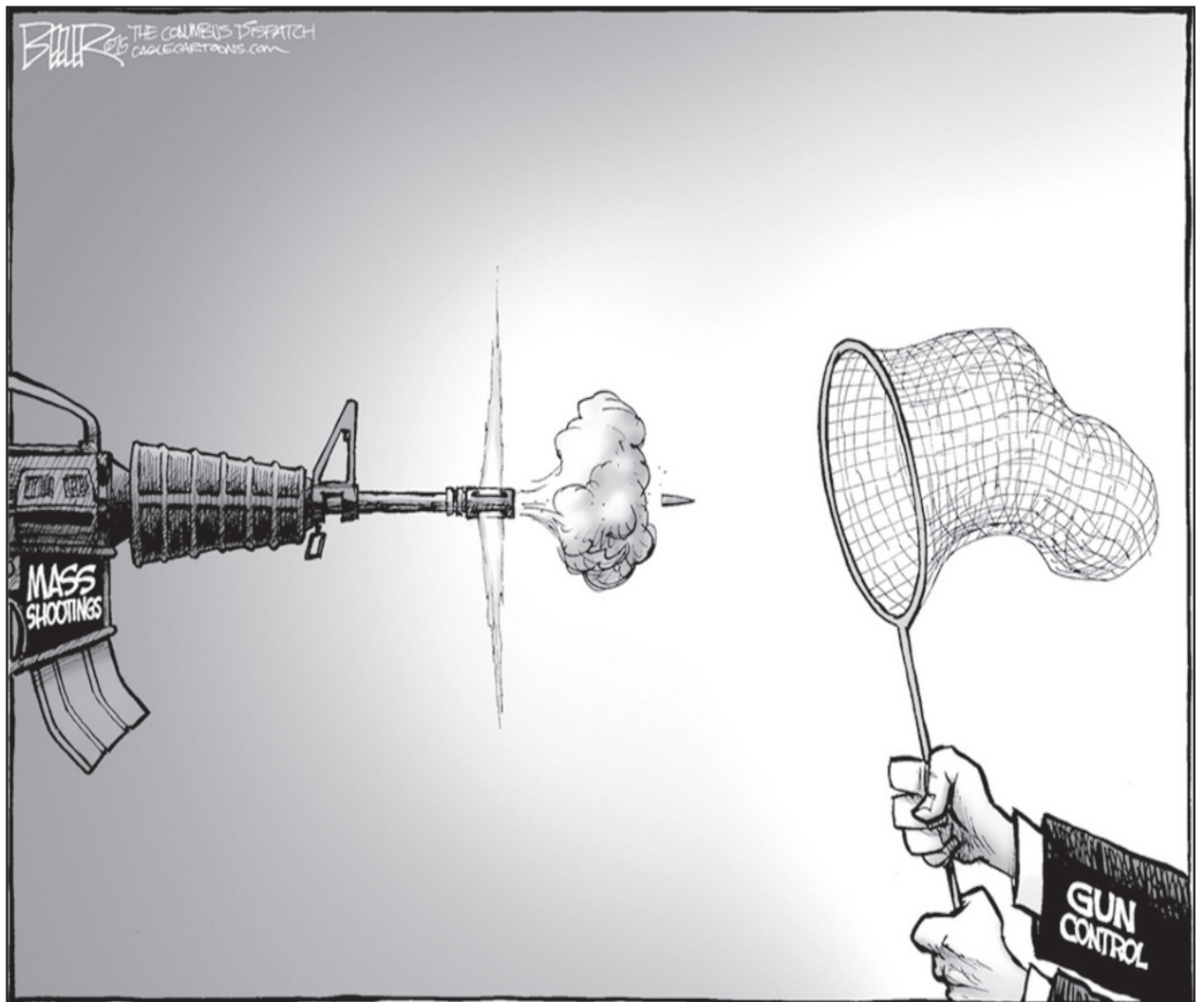
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Responsible gun ownership

Editorial

Lawmakers and gun control advocates are up in arms over the policy change announced recently by the Philippine National Police easing the rules on gun ownership.

Under the new IRR of the Comprehensive Law on Firearms and Ammunition Regulation or Republic Act 10591 proposed by the PNP, the civilians may be allowed to own semi-automatic rifles or those of a caliber not exceeding 7.62mm.

A separate license is needed for the gun owner to transport the firearm or carry it outdoors.

The PNP said the new IRR was prepared by a technical working group it created and submitted to the University of the Philippines Law Center on Feb. 27 for publication, after which the revision would take effect after 15 days.

Lawmakers are reported to have expressed grave concern over this development.

For Sen. Francis Tolentino, the new IRR implementation should be reviewed since promoting

a culture of gun ownership particularly involving long firearms will not be conducive to achieving economic stability.

Sen. Risa Hontiveros said the law itself should be amended, pointing out that "hoarding high-powered weapons should not be a hobby, much less one enabled by law...our society, families and schools will be safer if we reduce the guns that may be used to kill and commit other crimes."

For her part, Sen. Imee Marcos asked whether gun manufacturers and dealers had done any lobbying to convince the PNP to relax the rules.

The Gunless Society of the Philippines, a group founded in the early 1990s, urged President Marcos Jr. to suspend the revised IRR of RA 10591 that eased the restrictions on who could own such firearms.

The group warned that semi-automatic rifles could end up in the hands of criminal syndicates and rebel groups. It pointed out that "no society can prosper in an environment where public safety is in question."

On the other hand, the Association of Firearms and Ammunition Dealers of the Philippines insists that "buying a gun (does not mean) you can get it right away. It goes through lengthy processing," and the Philippines, in fact, has stricter gun purchase and ownership rules compared to the United States.

The PNP has given assurances that safeguards are in place to address concerns over the IRR revision, and "not just anyone will be able to have the privilege to possess and own small arms."

Whatever would be the outcome of this controversial issue, what should probably be emphasized is responsible gun ownership.

That means a firearm, whether a handgun or more powerful ones like semi-automatic rifles, should be made available to the citizenry only for their protection from criminal elements and only after passing a stringent licensing process. (manilastandard)

Kaizen and direct to people aid programs, politics

"Excellence is not a destination, it is a continuous journey that never ends."- Brian Tracy

This year, several aid programs by both national agencies and local governments are set to be implemented. As usual, there are several naysayers who have rehashed their criticisms of direct aid programs. The said critics claim that all of these programs are only short term or band aid solutions to the root problems in several communities. It is respectfully submitted that these critics might not be seeing the big picture insofar as far as these programs are concerned.

Admittedly, some of these programs may be limited in terms of end goals. Many of these programs, however, are actually part of larger projects where the proponents are taking the long view. The project planners have considered what is likely to happen in the future over a long period, rather than the immediate effects. In some local governments, the direct cash aid program is just the first phase. The second phase will be livelihood aid or loan to qualified individuals. The third phase would then be connected to housing programs. All of these phases will involve an electronic payment

gateway that can manage, record, filter and secure the said aid distribution. These programs are not one off projects but rather pieces of a long endeavor with its working parts being tweaked continuously until a desired outcome is achieved. This project philosophy adheres to the Japanese concept of Kaizen.

