

## WATER SHORTAGE ... (from page 1)

On the other hand, the city mayor mentioned that the supply of water was added with 10,000 mlg as the Metro Pacific Iloilo Water (MPIW) negotiated with Prime Water Infrastructure Inc. (PrimeWater) to use the latter's line as one of the water sources.

"May dugang kita nga 10,000 mlg because of the line nga iya sang Prime nga negotiate sang MetroPac nga bayran nila ang Prime para mausar ang ini nga linya," Treñas added.

Treñas cited that MPIW distributes water to limited percentage such as 27% out of the total city population since many people are still depending to get water on shallow wells.

Meanwhile, the city mayor also cited that the city government shall look upon solutions and will decide on what to do regarding water supply in the city.

"Ang ulihi ko na to nga instruction, tan-awon ang mga barangays with water tanks and i-check kung diin pa nga barangay ang gaandar ila water tanks kay te in case maka declare kita state of calamity due to water supply, then makabalo kita kung diin kita mapadul-ong sang tubig," said Treñas.

## MORE POWER'S ... (from page 1)

offsetting upcoming bills, "Nalipay ako kay nakabaton ako sang Bill Deposit Refund halin sa MORE Power. Gamiton ko ini para ibayad naman sa sunod ko nga bill. Dako gid in inga bulig para sa akon.

To date, MORE Power has disbursed a total of P1.5 million bill deposit refunds to 476 eligible customers.

MORE Power's records indicate that approximately close to a thousand customers are eligible, yet not all have initiated the process. To bridge this gap, proactive measures have been implemented, including the inclusion of a notification in customers' Statements of Account or Spot Bill. Additionally, MORE Power eligible customers are also informed and reminded through calls and text messages of their entitlement, should they have missed the initial communication.

"We are committed to ensuring that all eligible customers are aware of their entitlement to a bill deposit refund. Our proactive outreach aims to streamline the process and maximize the benefits for our valued consumers." Ma. Cristina Cabalhin, VP for Customer Care, stated emphasizing the importance of these outreach efforts.

MORE Power reiterates that ineligible customers who have not met the criteria for refund eligibility can still receive their bill deposit upon termination of their electric service, with an annual interest rate.

For further inquiries or assistance regarding the Bill Deposit Refund Initiative, customers are encouraged to contact MORE Power's Customer Care Office.

## CITY PARTNERS ... (from page 1)

aims to benefit Ilonggos especially the urban poor.

Gracing the MOA Ceremonial Signing was Undersecretary Roland Samuel Young of Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD) wherein it was also participated by PHINMA Community Housing Head Mr. Luis Oquinena along with other important guests.

Located in San Isidro, Jaro, the said project is the third one that was initiated by the city, this time with PHINMA Property Holdings Corp. as partner developer.

The said project, identified as "Pambansang Pabahay Para sa Pilipino" program or (4PH) is a flagship project of the Marcos Administration and DHSUD itself according to DHSUD – VI Regional Director Enp. Eva Maria Marfil.

"Under this program, condominium ang i-build naton, bale 4 storeys ang pinkanubo, ini nga programa indi libre, may bayad pero ang national government may ara nahatag nga 5% interest sa city so mas mamag-an ang pagbayad sang mga manugbakal naton," Marfil said.

Marfil elaborated and has given example on how the payment system shall be when it comes to the said housing program.

"Kon ang bili abi sang condominium mga 7,000 to 8,000 Pesos kada bulan, ang bayran nila lapit lapit lang sa katunga sina because sang interest subsidy nga ginahatag sang gobyerno," Marfil stated.

Under the said project, the beneficiaries must be members of Pag-IBIG, in which tricycle drivers as well as informal earners are welcome to apply for membership to avail.

"Ang syudad (sang Iloilo) just like in all project under 4PH, ang mga local government ang in charge mag-endorso kung sin-o ang mga beneficiaries," said Marfil.

Meanwhile, the first two relocation projects were also located in Jaro district such as San Isidro and Petalsville.

# NO LOCKDOWN, NO TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS IN ILOILO CITY DUE TO PERTUSSIS

The Iloilo City Government is on top of the situation following the declaration of pertussis outbreak and placing the metro under the state of calamity.

Mayor Jerry P. Treñas said the city government through the City Health Office (CHO) under Dr. Annabelle Tang and concerned city hall departments have taken proactive measures to prevent the spread of the disease that mostly affects infants and young children.

"Placing the city under the state of calamity paved the way for us to strengthen our outbreak response. But I would like to reiterate that we don't impose lockdown," Treñas stressed.

The City Hall has been receiving information about an alleged lockdown in Iloilo City due to pertussis, causing worry and averting others from pursuing their visit to the city.

Based on CHO data, confirmed cases of pertussis remained at nine.

In an advisory issued by CHO, it emphasized that the in-place proactive measures have established a protective barrier within the community, eliminating the need for travel restrictions to and from the City of Iloilo, and negating the necessity to cancel mass gatherings such as conventions, concerts, and similar events. It, however, strongly advised to strictly adhere to minimum public health standards.

"It is crucial to stay informed with accurate information about pertussis. Knowing the correct information will enable you to take proper preventive measures and avoid undue worries. Stay updated through official announcements from

the Iloilo City Health Office and trusted health authorities," the CHO advisory further read.

### OUTBREAK RESPONSE

The following proactive measures are being implemented by the CHO against pertussis:

\*Community Awareness Activities: Public information campaigns have been launched to raise awareness about pertussis, its symptoms, and preventive measures.

\*Intensified Vaccination Campaign: An enhanced vaccination campaign against pertussis and other vaccine-preventable diseases is being conducted in various community settings.

\*Intensified Surveillance: Disease surveillance systems have been reinforced to swiftly identify, manage, and track the spread of pertussis within the community.

\*Active Collection of Samples: Samples are actively collected from probable cases and stored at the USWAG Molecular Laboratory for confirmatory tests at the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) to accurately diagnose and manage pertussis cases.

\*Referral to Hospitals for Isolation, Detection and Treatment: In the event of a probable or confirmed pertussis case, referral to hospitals for appropriate medical treatment and isolation is implemented.

The Health Office has also recommended to the public to maintain hygiene practices.

The practice of good hand and respiratory hygiene include regular handwashing with soap and water, covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue or elbow, and maintaining distance from individuals who are ill. (Iloilo City PIO)



## BRT PROJECT IN ILOILO CITY GAINS GROUND FOLLOWING PPP CENTER'S ENDORSEMENT

The proposed Electric Bus Rapid Transit (EBRT) in Iloilo City is gaining traction following the endorsement of the Private Public Partnership (PPP) Center.

Iloilo City Mayor Jerry P. Treñas said the PPP Center found all the documents complete, thus, it was brought to the Iloilo City Government together with proponent First Balfour Inc. of the First Philippine Holdings Corporation.

"It is now ready for consideration by the city's PPP committee," Treñas said.

Once the PPP Committee already determines the project to be acceptable, the concerned parties can proceed to the signing of contract agreement. The proposal will then be subjected to a Swiss challenge.

A Swiss challenge is a form of public procurement that requires a public authority that has received an unsolicited bid for a public project or for services to be provided to the government to publish the bid, and invite third parties to match or give a better offer.

Treñas said the EBRT

project proposal, which is eyed to start in the first quarter of 2025, will ensure that the city's transportation system will be modernized with green power.

"This will make Iloilo City at par with Cebu and Davao, where the national government is presently developing a BRT system for them to help manage the traffic situation. These are developments that excite me since they will ensure that the city will continue to be resilient, competitive, and well-managed," the city mayor said.

On the other hand, while

First Balfour is ready for Iloilo City only, Treñas shared that the Swedish Government offered a grant of \$1-million for a feasibility study to extend the EBRT project to Metro Iloilo towns.

He noted that the terms for the Swedish-funded study are still being finalized.

"The feasibility study offered by the Swedish Government will cover the airport, up to Oton, Leganes, Zarraga, Cabatuan," he said.

To note, the original proposal so far covers three

BRT PROJECT / page 11

# Iloilo to disperse swine to help farmers cope with El Niño



**AID FOR FARMERS.** Iloilo Governor Arthur Defensor Jr. says in a press conference on Tuesday (April 2, 2024) the provincial government will disperse swine to farmers affected by the El Niño phenomenon. Defensor presented the PHP9-million budget for the swine dispersal scheme. (PNA photo by PGLena)

**ILOILO CITY** – The provincial government has allocated PHP9 million for swine dispersal as a response to El Niño, initially targeting 15 municipalities situated in areas not affected by the African swine fever (ASF).

“We want to have a program that is El Niño-oriented. The assistance, instead of farm inputs, we will disperse animals that are not too dependent on the rain and the like,” Iloilo Governor Arthur Defensor Jr. said in a press conference on Tuesday.

Defensor said it is another adjustment of the provincial government, aside from the existing program in agriculture.

“The swine approach is an adjustment. We turn to the animal industry,” he added.

The scheme is also one way of helping the swine industry increase its inventory amid the ASF.

The PHP9-million budget covers the PHP6.93 million for the purchase of swine and PHP2.07 million for feeds.

Provincial Agriculture Office chief Dr. Ildefonso Toledo said the province will download the funds to municipalities that will identify recipients.

Each recipient is expected to get two piglets for fattening.

Losses due to drought per PAO-validated data reached PHP526.61 million, covering 9,528.18 hectares of high-value crops, rice, and corn and the fishery sector affecting 10,292 farmers and fisherfolk from the 17 municipalities of the province.

Defensor said the cost of damage may increase as the El Niño progresses until May.

“Our projection is until May. We will continue to implement our measures and extend as much as we can,” he added. (PNA)

## 2 Antique towns badly hit by El Niño; Sibalom in state of calamity

**SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, Antique** – The El Niño phenomenon has adversely affected two municipalities in the province of Antique.

Antique Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer (PDRRMO) Broderick Train on Tuesday said the municipality of Sibalom is already under a state of calamity, while the town of Anini-y gears to declare in the next few days.

“The local government unit of Anini-y informed the PDRRMO only yesterday that they are now preparing their damage report so they could also declare a state of calamity following Sibalom,” Train said in an interview.

A report from the Sibalom municipal DRRM office,

covering 52 of the 76 villages, showed losses to rice crops already amounted to PHP42.5 million; corn, PHP407,790; and high-value crops at PHP31 million as of Jan. 30.

MDRRMO Joel Odango said that in addition to the damage to crops, eight villages are experiencing a shortage in potable water supply, namely Lacaron, Mojon, Igsuming, Maasin, Tula-tula, Igdalaquit, Calo-oy, and Salvacion.

“With the declaration of the state of calamity in Sibalom, the LGU (local government unit) has allocated PHP2 million for the procurement of water tanks for barangays suffering from water shortage,” he said.

The Bureau of Fire Protection also conducts water rationing to requesting villages. (PNA)



**BADLY AFFECTED.** A rice farm in Sibalom, Antique damaged by the El Niño phenomenon. Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer Broderick Train said in an interview Tuesday (April 2, 2024) that the towns of Sibalom and Anini-y are most affected. (PNA photo by Annabel Consuelo J. Petinglay)

## SOMBILLA

DENTAL LABORATORY

Hoskyn's Compound Guanco St., Iloilo City  
 Cell# 0927-9960389 Tel. No. 3351367

**ANDRESITO SOMBILLA, JR.**  
 Owner

**SUSIE STAR TOURS**

CAR/VAN RENTAL AVAILABLE 12/7 SERVICE  
 TO ANY POINT OF PANAY ISLAND

Five-0

**TRANSPORT SERVICE, INC.**

307 Fuentes-Delgado Sts.,  
 Iloilo City

09554671248 // 09173263457

### ILOILO CITY ELIGIBLE TO BE DECLARED ASF-FREE

Iloilo City is now eligible to be declared African Swine Fever (ASF)-free, based on the assessment made by the Department of Agriculture (DA) Western Visayas.

DA-6 regional executive director Dennis R. Arpia, in a letter to Mayor Jerry P. Treñas, informed the latter that the required documents submitted by the city government for the local declaration of "ASF-free" was found in compliance with Sections 4.1 to 4.2 of the DA Administrative Order No. 30 Series of 2021 "Guidelines for the Recovery and Declaration of Freedom from African Swine Fever (ASF) for Local Government Units (LGU).

“With this, may we recommend based on the guidelines stated in the related policies the City of Iloilo may now

pursue your 'Local Declaration for ASF Freedom', Arpia said as he further commended the efforts of the Iloilo City Task Force African Swine Fever (TF-ASF) against the hog disease.

Meanwhile, Treñas said the city has already opened its

borders to hogs and pork products from other areas.

The city mayor is hopeful that with the declaration, the city hog raisers will gradually start to repopulate, and the prices of pork will eventually go down.

## No whooping matter

Many people returning from their Holy Week break or first summer vacation are regretting their return to the work place. Some friends have shared that their office felt more like an “infirmary” or a clinic than an office, with a number of officemates showing up even when they were clearly sick or under the weather.

I don’t know if it’s a defensive mechanism or an act of denial, but folks immediately say they just have a cough and a slight fever or at the most they have the flu. I noticed that the other “C” word, meaning COVID, is frowned upon as well as any suggestion to get tested. Some people even view the wearing of a face mask as a sign of illness and not as a health and safety precaution as well as being considerate of others.

The good news is that the vaccination programs against COVID has stopped the outbreak of COVID or minimized its effects so much that it can now be managed at home with the typical fluids and bed rest routine. The bad news is that after COVID or the flu, we now have another disease that has been declared as a health concern.

I refer to the “whooping cough” which many people ignorantly treat as a minor ailment that affects children. This very cavalier attitude towards such a serious disease or infection is the result of our overall attitude that a cough is nothing serious.

I suppose that mindset is what develops when “cough” syrup is pushed, promoted or advertised more than anything we really need in the kitchen. There was a time when cooking oil and others got a lot of air time on radio and TV, but nowadays, the competition and advertising for cough syrups and remedies is so strong some brands even put down generics or herbal based cough syrup.

