

4CCMM Board to call on new Chief PNP Marbil



PNP CHIEF MARBIL

The Board of Trustees (BOT) of the newly organized 4th Class Club Metro Manila (4CCMM), an organization of former Philippine Military Academy (PMA) cadets, graduates and non-graduates included, is set for a courtesy call on Police General Rommel Francisco D. Marbil of PMA Class '91.

The activity is slated on Monday, May 6, 2024, at the Office of the Chief Philippine National Police (PNP) in Camp Crame, Quezon City.

The BOT, whose members were elected recently during its 1st Fellowship and Organizational Dinner

Meeting on April 13, 2024 include former PNP Chief Roberto "Bobby" Lastimoso PMA '67, Bernie Miaque PMA '87, Audie Mongao PMA '92, Leo Bungubong PMA '98, Edmund Tan PMA '80, Raul Villanueva PMA '90 and Ace Esmeralda '89.

A Council of Elders was formed composed of Renato De Villa PMA '57, Panfilo Lacson PMA '71, Gregorio Honasan PMA '71, Arthur Balmaceda PMA '71, Daniel Abinoja PMA '74, Raul Gonzales PMA '75, Samuel Pagdilao PMA '79, Ariel Querubin PMA '79.

It also includes the three 4-star ranks in active service namely Armed Forces Chief of Staff Romeo

Brawner Jr. PMA '89, PNP Chief Rommel Marbil PMA '91 and Philippine Coast Guard Commandant Ronnie Gavan PMA '93.

The new PMayers social group will hold its first Board Meeting immediately after the 1PM courtesy call on the same day.

It's main purpose is for fellowship, and camaraderie as well as to provide scholarship and skills training for in distress members. Roberto "Bobby" Lastimoso, PMA '67 was elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees while Bernie G Miaque, PMA '87 was elected Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and President.

JOB HOPEFULS.

Job seekers check the list of available employment opportunities during the Labor Day job fair at a mall in Iloilo City on Wednesday (May 1, 2024). The Department of Labor and Employment in Iloilo registered 29 who were hired on the spot (HOTS) as of noontime. (PNA photo by PGLena)



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as diagnostic services.

There will also be medical education, training and support facilities included in the said project.

Moreover, the construction of the said facility shall be done in phases, starting with Phase 1 which is scheduled from April 2024 to August 2025 while subsequent phases shall also follow until its completion in December 30.

Through such phases, they will ensure the meticulous planning and execution to achieve the desired objectives for the said facility.

In his speech, Romualdez expressed his gratitude to the First Lady for her instrumental role in bringing the legacy of the Marcos administration through the said project.

The House Speaker also thanked not only to Garin but also to House Committee on Appropriations Chairman Zaldy Co of Ako Bicol Partylist for facilitating funding for the WVSU expansion project.

"The well-being of Filipinos has always been a paramount concern, particularly highlighted by the recent COVID pandemic," said Romualdez.

On the other hand, key figures have also attended the groundbreaking ceremony such as Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and WVSU Board of Regents Chairman Prospero de Vera, Iloilo Governor Arthur Defensor Jr., Iloilo City Mayor Jerry Treñas alongside other government officials, partners, and stakeholders.

Meanwhile, several Iloilo lawmakers were also present including Reps. Michael Gorriceta (1st District), Ferjanel G. Biron (4th District), Raul C. Tupas (1st District), Iloilo City Lone District Congresswoman Julienne Baronda, Uswag Ilonggo Partylist Rep. Jojo Ang, and Usec. Terrence Calatrava of the Office of the Presidential Assistant for the Visayas (OPAV).

They were also thanked by Romualdez, saying that their participation in the event is a part of the oversight function of Congress in making sure that government resources are properly used.

Romualdez also highlighted that the groundbreaking event serves as a pivotal moment in the healthcare landscape of Western Visayas as well as making a big step forward in addressing the Filipino people's healthcare needs.

8K jobs, P32-M aid, livelihood projects mark Labor Day in Iloilo

ILOILO CITY – The 122nd Labor Day celebration in Iloilo was highlighted by the provision of 7,980 overseas and local job opportunities and the distribution of PHP32.18 million worth of emergency employment and livelihood projects.

As of noontime Wednesday, the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) in Iloilo registered 999 walk-in and online registrants for the nearly 8,000 jobs available while 29 were hired on the spot (HOTS).

Two of the HOTS were fresh graduates and had just passed their respective licensure examinations.

Erika Agcaoili from Cabatuan, Iloilo is a fresh graduate and passer of the Mechanical Engineering Licensure Examination. In an interview, she said she only tried her luck and did not expect to get hired.

"I am looking forward to my oath-taking as a mechanical engineer and starting in my new workplace," Agcaoili said, adding that the job fair is a big help for fresh graduates because it provides them with an opportunity to get employed.

Efraim Latoza from the municipality of Lambunao was instantly hired as a micro-finance loan officer, a job he will be holding on to while preparing his documents to join the police force.