Kaizen is a Japanese term meaning change for the better or continuous improvements. It is a business philosophy that emphasizes continuous development in process and operations. Practitioners of Kaizen promote productivity and achievement of end goals through a gradual and methodical process. Kaizen has three basic pillars which are found in the new multi-tiered aid programs supported by the electronic gateway system.

The first pillar in Kaizen is housekeeping. Housekeeping is managing the environment in which the project is being created and launched. In the aid program, the operation is augmented by an AI backed electronic payment that automates much of the process and limits human intervention.

The second pillar of Kaizen is waste elimination or avoidance. In essence, any part of a program that does not add value or worse deducts values should

OBLIQUE OBSERVATIONS

BY ATTY. GILBERT LAUENCO, J.D.

be eliminated. One of the primary problems of aid programs is leakage. By automating the filtering and delivery system, sources of leakages such as ghost and double recipients can be minimized. By minimizing waste a gradual long term improvement can be better achieved.

The third pillar of Kaizen is standardization. Pre-set specifications or templates per step of the process is implemented to easily gauge the efficacy of each step. Once properly assessed, each step can be improved in gradual increments until the system is finetuned.

For incumbent local government officials, implementing a Kaizen like philosophy in their projects can be an integral part in what I call politics through accomplishment. If their projects are implemented and communicated properly, incumbent officials need not exert that much effort when campaign time comes. It is a win-win proposition where officials can be assured of a next term while the citizens get quality service.

This is my oblique observation.

Constitutional amendment: Is it obligatory, an urgent necessity, a redundancy, or a “non sequitor” (Part 3)

By Virgilio L. Leyretana, Sr.



President Bong Bong Marcos, started navigating his six-years term against the backdrop of a polycrises that is driving the world to the brink of destruction. Appearing unperturbed during his First and Second State of the State of the Nation address, PBBM presented his administration’s legislative priorities, plans, programs and projects for “economic renewal, long-term economic growth, and restoring growth, and restorin

“1. National Reopening - face-to-face classes nationwide; accelerated reopening of of travel and economy to restore and create jobs (if pandemic shall re-emerge, be quick on vaccine procurement and roll-out.)

2. Infrastructure Development - Build Better More programs implement critical infrastructure in the Philippines and advance digital connectivity across the country.

3. Fiscal Discipline - improve efficiency of taxes by BIR and BOC. Prioritize targeted spending to manage debt and narrow budget deficit.

4. Transparent and Efficient Governance - Establish efficient government processes to promote transparency, shorter turnaround time, and limit opportunities for corruption.

5. Digital Philippines - Set up Broadband for quick reliable and affordable internet services which will facilitate effective learning and efficient delivery of public services.

6. Energy Security - Boost local power operation capacity by reducing bureaucracy to attract energy investments and improve power delivery and distribution with the objective of providing competitive energy prices.

7. Future-ready Filipinos (Education) - Provide quality education through standardized learning materials and digital tools. Upskill the workforce to improve employability and support priority industries. Invest in the future of the youth; strengthen the Free College Education Act, constuctspecialized training colleges and

universities , and increase the number of young Filipinos acquiring science and technological skills through Research and Scholarship grants.

8. Affordable Healthcare - Lower cost of medicines by allowing easier importation and strengthening primary healthcare in underserved communities. Build specialty hospitals, new hospitals and research centers, and create a National Center for Communicable Disease Control and Prevention for improved analytics and better healthcare coverage for low-income Filipinos. To expand and and strengthen the country’s healthcare system to withstand another pandemic should there be an similar experience in the future.

9. Food For All - Increase productivity of agriculture and fisheries, and bring down cost of food through cooperative modernization, and value chain development. The President emphasized that “A nation should not rely on other countries for something as basic as food. It is the primary need for survival. It then must be given primary attention and support. The President highlighted the importance of Food security.

10. Infrastructure Development - Encourage private sector engagement and investment for the benefit of the public above all. Provide legal and regulatory for public-private partnership.

To support the foregoing, the President have likewise proposed the following legislative agenda, for Congressional action, to wit:

- “1. National Government Rightsizing Program (NGRP)
2. Budget Modernization Act
3. Government Financial Institution Unified Initiatives to Distressed Enterprises for Economic Recovery (GUIDE) Act
4. E-Governance Act
5. National Land Use Act
6. Tax Package 3, Real Property Reform Valuation
7. Tax Package 4, Passive Income and Financial

Intermediary Taxation (PIFITA).

8. Internet Transactions Act or E-Commerce Law.
 9. A law on a Unified System of Separation Retirement, and Pension for military and un informed personnel.
 10. National Defense Act.
 11. Mandatory Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) and National Service Training Program (NSTP).
 12. Establishment of a Medical Reserve Corps.
 13. Establishment of a National Disease Prevention Management Authority’
 14. Creation of a Virology Institute of the Philippines
 15. Creation of the Department of Water Resources
 16. Enabling Law for Natural Gas Industry.
 17. Amendments to the Act of Strengthening Professionalism in the AFP (R.A. 11709).
 18. Condonation of Unpaid Amortization and Interest of Loans of Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries.
 19. Establishment of the Maharlika Fund.
 20. Passage of a Law Strengthening the Maritime Industry Authority’s Regulatory Functions.
 21. Philippine Salt Industry Act.
 22. The Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement.
 23. Amendments to the Electric Power Industry Act (EPIRA) R.A. No. 9136.
 24. Amendment to the Build, Operate Transfer Law
- Virgilio L. Leyretana, Sr. B.S.C., LL.B Former Undersecretary and Chairman, Mindanao Economic Development Council (MedCO)*
(To be continued)

Bright skies ahead with NAIA privatization

After much discussion and anticipation, the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) will finally be privatized and modernized—a welcome move that is expected to drive economic growth and position the Philippines as a premier tourism and investment hub.

The Department of Transportation has awarded the contract to the consortium led by San Miguel Corp. (SMC) which offered the government the highest revenue share of 82.16 percent. The group, which includes the operator of South Korea’s Incheon airport, will manage the Philippines’ main gateway until 2039, with a possible 10-year extension based on performance.

Based on news reports, the consortium is tasked to spend a minimum of PHP88 billion in the first six years to upgrade airport services, which badly need private sector intervention.

Optimism couldn’t be higher for the improvements that the consortium will bring to the airport, especially with recent news reports that spotlight new and old problems in NAIA. From bed bugs to rats lounging at NAIA terminals, one can only surmise that the situation in our main airport seems to be getting worse by the day.

It is in this light that I view the government’s decision to entrust the NAIA modernization to a private consortium to be a strategic one—geared towards achieving the highest possible level of service, efficiency, innovation, and

world-class standards that our countrymen, investors, and foreign visitors, truly deserve.

It must be emphasized that the modernization of NAIA is not merely about upgrading facilities but rather a concerted effort to enhance its reputation following years of being labeled as one of the worst airports in the world. With the support of the private sector and the trust of the government, NAIA is poised to become the leading travel hub in the region.

Improving NAIA is also aligned with the government’s goal of becoming an upper middle income country in the next few years since its modernization is expected to help stimulate economic growth, foster global connectivity, create more jobs, and lure in more investors.

In this day and age, having a state-of-the art airport has become a necessity to facilitate and enable international trade and travel, attract more investors and tourists, create more jobs, and improve our international reputation.