As a result, Filipinos now assume any cough is just a cough. They could have TB but it’s just a cough until a fever sets in or blood spots show up. It’s just a cough until blood tests indicate something strange and further tests indicate leukemia. It’s just a cough until you can barely breathe and then die from asthma

complications. Maybe it’s time for legislators and health officials to rethink prescriptions for cough medicines.

Whooping cough is not “just a cough.” Please read the health advisory from the Philippine College of Physicians that Dr. Rontgene Solante shared with me this Easter Sunday. This is a shortened version:

Philippine College of Physicians Position Statement on the Current Pertussis Outbreak in the Philippines

The Philippine College of Physicians (PCP) is deeply concerned with the recent increase in pertussis cases, commonly known as whooping cough, in the Philippines. In the first 10 weeks of this year, the Department of Health (DOH) has reported over 500 cases with 40 fatalities, and the declaration of outbreaks in Quezon City, Pasig City, Iloilo City and Cavite.

1. Pertussis is an acute respiratory infection caused by the bacteria *Bordetella pertussis*. The infection poses a significant threat particularly among infants and young children who are at risk of severe symptoms and life-threatening complications and outcome. While teens and adults may experience milder symptoms, there is a risk of severe illness, especially for those with pre-existing health conditions and the unvaccinated elderly population.

2. The PCP fully supports the DOH’s call in promoting enhanced vaccination campaigns nationwide to increase vaccination coverage and protection of all infants and children to vaccine preventable diseases. We urge all stakeholders, health care providers, local government units, and community leaders to collaborate in preventing the spread of pertussis and other vaccine preventable infections including measles, diphtheria, influenza and pneumonia.

3. The PCP emphasizes the critical role of vaccination as the most effective method for preventing outbreak. PCP highly recommends getting a single Tdap vaccine for:

3.1 Infants and children

• Three-dose primary immunization series with DTaP

recommended at ages 1 ½, 2 ½, and 3 ½ months, plus booster of one dose at 12-18 months and another booster dose between 4 to 6 years old.

3.2 Adolescents

• Adolescents who have completed the recommended childhood Tdap series should receive a single Tdap booster, recommended between 9 to 18 years old.

3.3 Adults

• Adults aged 19 to 64 years should receive a single Tdap booster in lieu of 1 Tdap booster

• Adults aged 65 and older who have not previously received a Tdap booster should receive one booster dose, particularly if contact with infants is anticipated.

• The Tdap vaccine is strongly suggested for pregnant women of all ages, ideally in the third trimester (between 27 and 36 weeks) of each pregnancy. For those who are particularly susceptible or have not been vaccinated previously, the Tdap vaccine may also be administered during the first trimester.

Studies have consistently shown that pertussis vaccine (Tdap) significantly decreases the incidence of pertussis by over 92 percent and 97 percent in reducing mortality rates. In fully vaccinated individuals the symptoms tend to be less severe, with a reduced likelihood of experiencing prolonged coughing spells, apnea and cyanosis. Extensive safety evaluations have confirmed that Tdap vaccines are safe for use in children and adults, pregnant women and seniors over the age of 65, with no unexpected safety concerns reported.

4. The PCP urges parents and caregivers to be vigilant for symptoms of pertussis – cough, colds, fever – and to seek prompt medical attention.

Early diagnosis and treatment are key to improving patient outcomes and reducing transmission.

### CTALK

Cito Beltran



## Death knell

Members of the House of Representatives were hoping for a dialogue with senators on Charter change while Congress is not in session, during the long break starting before Palm Sunday.

Alas, it was not to be. Senate President Migz Zubiri took off for Switzerland for the annual assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union in Geneva, during which he called for a “pause” to war – not the one raging between the two chambers of the Philippine Congress over Cha-cha, but global wars.

Other senators must have left the country as well to get away from the scorching heat not just from El Niño, but also from the House nagging to get to work on Cha-cha ASAP because time is running out. On what? The Marcos administration has four more years to go. But the 19th Congress is counting down to the end of its three years in 2025.

The senators will likely prolong their vacation. Spring, with its pleasantly cool temperatures, has started in the Northern Hemisphere. And then there’s that survey conducted from March 6 to 10 by Pulse Asia, showing a hefty 88 percent of Filipinos opposing Charter change. So there’s no reason for the senators to cut short their vacation and rush back home to discuss Cha-cha with House members.

Because of the reputation of Pulse Asia, this survey could be the death knell for the latest push for Cha-cha as envisioned by the House.

Unfortunately for the folks lambasting the Cha-cha survey, Pulse Asia is not one of those fly-by-night pollsters that provide the results sought by the commissioning client. Polling costs millions and such clients should find either a credible pollster, or better uses for their money. While Pulse Asia also conducts commissioned surveys, the one on Cha-cha is non-commissioned.

\* \* \*

The comments from several key House members on the Pulse Asia survey indicate a chamber in panic mode. Will they shift to Plan B (or is it Plan A, the original?) and proceed with the people’s initiative to rewrite the Constitution? Several House members have

stressed that PI is merely suspended.

But if PI is revived, will President Marcos – a believer in reliable surveys as far as we can tell – go along with it, considering that overwhelming 88 percent opposition to Charter change? That number is about as high as the consistent results of polling on Filipino sentiments against China on West Philippine Sea issues.

BBM had previously said (at least according to Senator Migz) that he wanted the Senate to take the lead on Cha-cha. But it looks like senators are enervated by the scorching Philippine summer, like those poor public school students and teachers, and would rather wait for the cooler months to get down to the complicated task of amending the Constitution.

Alongside the survey on Cha-cha is a commissioned one, conducted by Pulse Asia, which must also be bad news for the House and its leadership: Sen. Raffy Tulfo and Vice President Sara Duterte are statistically tied (with a difference of one percent) for the 2028 presidential race.

In the commissioned survey on 2028 “presidentiables” taken in April last year by the other reputable pollster, Social Weather Stations, VP Sara topped the list at 28 percent – a wide margin from Tulfo’s 11 percent. The margin could be wider if the three percent of the VP’s father former president Rodrigo Duterte (at fourth place) would be added to her rating.

Former VP Leni Robredo came in third at six percent. She also placed third in Pulse Asia’s poll taken last month. This latest survey was conducted amid what VP Sara described as an organized smear campaign against her.

Also noteworthy is that in both surveys, VP Sara’s ally Sen. Imee Marcos was among the respondents’ picks – fourth in Pulse Asia and seventh in SWS. Meanwhile, the VP’s nemesis, Speaker Martin Romualdez, was not among the choices in SWS. In Pulse Asia, he merited mention, but with a preference rating of less than one percent.

\* \* \*

Since the poll last month was commissioned, Pulse Asia can’t be criticized for conducting a survey

on potential candidates for a presidential race that is still four years away. As I noted, however,

surveys don’t come cheap. Why would people spend a lot for such a survey this early? Who stands to benefit?

The survey frontrunners will likely see the ranks of their friends, fair weather or otherwise, increasing – with all the concomitant perks. The frontrunners can have a stronger voice in influencing public policy. Take that, tambaloslos!

And who would lose?

The same survey frontrunners, who could suffer the fate of former vice president Jejomar Binay and former House speaker Manny Villar. “Presidentiables” who peak early also draw enemies early along with special operations to bring them down.

VP Sara is seeing this now; Raffy Tulfo could soon see the same.

Yesterday, Pulse Asia released the results of its performance survey on the top four officials of the land, taken on March 24 this year and compared to the ratings on Dec. 23, 2023. This survey showed the VP’s performance rating down by seven points, from 74 percent in December to 67 percent last month.

BBM suffered the worst drop among the four top officials: 13 percent, from 68 to 55 percent. He should wonder if his favorite cousin is dragging him down. Speaker Romualdez saw his rating fall by eight percent in the same survey, from 39 percent in December to 31 percent.

The main controversy last month was not rice or inflation, but Cha-cha. Surely BBM sees the significance of Migz Zubiri, beset by coup rumors amid his reluctance to dance the Cha-cha, being the only top official who registered an improvement in his performance rating, from 49 percent in December to 52 last month.

How might pro-Cha-cha congressmen react?

Why, they might go to the Supreme Court, to stop those pesky surveys.

### Sketches

Ana Marie Pamintuan



DPWH-QMSP-31-02-Rev00

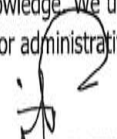
**Post-Contract Award Disclosure Summary Report**


<b>Procuring Entity</b>	: DPWH Iloilo 3rd District Engineering Office			
<b>Reporting Period</b>	: From	March 1, 2024	To	March 31, 2024
<b>YouTube Channel Name</b>	: DPWH Iloilo 3rd DEO Procurement LS		<b>YouTube Handle</b>	: @DPWH.Iloilo3.DEO
<b>YouTube Channel URL</b>	: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/">https://www.youtube.com/</a>			

No.	Contract ID and Name	Approved Budget for the Contract	Mode of Procurement	Winning Bidder's Information		Awarded Contract Price	Date of Award (Issuance)	Date of Acceptance (Conforme)	Contract Period	IU
				Name	Official Address					
1	24GH0068 -Construction of Flood Mitigation Structure – Construction of Flood Control Structure, Barangay Mangorocoro, Ajuy, Iloilo	56,935,000.00	Competitive Bidding	Jejor's Construction Corp.	201, President Quirino Street, Cagayan De Oro City	56,706,869.49	19-Mar-24	21-Mar-24	208	DPWH – Iloilo 3 <sup>rd</sup> DEO

**CERTIFICATION**

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

  
**RONIL B. TUPAS**  
 Procurement Unit Head  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

  
**RITCHEL B. MONDIA**  
 BAC Chairperson  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# City gov't to provide pregnant mothers with vaccines vs. pertussis

By Mary Joy Cavañas

As the children are more vulnerable to pertussis or whooping cough outbreak, pregnant mothers are highly encouraged to participate in vaccination for the welfare of their babies.

Iloilo City Mayor Jerry Treñas has reminded them to also get vaccinated for the prevention of the said respiratory illness, stating that there are vaccines provided for them in health centers.

“Sa indi kasarang magkadto sa aton health centers, sa mga nanay nga nagabusong, gakadto sa mga sentro, may mga bakuna kita nga gina procure,” Treñas said.

The cases of the said respiratory illness have already reached to 22 with nine confirmed cases as of April 2, 2024 based on the report of Iloilo City Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (ICESU).

The city mayor cited the significance of vaccination for pregnant mothers which is to prevent their babies from becoming carriers of pertussis or whooping cough.

“Importante nga ang mga nanay antis sila magbata kinanglan mahatagan na sila bakuna. We will procure

vaccines so that we can even immunize the mothers who are pregnant,” Treñas added.

Treñas also encouraged those who could afford private doctors or pediatricians to have their children vaccinated for pertussis.

“Sa aton ya mga ginikanan, sa makasarang nga madala nila ang ila kabataan sa ila pediatrician, ipa injectionan na nila,” Treñas stated.

In addition, Treñas also mentioned that the city government shall also provide for additional vaccines once needed as the city also grapples along with other local government units (LGUs) in procuring vaccine supplies.

“Kita ta ang data sang Iloilo City, but kung tan-awon ta may ato na to sa QC, may ara sa Cavite, may ara sa iban nga lugar, I think pertussis is all over the place because of the lack of vaccines,” Treñas emphasized.

Meanwhile, Iloilo City has been declared under state of calamity last March 26 by the Sangguniang Panlungsod (SP) due to pertussis wherein a quick response fund (QRF) amounting to P16 million out of the city’s calamity fund will be used to procure supplies of vaccine for children in order to prevent the said respiratory illness.

## Endless Opportunities



Elizabeth Lacumbo, a sari-sari store owner from Batangas continues to dream big as she strives harder to support her family.

“The best” is how Elizabeth Lacumbo, 53-year-old resident of Sto. Tomas, Batangas, describes her overall experience of being an entrepreneur.

Her first job was becoming an operator for an electronics company in Manila at the age of 18. The challenges of the corporate world, particularly the lack of control over her own time, made her reconsider her career path.

Upon regularization, she decided to secure a house in Sto. Tomas, Batangas, through a loan. It was in 2000 when she decided to relocate to Batangas and leave her job in Manila.

With no other source of income, she opened a sari-sari store business using the money she had saved from her previous job. She also did not consider looking for another employment as she was pregnant with her firstborn that time.

Initially, her store did not do well due to the small number of people in the neighborhood. However, as more family resided in the area, her business progressively improved; from an initial capital of PHP 2,000.00, she now has a capital of about PHP 200,000.00.

According to her, she would not be able to afford to expand her store without the assistance of CARD SME Bank, a thrift bank that offers business loans to micro,

small, and medium entrepreneurs.

At first she was skeptical to join, but after gaining positive feedback from the neighbors she decided to become a client of the bank in 2013. She used her initial loan of PHP 5,000.00 as an additional capital for her sari-sari store business. Currently, they own two tricycles, which they purchased with the money earned from their store.

Being a good payer that she is, she now has increased her loan into PHP 150,000.00. When she’s in need of capital, CARD SME Bank is always there to support her and provide the needed capital to operate her business.

“In starting a business, you need to be patient and have strong faith in God, so whatever challenges come your way, you can overcome them,” Lacumbo’s piece of advice for those people who wished to open their own business.

## LGUs urged to support gov't flagship housing project

ILOILO CITY – Iloilo City Mayor Jerry Treñas urged other local government units (LGUs) in the country to support the Pambansang Pabahay para sa Pilipino Program (4PH), the flagship housing project of the Marcos administration that provides opportunities to indigent families to own a house.

Treñas made the call during the signing of a memorandum of agreement (MOA) on Tuesday for the third 4PH project that will be established in the city by the Pinma Property Holding Corporation.

Signatories to the MOA included Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development Undersecretary Roland Samuel Young and Western Visayas Regional Director Eva Maria Marfil, Pinma community housing head Luis Oquiñena and chief business development officer Francis Richmond Villegas, Treñas and City Administrator Melchor Tan.

“I am happy with this government program. I will support this, and I think all LGUs should support this because it is a chance to give

our poor residents houses,” the mayor said in his message during the signing.