"I can now help my family and support my sibling's schooling," said Latoza, who is the third among four siblings.

He said his effort to join the job fair has paid off. Aside from the job fair, DOLE also released PHP10.94 million as salary of 2,091 beneficiaries of its emergency employment program, during a simultaneous payout in the towns of Maasin, Pototan, Lambunao, and Estancia, and Iloilo City.

The department also distributed more than PHP21.24 million worth of checks to the proponents and accredited co-partners of 10 projects under the DOLE Integrated Livelihood Program (DILP).

Among the biggest recipients were the Molo Transport Service Cooperative, with PHP1.38 million worth of livelihood projects, and the Western Visayas Transport Cooperative (WVTC), with PHP7.04 million.

DOLE also released more than PHP4 million for various projects of the 135 Indigenous Peoples (IPs) affected by the construction of the Jalaur River Multipurpose Project in Calinog town. (PNA)

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roads, and a traffic environment.

According to Treñas, the said objects aren't even abused by the city and they are only being used in times of emergency.

"Sa emergency [vehicles], ipabilin ta gid [ang blinkers kag sirens] kay usaron ko man gyapon na kung may emergency," Treñas said.

Treñas stressed that all LGUs in the country also have emergency vehicles such as ambulance which is used in an urgent situation.

"Kag isa pa pamangkot ko, what about the local government all over the Philippines, kay tanan may ambulansya... Gabantay lang ko da sa balay ko kada adlaw pila da ka ambulansya gaagi sakon... Dakpon nila e. Kay may pasyente da dali na lang mapatay, gadali makadto sa ospital, ipakuha mo man? Ako hindi ko ipakuha," Treñas stressed.

The city mayor also emphasized that the said order is only applicable particularly in Manila wherein a lot of unauthorized use or abuse of such objects that have occurred even if there is no emergency that's happening around.

"Ang ginalagas na nila ang didto sa Metro Manila. Ako gapa-Manila ako, dugay-dugay may wangwang, dugay-dugay may wangwang... Ang diri ya waay man ta na gaabusar di," Treñas emphasized.

Meanwhile, Treñas stood firm with his stand regarding the said removal even if it will take a lawsuit to be filed against him.

"Let us not waste time on issues which are not life-threatening and if they would like to file a case against me then I'm ready," said Treñas.

YWCA ... (from page 1)

YWCA of Iloilo received the following awards during the awards night on April 27, 2024:

1. Best in Membership;
2. Best in Program and Service Delivery;
3. Best in Public Awareness
4. Best in Partnership and Linkages;
5. Recognition for support and contribution to the Fund Raising Projects and Activities of the National Association; and
6. MOST OUTSTANDING LOCAL ASSOCIATION with a Cash Prize.

Delegates from all over the country attended the 38th National Biennial Convention held at Hotel del Rio graced by Commissioner Dr. Leonida Bayani-Ortiz - Head of Local Association Awards and Chairperson of Council of Past National Presidents, together with Atty. Bienvenida A. Gruta, National President, Neriza B. Llana, National Executive Director and Rachel T. Dela Cruz, Chairperson Mid-Biennium Meeting/National Biennial Convention.

Governor Arthur Defensor, Jr. hosted dinner for the participants during the opening night at the Iloilo Provincial Capitol lobby with the Midshipmen Officers of St. Therese-MOST performing the Arch of Sword at the venue.

YWCA of Iloilo past president Neonita Gobuyan commended Dr. Saplada's leadership which resulted to these achievements.



WVMC Heart and Lung Center inaugurated, Cancer Care center breaks ground

By MARY JOY CAVAÑAS

THE Western Visayas Medical Center (WVMC) in Mandurriao, Iloilo City has inaugurated its Phase 1 of Heart and Lung Center on April 26.

With an allocated fund of P449-million, the inauguration and blessing of the said project was spearheaded by Lone District Congresswoman Juliennne "Jam Jam" Baronda, Senator JV Ejercito, Dr. Adriano Suba-an, WVMC hospital chief Dr. Joseph Dean Nicolo, and other significant guests in the said event.

The Heart and Lung Center was realized through the initiative of Cong. Baronda back in 2018 when she was still a Chief Political Affairs Officer of Ejercito, wherein she sought the latter's support in funding the said project so that patients shall be treated in the facility without needing referrals or to transfer in higher level facilities such as the National Specialty Centers.

Moreover, the said facility also aims to provide better cardiovascular services for patients such as diagnosis and treatment of heart conditions which includes coronary artery disease, heart failure, arrhythmias, and congenital heart defects.

Interventional cardiology procedures shall be also offered such as angioplasty, stenting, and cardiac catheterization. Cardiothoracic surgeries such as congenital heart surgery, bypass surgery, and valve repairs will also

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Senator JV Ejercito with Iloilo City Congresswoman Juliennne "Jam Jam" Baronda, Department of Health (DOH) 6 Regional Director Adriano Subaan and other officials during the inauguration of the Heart and Lung Center and at the same time groundbreaking of Cancer Care center at Western Visayas Medical Center (WVMC) in Mandurriao, Iloilo City on April 26, 2024. (Photo by MJ Cavañas)

1,500 college students benefit from CHED's ISIP

By MARY JOY CAVAÑAS

About 1,500 students have benefited during the orientation of the Integrated Scholarship and Incentives Program (ISIP) held at West Visayas State University (WVSU) Cultural Center in La Paz, Iloilo City on April 25.