While we have yet to see how the SMC-led consortium will live up to expectations, it is safe to say that we can already see bright skies ahead given the group’s commitment to invest over PHP122 billion for the NAIA modernization program in a span of 25 years. This effectively ensures the longevity of the gateway as well.

The involvement of the private sector, through this partnership with the SMC-led consortium,

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BY JOE ZALDARRIAGA

also serves as a blueprint and testament to the power of public-private partnerships in enabling change and progress for the country. In the case of NAIA for example, the revenue-sharing model ensures that the benefit is extended to the government and in effect to the Filipino people.

By relieving the government of airport maintenance and modernization costs, public funds can be redirected for other sectors that need additional support such as agriculture, education, social services and healthcare.

Public-private partnerships are the way to go to efficiently and effectively bring to life infrastructure projects as well as nation-building programs. The government can leverage on the wealth of experience, expertise, and resources of the private sector—which I am confident they are more than willing to share with the government for the collective benefit of all—in realizing various projects for the public.

By actively pursuing collaborations between the government and the private sector, we can drive sustainable economic progress that results in benefits that are collectively felt and reaped by all.

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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
Local Civil Registry Office
 Province: **Guimaras**
 Municipality of **Jordan**

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In Compliance with Section 5 of R.A. Act No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **Gina F. Labra** has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name from "**MARIA GINA**" to "**GINA**" in the Birth Certificate of **MARIA GINA ESPERO FIGURA** who was born on **July 9, 1967** at **Jordan, Guimaras, Philippines** whose parents are **JOSE G. FIGURA** and **MERCEDES T. ESPERO**.

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

(SGD.) **JESUSA M. MILLONDAGA**
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For:
 EXTRA-JUDICIAL
 FORECLOSURE OF REAL
 ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER
 ACT 3135 as AMENDED

FIRST IMPERIAL BUSINESS BANK, INC.,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

**HAGGAI DIGNADICE, married to MARIETA N.
 DIGNADICE, and JAN MAYLORD L.
 DIGNADICE,**
Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage under Act 3135, as amended, filed by **FIRST IMPERIAL BUSINESS BANK, INC.**, duly organized under Republic Act No. 7353 (Rural Bank Act of 1992), with principal office at BCB Building, Simon Ledesma St., Jaro, Iloilo City, Iloilo City, Philippines, hereinafter referred to as the **MORTGAGEE**, against **HAGGAI DIGNADICE, married to MARIETA N. DIGNADICE, and JAN MAYLORD L. DIGNADICE**, all of legal age, Filipinos and residents of Brgy. San Jose, San Miguel, Iloilo, Philippines, hereinafter referred to as the **MORTGAGORS**, for the satisfaction of the mortgage indebtedness which as of **January 31, 2024** amounted to **TWO MILLION SIX HUNDRED FORTY TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY ONE PESOS and TWENTY EIGHT CENTAVOS (Php2,642,271.28)**, Philippine Currency, inclusive of interests and penalties, **but excluding** Attorney's fees and other costs and expenses of the foreclosure, the Notary Public **Atty. Sotero T. Cabarles, Jr.** and the Ex-Officio Sheriff of Iloilo and/or his duly authorized deputy Sheriff will **SELL** at Public Auction on **MAY 07, 2024** at 10 o'clock in the morning at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Hall of Justice Building, Iloilo City, to the **HIGHEST BIDDER** for CASH or MANAGER'S CHECK and in Philippine Currency, the real property with all the improvements found thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. (T-112446) 090-2021010524

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT NO. 1077 OF THE CADASTRAL SURVEY OF SAN MIGUEL), WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS, EXCEPT THOSE HEREIN EXPRESSLY NOTED AS BELONGING TO OTHER PERSONS, SITUATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN MIGUEL. BOUNDED ON x x x x x CONTAINING AN AREA OF **FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY EIGHT (4,338) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS.**"

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **June 18, 2024** without further notice.

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

Iloilo City, Philippines, February 21, 2024.

(SGD.) **ATTY. SOTERO T. CABARLES, JR.**
 Notary Public

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

NE/March 04, 11 & 18, 2024

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
 6th Judicial Region
OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF
 CHIEF JUSTICE RAMON Q. AVANCEÑA HALL OF JUSTICE
 Iloilo City

FORECLOSURE NO F-10921-24

RE: EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118

MARAYO BANK, INC. (A RURAL BANK)
BANATE BRANCH,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

GREZEL T. SIAOTONG,
Mortgagors,

X-----X

NOTICE OF SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Upon Extra-judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage under Act No. 3135 filed by the **PETITIONER/MORTGAGEE, MARAYO BANK, INC. (A RURAL BANK) -BANATE BRANCH** a banking institution duly organized under Philippine Laws, with office address at Real Street, Poblacion, Banate, Iloilo against **GREZEL T. SIAOTONG Mortgagee**, of legal age, Filipino and with address at Lot 11-12, Block 25, San Francisco Street, MYL Subdivision, Brgy. Buhang, Jaro, Iloilo City, Philippines as Mortgagors, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **December 4, 2023**, amounted to **ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR PESOS & 14/100 (P1,326,574.14)**, Philippine Currency, excluding publication cost, Sheriff's legal expenses, Attorney's Fees and other related expenses of foreclosure and sale, the Ex-officio Provincial Sheriff of Iloilo City or any of his lawful deputies will sell at public Auction on **March 26, 2024** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at Ground Floor, Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Hall of Justice, Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City, to the **HIGHEST BIDDER**, for **CASH or MANAGER'S CHECK** and in Philippine Currency, the following real properties and all improvements found thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 095-2014001295

"A PARCEL OF LAND (Lot 11, Block 25, Psd-06-002400, being a portion of subdivision survey of Lot 2210-A, Psd-06-001911), situated in the Barangay Buhang, District of Jaro, City of Iloilo, Island of Panay. Bounded on the NW., along Line 1-2 by Lot 10, Block 25, of this Subdivision Survey; on the NE., along Lines 2-3-4 by Road Lot 6; on the SE., along Line 4-5 by Road Lot 8, on the SW., along Line 5-1 by Lot 12 Block 25 of this Subdivision Survey. Beginning at a point marked "1" on Sub. plan, being S. 4-21 W., 859.10 m. . . . Containing an area of **ONE HUNDRED TWENTY ONE (121) SQUARE METERS, more or less**. Including all the improvements therein and whatever improvements may be introduced thereafter"

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 095-2014001294

"A PARCEL OF LAND (Lot 12, Block 25, Psd-06-002400, being a portion of subdivision survey of Lot 2210-A, Psd-06-001911), situated in the Barangay Buhang, District of Jaro, City of Iloilo, Island of Panay. Bounded on the NE., along Line 1-2 by Lot 11, Block 25, of this Subdivision Survey; on the SE., along Line 2-3 by Road Lot 8; on the SW., along Line 3-4 by Lot 13, Block 25, on the NW., along Line 4-1 by Lot 9, Block 25 both of this Subdivision Survey. Beginning at a point marked "1" on Sub. plan, being S. 4-21 W., 859.10 m. . . . Containing an area of **ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) SQUARE METERS, more or less**. Including all the improvements therein and whatever improvements may be introduced thereafter"

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **April 24, 2024**.

Iloilo City, Philippines, February 22, 2024.