The third project will be developed under the turnkey scheme, where the developer owns the land, develops the site, and builds the house. The city government will identify families qualified to avail of the units.

“They are looking at a total of 2,000 housing units in the lot that they purchased in Barangay San Isidro. Our role is to identify the beneficiaries,” the mayor said in an interview.

Meanwhile, Marfil said they are campaigning for private lots to be used for the project because it expedites the process.

The two other housing projects in the city developed under a joint venture agreement with the Eon Realty Development Corporation and the Ethan Property Developer have yet to start pending the review and approval of the Public-Private Partnership Center.

“According to (the) mayor, we are delayed in our two projects because it’s

**NEWS EXPRESS**  
The Best Alternative Since 1988

**REMIGIO G. CASTOR**  
Publisher

**MARY JOY ANGELA CAVANAS**  
Reporter

**CARL SARDUA**  
Photographer / Lay-out Artist

**LINNY P. GAURANA**  
Secretary / Account Officer

**JASON LAZATIN**  
Circulation

**RURAL PRESS COMMUNICATORS REPRESENTATIVE, INC.**

3055 Tolentino Street, corner Balabac Streets, Pinagkaisahan, Makati City, Metro Manila  
Tel. Nos. 882-3978 / 882-4639 / 882-3205 Telefax No. 882-3223  
E-mail Address: ruralpress@yahoo.com

**EVA R. ABAJENCIA**  
Antique Bureau Chief  
San Jose, Antique  
Cel. Nos. 0995-2107119

**MEMBERS:** PHILIPPINE PRESS INSTITUTE (PPI)  
PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES, INC. (PAPI)  
PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS OF THE PHILIPPINES (PPP)

Door 35, ZERRUDO COMMERCIAL COMPLEX, E. LOPEZ ST. JARO, ILOILO CITY, PHILIPPINES

TEL. Nos. (033) 320-1509/508-8725

E-MAIL ADDRESS: [newsexpress\\_iloilo@yahoo.com](mailto:newsexpress_iloilo@yahoo.com)  
[newsexpressiloilo88@gmail.com](mailto:newsexpressiloilo88@gmail.com)

WEBSITE: [www.newsexpress.com.ph](http://www.newsexpress.com.ph)

Entered as second class mail matter at the Iloilo City Post Office on October 5, 1988  
with General Circulation in the Philippines



## Challenging cascade

*Editorial*

These, amid what authorities call the peak impact of the El Niño phenomenon which typically leads to reduced rainfall in Southeast Asia where the Philippines is.

From droughts and water scarcity to crop failures, forest fires, and economic disruptions, its impact is felt across many sectors of society.

This phenomenon disrupts the monsoon patterns, causes prolonged droughts and water scarcity in many parts of the region, with rivers and reservoirs drying up, making it difficult for communities to access clean water for drinking and agriculture.

Presidential Communications Office Assistant Secretary and Task Force El Niño spokesperson Joey Villarama told a Bagong Pilipinas Ngayon briefing on Monday “What we are asking is to avoid careless, limitless use of electricity and water resources.”

We are aware and are delighted the government is closely monitoring the effects of El Niño, considering the increasing water demand, but Villarama assured the public that contingency measures are in place.

There is also the possibility of weaker water pressure or water supply shortage is still there, because the water level of dam, particularly the Angat dam is declining.

To date, 80 of 82 provinces are already affected by the El Niño, with 16 under a state of calamity.

It is gratifying the National Water Resources Board has released advisories for water conservation to public pools in subdivisions, condominiums, and other household settings.

The El Niño Task Force has been instructed by President Marcos to secure a comprehensive disaster preparedness and rehabilitation plan and ensure “systematic, holistic, and results-driven interventions” to aid the Filipinos and alleviate the devastating effects of disasters.

El Niño’s typical impact on Southeast Asia is drier-than-average rainfall conditions, including for much of the Maritime Continent during December to February and warmer temperature conditions typically follow drier periods.

El Niño’s impacts on infectious disease spread, malnutrition, and respiratory and mental health varies across different regions.

The most affected areas include: Latin America, and the three members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations: the Philippines, Indonesia and Malaysia.

El Niño has also historically impacted livelihood and health by causing extreme droughts and severe flooding in many countries.

In an agricultural country like the Philippines, where dry spells and droughts are expected, this could mean crop failures affecting food production.

The majority of global climate models suggest that El Niño will likely persist until the March-April-May 2024 season, with a transition to ENSO-neutral conditions expected in the April-May-June 2024 season – referring to the El Niño-Southern Oscillation, a recurring climate pattern involving changes in the temperature of waters in the central and eastern tropical Pacific Ocean. ([manilastandard.net](http://manilastandard.net))

## NAIA heat

At the peak of the Holy Week exodus, the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) once again made headlines for the wrong reasons.

Travelers—many of whom are rushing for a reprieve from the hectic city life, or to be with their families for the break—had to endure the sweltering heat at the NAIA Terminal 2 on Holy Wednesday due to power fluctuations.

According to the Manila International Airport Authority (MIAA), the problem was due to a high power load triggered by the high heat index outside of the terminal. Meralco clarified that there was no problem in terms of power supply which was confirmed by MIAA as well.

While operations in check-in counters, baggage handling systems, and security remained functional thanks to generators, it was not enough to power the air conditioners, thus the discomfort to travelers rushing on the eve of the Easter Triduum. The MIAA brought in industrial fans to ease travelers’ discomfort.

What makes the situation more disappointing is that the MIAA had repeatedly assured the public of the airport’s readiness for the expected influx of travelers for the Holy Week break. Over a million passengers were recorded by MIAA from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday.

This is not the first time that the country’s main gateway was beset with problems during a crucial travel period. NAIA made international headlines on New Year’s Day 2023 after technical issues forced a shutdown of the Philippine airspace.

News reports in the days leading to the Holy Week break also highlighted new and old problems in NAIA. From bed bugs to rats at airport terminals, issues hounding the gateway highlight the fact that NAIA badly needs private sector intervention.

I share the view that public-private partnerships (PPPs) offer an effective way forward to addressing situations that require urgent attention and action for the collective benefit of the public. This is why the looming entry of a private consortium to manage and upgrade NAIA is a welcome development.

If any, the Holy Wednesday incident serves as a major challenge to the consortium led by San Miguel Corp. (SMC) to drastically improve the situation at the airport to deliver a well-deserved pleasant experience to our travelers. Hopes are high that NAIA will soon be at par with South Korea’s Incheon airport given that the latter’s operator is part of the consortium.

We Filipinos deserve better. Our visitors deserve better.

While we have yet to see how the SMC-led consortium will rise to the challenge, I am optimistic given the group’s commitment to invest over PHP122 billion for the NAIA modernization program within a period of 25 years.

In the case of NAIA, the private consortium is expected to bring the much-needed upgrades to airport services not only for the well-deserved convenience of our travelers but also to drive economic growth and improve the Philippines’

## ESPRESSO MORNINGS

BY JOE ZALDARRIAGA

image and reputation to the international community.

By taking over the maintenance and management of the airport, the private sector effectively shares its wealth of resources, expertise, and experience to deliver quality essential services and projects to the public in the most effective and efficient way possible.

It must be noted that with PPPs, private sector investment is maximized for the collective benefit of the public. By relieving the government of airport maintenance and management costs, public funds can be allocated for other social services or projects that require additional financial support.

There are still a few months left before the private consortium comes in to manage NAIA and take over its problems as well. Until then, the current management should do its best to address recurring problems at the airport and respond better to difficult situations.

Editor’s note: The opinions expressed in the foregoing article are solely the author’s and do not reflect the opinions and beliefs of the Philippine News Agency (PNA) or any other office under the Presidential Communications Office.

# The tattoo prank: Online responsibilities and liabilities

"It is not only for what we do that we are held responsible, but also for what we do not do." - Moliere

For the past few days, several netizens have been mesmerized by the story of a food store owner who came out with a rather unique challenge.

In an online post, the food store owner issued a challenge wherein the same would pay PHP100,000 to anyone who would tattoo the store's logo on his/her forehead. The post came out on April Fool's Day and it was apparently a prank, according to the online creator/food store owner who also pointed out that once anyone clicks the photo for instructions, then the phrase April Fool's would be clearly seen emblazoned at the bottom of the post.

Unfortunately for the said food store owner, someone actually allegedly took the challenge and had himself tattooed and wanted to claim the prize. The tattooed person, allegedly, badly needed the money and did not notice the phrase April Fool's.

Initially, the food store owner denied that he had any liability and argued that the post was clearly an April Fool's Day prank. He then blamed the tattooed person for having a low reading comprehension. A veritable online storm ensued. Thousands of netizens bashed the food store owner as being insensitive. At the end of the day, it was the food store owner who settled the matter when he eventually gave the prize money to the tattooed person.

Despite the settlement, numerous debates on online responsibility and even liability still surround

the issue. Given the circumstances, would the food store owner be held liable if the tattooed person had rejected the offer and sued him? This would have been an interesting case.

Some opined that the food store owner cannot be held liable as there was no obligation created on the part of the said food store owner. They say that the tattooed person was negligent and did not exercise the appropriate diligence when he read the post. On the other side of the fence, some say there was a contract created when the food store owner posted that challenge, and someone accepted. There are even some people who suspect that the entire incident was just a scripted incident to get folks riled up and garner views and comments.

Obligations are created by contract or law. One of the requisites of contracts is consent. Consent is created when there is an offer and acceptance. It can be argued that there was no valid offer by the food store owner. Under the law, however, when someone causes damage to another due to negligence, then, that person should compensate the other. It is dangerous to assume that everybody can understand the nuances of an online post, especially a prank.

It is also inherently wrong to pin responsibility on the victims of online pranks and irresponsible posts. Even if there was a degree of negligence by the reader of the online prank or post, the said reader did not initiate the incident. When someone posts a prank, that person cannot then shift the obligation to be diligent on the reader. It is also not the fault

## OBLIQUE OBSERVATIONS

By ATTY. GILBERTO LAUENCO, J.D.

of the reader if he/she has a low level of reading comprehension.

Whether this entire matter is scripted or not, this incident should open the legal discussion on liabilities and responsibilities for online pranks and posts, in general. There is a growing number of incidents where online pranks go awry. There must be clearer legislation or rules on online pranks that cause damage to people.

Worse than online pranks, is the growing proliferation of fake online news or so-called product endorsements of products with dubious qualities. The internet is now filled with so-called fake celebrity endorsements of health food, treatments, and even beauty products. These products mostly have no Food and Drugs Administration (FDA) approvals. Not only is there negligence involved but also a probable degree of malice.

With some social media platforms easing up on policing the posts made in their spaces, all sectors of society must be active in preventing the ill effects of these social media maladies. Do we need a fatal incident arising from an online post before collective action is taken?

This is my oblique observation.

Editor's note: The opinions expressed in the foregoing article are solely the author's and do not reflect the opinions and beliefs of the Philippine News Agency (PNA) or any other office under the Presidential Communications Office.

# How older Novaliches residents shed off unsavory alias names

I was born eight decades ago in a sleepy barrio of the former agricultural town of Novaliches, shared since 1948 by Quezon City and Caloocan City, two of the largest and most progressive cities in Metropolitan Manila at present.

My growing-up years coincided with the time when many of the inhabitants of my erstwhile town comprised farming families owning several carabaos and cows as they were then tilling more than 10,000 hectares of rice fields.

Some families also owned horses and raised goats, pigs, ducks and chickens for their milk, meat and egg needs.

While I was in the elementary and high school, I began noticing that many of the family heads in our place, in addition to their traditional first and family names, often had "assumed or alias or also known as (aka)" names, oftentimes not nice to hear.

By using such "aka" or assumed names, they were easily identified in the place by strangers looking for them.

Such unpleasant aliases included common Tagalog words such as "kabayo" (horse), "gata" (coconut milk), "palayok" (pot), "kambing" (goat), "baboy" (pig), "asuwang" (vampire) "pato" (duck), "bagyo" (typhoon), "pulgas" (louse), "galapong" (powdered wet rice), "kalakian" (male carabao), "bayawak" (lizard), "sapatos" (shoes), "patis" (brine), pugo (quail), "bangus" (milkfish), "pagong" (turtle), "bulig" (a small mudfish), and "balangkas" (house or building plan).

These words were normally attached or added as an adjective to the first names of male persons in the locality to make their identification easier.

For example, when a carabao of a farmer got astray and was found in a neighboring barrio, such work animal was usually identified as owned by someone more known as "Tonyong Kambing" in the locality.

Whenever someone came around asking for a resident of a certain place, the stranger was usually asked in turn about the alias name of the

man he was looking for.

One thing surprising about these unsavory assumed names was that many of those who were addressed as such seemed to have appreciated them rather than feeling insulted or being despised.

Some of those who used to have such unpleasant assumed names were uncles or relatives of this writer. They included "Tanasyons Ubag" (a kind of edible root crop), "Andoy Balunbalonan" (an inner part of a chicken), or "Selong Karayom" (a needle).

As the population of Novaliches began to increase rapidly since the 1960s, the use of such alias or "aka" names began to be discarded by former farm families. When the family heads died, the assumed names also began to fade away and the community soon forgot about them.

The development of rice fields in Novaliches into subdivisions, factory sites and other housing projects and shopping malls also caused the gradual disappearance of farmers and carabaos from the area and were subsequently replaced by numerous motor vehicles of various types and sizes.

These are now causing monstrous traffic problems in the former Novaliches town which many local residents consider as the traffic capital of Metro Manila.

Incidentally, there was also a time when Novaliches served as the "egg, meat, fruit, and vegetable basket" or the source of these farm products for residents of both QC and Caloocan City. That was until the early 1970s when Novaliches was still considered the "bukid" or farm area of its two mother cities.

The southern parts of both Quezon City and Caloocan at the time were already commercially developed and no longer fit for growing or raising farm products.

The then sparsely-populated barangays of Novaliches belonging to Quezon City were

## GLIMPSES & GAZES

By SEVERINO C. SAMONTE

Nagkaisang Nayon, Capri, Novaliches Proper, San Agustin, San Bartolome, Kaligayahan, Santa Monica, Pasong Putik, Santa Lucia, Gulod, Bagbag, Talipapa, Sauyo, Pasong Tamo, Tandang Sora, Culiati, Sangandaan, Baesa, Balong Bato, Kangkong, and Unang Sigaw.

On the other hand, the Novaliches side that belonged to Caloocan included barangays Bagbaguin, Caybiga, Llano, Deparo, Bagumbong, Camarin, Bagong Silang, Tala, Malaria, Pangarap, Makatipo, Amparo, half of Baesa, Sta. Quiteria, and Talipapa.

These barangays also used to be called the "Sabah" of Caloocan for being detached from mainland Caloocan and cannot be reached by city officials without passing through portions of the adjoining cities of Malabon, Valenzuela, and Quezon from the Bonifacio monument in Grace Park and Balintawak.

Also at that time, both sides of the narrow Quirino Highway from Balintawak, Quezon City to San Jose del Monte (now a city of Bulacan province) and Tandang Sora Avenue from Balara, Diliman, to Quirino Highway in Barangay Sangandaan and Sta. Quiteria were still dotted with rice fields and forests.

The same was true with General Luis Street from Malinta, Valenzuela City; Susano Road from Novaliches-Bayan, and Zabarte Road to Camarin, North Caloocan.

The two sides of the northern half of the present Commonwealth Avenue were then virtual wilderness serving as pasture land of rich families and politicians owning cattle and carabaos for milk and meat purposes, and even horses for racing.

At present, almost all rice fields and forests in Novaliches have been converted into sites for subdivisions, factories, shopping malls, and other commercial uses.

Even the former Girl Scouts of the Philippines (GSP) national camp along Quirino Highway in Barangay San Bartolome is now SM City Novaliches Mall.



Republic of the Philippines  
City of Iloilo  
**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD**

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 8<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 11<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF ILOILO, PHILIPPINES, HELD AT THE SESSION HALL, 6<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR CITY HALL BUILDING, PLAZA LIBERTAD, ILOILO CITY, ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024

PRESENT:

**HON. JEFFREY P. GANZON**  
City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

Hon. Urminico M. Baronda, Jr.	Member
Hon. Sedfrey L. Cabaluna	Member
Hon. Romel D. Duron	Member
Hon. Ely A. Estante, Jr.	Member
Hon. Rudolph Jeffrey O. Ganzon	Member
Hon. Jelma Crystal C. Implica, <i>SK Federation President Ex Officio</i>	Member
Hon. Sumakwel C. Nava, Jr.	Member
Hon. Maria Irene D. Ong, <i>Liga ng mga Barangay President Ex Officio</i>	Member
Hon. Frances Grace V. Parcon-Torres, <i>Floor Leader</i>	Member
Hon. Rex Marcus B. Sarabia, <i>Asst. Floor Leader</i>	Member
Hon. Jose Maria Miguel S. Treñas	Member
Hon. Candice Magdalane A. Tupas	Member
Hon. Johnny Y. Young	Member
Hon. Alan A. Zaldivar	Member

ABSENT:

None

**REGULATION ORDINANCE NO. 2024-024**

**AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT PROMOTION (LEDIP) OFFICE, ENUMERATING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND THE TRANSFER OF SEVERAL PLANTILLA POSITIONS FROM THE CITY MAYORS OFFICE TO THE LEDIP OFFICE**

*Sponsored by Hon. Rex Marcus B. Sarabia, seconded by Hon. Ely A. Estante, Jr., Hon. Candice Magdalane A. Tupas and Hon. Johnny Y. Young;*

**WHEREAS**, under DILG Circular No. 2010-113, the National Government directed the local government units to designate a Local Economic and Investment Promotion Officer (LEIPO) as an economic partner in attracting more investments to enhance local economic activities;

**WHEREAS**, further under DILG Circular No. 2020-167, the National Government has further enjoined all local government units to expand the designation of the Local Economic and Investment Promotion Officer (LEIPO) and to establish its corresponding unit or office to facilitate and coordinate local economic development and investment advocacies of the LGU and mobilize a capacitated structure to organize all programs and projects;

**WHEREAS**, the creation for such new office is allowed under Section 76 of Republic Act 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991 states that: "Every LGU shall design and implement its own organizational structure and staffing pattern taking into consideration its service requirements and financial capability, subject to the minimum standards and guidelines prescribed by the Civil Service Commission.";

**WHEREAS**, from the authorities, cited, the Local Government of Iloilo City through the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* is empowered by the law to create offices and positions as the need arises;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Iloilo, in session duly assembled, to enact the following ordinance.

**SECTION 1. DECLARATION OF POLICIES.** The Iloilo City Government recognizes the importance of local industries and enterprises as essential partners in nation building; hence, it is of paramount public interest that the policy making processes of the City Government should incorporate the best interests of the former. Therefore, it is the declared policy of the City Government to facilitate the development and expansion of the local industries and enterprises and to stimulate economic activity and growth by inviting and encouraging investments, most especially in targeted industries wherein the City of Iloilo intends to competitively distinguish itself in the national and world economy.

The Iloilo City Government as well recognizes the power of education and the rapid exchange of technology to enrich local human resources to drive the progress of local industries. Therefore, it is the declared policy of the City Government to involve itself in the direction of the education and technology sectors in order to ensure the alignment of the skills, knowledge, and expertise of the workforce with industry standards as well as to address the present and future needs of the local, national, and international industries.

**SECTION 2. CREATION OF THE NEW DEPARTMENT.** A new department under the Iloilo City Government is hereby created to be known as the "**LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT PROMOTION (LEDIP) OFFICE**".

**SECTION 3. MANDATE.** The Local Economic Development and Investment Promotion Office shall be the primary agency of the Iloilo City Government in handling all activities related to local economic development in Iloilo City which includes but are not limited to: investment promotion, establishment of support mechanisms for the growth of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), prescribe speedy processes for the issuance of business permits and licenses, provide mechanisms to business retention and expansion and other business and economic activities to attract investments, generate employment, and promote industry innovations.

The LEDIP Office shall also be responsible for the development and implementation of policies, programs, and activities for the alignment of the local education system with counterpart industries with regards to their needs and standards to ensure the competency and quality of the Ilonggo workforce and to alleviate the problems arising from job mismatch and undereducation, as well as to stimulate interest and investment from targeted industries. The LEDIP Office shall also be responsible for the imposition of commercial best practices and industry standards for targeted industries as identified by the City Mayor and/or as prescribed by law, and to facilitate the rapid technology exchanges and advancements therein.

**SECTION 4. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS.** The Local Economic Development and Investment Promotion Office shall have the following powers and functions:

- Formulate and implement policies, plans, projects and programs to effectuate the mandates enumerated herein;
- Establish short-term and long-term strategic road maps to provide direction and basis for the LEDIP Office's plans, projects, and programs;
- Facilitate the participation of the Iloilo City Government in applications for awards and distinctions before award-giving bodies;
- Assist in investor inquiries and provide for investment servicing;
- Maintain an economic database of all data related to investments and other pertinent resources in the City of Iloilo and to facilitate the release of the said data to investors and/or government agencies;
- Conduct regular data gathering relevant to local economic development;
- Organize all data and information relevant to local economic development and recommend for the scientific analysis of the same in order to extract valuable information to guide the policy making process;
- Prescribe streamlined and speedy processes for the issuance of business permits and licenses, and ensure the timely delivery of the same;
- Conduct regular business consultation meetings with the business sector;
- Organize business forums, business conferences as well as professional and/or skills training seminars;
- Review the documentary requirements and other qualifications of applicants for the grant of incentives, assistances, and/or aid packages, and to make the necessary recommendation to the pertinent regulatory body;
- Conduct regular entrepreneurship and other related trainings to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs);
- Identify targeted sectors for development which have the potential to be the new economic drivers of Iloilo City;
- Impose the observance of commercial best practices and facilitate speedy technology exchanges in targeted industries;
- Plan and implement Workforce Development Programs to strengthen the competency and employment readiness of the workforce;
- Regularly monitor trends and analyze imminent probabilities in the economy in order to address the rising threats and opportunities;
- Penetrate grassroots communities to provide them with relevant information gathered from research and science-based analytics with regards to business and employment opportunities and the corresponding needed knowledge, skills, and educational attainment to realize economic gains and advantages from the same;
- Act as the main service bureau for all concerns regarding investment and local economic development in the City of Iloilo.

**SECTION 5. CREATION OF NEW POSITIONS.** Pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance, **Three (3) divisions, One (1) unit, and Sixteen (16) positions** are hereby created namely:

- City Government Department Head II – SG 26**
- Strategy Management Division**  
*Development Management Officer IV – SG 22*
- Investment Promotion and Industry/Enterprise Development Division**  
*Development Management Officer IV – SG 22*

*Development Management Officer III – SG 18*  
*Development Management Officer II – SG 15*

**D. Business and Permit/Licensing Division**

- Administrative Unit**  
*Administrative Officer II – SG 11*  
*(2) Administrative Assistant II – SG 8*  
*Administrative Aide VI – SG 6*  
*Administrative Aide III – SG 3*  
*(6) Administrative Aide II – SG 2*

**SECTION 6. RESPONSIBILITIES AND FUNCTIONS.** The main functions and qualifications of the newly created positions or applicable transferred positions are as follows:

- City Government Department Head II – SG 26**
  - Shall develop, supervise and implement the plans, programs and activities of the LEDIP Office;
  - Shall supervise the personnel of the LEDIP Office;
  - Shall formulate strategies in the implementation of the plans, programs and activities of the LEDIP Office;
  - Shall act as the focal person of the Iloilo City Government in local economic development and investment promotion;
  - Shall supervise the preparation, coordination, and execution of local economic development and investment promotion policies, programs, projects and activities of the City Government;
  - Shall supervise the administrative functions of the office such as the planning, budgeting and other related functions;
  - Shall supervise the preparation of the office annual report and other related reports;
  - Shall advise or recommend measures to the City Mayor related to local economic development and investment promotion in Iloilo City;
  - Shall perform other duties that may be assigned by the City Mayor from time to time.
- Development Management Officer IV – SG 22**
  - Shall supervise the personnel under the assigned division;
  - Shall formulate and implement short and long-term development plans, programs and projects;
  - Shall supervise direct plans, programs and projects of the division;
  - Shall prepare and submit reports;
  - Shall perform tasks that may be assigned by the head of office from time to time.
- Development Management Officer III – SG 18**
  - Shall formulate and implement short and long-term development plans, programs and projects;
  - Shall assist the head of division in directing plans, programs and projects of the division;
  - Shall conduct analysis and forecasting related to the functions of the division;
  - Shall prepare and submit reports;
  - Shall perform other tasks that may be assigned by the head of office from time to time.
- Development Management Officer II – SG 15**
  - Shall assist in the formulation and implementation of approved short and long-term development plans, programs and projects;
  - Shall assist the head of division in directing plans, programs and projects of the division;
  - Shall conduct analysis and forecasting related to the function of the division;
  - Shall prepare and submit reports;
  - Shall perform other tasks that may be assigned by the head of office from time to time.
- Administrative Officer II – SG 11**
  - Shall function as the administrative officer of the LEDIP Office;
  - Shall be in charge of all administrative concerns of LEDIP Office and its personnel;
  - Shall be in charge of office supplies and budget preparation, monitoring and assessment;
  - Shall prepare administrative annual reports;
  - Shall be in charge of the preparation of payrolls, vouchers, OBRs and other administrative documents;
  - Shall perform other tasks that may be assigned by the head of office from time to time.
- Administrative Assistant II – SG 8**
  - Shall assist the Administrative Officer of the office;
  - Shall assist in the preparation of administrative reports;
  - Shall assist in the processing of the documents of the LEDIP Office;
  - Shall assist in the preparation of payrolls, vouchers and other related documents;
  - Shall perform other administrative and clerical duties;
  - Shall perform other tasks that may be assigned by the head of office from time to time.
- Administrative Aide IV – SG 6**
  - Shall assist the processing of the documents of the LEDIP Office;
  - Shall assist in the preparation of payrolls, vouchers and other related documents;
  - Shall perform other administrative and clerical duties;
  - Shall perform other tasks that may be assigned by the head of office from time to time.
- Administrative Aide III – SG 3**
  - Shall be the official driver of the LEDIP Office;
  - Shall be responsible for the registration, maintenance and fuel needs of the official vehicles of the office;
  - Shall transport sick or injured patients safely;
  - Shall assist ambulance crew during response operations;
  - Shall perform other tasks that may be assigned by the head of office from time to time.
- Administrative Aide II – SG 2**
  - Shall collect and deliver intra and inter-office correspondence, documents, packages and other materials;
  - Shall assist in the processing of the documents of the LEDIP Office;
  - Shall perform other simple office duties;
  - Shall perform other tasks that may be assigned by the head of office from time to time.

**SECTION 7. TRANSFER OF EXISTING PLANTILLA POSITIONS.** The following Twelve (12) existing plantilla positions from the City Mayors Office (CMO) are hereby transferred to the Local Economic Development and Investment Promotion Office and are distributed according to the following:

**City Government Assistant Department Head II – SG 24, CMO, Item No. 104**

**Strategy Management Division**  
*Development Management Officer III – SG 18, CMO, Item No. 106*  
*Development Management Officer II – SG 15, CMO, Item No. 107*

**Investment Promotion and Industry/Enterprise Development Division**  
*Development Management Officer II – SG 15, CMO, Item No. 108*

**Business and Permit/Licensing Division**  
*Licensing Officer IV -SG 22, CMO, Item No. 109*  
*Licensing Officer III -SG 18, CMO, Item No. 110*  
*(2) Licensing Officer II – SG 15, CMO, Item No. 111 & 112*  
*(4) Licensing Officer I – SG 11, CMO, Item No. 113, 114, 115, & 116*

**SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION OF THE BUDGET FOR THE CREATION.** The Sangguniang Panlungsod shall appropriate a budget for the implementation of this ordinance through a subsequent appropriations ordinance.