(SGD.) **ROY GUALBERT M. GUYCOA**
 Sheriff IV

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

WARNING:

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

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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.

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 filed by the *mortgagee*, **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, 5th 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. Avancena 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 publicauction 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

Republic of the Philippines
 Province of Iloilo
 Municipality of Janiuay
OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR
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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
 In compliance with Section 5 of Republic Act Number 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **ROSEMARIE L. SURESCA** has filed with this Office a (complete name of petitioner) petition for Change of First Name from **JOSE RIO** to (first name to be changed) **RIO** in the birth certificate of **JOSE RIO ESPEDES** (complete name of document) **SURESCA** who was born on **June 4, 1968** at **JANIUAY** (complete date of birth) (place of birth) **ILOILO** and whose parents are **AMANDO SURESCA** (name of father) and **FELIXBERTA ESPEDES.** (name of mother)
 Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his/her written opposition with this office.
(SGD.) ANA LISA M. CORNELIO
 OIC-Municipal Civil Registrar
 NE/March 11, 2024 & March 18, 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. 10172, a notice is hereby served to the public that **SOFIA VILLAJUAN** has filed with this office a Petition for Correction of Clerical Error (Month & Date) from "**OCTOBER 1, 1974**" to "**SEPTEMBER 30, 1974**" in the birth certificate of **SOFIA A. BELOTENDOS** who was born on **October 1, 1974** at **Home-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 11, 2024 & March 18, 2024

Republic of the Philippines
 Local Civil Registry Office
 Province of Iloilo
 Municipality of Calinog
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
 In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **MA. IRENE** (complete name of the petitioner) **CARIAS GALENO** has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name from **MARIA IRENE** to (first name to be changed) **MA. IRENE** in the birth certificate of **MARIA IRENE** (complete name of document owner) **RAMAL CARIAS** who was born on **July 15, 1968** at **CALINOG, ILOILO** (date of birth) (place of birth) and whose parents are **IRENEO** (name of father) **LOBINO CARIAS** and **SUSANA GALINDEZ RAMAL.** (name of mother)
 Any person adversely affected by said petition may file her written opposition with this Office.
(SGD.) MA. AILYN C. CAMPOS
Municipal Civil Registrar
 NE/March 11, 2024 & March 18, 2024

Republic of the Philippines
 Local Civil Registry Office
 Province of: Iloilo
 City/Municipality: Pototan
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
 In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on **R.A. No. 10172**). Notice is hereby served to the public that **MARVE G. PRANCELISO** 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 **MARVE GARQUE PRANCELISO** who was born on **JUNE 27, 1997** at **Pototan, Iloilo** and whose parents are **EDMAR P. PRANCELISO** and **JUVY G. GARQUE.**
 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 11, 2024 & March 18, 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. 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
 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 BIONSON** 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
 NE/March 18, 2024 & March 25, 2024

DTI Vito host Consumers Talk on World Consumer Rights Day

ILOILO CITY – In observance of the World Consumer Rights Day (WCRD) on March 15th, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Region Office VI - Consumer Protection Division (CPD) will conduct one of its Consumer Advocacy Initiatives (CAIs), particularly the Consumers Talk, aimed at raising awareness on consumer rights and promoting consumer welfare and protection. Since its inception in 2023, the Consumers Talk has served as a platform for consumers to share best practices in upholding their

rights and responsibilities, while actively contributing to sustainable development goals. Last year's focus was on accelerating clean energy transitions, where consumers engaged in meaningful discussions and initiatives to support environmental regulations.

This year, against the backdrop of the rapidly evolving landscape of artificial intelligence (AI), DTI Region VI recognizes the need to address the implications of AI on consumer rights and responsibilities. Under the timely theme of "Fair and Responsible

AI for Consumers," the upcoming Consumers Talk will discuss significant topics on consumer-related AI applications and technologies. The objective of the event is to promote awareness among consumers and business establishments

about AI applications and technologies in the context of consumer rights and responsibilities. The webinar-type activity, to be conducted via the Zoom platform on March 15, 2024, will feature distinguished resource persons from the DTI, Department of

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, Janiuay, 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.

NE/March 11, 18 & 25, 2024

AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS

Notice is hereby given that **FRANKIE H. LOCSIN** of legal age, married, Filipino citizen and a resident of Brgy. Damoong, Janiuay, 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.

NE/March 11, 18 & 25, 2024

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.

NE/March 18, 25 & April 1, 2024

DEED OF ADJUDICATION, PARTICIPATION AND SUBDIVISION AGREEMENT WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **EXEQUIEL SALLE** and his sister **PRECIOSA SALLE DIGNADICE** known as **one-half (1/2) share each** in a parcel of land **Lot No. 1064** of the Cadastral Survey of San Miguel, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-15841** with an area of **TWENTY THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY-EIGHT (20,738) square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to the heirs of the late **Exequiel Salle** in the following manner: **1) Lot 1064-A** with an area of **11,960 sq.m.** in favor of **Preciosa Salle Dignadice; 2) Lot 1064-B** with an area of **1,500 sq.m.** in favor of **Earl Ronan Salle; 3) Lot 1064-C** with an area of **1,500 sq.m.** in favor of **Ivy Chloe Samontan; 4) Lot 1064-D** with an area of **1,500 sq.m.** in favor of **Vicente C. Salle; 5) Lot 1064-E** with an area of **1,500 sq.m.** in favor of **Josephine S. Biyo; 6) Lot 1064-F** with an area of **1,500 sq.m.** in favor of **Sonia S. Sabanal; 7) Lot 1064-G** with an area of **250 sq.m.** in favor of **Aida Cordoniga Salle; 8) Lot 1064-H** with an area of **701 sq.m.** in favor of **Minerva S. Torreverde; and 9) Lot 1064-I** with an area of **327 sq.m.** is reserved for the **3.00 meters road widening**. That, **Minerva S. Torreverde and Aida Cordoniga Salle** waived their rights and quitclaim unto **Preciosa Salle Dignadice** a portion of their share, to wit: **1) 953 sq.m. share of Aida Cordoniga Salle and 2) 799 sq.m. share of Minerva Salle Torreverde**, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Fortunato M. Padilla, Jr.** per Doc. No. 499, Page No. 99, Book No. XI, Series of 2010.

NE/March 4, 11, & 18, 2024

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.

NE/March 11, 18 & 25, 2024

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.

NE/March 18, 25 & April 1, 2024

AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS

Notice is hereby given that the **LUZ T. BALMORES** executed an Affidavit of Loss stating that she is the holder/safekeeper of the following Certificates of Title: **a) Katibayan ng Original na Titulo Blg. FG-984** known as **Lot No. 893, Pls 775** situated at Brgy. Oracon, Nueva Valencia, Guimaras in the name of the **Heirs of Elena Galon** represented by **Restituto Torre**; and **b) Katibayan ng Original na Titulo Blg. FG-982** known as **Lot No. 907, Pls 775 Case 1** situated at Brgy. Oracon, Nueva Valencia, Guimaras in the name of the **Heirs of Elena Galon** represented by **Restituto Torre**. That, the above-said Certificates of Title were lost due to the fire that razed her house at No. 675 Gloria 3rd Street, M. Dela Cruz, Pasay City last May 17, 2020. The Affidavit of Loss was entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Vincent Pascal T. De Asis** per Doc. No. 319, Page No. 65, Book No. II, Series of 2024.