**SECTION 9. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All other policies, resolutions, or ordinances, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 10. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If any provision of this ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions hereof not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

**SECTION 11. EFFECTIVITY.** This ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation in Iloilo City.

**ENACTED, February 28, 2024.**

I hereby certify to the correctness of the above quoted-ordinance.

(SGD.) RUTH H. ARROYO  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED  
TO BE DULY ENACTED:

APPROVED:

(SGD.) JEFFREY P. GANZON  
City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

(SGD.) JERRY P. TREÑAS  
City Mayor

# New Antique- Iloilo road to boost tourism industry

**SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, Antique – Opening a new road connecting Antique and Iloilo provinces will boost the tourism industry, especially in Barangay Aningalan in San Remigio.**

The new road connects from Iloilo City, passing through municipalities of Oton, Tigbauan, Guimbal, and Tubungan in Iloilo to Aningalan.

“Iloilo City is only about one and a half hours now from Aningalan, San Remigio because of the road opening,” said Mayor Margarito Mission, Jr., in an interview on Monday.

He said that before, traveling to Aningalan takes around three hours. From Iloilo City, one has to travel via the Hamtic town for two hours and another hour to Aningalan.

The barangay is known as “Little Baguio” of Antique.

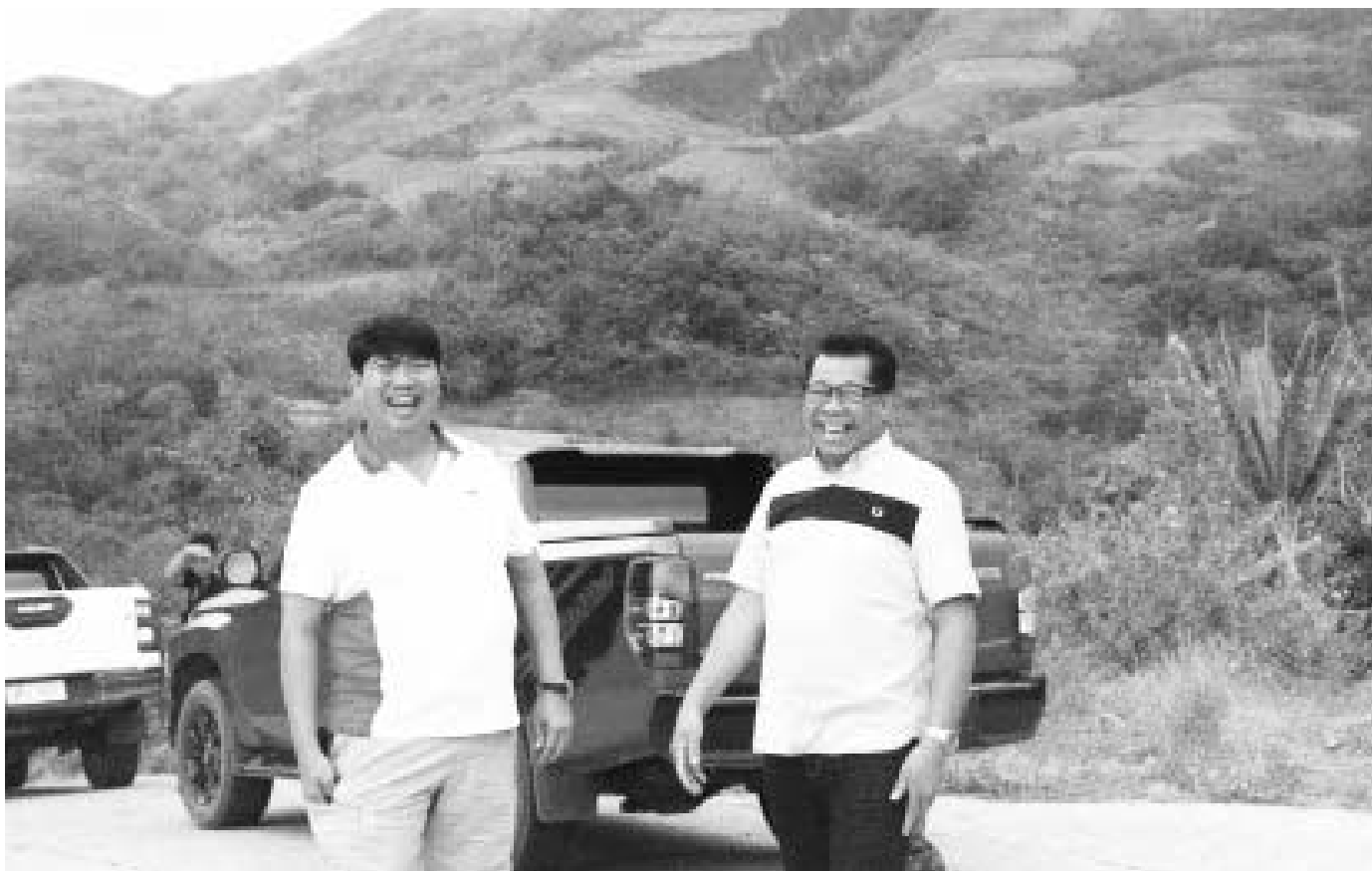
The new road opened ahead of the Holy Week, allowing tourists to spend their Lent in the destination, a respite from the extreme heat because of its cooler environment.

While he has no exact number of tourists who visited Aningalan last week, he said it could be a record high.

“The road will also be an alternative to the Hamtic, Antique to San Joaquin (route) that frequently experiences landslides,” he said.

Mission and Miag-ao, Iloilo Mayor Oscar “Richard” Garin Jr. had an ocular inspection of the remaining 1.6 kilometers of unpaved road from the portion of Iloilo on March 24.

The Antique official requested Garin to seek help from Iloilo’s First District Rep. Janette Garin, for the clearing and graveling of the road portion. (PNA)



**ROAD OPENING.** Miag-ao Mayor Oscar “Richard” Garin, Jr. (left) and San Remigio Mayor Margarito Mission, Jr. conduct an ocular inspection of the remaining unpaved portion of the Iloilo road that connects to Barangay Aningalan in San Remigio, Antique, on March 24, 2024. Mission said in an interview on Monday (April 1, 2024) that the road opening will boost the tourism industry in his municipality. (Photo courtesy of San Remigio LGU)

## Bacolod City delivers water to El Niño-hit households

**BACOLOD CITY –** The city government here has initiated the “Patubig Sa Barangay” to provide supply to households with limited or dried-up water sources due to prolonged dry weather brought by El Niño.

Mayor Alfredo Abelardo Benitez said on Wednesday it is important to ensure every household in the city has access to clean and reliable water.

“This initiative is particularly crucial amid the threat of El Niño and the

ongoing improvements by Bacolod City Water District (Baciwa)-Primewater,” he said in a statement.

On Wednesday, water trucks were deployed to some areas in Barangays 32, 33 and 26.

The day before, water was also distributed to households in Purok (District) Masagana, Purok Progreso, and Purok Tumpok in Barangay Taculing, and in Bata Elementary School.

“We are committed to ensuring every resident has access to clean and reliable

water, especially during challenging times such as El Niño,” Benitez said.

He added that a filtration system will also be installed in water trucks to make the supply potable.

Villages, where residents need water supply, are advised to submit requests to the Public Affairs and Assistance Division, which will coordinate the schedule of delivery with the fire stations and water truck service personnel.

The Bureau of Fire  
**BACOLOD CITY / page 11**



**WATER DISTRIBUTION.** The “Patubig sa Barangay” initiative of Bacolod City delivers water to residents of Barangay Taculing on Tuesday (April 2, 2024). Mayor Alfredo Abelardo Benitez said they are committed to ensuring every resident has access to clean and reliable water, especially during the El Niño. (Photo courtesy of Bacolod City PIO)



**INDIGENOUS PEOPLES.** The Antique provincial board approves on final reading an ordinance creating the Provincial Indigenous Peoples Office (PIPO) during its regular session on Monday (April 1, 2024). Ordinance sponsor board member Karmila Rose Dimamay said the PIPO will attend to the needs of the IP communities in Antique. (PNA photo by Annabel Consuelo J. Petinglay)

**SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, Antique –** An office dedicated to indigenous peoples (IP) got the nod of the Antique provincial board during its regular session on Monday.

The Provincial Indigenous Peoples Office (PIPO) is mandated under an ordinance passed on final reading by the provincial board to respond to the needs of some 38,440 IPs in Antique, assuring them of their maximum participation in the direction of education, health as well as other services, said board member Karmila Rose Dimamay.

“Antique has three IP communities, namely

## Antique gov’t creates office for indigenous peoples

Iraynon Bukidnon, Cuyonon, and Ati, which also need to be given priority in terms of better healthcare and livelihood,” Dimamay said during her report to the provincial board.

The ordinance carries with it a provision for an annual allocation of PHP3 million for maintenance and other operating expenses.

The office will advise the Office of the Governor on matters relating to IPs and coordinate with the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP)

and all existing IP desks in the province in formulating projects and programs for the benefit of their sector.

An IP desk under the Provincial Youth Development Office (PYDO) currently looks after their concerns.

Elpidio Canja, an IP Mandatory Representative (IPMR) in the municipality of Valderrama, welcomed the creation of the office because it would help them push for IP representation in the municipal councils of 17

**ANTIQUE / page 13**



**ILOILO GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB, INC.  
STA. BARBARA, ILOILO**

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL  
STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING**

Notice is hereby given to all shareholders that the Reschedule of Annual Stockholders' Meeting of the ILOILO GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB, INC. will be held on May 12, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at its Clubhouse in Sta. Barbara, Province of Iloilo.

All proxies for the May 12, 2024 Stockholders' Meeting must be submitted **not later than May 10, 2024, 4:00 P.M.**

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Determination of Quorum
3. Proof of due notice of the meeting
4. Reading and approval of the minutes of the stockholders' meeting held on March 19, 2023
5. Report of the President
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Approval and ratification of all contracts and transactions of the corporation and all acts and proceedings of the Board of Directors for the year 2023
8. Election of Directors for the year 2024
9. Discussion of such other matters that may properly come up before the meeting which are within the ordinary concerns of the corporation
10. Adjournment

**(SGD.) ATTY. FITZGERALD P. MACALALAG**  
Corporate Secretary

NE/April 8, 15 & 22, 2024

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF JESUS G. BARRIDO**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late JESUS GUSTILO BARRIDO consisting of the following: (1) ½ share in TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 095-2012005844, Lot 2 located in La Paz, Iloilo City with an area of One Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Nine (1,339) square meters, more or less; (2) ¼ share in TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-128462, Lot 3-B located in Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of Two Hundred Seventy-Three (273) square meters, more or less; (3) 1/6 share in TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-52668, Lot 3935-A located in La Paz, Iloilo City with an area of One Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Nine (1,929) square meters, more or less; (4) 1/6 share in TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-52669, Lot 3935-B located in La Paz, Iloilo City with an area of One Thousand (1,000) square meters, more or less; (5) 1/6 share in TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-526670, Lot 3935-C located in La Paz, Iloilo City with an area of One Thousand Seven (1,007) square meters, more or less; (6) ½ share of TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2015003079, Lot 8-G-2 located in Brgy. Apologista, Sara, Iloilo with an area of Four Hundred One (401) square meters, more or less; (7) ½ share of TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2015003078, Lot 8-G-3 located in Brgy. Apologista, Sara, Iloilo with an area of Four Hundred One (401) square meters, more or less; (8) ½ share of TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2015003080, Lot 1-B-5 located in Brgy. Ferrariz, Sara, Iloilo with an area of ONE THOUSAND SIXTY ONE (1,061) square meters, more or less; (9) ½ share of TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2015003081, Lot 1-B-6 located in Brgy. Ferrariz/Zerrudo, Sara, Iloilo with an area of One Thousand Eighteen (1,018) square meters, more or less; (10) 598.50 square meters of TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-233362, Lot 1 located in Brgy. Ferrariz/Zerrudo, Sara, Iloilo; (11) ½ share of TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-233363, Lot 2 located in Brgy. Ferrariz/Zerrudo, Sara, Iloilo with an area of One Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Five (1,295) square meters, more or less; (12) ½ share of TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-233364, Lot 3 located in Brgy. Ferrariz/Zerrudo, Sara, Iloilo with an area of One Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Five (1,295) square meters, more or less; (13) ½ share of TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-233365, Lot 4 located in Brgy. Ferrariz/Zerrudo, Sara, Iloilo with an area of One Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Five (1,295) square meters, more or less; (14) ½ share of TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-233366, Lot 5 located in Brgy. Ferrariz/Zerrudo, Sara, Iloilo with an area of One Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Five (1,295) square meters, more or less; (15) ½ share of TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-233367, Lot 6 located in Brgy. Ferrariz/Zerrudo, Sara, Iloilo with an area of One Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Five (1,295) square meters, more or less; (16) ½ share of TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-233368, Lot 7 located in Brgy. Ferrariz/Zerrudo, Sara, Iloilo with an area of Two Thousand Five (2,005) square meters, more or less; (17) ½ share of TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-233369, Lot 8 located in Brgy. Ferrariz/Zerrudo, Sara, Iloilo with an area of Two Thousand Five (2,005) square meters, more or less; (18) ½ share of TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-233370, Lot 9 located in Brgy. Ferrariz/Zerrudo, Sara, Iloilo with an area of Two Thousand One Hundred (2,100) square meters, more or less; (19) ½ share of TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-233371, Lot 10 located in Brgy. Ferrariz/Zerrudo, Sara, Iloilo with an area of One Thousand Three Hundred Twenty (1,320) square meters, more or less; (20) ½ share of TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-233372, Lot 11 located in Brgy. Ferrariz/Zerrudo, Sara, Iloilo with an area of One Thousand Three Hundred Twenty (1,320) square meters, more or less; (21) ½ share of TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-233373, Lot 12 located in Brgy. Ferrariz/Zerrudo, Sara, Iloilo with an area of One Thousand Three Hundred Twenty (1,320) square meters, more or less; (22) ½ share of TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-233374, Lot 13 located in Brgy. Ferrariz/Zerrudo, Sara, Iloilo with an area of One Thousand Three Hundred Twenty (1,320) square meters, more or less; (23) ½ share of TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-233375, Lot 14 located in Brgy. Ferrariz/Zerrudo, Sara, Iloilo with an area of One Thousand Three Hundred Twenty (1,320) square meters, more or less; (24) ½ share of TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-233376, Lot 15 located in Brgy. Ferrariz/Zerrudo, Sara, Iloilo with an area of One Thousand Three Hundred Twenty (1,320) square meters; (25) ½ share OF TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-233377, Lot 16 located in Brgy. Ferrariz/Zerrudo, Sara, Iloilo with an area of Fifteen Thousand Thirty-Four (15,034) square meters, more or less; (26) ½ share of TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-234262, Lot 18 located in Brgy. Ferrariz/Zerrudo, Sara, Iloilo with an area of One Hundred Fifteen Thousand One Hundred Nine (115,109) square meters, more or less; (27) ½ share of TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-183083, Lot 1-B-7 located in Brgy. Ferraris, Sara, Iloilo with an area of Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Three (8,743) square meters, more or less; (28) ½ share of TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-183084, Lot 1-B-8 located in Brgy. Zerrudo, Sara, Iloilo with an area of Ten Thousand One Hundred Forty Eight (10,148) square meters, more or less; (29) ½ share of TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-217009323 (T-198607), Lot 8-D located in Brgy. Apologista, Sara, Iloilo with an area of Forty Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Nine (40,999) square meters, more or less; (30) ½ share of TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-81065, Lot 1-A located in Brgy. Bubog, Sara, Iloilo with an area of Thirty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Five (39,485) square meters, more or less; (31) 1/6 share of TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-72390, Lot No. 2, Plan Psu-60304, with the improvements thereof, located in Brgy. Cabura, Sara, Iloilo with an area of One Hundred Eighty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Seven (184,447) square meters, more or less; (32) 1/6 share of TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-72392, Lot No. 2, Plan Psu-60300 located in Brgy. Cabura, Sara, Iloilo with an area of Two Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Seven (257,937) square meters, more or less; (33) 1/6 share of TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-72393 (Lot 1) located in Brgy. Cabura, Sara, Iloilo with an area of Forty Nine Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-One (49,461) square meters, more or less; and (34) 1/6 share of TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-72393 (Lot 2) located in Brgy. Cabura, Sara, Iloilo with an area of One Thousand and Forty-Seven (1,047) square meters, more or less are adjudicated to heirs AMPARO CELIS BARRIDO (widow), JEROME C. BARRIDO, BARBRA RIA C. BARRIDO-STEFFEY, and BRIAN JOSEPH C. BARRIDO. That, AMPARO C. BARRIDO waives all her rights, interests and participation in the above estate of her late husband in favor of all their children, namely, JEROME C. BARRIDO, BARBRA RIA C. BARRIDO-STEFFEY, and BRIAN JOSEPH C. BARRIDO. Entered in the notarial registry of ATTY. IAN THOMAS M. BESANA per Doc. No. 34, Page No. 08, Book No. III, Series of 2024.