NE/March 4, 11 & 18, 2024

AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS

Notice is hereby given that **SERGIO R. CALIZO, JR.**, of legal age, married, Filipino citizen and a resident of **Unit A 354, The Alexandra Condominium, 29 Meralco Ave., Ortigas Center, Pasig City, Metro Manila** executed an Affidavit of Loss stating that he is the owner of **One (1) Share of Stock Certificate Number 3697** issued by **Iloilo Golf and Country Club, Inc.** on **November 6, 2023** 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. 4, Page No. 2, Book No. XXXVI, Series of 2024.

NE/March 4, 11 & 18, 2024

AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS

Notice is hereby given that **ROY A. CIMATU** of legal age, married, Filipino citizen and a resident of **2nd 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.

NE/March 11, 18 & 25, 2024

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.

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Science and Technology (DOST), Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), and a prominent consumer organization.

Key topics of discussion will include Consumer Rights and Responsibilities, Consumer-Related AI Initiatives of the DOST and DICT and Consumer's Perception and Experience on AI Applications and Technologies.

A total of 100 participants will be invited to the event, comprising representatives from consumer organizations and Bagwis awardees in Region 6. These include 45 delegates from consumer organizations and 55 Bagwis awardees.

"This Consumers Talk and the recently launched radio program entitled Istorya TNK are just two of the programs scheduled to commemorate the WCRD. All the DTI provincial offices will also conduct their own activities for the World Consumer Rights Day," said DTI VI OIC-RD Rachel Nufable.

For more information and updates on WCRD events, the public is advised to refer to the official Facebook page of DTI Region VI where the schedule of activities was posted.





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

DOLORES F. DE ASIS Case No. **MRO VI 21-008**
Applicant. **CPC Renewal**

ORDER

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

ROUTE/S TO BE SERVED:

BUENAVISTA WHARF/JORDAN WHARF, ALL IN GUIMARAS TO PAROLA/FISHING PORT/ LAPUZ, BO. OBRERO, ILOILO CITY AND VICE VERSA			
OWNED BY APPLICANT	HULL	TYPE OF SERVICE	PASSAGE RATE
MBca "D'S ZION"	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 on **20 March 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), after which, the application is deemed submitted for resolution /decision, upon acceptance of such FOE and declaration that the case is submitted for decision.

WITNESS, the MARINA Administrator, **Hon. Sonia B. Malaluan**, this 7th day of March 2024.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR:

(SGD.) JEFFREY A. BANGSA
Regional Director

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

GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **EMMANUEL TIPLES** with business address at Brgy. Dumolog, Roxas City has filed with **MARINA Regional Office VI** for re-issuance of Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Philippine Registry due to a Change of Ownership from **KOINONIA TRAVEL & TOURS** to **EMMANUEL TIPLES** of a vessel named: **MB "MN SHUTTLE EXPRESS 2"**. 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.

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 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
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
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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Iloilo City gov't says drug situation not alarming; anti-drug ops on

ILOILO CITY – The local government here does not consider the drug situation alarming amid the confiscation of a huge volume of illegal drugs by authorities during sting

operations. "What is important is that our police officers are alert and operations continue. We will continue to support our police," Mayor Jerry Treñas said

in a follow-up interview on Tuesday.

He said the situation can only be alarming once there are big-time peddlers arrested in operations.

The mayor is mulling

acquiring a dog to be trained in drug-sniffing for deployment in ports.

Treñas, meanwhile, said he has ordered city lawyers to study and determine additional penalties for a barangay kagawad (councilor) who was caught in a drug-bust operation in Jaro district last week.

Various operations by different units under the Police Regional Office 6 (PRO6) from March 2 to 4 resulted in the confiscation of 2,928.520 grams of shabu valued at over PHP19.9 million.

Based on the information, 2,035 grams with a standard drug price of more than PHP13.83 million came from operations of the Iloilo City Police Office.

Other confiscations came from Negros Occidental with over PHP2 million for 305.520 grams and Iloilo province with 272.5 grams worth PHP1.85 million. (PNA)



CONFISCATED. A drug-bust operation in Iloilo City's Jaro district on March 7, 2024. Mayor Jerry Treñas on Tuesday (March 12) said the drug situation in the city is not alarming because there are no big-time pushers arrested. (Photo courtesy of RPDEU 6)

GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **ALVIN D. PRADO** 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 a Change of Ownership from **LITO B. PRADO** to **ALVIN D. PRADO** of a vessel named: **MBCA "ALVIN 1"**. 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.

GENERAL NOTICE

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GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **ALVIN D. PRADO** 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 a Change of Ownership from **LITO B. PRADO** to **ALVIN D. PRADO** of a vessel named: **MBCA "ALVIN - II"**. 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.

GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **EUGENE D. MALIJAN** with business address at Balabag, Boracay Island, Malay, Aklan has filed with **MARINA Regional Office VI** for a re-issuance of Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Philippine Registry due to Change of Ownership from **ROMEGIO S. MANALO** to **EUGENE D. MALIJAN** and Change of Name of Vessel from **MBCA "TRIPLE-M2"** to **MBCA "ETHAN GAEL"**. 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.

GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **REBECA M. SURTIN** with business address at Boracay Island, Malay, Aklan has filed with **MARINA Regional Office VI** for a re-issuance of Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Philippine Registry due to a Change of Ownership from **RENDON T. GELITO** to **REBECA M. SURTIN** and Change of Name of Vessel from **MBCA "ANGKOR"** to **MBCA "HAQINESS 11"**. 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.

GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **DONATO T. MENDOZA** with business address at Balabag, Boracay Island, Malay, Aklan has filed with **MARINA Regional Office VI** for a re-issuance of Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Philippine Registry due to a Change of Ownership from **EDWIN D. BANDIOLA** to **DONATO T. MENDOZA** and Change of Name of Vessel from **MBCA "JEZREEL"** to **MBCA "JHON CLOUD"**. 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.

GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **FLOYD KENNETH M. TUGBANG** with business address at Poblacion, Concepcion, Iloilo has filed with **MARINA Regional Office VI** for a re-issuance of Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Philippine Registry due to Change of Ownership from **ARON S. ANIMAS** to **FLOYD KENNETH M. TUGBANG** and Change of Name of Vessel from **MBCA "KAT-KAT"** to **MBCA "JOYHOPE"**. 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.

GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **LEOVELL S. PELAYO** with business address at Manocmanoc, Boracay Island, Malay, Aklan has filed with **MARINA Regional Office VI** for a re-issuance of Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Philippine Registry due to a Change of Ownership from **RICKY F. MACAWILI** to **LEOVELL S. PELAYO** and Change of Name of Vessel from **MBCA "RICHELLE"** to **MBCA "TAMINA REESE"**. 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.

GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **JORLYN E. MAGSUSI** with business address at Yapak, 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 a Change of Ownership from **REMEGIO E. ALONSAGAY** to **JORLYN E. MAGSUSI** of a vessel named: **MBCA "BOBBY S"**. 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.

GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **EVANGELINE J. EBREO** with business address at Caticlan, Malay, Aklan has filed with **MARINA Regional Office VI** for re-issuance of Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Philippine Registry due to a Change of Ownership from **WARMING EBREO** to **EVANGELINE J. EBREO** of the following vessels namely: **LCM "DIVINE PROVIDENCE"**; **LCM "DIVINE PROVIDENCE - II"** and **LCM "PROVIDENCE 5"**. 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.

GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **DELNOR F. MAGSIPOC** with business address at Caticlan, Malay, Aklan has filed with **MARINA Regional Office VI** for re-issuance of Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Philippine Registry due to a Change of Ownership from **ISRAEL B. ASISTER** to **DELNOR F. MAGSIPOC** of vessel named: **MBCA "K1"**. Any person or entity adversely affected by said claim may file their written opposition with Maritime Industry Authority Regional Office VI, MARINA Bldg., De La Rama St., Iloilo City within ten (10) days from date of posting.

GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **BLUE BIRD AQUA SPORTS, INC.** with business address at 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 a Change of Ownership from **STINGRAY WATERSPORTS, INC.** to **BLUE BIRD AQUA SPORTS, INC.** of a vessel named: **SB "STINGRAY PARASAIL 3"**. Any person or entity adversely affected by said claim may file their written opposition with Maritime Industry Authority Regional Office VI, MARINA Bldg., De La Rama St., Iloilo City within ten (10) days from the date of posting.

GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **JAMES V. SERVICE** with business address at Lantangan, Carles, Iloilo has filed with **MARINA Regional Office VI** for re-issuance of Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Philippine Registry due to Change of Ownership from **SUSIE D. ANINGAT** to **JAMES V. SERVICE** and Change of Vessel Name from **MBCA "INDAY IMEE"** to **MBCA "JHAZIEL-JS"**. 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.

GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **DONATO MENDOZA** owner of a passenger vessel named **MBCA "LHIAN ROSE"** with a business address at Balabag, Boracay Island, Malay, Aklan has filed with **MARINA Regional Office VI** for a re-issuance of Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Philippine Registry due to the loss of the original certificates per Affidavit of Loss dated 13 March 2024 submitted by Donato Mendoza, Notarized by Atty. Gerome M. Trieste, Jr., a Notary Public in the Province of Aklan, docketed as Doc. no. 455, Page No. 92, Book No. III, series of 2024. 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 publication date.

GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **VINCENT PASCAL T. DE ASIS** with business address at Agsanayan, Buenavista, Guimaras has filed with **MARINA Regional Office VI** for re-issuance of Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Philippine Registry due to a Change of vessel Name from **MV "PASIG FERRY-5"** to **MV "MICOLE"** owned by **VINCENT PASCAL T. DE ASIS**. 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 upgrades street sweeping, sanitation efforts

ILOILO CITY – Iloilo City will deploy its newly acquired vacuum sweeper truck before the month ends as part of efforts to improve sanitation methods.

The sweeper truck worth PHP5.8 million has a nine-cubic meter capacity, two-cubic meter water tank and seven-cubic meter trash bin.

It was presented to city hall employees after the regular Monday flag-raising ceremony.

Neil Ravena, head of the General Services Office, said the truck will be deployed to areas without street sweepers, like in Barangays Loboc, Mansaya, Sambag, and Ungka, as well as in the Diversion Road.

“Those are high-speed areas and sort of risky for sweepers to sweep the streets,” he said in an interview Monday.

He said the truck could siphon off all kinds of wastes and would leave the area cleaner because it has water that could eradicate all dirt.

Operators are already undergoing skills training to familiarize themselves with all the functions of the sweeper truck and get acclimatized to the terrain they will be cleaning.

Ravena also clarified that no displacement will happen despite the improvement in the local government’s sanitation efforts.

The city’s more than 200 sweepers will retain their jobs since there are city streets that could not be reached by the vacuum sweeper, including Tanza to Calumpang, Dungon up to Ungka, Loboc; and the whole coastal, C1 and radial roads.

Mayor Jerry P. Treñas also said in a press conference Monday that the city government has acquired a new fire truck worth PHP2.8 million, which will be donated to the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP).

He said the establishment of Iloilo City Action and Response Care (ICARE) centers entails additional



MODERN CLEANER. The vacuum sweeper truck acquired by the Iloilo City government is presented to city hall employees on Monday (March 11, 2024). It will be deployed to areas without street sweepers. (PNA photo by PGLena)

fire trucks.

The mayor said he initially asked for a fire truck from the Department

of the Interior and Local Government but he was told that the agency prioritizes local government units with

no fire trucks.

The city is also expecting a ladder truck that could reach up to 14 stories, a

donation from South Korea through former BFP-Western Visayas director Fire Supt. Jerry Candido. (PNA)

SEC intensifies investor education to address fraudulent scheme

ILOILO CITY – The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Iloilo extension office is intensifying its education advocacy to help investors not fall prey to fraudulent schemes.

The campaign would also push financial literacy among would-be investors, and help them prepare annual reports and find livelihood opportunities.

“It’s a new advocacy that we are pursuing because it is important we must inform the public about usual concerns when investing. Investor protection is also the function of the commission that’s why we

have decided to conduct an investors forum,” said SEC Iloilo Director lawyer Ma. Cristina Montelibano in an interview on Monday.

The SEC Communication Advocacy Network (SEC-CAN!) partnered with local government units, concerned government agencies and the private sector for the initiative.

In 2023, the office had nine partners in Iloilo, while this year, they opted to go out to various areas in Panay and Guimaras.

She added they have a particular audience, including the roadshow that took place last week when they gathered 70

women from 12 barangays in Iloilo City in time for the International Women’s Day on March 8.

“As the ones managing the budget of their respective households, women, particularly mothers, should always be creative in ensuring that their budgets are sufficient to meet the needs of each family member,” she said.

The event was conducted through the efforts of Zonta Club of Iloilo City, Inc. and the Department of Trade and Industry-Iloilo, she added.

Representatives from DTI also talked about opportunities for those

who wish to start their small businesses.

In other gatherings, they also tackled requirements and the process of online registration of partnerships and corporations for new registrants and submission of contact details in line with complying with reportorial requirements for general information sheets and audited financial statements for the existing ones.

They also have an existing partnership with the National Bureau of Investigation for talks on scams that are very common or have happened in Visayas. (PNA)

OTHELLO BRINGS HIS TRAGEDY TO PHILIPPINE SCREENS

Shakespeare’s most compelling and enduring tragedy, Othello, comes to Philippine cinema through the CCP’s National Theater Live on March 26, 2024, 5:30pm, at Greenbelt 3 Cinema 1.

A tragedy in five acts by English national poet William Shakespeare, Othello conveys the tragic romance between Desdemona and Othello. She is a bright, headstrong daughter of a senator, elevated by her status but stifled by its expectations. He is a refugee of slavery, having risen to the top of a white world, who finds that love across racial lines has a cost. Wed in secret, Desdemona and Othello crave a new life together.

The plot thickens when heroic black general Othello appoints Cassio as his chief lieutenant. Jealous of Othello’s success and envious of Cassio, Iago plots the general’s downfall by falsely implicating Desdemona and Cassio are engaged in a love affair. With the unwitting aid of Emilia, Iago’s wife, the disgruntled man carries out his devious plan.