NE/March 25, April 1 & 8, 2024



**NO IN-PERSON CLASSES.** Iloilo City suspends in-person classes from preschool to Senior High School on April 1-2, 2024, due to extreme heat. Mayor Jerry Treñas, in a press conference Monday (April 1, 2024), said there is a possibility that the suspension of face-to-face classes will be extended once the heat index reaches over 40 degrees Celsius since most schools in Iloilo City, except for private schools, have no air conditioning units. (PNA photo by PGLena)

## W. Visayas public schools suspend F2F classes due to extreme heat

ILOILO CITY – Hundreds of public schools in Western Visayas shifted to alternative mode of learning delivery on Monday following the suspension of face-to-face (F2F) classes due to extreme heat, according to the Department of Education (DepEd) in the region. As of 3 p.m., a total of 840 schools in the region have suspended in-person classes

and shifted to alternative mode of learning, based on DepEd record.

DepEd regional information Hernani Escullar said the suspension of F2F classes covered the schools division offices (SDOs) in Iloilo City, Roxas City, Kabankalan City, Dumangas in Iloilo province, Silay City, Himamaylan City, Guimaras, Bacolod City and seven municipalities in

Negros Occidental.

“Most of these were based on the announcement of local chief executives, except for Guimaras where it was the school heads who declared. For those declared by the local government unit, we will wait for when they will lift their order,” he said in an interview.

He said during the suspension of F2F classes, **W. VISAYAS / page 13**

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
**REGIONAL TRIAL COURT**  
 6TH JUDICIAL REGION  
**BRANCH 22**  
 ILOILO CITY  
[rtc1ilo022@judiciary.gov.ph](mailto:rtc1ilo022@judiciary.gov.ph)  
 033-3279706

**SPL. PROC. NO. 23-15573**

**IN RE: IN THE MATTER OF CANCELLATION OF CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH, LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRY NO. 88-1, OF J. GORGIO COFREROS GALARAGA**

**RICARDO WINSTON D. COFREROS, et. al.,**  
 Petitioner/s

-versus-

**J. GORGIO COFREROS GALARAGA**  
**THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF OTON, ILOILO**  
**AND CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL, PHILIPPINE**  
**STATISTICS AUTHORITY,**  
 Respondents.

x-----x

**AMENDED ORDER**

Before this Court is a verified Petition for Cancellation of Certificate of Live Birth of J. GORGIO C. GALARAGA, filed by Counsel for Petitioners ATTY. ANNIE ROSE D. PARO. Petitioners alleges, among others, that they are nieces and nephews of deceased JOSEFINA COFREROS GALARAGA, who died intestate on October 26, 2023, in Oton, Iloilo. JOSEFINA COFREROS GALARAGA was born on December 25, 1939 at Barangay San Antonio Oton, Iloilo. Her Certificate of Live Birth was registered under Registry No. 2011-648. Petitioners personally know their aunt JOSEFINA COFREROS GALARAGA, who never bore a child of her own. However, petitioners soon found out that a certain J. GORGIO COFREROS GALARAGA, respondent in this case has a Certificate of Live Birth under Local Civil Registry Number 88-1, registered in the Philippine Statistics Authority, reflecting therein under the Mother's Name: JOSEFINA COFREROS GALARAGA, while his (RESPONDENT J. GORGIO COFREROS GALARAGA'S) date of birth: December 26, 1987. As alleged by Petitioners, their aunt's age if so, based on respondent's date of birth, was impossible to bear a child at age Forty Eight (48) years old during that time. Thusly, the said mentioned certificate of live birth of respondent, according to petitioners impairs their legal rights, considering that the same implies that he (respondent J. GORGIO COFREROS GALARAGA) is the legal compulsory heir of deceased JOSEFINA COFREROS GALARAGA, when in truth and in fact the said registration was clearly simulated, as he is not the heir of the latter. Petitioner consequently prays that after due notice and hearing, an Order be issued directing Respondents Local Civil Registry of Oton, Iloilo and Philippine Statistics Authority to cancel: CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRY NO. 88-1, of J. GORGIO COFREROS GALARAGA.

WHEREFORE, let the initial hearing of the petition be set on **June 6, 2024, at 8: 30 o'clock in the morning.**

At the petitioner's expense, let copy of this Order be published for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the City and Province of Iloilo. Let copy of this Order be posted in at least three (3) conspicuous public places in the : 1.) The Barangay, where the Petitioners reside; 2.) The Municipality of Oton, Iloilo and 3.) at the main entrance of the Chief Justice Ramon Avanceña Hall of Justice, Iloilo City, so that any person who may have interest thereto, may appear to show cause, why this petition should not be granted.

Furnish copy of this Order the Solicitor General, the Local Civil Registrar of Iloilo City, the Philippine Statistics Authority the Petitioners through counsel on record, as well as the Respondent J. Gorgio Cofreros Galaraga.

SO ORDERED.

Iloilo City, Philippines, March 19, 2024.

**(SGD.) REDENTOR E. ESPERANZA**  
 Presiding Judge

**BRT PROJECT . . . (from page 2)**

lines which is from Diversion Road, and Arevalo and Jaro districts, all the way to the City Proper, with 16 buses each line.

"We are very excited about this because we all know that the national government spent P70 to 80 billion for Cebu and Davao. Here, at no expense, ang aton BRT and kinanglan na naton ini. BRT has been operating in countries in Europe and the US for long time to manage traffic," the city mayor added. *(Glenda Tayona/Iloilo City PIO)*

**ILOILO CITY . . . (from page 3)**

He added the city also looks forward to the availability of the vaccine against ASF.

To recall, the city started to record positive cases of ASF in 2022.

City Veterinarian Dr. Fernando J. Abulencia said this recent achievement is a testament to Mayor Jerry P. Treñas' dedication in prioritizing food safety, public health, and local economy in his programs.

"We extend our gratitude to all barangay officials who have been instrumental partners in closely monitoring the situation and preventing further ASF infections," he added.

The City Veterinary Office also expressed commendation and appreciation to the city's ASF task force and all stakeholders and residents for their vigilance and adherence to preventive measures.

"This success story is a shining example of what can be accomplished through cooperation and collective effort," Abulencia added. *(Iloilo City PIO)*

**LGU'S URGED . . . (from page 5)**

government-owned land, so their feasibility study has to pass through the PPP Center for review and approval," Marfil said.

The projects are supposed to be built on government-owned lots in Barangay San Isidro and Petalsville Subdivision with Eon constructing around 1,260 units and close to 900 units by Ethan.

Marfil added that they are now waiting for Phinma to submit their technical plans. *(PNA)*

**BACOLOD CITY . . . (from page 9)**

Protection-Bacolod City Fire Station has also been serving areas with limited water supply since last month upon request of the village officials.

Last month, Benitez formed a coordinating action team mainly to expedite the implementation of vital infrastructure to improve water supply for Bacolodnons.

The body, which the mayor himself chairs, is working to 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.

Benitez noted "as much as 15 percent" reduction in the level of the city's water sources, based on the report of Baciwa-PrimeWater. *(PNA)*



**CISCHO BLDG. MABOLO DELGADO ILOILO CITY**

**FREE COMPUTERIZE MACHINE CHECK-UP**

every Sunday to Friday 9am to 5pm

**GUSTO KA BALANG MAG-AYO SANG IMO BALATI-AN...?**

Nage-antus ka bala sang balati-an kaangay sang Arthritis, Diabetes, Asthma, Cancer, **MAYUMA**, Highblood Pressure, Sakit sa kidney, pungod, problema sa sex, prostate problem kag madamo pa...?

Madamo na bala nga Doktor ang imo nakadtoan kag napakonsultahan apang wala gihapon ikaw nag-ayo?

Para sa solusyon sang imo balati-an magkadto na sa **RCL ALTERNATIVE & HEALTH FOOD CENTER**  
 Nahamtang sa CISCHO BLDG. MABOLO DELGADO ILOILO CITY dira mabakal ang tanan klase sang HEALTH FOOD COMBINATION, ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE kag Food Supplement available man ang mga Health Combination "EDUKASYON PARA SA IKAAYONG LAWAS" nga inyo mabati-an sa **RCL ALTERNATIVE & HEALTH FOOD CENTER** Ang Masaligan mu nga katimbang sa ika-ayong Lawas  
 Sa dugang nga kasayuran magpakig-angot kay Doc Gico sa  
 Cell # 0910-126-4595

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
**REGIONAL TRIAL COURT**  
 6TH JUDICIAL REGION  
**OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT**  
**and EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF OF ILOILO**  
 Chief Justice Ramon Q. Avanceña Hall of Justice  
**Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City**  
[rtc1ilo0cc@judiciary.gov.ph](mailto:rtc1ilo0cc@judiciary.gov.ph)  
**(033) 3353190**  
 -oOo-

FORECLOSURE NO. F-10923-24

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

**BDO UNIBANK, INC., (formerly BANCO DE ORO UNIBANK, INC.),**  
 Mortgagee,  
 -versus-

**DONNA A. DELOS SANTOS rep. by**  
**Attorney-In-Fact, Teresita A. Tejamo,**  
 Debtor/Mortgagor.

x-----x

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

Upon extra judicial petition for sale under Act No. 3135 as amended by Act No. 4118 filed by the mortgagee **BDO UNIBANK, INC., (formerly BANCO DE ORO UNIBANK, INC.)**, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal office address at BDO Corporate Center, 7899 Makati Avenue, Makati City, Metro Manila, Philippines against **debtor/mortgagor DONNA A. DELOS SANTOS**, of legal age, Filipino, with postal addresses at (1) 295 Zone II, Veterans Village, Iloilo City (2) Block 3, Lot 3, Savannah Orchard C, Brgy. Abilay Norte, Oton, Iloilo represented by her Attorney-In-Fact, Teresita A. Tejamo to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of February 15, 2024, amounted to **TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED ONE PESOS & 78/100 (P2,525,101.78)**, Philippine Currency, exclusive of interest, penalties and other charges, plus attorney's fees, publication cost, Sheriff's legal expenses and other incidental expenses of foreclosure and auction sale, the **Ex-Officio Sheriff of Iloilo or any of his lawful deputies** will sell at public auction on **MAY 22, 2024** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the **Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, G/F Chief Justice Ramon Q. Avanceña Hall of Justice, Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City, to the HIGHEST BIDDER, for CASH or MANAGER'S CHECK** and in Philippine Currency, the following real property, including buildings and all improvements found thereon, to wit:

**Registry of Deeds for Iloilo, Iloilo**  
**Transfer Certificate of Title No. 090-2022015816**

*IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BARANGAY OF ABILAY NORTE, MUNICIPALITY OF OTON, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY, bounded and described as follows:*  
**LOT NO: 3 BLOCK NO: 3 PLAN NO: PCS-06-006538**  
**PORTION OF: LOT 1, BLOCK 23, PCS-06-005142,**  
**LOT 1 AND 3, BOTH (LRC) PCS-1217**  
**AND LOT 2-B, BCS-06-001676 (OLT);**

*is registered in accordance with the provision of the Property Registration Decree in the name of*  
**Owner: DONNA A. DELOS SANTOS, SINGLE,**  
**OF LEGAL AGE, FILIPINO**  
**Address: 295 ZONE III, BRGY. VETERANS VILLAGE,**  
**ILOILO CITY**

X X X  
**AREA: EIGHTY EIGHT (88) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS"**

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the aforementioned time and date. In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **MAY 29, 2024** at the same time and place aforementioned without further notice.