Amidst the oppressive social barriers and meddling external forces, Othello and Desdemona find their future is not theirs to decide.

In this version of National Theater Live production, the classic tale of boundary-defying love comes alive through

the stellar performance from actors Giles Terera (Hamilton), Rosy McEwen (The Alienist), Paul Hilton (The Inheritance), and Tanya Franks (Chewing Gum).

Filmed live on the Lyttleton stage of the National Theatre, the NTL staging was directed by Clint Dyer, deputy artistic director of the National Theatre. He was the first African American director to helm Othello in a prestigious UK theatre. Dyer then directed other acclaimed productions such as the “Death of England” series.

The new CCP film program aims to make the best of British theater accessible to Filipino cinema audiences at an affordable ticket price. For its pilot season, the CCP National Theatre Live features the Philippine premiere of nine world-class stage plays, produced by the UK’s National Theatre and filmed live in high definition from its London stages and other venues. First launched in June 2009, the National Theater Live is a groundbreaking project that offers unparalleled experience for theater lovers, magnified by the big screen. Each event also features behind-the-scenes interviews with the cast and creative teams, for better appreciation of international theater among theater enthusiasts, playwrights, artists, and the broader public.



FINANCIAL LITERACY. Securities and Exchange Commission Iloilo Director lawyer Ma. Cristina Montelibano speaks to participants of the investors’ education roadshow held at the Tilipunan Community Center in Barangay Tanza, Iloilo City on March 8, 2024. In an interview on Monday (March 11), she said the SEC is intensifying its advocacy campaign to help investors and would-be investors not fall prey to fraudulent schemes. (Photo courtesy of SEC Iloilo)

TESDA chief highlights vital role of LGUs in tech-voc training

Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Director General, Secretary Suharto T. Mangudadatu has emphasized the important role of local government units (LGUs) in delivering tech-voc training at the community level.

In his message during the General Assembly of the League of the Municipalities of the Philippines (LMP), Secretary Mangudadatu introduced the “TESDA Sa Barangay” program which aims to extend the reach of the agency to the barangays, and to mainstream technical vocational education and training (TVET) at the community level to benefit more Filipinos.

“It is my strong belief that our flagship program embodies the League of Municipalities’ overarching vision and commitment towards sustainable development. The ‘TESDA Sa Barangay’ can be one of the strategic pathways for us to convert the global aspirations of the United Nations to local action in our very own municipalities,” said Secretary Mangudadatu, himself a former local chief executive.

The operationalization of the ‘TESDA sa Barangay’ is the agency’s strategy to promote and communicate the value of skills training and lifelong learning to encourage LGUs to invest in the TVET sector through the conduct of training programs on lower-level qualifications, such as NC I and NC II, for the benefit of their constituents in their locality.

TESDA will then develop and offer more Diploma programs or higher-level TVET qualifications once LGUs offer lower-level qualifications.

“TVET should be viewed as an investment to human capital development, as it enhances the people’s employability, productivity, and capacity to pursue employment and livelihood, enabling them to contribute to our local economy and to our society,” Secretary Mangudadatu emphasized.

Aside from the “TESDA Sa Barangay” program, Secretary Mangudadatu also shared TESDA’s initiatives to help the country achieve the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including free skills training and assessment, prioritization of agriculture-related training, embedment of tech-voc training in Senior High School, and the Philippine Credit Transfer System, among others.

Meanwhile, Secretary Mangudadatu and LMP National President, Mayor Joseph Sto. Niño ‘JB’ Bernos of Lapaz, signed a Memorandum of Understanding during the General Assembly, which formalized the two organizations’ collaboration to further empower municipalities.

“Additional investments in the education sector and the strengthened linkages between the government sector, industries, and the academe will pave the way to an improved and sustainable future for millions of Filipinos and for the generations to come,” the TESDA chief concluded.

Victorias City restores historic muscovado sugar mill smokestack

BACOLOD CITY – The City of Victorias in Negros Occidental has restored the historic “simboryo” or smokestack of a muscovado sugar mill in Barangay VIII as part of the initiatives to preserve its rich local heritage.

Muscovado is unrefined cane sugar with a rich brown color.

On Monday, the city government reported the completion of the clearing

operation of the 20-foot smokestack, located in Hacienda Felisa I, previously “engulfed by overgrown vegetation that obscured its architectural beauty and historical value”.

Councilor Dino Acuña, chair of the Committee on Natural Resources, Environmental Protection, and Ecology, said in a statement the local community has long

wanted to seek assistance from the authorities to clear the structure built during the Spanish period.

“There is no exact date on when it was established but for sure, it was before the sugar centrals were built,” he added.

Acuña said he brought the matter to the attention of Mayor Javier Miguel Benitez after village chief Jose Murillo posted about the decaying state

of the smokestack on the barangay’s Facebook page.

Benitez then initiated a clean-up activity and deployed workers for the clearing operation.

For two days last week, various departments joined hands to conduct the clearing operation, Acuña said.

These included the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office and the City Engineer’s Office, with the assistance of the Northern Negros Electric Cooperative.

The removal of the invasive plants showed the intricate details and grandeur of the structure and also sparked a renewed sense of pride and unity among the residents, the city government said.

“The smokestack is an important heritage and cultural property. It showcases the cultural and historical significance not only to the city but also to Negros Occidental as the sugar capital of the Philippines,” Acuña said.

He noted that before refined and brown sugar were produced, sugarcane plantations produced muscovado sugar, which they transported to Panay Island for export to other countries.

“The smokestack continued to operate until sugar centrals were built in the province to produce centrifugal sugar such as refined sugar produced by Victorias Milling Company built in 1919,” Acuña said. (PNA)



RESTORED. Before and after photos of the historic “simboryo” or smokestack of a muscovado sugar mill in Barangay VIII, Victorias City, Negros Occidental. Previously, the structure was “engulfed by overgrown vegetation that obscured its architectural beauty and historical value”, the city government said on Monday (March 11, 2024). (Photo courtesy of Councilor Dino Acuña)

SRA allots P66-M fund for El Niño mitigation measures

BACOLOD CITY – The Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA) has allotted a budget of PHP66 million to assist sugarcane farmers in mitigating the

effects of prolonged dry weather due to El Niño.

SRA Administrator Pablo Luis Azcona, in a press conference at the SRA office here on Tuesday, said the

allocation approved by the SRA Board is being utilized for various projects.

“For El Niño mitigation measures, here in Negros, we have released irrigation

equipment for 100 hectares of sugar plantations. We will release more small-sized irrigation units for small farmers on March 19,” he added.

Aside from irrigation equipment, also being distributed are shallow tube wells and automated weather stations with moisture sensors, which can monitor moisture within three kilometers of the weather station.

In Negros Occidental, the country’s top sugar-producing province, the SRA continues to validate the extent of the damage to sugarcane plantations, Azcona said.

Based on initial reports, the worst-hit are the sugarcane farms in central and southern Negros, particularly in Kabankalan

City, where significant rains were last reported end of October yet.

Azcona said the Department of Agriculture is conducting a study to determine areas for possible cloudseeding in Negros Occidental.

“Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. said his people are on it. They will just validate the data, they are willing to do it,” he added.

Moreover, Azcona said that “as of this moment,” the country’s estimated total sugar production is 1.55 million metric tons (MT).