Prospective buyers and/or bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of the above-described property and encumbrances existing thereon, if any there be. Let this Notice of Sale be published and posted in accordance with the provisions of law.  
 Iloilo City, Philippines, **March 4, 2024**

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

**(SGD.) RITO RUEL A. CASTEN**  
 Sheriff IV/Sheriff-In-Charge

**WARNING:**  
 It is absolutely prohibited to remove, deface or destroy this Notice of Sale on or before the date of sale, under penalty of law.

## DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL ADJUDICATION

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

NE/March 25, April 1 & 8, 2024

## DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **EUGENIO GALANTO** consisting of parcels of land with improvement situated at Bubog, Sibunag, Guimaras known as Lot No. 5215-32, Csd-06-005474 identical to Lot 7733, Psc-40, being S. 54-27., E covered by **Original Certificate of Title No. FG-1053** with an area of **EIGHTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE (18,553) square meters, more or less** and Lot No. 5215-26, Csd-06-005474 identical to Lot 7727, Psc-40, being S. 54-03 E., covered by **Original Certificate of Title No. FG-1054** with an area of **FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE (5,853) square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **ROSALINA GALANTO, EUFEMIA MARTIN, BELEN G. WILLEMS, EUGENE G. GALANTO, VENUS GALANTO LABARRE and NENA GALANTO TORRES**. That, the heirs hereby give **Special Power of Attorney** to **Atty. Mary Louise S. Villegas and/or Angel Marie A. Duclayan** to represent them in all transactions related therein as entered in the notarial registry of **Vice Consul VIDA SORAYA S. VERZOSA, Philippine Consulate General, City of Calgary, Alberta, Canada** per Doc. No. 2023NO28764, Page No. 26, Book No. IV, Series of 2023.

NE/April 1, 8 & 15, 2024

## AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS

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

NE/March 25, April 1 & 8, 2024

## DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **FELOMINO P. VILCHEZ** known as a parcel of land Lot No. 7731-B, PSD-06-053904 located in Bubog, Sibunag, Guimaras covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2022017329** with an area of **ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY (1,780) SQUARE METERS, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **SOPHIA V. VILCHEZ, PACENCIA T. VILCHEZ, NANCY V. INFANTE, LEO V. VILCHEZ, ALLAN V. VILCHEZ, RAYMER V. VILCHEZ, JOHNNY V. VILCHEZ, and AMALIA V. MELLIZA**. That, all the heirs agreed to **SELL, CEDE, TRANSFER and CONVEY** by way of Absolute Sale the above-described lot in favor of **NENA GALANTO TORRES**, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. April Joy A. Ortilano-Cajilo** per Doc. No. 266, Page No. 55, Book No. I, Series of 2023.

NE/April 1, 8 & 15, 2024

## NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the Estate of **FRANCISCO ALBA and ADELINA BARRIOS** Consisting of Lot 1, CCS-06-000124 Identical to Lot 1443, Cad-633-D under **Katibayan Ng Orihinal Na Titulo F-39400** with an area of **700 Sq. Meters** located at Estancia, Iloilo has been the Subject of an Extrajudicial Settlement With Absolute Sale as per document Deed of Extrajudicial Settlement With Absolute Sale dated 19 March 2024 known as Doc. No. 217; Page No. 45; Book No. 207, Series of 2024 of Notary Public **ATTY. EDUARDO N. REYES, JR.**

NE/April 1, 8 & 15, 2024

FOR YOUR ADVERTISING NEEDS  
Please contact  
TEL. NO. 320-1509 / 508-8725

## DEED OF ADJUDICATION AND WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **CONSUELO D. DULLA** known as a parcel of land Lot No. 2327-B, of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-269810, being a portion of Lot 2327, Dumangas Cad. Rec. No. 623, located at Brgy. Baras, Dumangas, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-94062** with an area of **SIX HUNDRED FORTY NINE (649) SQUARE METERS, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **SERAFIN D. DULLA and MARIA D. DULLA**. That, **MARIA D. DULLA, WAIVE, DONATE, CEDE, TRANSFER and CONVEY** unto **SERAFIN D. DULLA** all her rights, interests and participation over the above-said property as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Rey G. Canindo** per Doc. No. 122, Page No. 26, Book No. 4, Series of 2019.

NE/April 8, 15 & 22, 2024

## DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **SUSAN CASTRONUEVO SOBEZA** known as a bank deposit with **Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI)** under **Account No. 9229-1800-34** is adjudicated to heirs **Marcelino C. Sobeza, Agnes S. Dalumpines, Patricia S. Pineda, and Marilyn S. Bacalso**. That, the heirs/adjudicatees agreed to give full power and authority to their sister **Marilyn S. Bacalso** to process, transact at any banks, government and private offices. Entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Claudio S. Segaya Jr.** per Doc. No. 278, Page No. 56, Book No. XII, Series of 2024.

NE/April 8, 15 & 22, 2024

## Iloilo keeps Lent traditions alive from praying for rain to healing

ILOILO CITY – Close to 100 "babaylans" or shamans from Iloilo and other parts of Western Visayas will gather in Barangay Batga in the town of Tubungan, Iloilo, on Good Friday to perform a "Pana-et", an age-old ritual of lamentations, peace offering, and thanksgiving.

The ritual involves preparations and revelry, sacrificing animals and offering them to appease the spirits, seek approval, or give thanks or appreciation, said Gilbert Marin, Iloilo Provincial Culture, Arts, History and Tourism Office (PCAHTO) head, in an interview.

"Maybe because of the current situation of the environment, they will be asking for rain," he said on Thursday.

It is also an opportunity to energize their power and skills to perform healing and it is held every seven years on Good Friday but they also gather annually when requested.

The tourism officer said the Pana-et is just one of the many Lenten practices observed in Iloilo

While open to the public, there are only designated areas where they can watch; the rest of the place is sacred for the "babaylans" to perform the ritual.

Dressed in a red shirt, red sash, and red, white, and blue belt with a star, they would gather at "the holy well" or El Pozo Santo. There is a separate well for male and female "babaylans" to wash their hands and face for cleansing.

"The head babaylan will chant a ritual, and the rest of the babaylans will go around this house like a bahay-kubo, serving as their altar. There is a table in front filled with their ritual food, kakanin, and the black pig that will be slaughtered serving as an offering," he added.

Barangay Batga is around seven kilometers from the town proper, a very scenic and historical site.



## DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **ROMEO PACLIBAR** consisting of the following parcels of land, to wit: 1) **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-226835**, Lot 22 Block 3, Pcs-06-004007 being a cons. Subd. of Lots 43,73,74, 63 Bcs-06-000042 (OLT), situated in Brgy. Pulo Maestra Vita, Oton, Iloilo with an area of **ONE HUNDRED (100) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS;** 2) **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-149898**, Lot 10 Block 18, situated in Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of **THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX (376) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS;** 3) **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-165,884**, Lot 11, Block 3 situated in Brgy. Cagamutan Norte, Leganes, Iloilo with an area of **TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY (280) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS;** 4) **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-164,902**, Lot 8981-A, Ped-06-031158, being a portion of Lot 8981, Cad. 7, Sta. Barbara Cadastre, situated in Brgy. Mambuoy, Sta. Barbara, Iloilo with an area of **EIGHTEEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED ONE (18,181) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS;** 5) **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-148680**, Lot 12, Block 3 situated in Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of **THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX (336) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS;** 6) **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-78012**, Lot 34, Block 2 situated in Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of **TWO HUNDRED FOURTEEN (214) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS;** 7) **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-125683**, Lot 22, Block 3 situated in Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of **TWO HUNDRED FORTY (240) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS;** 8) **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 095-2010000067**, Lot 33, Block 2 situated in Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of **TWO HUNDRED SIXTEEN (216) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS;** 9) **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-226834**, Lot 20, Block 3, Pcs-06-004007 being a cons.-subd. of Lots 43, 73, 74 & 53 Bcs-06-000042 (OLT), situated in Brgy. Pulo Maestra Vita, Oton, Iloilo with an area of **ONE HUNDRED (100) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS;** 10) **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 095-2021002340**, Lot 14, Block 10 situated in Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of **TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY (280) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS** are adjudicated to heirs **SARAH F. PACLIBAR, FRITZ RYAN F. PACLIBAR, RIZZA F. PACLIBAR AND FRIZZA F. PACLIBAR**, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Edward Datseen T. Giagone** per Doc. No. 13, Page No. 4, Book No. I, Series of 2023.

NE/March 25, April 1 & 8, 2024

## DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **ALBERTO TOLEDO, SR.** known as a parcel of land Lot No. 263, Cad. 569-D situated at Brgy. Poblacion Sur, Balasan, Iloilo covered by **KATIBAYAN NG ORIHINAL NA TITULO BLG. F-49228** with an area of **THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-TWO (382) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS** is adjudicated to sole heir **MARGARITA DUREMDES TOLEDO**. That, the heir hereby **SELL, CEDE, TRANSFER and CONVEY** the above-said lot unto **BALASAN LIVELIHOOD EMPOWERMENT FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION (BLEEST) MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE** represented by its **MANAGER RENA S. BARRETO**, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Alfonso D. Deboque** per Doc. No. 423, Page No. 85, Book No. IV, Series of 2021.

NE/April 1, 8 & 15, 2024

A cross in the barangay serving as a marker reminds the public of the death of a Spanish friar who wanted to baptize them into Christianity in the area who were pagans or babaylans.

"The priest wanted to Christianize them because they were pagans but he was killed by the babaylans. His visit was misinterpreted," Marin said.

In the municipality of Cabatuan, their observance of the Passion is like Christmas because it is a competition.]

He said they have Stations of the Cross decorated with indigenous materials with life-size images of the 14 stations.

"What is interesting is that you can see the tradition being passed to generation," he said, adding that the activity is participated by both the young and the old.

The municipality of Barotac Viejo has its "Pagtaltal" or the re-enactment of the passion of Christ on Good Friday, which is now in its 57th year.

The municipality of Sta. Barbara has its century-old tradition known as "Pasyon," where the life story of Jesus Christ is told through singing. (PNA)

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
**REGIONAL TRIAL COURT**  
 6<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL REGION  
**Branch 76**  
 Janiuay, Iloilo  
 Email: Contact nos. (033) 503 5371 / 320 5408  
 Email: [rtc2jvj076@judiciary.gov.ph](mailto:rtc2jvj076@judiciary.gov.ph)

Spl. Proc. No. 24-0191

IN RE: PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF  
 ENTRIES IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE  
 BIRTH OF HARRY MANEJO STA.  
 ROMANA

HARRY MANEJO STA. ROMANA,  
 Petitioner,

-versus-

MELECIO BAYLIN STA. ROMANA AND  
 MERLA STA. ROMANA MANEJO

AND

LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF MAASIN,  
 ILOILO, and PHILIPPINE STATISTICS  
 AUTHORITY,  
 Respondents.

x-----X

**ORDER**

A verified petition was filed before this Court by petitioner, thru counsel, praying that after due hearing, judgment be rendered:

1. Ordering the Local Civil Registrar of Maasin, Iloilo to remove/delete the date and place of marriage of petitioner parents in his Certificate of Live Birth;
2. Ordering the Local Civil Registrar of Maasin, Iloilo to indicate in the Certificate of Live Birth of the Petitioner the Admission of Paternity executed by his biological father;
3. To allow the Petitioner to continue to use the surname of his biological father, and;
4. Ordering the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) to issue a new certificate of Live birth in favor of the Petitioner indicating the proper correction and deletion.

Finding the said petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the same is hereby set for hearing on **June 24, 2024, at 8:30 in the morning** before this Court. Notice is hereby given that any person who has objection to this petition may file his/her opposition thereto within 15 days from service or last day of publication of this Order, stating the grounds or reasons therefor.

The petitioner shall cause this Order to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City and Province of Iloilo, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, such that the last publication should be at least fifteen (15) days before the date of hearing.

Furnish copy of this Order the Petitioner, Atty. Fatima Mae Muyor, the Office of the Solicitor General, the Local Civil Registrar of Maasin, Iloilo, the Philippine Statistics Authority, and the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor of Iloilo.

SO ORDERED.

Janiuay, Iloilo, Philippines, March 11, 2024.

**(SGD.) GEMALYN FAUNILLO - TAROL**  
 Presiding Judge

NE/April 8, 15 & 22, 2024

# Faith-based tourist sites attract pilgrims in Negros Occidental

BACOLOD CITY – Police assistance desks have been set up in popular faith-based sites in Negros Occidental, located in the municipalities of Isabela and La Castellana, to secure hundreds of visitors on Holy Thursday and Good Friday.

In Isabela, the Glory Hill in Barangay Mansablay features a 45-foot steel cross at the hilltop while in the adjacent La Castellana, a 40-foot Holy Cross, can be visited at the Mandayao Panorama View Park in Barangay Mansalanao.

Capt. Arjay Dangarang, officer-in-charge of Isabela Municipal Police Station, said in an interview they are coordinating with the Philippine National Police Special Action Force and the Philippine Army to ensure the safety and security of trekkers.

“We have 24-hour security in the area,” he said.

Personnel of the Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office, Municipal Health Office and Bureau of Fire Protection man the first aid and emergency response station.

The Glory Hill cross can be reached after about a two-hour climb, and during the trek, pilgrims pass by the 14 Stations of the Cross along cemented stairways and steep pathways.

There are also visitors who opt to stay the night in camp sites near the giant cross.

From the newly-constructed viewing deck, visitors can watch the sunrise and the sunset.

Based on the guidelines set by the municipal government, all visitors must log in at the entrance and are advised to follow the designated dress code.

They must also dispose of garbage in designated trash bins and maintain proper decorum by not making loud noise.

Weapons, gambling paraphernalia and alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited and bonfires are not permitted on the premises.

In La Castellana, the pedestal of the gigantic Holy Cross, standing on a hilly field in Barangay Mansalanao, can be reached after an 83-step climb.

Alongside the religious structure is the Virgin Mary and Jesus Christ Shrine, which are the centerpiece of the Century Leaf Garden, a jump-off point to the town’s tourism highway.

Maj. Sherwin Fernandez, officer-in-charge of La Castellana Municipal Police Station, said in a separate interview they have deployed personnel in various places of convergence, particularly at the Mandayao Panorama View Park.

“So far, the observance of the Holy Week is peaceful and we hope it will continue. We ask visitors to be responsible in disposing trash and we remind them not (to) bring alcoholic drinks and bladed weapons,” he added. (PNA)

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
**REGIONAL TRIAL COURT**  
 6<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL REGION  
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE JUDGE**  
**Branch 76**  
 Janiuay, Iloilo  
 (033) 503 5371/ 320 5406  
[rtc2jyf076@judiciary.gov.ph](mailto:rtc2jyf076@judiciary.gov.ph)

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

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

**Atty. ANNALEOH L. ARTIEDA**

shall be held on **May 7, 2024 at 2:00 in the afternoon** in the Office of the Executive Judge, Regional Trial Court Branch 76, Janiuay, Iloilo.

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

Janiuay, Iloilo, Philippines, March 19, 2024.

**(SGD.) GEMALYN FAUNILLO - TAROL**  
 Executive Judge

NE/April 8, 2024

**ANTIQUÉ . . . (from page 9)**

other towns in Antique.

“Right now, I am the only IPMR in the province of Antique,” he said.

As an IPMR, he lobbied for livelihood programs such as hog-fattening for IPs in their municipality, as well as bringing up their other concerns to the attention of their municipal council.

Seven of the 22 barangays of Valderrama, with about 9,000 population, are certified as 100 percent IP barangays. (PNA)

**W. VISAYAS . . . (from page 10)**

they ensure that learners meet the target learning competencies.

“We have to make sure that we abide by Republic Act 11480 that there should be not less than 200 but not more than 220 school days in a school year,” he said.

He added there should be a monitoring and evaluation to ensure the learning competency or learners continue their studies in the comfort of their homes.

Since providing education is a shared responsibility between the DepEd and parents, the latter has to guide their children at home to ensure learning continuity, he said.

In a press conference, Mayor Jerry Treñas said there is a possibility that the April 1-2 suspension of F2F classes will be extended since most schools in Iloilo City, except for private schools, have no air conditioning units once the heat index reaches over 40 degrees Celsius.

Based on the five-day highest heat index forecasted by the state weather bureau on March 31, four areas in Western Visayas will experience a 41 degrees Celsius heat index on April 1, including Iloilo City, Roxas City, Dumangas in Iloilo province, and La Carlota in Negros Occidental, and 40 degrees Celsius in Mambusao town in Capiz.

On April 2, except for Mambusao, which is forecasted to experience a 41 degrees Celsius heat index, the four others will have 42 degrees Celsius. (PNA)



FAITH-BASED SITES. The 45-foot steel cross at the Glory Hill (left) in Barangay Mansablay, Isabela, Negros Occidental on Thursday (March 28, 2024). In the adjacent La Castellana, a 40-foot Holy Cross (right) can be visited at the Mandayao Panorama View Park in Barangay Mansalanao. (Photos courtesy of Isabela and La Castellana, Negros Occidental LGUs)



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. No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **GLORIA P. HORTILLOSA** has filed with this office a Petition for Change of First Name from "**CUPID**" to "**NICOLAS CUPID JR.**" in the birth certificate of **CUPID BUENO HORTILLOSA** who was born on **November 10, 1968** at **V Luna General Hospital, Quezon City**.

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

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

NE/April 8, 2024 & April 15, 2024

Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Guimaras  
Municipality of Jordan  
**OFFICE OF THE LOCAL 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 **ZALDI G. DELA CRUZ** has filed with this Office, a petition for correction of **date of birth** from "**JUNE 30, 1971**" to "**MAY 30, 1971**" and a petition for change of first name from "**REY**" to "**ZALDI**" in the Certificate of Live Birth of **REY G. DE LA CRUZ** at **JORDAN, GUIMARAS** and whose parents are **LEONARDO DE LA CRUZ** and **SALVACION GRANADA**.

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

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

NE/April 8, 2024 & April 15, 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 **ERWIN L. CATUNAO** has filed with this office a petition for correction of entry in **CHILD'S SEX** from FEMALE to **MALE**, in the Certificate of Live Birth of **ERWIN LAGUNDO CATUNAO** who was born on **JULY 30, 2005** at **Pototan, Iloilo** and whose parents are **ARNOLD A. CATUNAO** and **ANNA BELLE C. LAGUNDO**.

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/April 8, 2024 & April 15, 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 **MA. PILAR PALACIOS LEBANAN** has filed with this office a petition for **CHANGE OF FIRST NAME** from **MARIA PILAR** to **MA. PILAR** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **MA. PILAR PEDREGOSA PALACIOS** was born on **MAY 26, 1981** at **Pototan, Iloilo** and whose parents are **LEO S. PALACIOS** and **GLORIA P. PEDREGOSA**.

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

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

NE/April 8, 2024 & April 15, 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 **DONNA SOQUEÑO PANES** has filed with this office a petition for correction of entry in **CHILD'S DATE OF BIRTH** from **OCTOBER 26, 1970** to **OCTOBER 24, 1970**, in the Certificate of Live Birth of **DONNA CONSULAR SOQUEÑO** who was born on **OCTOBER 24, 1970** at **Pototan, Iloilo** and whose parents are **PATERNO M. SOQUEÑO** and **LYDIA P. CONSULAR**.

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/April 8, 2024 & April 15, 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 **IMEROSE GALGO PASTERA** 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 **IMEROSE JAPITANA GALGO** who was born on **DECEMBER 8, 1991** at **Pototan, Iloilo** and whose parents are **DANILO P. GALGO** and **ROSALIE T. JAPITANA**.

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/April 8, 2024 & April 15, 2024

Republic of the Philippines  
Local Civil Registry Office  
Province: ILOILO  
Municipality: SAN DIONISIO

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

In compliance with Section 5 of **R.A. No. 9048**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **TEODORICO B. TINASAS** has filed with this Office a Petition for Change of First Name from **TEDDY** to **TEODORICO** in the birth certificate of **TEDDY B. TEWASAS** who was born on **March 9, 1958** at **San Dionisio, Iloilo** and whose parents are **Francisco Tinastas** and **Violeta Bermejo**.

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

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

NE/April 8 2024 & April 15, 2024

# Female saints in procession: Recognition of roles in ministry

**SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA**, Antique –The Iglesia Filipina Independiente (IFI) or the Philippine Independent Church Cathedral in the Municipality of Sibalom features mostly female saints in their religious procession this Lent in recognition of their strong commitment to the ministry.

"If we observe during the procession, there are more women images than men because women followed Jesus up to the foot of the cross," said Bishop Leon Estrella on Thursday.



**PROCESSION.** St. Martha, one of the women saint images featured during the procession of the Philippine Independent Church Cathedral in the Municipality of Sibalom on Thursday (March 28, 2024). Bishop Leon Estrella said in an interview that women have shown their strong commitment to the ministry, which is why the images in their cathedral are mostly women saints. (Photo courtesy of IFI Cathedral)

He said women witnessed Jesus perform miracles. They were around when He was crucified and spread the good news of His resurrection.

Jesus also paid attention to women, the sick, and the poor to give them hope and preach the good news of salvation.

"The coming out of the images is not for the sake of procession, but it is proclaiming the gospel," Estrella said.

Around 14 of the 53 saint

images of the IFI are women, including Mother Mary, St. Susana, St. Veronica, St. Jacobe, St. Salome, St. Martha, St. Mary of Bethany, and St. Mary Magdalene.

"Century-old images are also of St. Cleofe and St. Jacobe," Estrella said.

Women saints are also in their 21 tableaus, including **FEMALE / page 15**



Republic of the Philippines  
Local Civil Registry Office  
Province of: Antique  
City/Municipality: Barbaza

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

In compliance with Section 5 R.A. No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **CLAUDIO ALACAPA** (complete name of petitioner) **MAGBANUA** has filed with this Office a Petition for Change of First Name from **RAFAEL CLAUDIO** to **CLAUDIO** in the Birth Certificate of **RAFAEL CLAUDIO ALACAPA MAGBANUA** who was born on **July 1, 1951** at **Barbaza, Antique** whose parents are **RAMON MAGBANUA** and **ANECITAS ALACAPA**.

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

(SGD.) **JACOBINA R. ALABADO**  
Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/ April 1, 2024 & April 8, 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 **IVY ROSE V, ACUESA** 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 **ANGEL ROSE V. ACUESA** who was born on **DECEMBER 2, 2012** at **Pototan, Iloilo** and whose parents are **ERIC A. ACUESA** and **IVY ROSE S. VELASCO**.

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/ April 1, 2024 & April 8, 2024



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



**DIOSDADO M. DOMINGO**

**CASE NO. MRO VI 24-009**

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

Applicant requested for Approval of Sale and Transfer of Ownership of the vessel named **MBca "ANGELICA JEAN 2"** owned by **RUELITO B. RELATIVO (VENDOR)** to **DIOSDADO M. DOMINGO (VENDEE)**.

This application will be heard by this Authority on **10 April 2024, 2:00 PM** at Maritime Regional Office VI Bldg., De La Rama St., Iloilo City, at which herein applicant shall present its/his/her/their evidence. Before the start of the actual hearing, a pre-hearing shall be conducted in accordance with Rule 7 of the Interim Rules of Practice and Procedure.

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

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

WITNESS, the MARINA Administrator, **Hon. Sonia B. Malaluan**, this **20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024**.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR:

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

nia/mma  
Vendor: Ruelito B. Relativo  
Address: Boracay Island, Malay, Aklan  
Vendee: Diosdado M. Domingo  
Address: Yapak, Malay, Aklan  
Office of the Solicitor General 134 Amorsolo St., Makati  
FS, Manila  
File

Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Iloilo  
Municipality of Janiuay

**OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR**  
-ooOoo-

**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 **FERNANDO S. SAMANIEGO** has filed a petition for **Correction of Clerical Error in the Child's Date of Birth** from **"May 30, 1964"** to **"May 29, 2064"** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **FERNANDO SISTEBERIO SAMANIEGO** whose parents are **MARCELINO SAMANIEGO & JUANITA SISTEBERIO**.

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

(SGD.) **ANA LISA M. CORNELIO**  
OIC, Office of the Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/April 1, 2024 & April 8, 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 **SHEILA LYN D. FERNANDEZ** has filed with this office a petition for **CHANGE OF FIRST NAME** from **RONALD JR.** to **DENMARK** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **DENMARK LANCITA ROMALDON** who was born on **SEPTEMBER 2, 1987** at **Pototan, Iloilo** and the parents are **RONALD ROMALDON** and **CHRISTINE LANCITA**.

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/ April 1, 2024 & April 8, 2024

**GENERAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **RAMON T. TUPAZ** owner of a passenger vessel named **MBCA "LERALYN 2"** 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 due to the loss of the original certificate per Affidavit of Loss dated 21 March 2024 submitted by Ramon Tupaz. Notarized by Atty. Gerome M. Trieste, Jr. a Notary Public in the Province of Aklan, docketed as Doc. no. 46, Page No. II, Book No. IV, 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 **WARMING EBREO** owner of a cargo vessel named **MB "PROVIDENCE 5"** with a business address at Caticlan, Malay, Aklan has filed with MARINA Regional Office VI for a re-issuance of Certificate of Philippine Registry due to the loss of the original certificate per Affidavit of Loss dated 03 April 2024 submitted by Evangeline Ebreo, widow of Warming Ebreo. Notarized by Atty. Auria Kimby T. Montaño, a Notary Public in the Province of Aklan, docketed as Doc. no. 121, Page No. 26, Book No. VI, 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.

**GV & A PAWNSHOP, INC.**  
JM Basa St., Iloilo City

**NOTICE**

The public is informed that on **APRIL 13, 2024** an Auction Sale will be held at 9:00 AM for all unredeemed Jewelleries & Articles the condition of which have expired.

**THE MANAGEMENT**

**PAHIBALO**

Ginapahibalo ang tanan nga sa **ABRIL 13, 2024** pagahiwaton ang baligyaanay sang mga alahas kag pagkabutang nga wala magawad nga sa diin ang mga plasos nga ginkasugtan natapos na.

**ANG TAGDUMALAHAN**

**Gemmary Pawnshop & Jewellery**

**AUCTION SALE**

This is to inform the public that we will be conducting an AUCTION SALE on **APRIL 18, 2024** at 9:00 a.m. for all overdue pledges pawned on **NOVEMBER 2023** and prior dates in the following branches. Patrons are enjoined to verify their receipts.

- **MAPA:** C.K. Bldg. Mapa St., Brgy. Ortiz Iloilo City  
- Tel # (033) 509-8188
- **LAPAZ:** Cor.Dicen Luna St., Lapaz Iloilo City  
-Tel. # (033) 508-6283
- **JARO 1:** Sommerset Bldg. Lopez Jaena St., Jaro Iloilo City  
- Tel. # (033) 508-1582

**THE MANAGEMENT**

He said women's role in proclaiming the gospel is also recognized.

"Women up to this time are taking an active role in helping prepare the church and their images because of their strong commitment," Estrella said.

He said image owners are willing to spend preparing for the procession, garments, and flowers as their way of

**FEMALE . . . (from page 14)**

when Jesus performed his first miracle at the wedding in Cana and his raising of the daughter of Jairus from the dead, and Jesus and the women of Jerusalem.

They also have saints similar to those of the Roman Catholic church that they identified based on the roles they portrayed in the Bible.

thanksgiving.

In addition to women saints, giveaways during the Good Friday procession also serve as come on for pilgrims.

"Image owners have with them ready food and other giveaways for the people that is unique for the IFI Diocese," he said.

The occasion keeps families intact because the images are reminders of their roots and heritage. Family members make it a point to come home during Lent. (PNA)