“That is ahead of what we produced at the same time last year. However, as early as now, there are mills already signifying closure. That’s surprising for us.

What we’re doing now is, I asked SRA to validate their production data,” he added.

The SRA chief said that based on historical data, the milling season lasts until May.

“Will we hit our initial estimate of 1.85 million MT? I don’t know. For now, it’s hard to conclude unless we verify the data,” he added.

In Sugar Order No. 1 released last September, the SRA estimated total raw sugar production for the crop year 2023-2024 at 1.85 million MT, with an estimated drop of 10 to 15 percent, depending on the effects of El Niño on the sugarcane crop.

Total sugar production volume was 1.799 million MT during the crop year 2022 to 2023. (PNA)



A sugarcane plantation in central Negros. (PNA Bacolod file photo)

Cebu Pacific Named Among Best PH Employers for Fresh Graduates in 2024

Cebu Pacific (PSE: CEB), the Philippines' leading carrier, was named among the best employers in the country for fresh graduates this 2024 by careers and education technology company Prosple, highlighting the airline's commitment to fostering a safe and dynamic workplace environment for individuals hoping to tread a successful career in the aviation industry.

CEB is the only airline in Prosple's list of the top 100 best Philippine employers for fresh graduates this year, improving its ranking to 19th from 88th in the 2023 list.

Prosple, a Sydney-based organization that aims to connect students with employers and education opportunities, ranked employers based on page views and applications on their website as well as feedback on the quality of programs for fresh graduates.

Prosple underscored how CEB's work culture helps fresh graduates strengthen their communication skills and confidence in performing their tasks. While recognizing the fast-paced environment in the aviation industry, CEB's "supportive" leadership makes the work manageable, it added.

"Being included among the best employers for fresh

graduates in the Philippines is a testament to Cebu Pacific's commitment to provide an impactful, relevant, and excellent work experience for our Moment Makers, while nurturing a workplace environment that feels like a family. We will further strengthen the ways we engage with our employees to make their stay in CEB even more worthwhile," said Felix Dan Lopez, CEB Chief Human Resources Officer.

Over the years, CEB has continuously improved its employee engagement initiatives by offering online and offline modes of learning and organizing activities that aim to strengthen camaraderie among its staff. The airline has also sought to make the workplace even more inclusive through equal employment opportunities and programs that celebrate every Juan's individuality.

Last year, CEB also bagged the Best Employer Brand, the highest award at the LinkedIn Talent Awards, in recognition of its strong commitment to engage talents in a meaningful way. The airline was also a finalist for the Diversity Champion category – a recognition for companies who initiated and inspired meaningful conversations around Diversity, Inclusion, Belonging & Equity.

Forest fires destroy 116 ha of greening program in 6 Antique towns

SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, Antique – Forest fires damaged 116.43 hectares covered by the National Greening Program (NGP) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) in six Antique municipalities.

Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) chief Louie Laud said the areas affected by the forest fires this year are in the municipalities of Lauaan, Bugasong, Valderrama, Patnongon, Sibalom, and San Remigio.

"The forest fires were due to a cigarette butt that has been thrown away or other human interventions," he said.

The damage is estimated at PHP2.02 million since the fire destroyed plants and trees, including coffee, guyabano, bamboo, and timber.

Laud said they are requesting local government

units to hire more Bantay Gubat (forest guards) to augment their personnel in averting similar incidents.

"LGUs in partnership with the CENRO are requested to help in the information and education campaign among the farmers and upland communities on how they could help protect the NGP," he said.

In addition to the NGP project, two fire incidents this month also affected 14 hectares of the preserved area at the Sibalom Natural Park in Barangay Cabladan, Sibalom town.

An assessment and validation is still ongoing to determine the cost of the damages.

He added that the forest fire depletes or brings back to zero the forest cover in affected municipalities, and the livestock will have no more areas for pasture.

"The biodiversity and wildlife will also be affected," he said. (PNA)

105 mappers now ready to document heritage of Iloilo's 4th, 5th Districts



ILOILO, March 8, 2024

– A significant step forward in the preservation and documentation of cultural heritage in the Third and Fourth Districts of Iloilo was achieved this week as the Iloilo State University of Fisheries Science and Technology (ISUFST) concluded a comprehensive five-day training for cultural mapping. Held at the Iloilo New Agri (INA) Farm in Barotac Nuevo, the seminar-workshop brought together 105 mappers who embarked on a mission to map the tangible-immovable, natural, intangible, and tangible movable heritage items and sites across the Fourth and Fifth Districts of Iloilo.

The event, which ran from March 4 to March 8, 2024, marked the culmination of extensive fieldwork. Participants successfully filled out 121 heritage forms, documenting the rich cultural fabric of the Region.

The training, a collaboration between academe, Local Government Units (LGUs), and government institutions, aims to foster a robust framework for cultural preservation.

Prof. Genevieve Santorio-Palmare, project leader from ISUFST, emphasized the collective effort in safeguarding cultural heritage. "This training marks the collaboration of academe, LGUs and other related government institutions in preserving our culture. I am deeply praying that all LGUs will finally realize the importance of Cultural Mapping and they'd be able to formulate and implement related policies so that the utilization will materialize and all our efforts will not be put to waste," she stated.

The workshop featured renowned speakers and trainers, including NCCA

Commissioner Arvin Manuel Villalon, Cultural Anthropologist and consultant Prof. Dennis Coronel, and cultural NCCA Mapping Experts Prof. Ricamela Saturay Palis, and NCCA Section Head Kevin Joshua Mejos, who imparted their knowledge and expertise to the participants.

No less than Commissioner Villalon affirmed the value of the local mappers' roles. He said, "Mapping your area's heritage uncovers our identity and history, ensuring it's cherished and preserved by future generations. This project celebrates our diverse traditions and landscapes, securing our legacy and deepening our connection to our roots. It represents our collective commitment to safeguard our cultural inheritance."

The successful

completion of this capacity-building workshop represents a critical milestone in the Cultural Mapping of Panay and Guimaras (CMPG) project, supported by President Pro Sen. Tempore Loren Legarda and operationalized by the NCCA and University of the Philippines Visayas (UPV), in partnership with the select State Universities in the Region. This initiative, in compliance with Republic Act 1196 or the Cultural Mapping Law, sets a precedent for cultural preservation efforts nationwide, showcasing the power of collaboration in safeguarding the cultural heritage of the Philippines for future generations. (Text by Herman Lagon; Photos by Ricky Ramos, Bryan Araneta, Jezreel Donguila, Ricardo Paborada Jr, Irina Decocos, and Herman Lagon)



FOREST FIRE. The Bureau of Fire Protection subdue a forest fire in the Municipality of Sibalom on the evening of March 6, 2024. Community Environment and Natural Resources Office chief Louie Laud said in an interview Wednesday (March 13) that forest fires destroyed 116.43 hectares covered by the National Greening Program in Antique. (Photo courtesy of BFP Sibalom)

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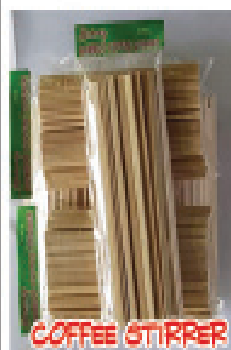
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