The said program, in partnership with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) aims to support the needs of the students through significant resources in order to pursue their education, leading to a good success as well-educated individuals.

The event was facilitated by Presidential House Speaker Ferdinand Martin Romualdez alongside Lone District Congresswoman Juliennne "Jam-Jam" Baronda, CHED Chairperson Hon. Prospero De Vera, and Iloilo 1st District Representative Janette Garin.

The said beneficiaries came from 32 colleges and state

universities within the Panay Island in which they have received P1,500 - P2,000 each from Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation (AICS) under the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and they will also be receiving P15,000 each coming from CHED.

On the other hand, Jefferson Yating, a first year college student taking up Bachelor of Arts in Broadcasting at WVSU has also expressed his gratitude towards Romualdez on behalf of 1,500 student beneficiaries.

"I am deeply honored to receive this scholarship and begin a new chapter in my academic career. Your unwavering commitment to address our educational needs fills us with a sense of responsibility and purpose," Yating said.

Yating also emphasized the program's significance towards the potential of young scholars like him.

"This is not merely a financial support but a powerful affirmation of our aspirations and a testament to the unwavering commitment of ISIP to our educational needs," Yating added.

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Also, present in the event were Us wag-Partylist Representative Cong. James "Jojo" Ang, Iloilo Vice Governor Christine Garin, Iloilo 5th District Representative Hon. Raul "Boboy" Tupas, Iloilo 3rd District Representative Hon. Lorenz Defensor, Iloilo 2nd District Representative Hon. Michael Gorriceta and other key officials who take part in the significant event for helping the youth sector.

'Physician, heal thyself'

"Medice, cura te ipsum" is the Latin form of an ancient proverb from the book of Luke chapter 4:23 where Jesus is quoted as saying, "Ye will surely say unto me this proverb: 'Physician, heal thyself, what we heard you do in Capernaum, do also here in your country.'" (Wikipedia)

Who would have imagined that one day, physicians in the Philippines would find themselves at the receiving end of such a phrase? With allegations and accusations stirred up because of an alleged multi-level marketing scheme for prescription medicines, many doctors are concerned with becoming collateral damage in terms of patient trust and integrity.

As expected, it is the majority of innocent and trustworthy physicians who are standing up for the profession and declaring they are without sin. I have received reactions from young doctors who have pushed back against the suggestion that they are more likely to fall or be misled by unscrupulous vendors because their generation is better informed.

But in the same breath they do complain about delayed payments or reimbursements from hospitals as well as the larger cut of HMOs than what doctors get for treating patients. A doctor in a hospital in Parañaque gets P300 for a consult while a doctor at the BGC charged P15K for a three-minute consult.

It is of course a normal reaction to defend and clear one's self of any wrongdoing if you're not guilty, but it is unnecessary and ineffective. Those who know you, know, and those who don't know you will never believe you or will reserve judgment. What helps is to speak out against wrongdoing or ethical violations. Unfortunately, those who speak out for themselves fear to speak out against others causing the damage.

This is what older, more senior practitioners have been doing lately. They have talked to their relatives, friends, etc. and have shared their observations about the "lavish lifestyle" of those who are suspect. They have turned the screws a little, they are naming names, sending photos and naming brands. Why wouldn't they, considering the many sacrifices they made in order to attain a position of respect

and expertise?

It is not every day that you would hear top surgeons suggest that the Bureau of Internal Revenue should conduct audits or lifestyle check or even trace ownership and purchases for cars, bags and watches, etc. That of course might open a can of worms, given how the parking lot at the House of Representatives often looks like a luxury car dealership while some senators and congressmen have been scandalized and branded on social media as walking billboards for million-peso watches.

Here are some sentiments shared by respected physicians:

#1 "It's all FINANCIAL GAIN. Point of care no longer patients but MONEY. Character, ethics is gone. More on personality ethics. My parents and mentors taught me one very valuable lesson: whatever I do, make sure I am the last to benefit."

#2 "It is sad and appalling. But again, evil has permeated so many institutions, even those supposedly meant to serve with utmost integrity and compassion."

Even the Philippine Medical Association president recently issued a statement on the subject: "Maintaining integrity and ethical practice in interactions with the pharmaceutical industry.

"Integrity is the bedrock upon which our professional duties rest. It is what fosters trust between us and the patients we serve. This trust is critical, not just for the efficacy of our treatments, but for maintaining the sanctity of the doctor-patient relationship.

"The trust that our patients place in us is the cornerstone of the physician-patient relationship. To preserve this trust, it is crucial that we maintain an unwavering commitment to moral conduct, particularly when dealing with the pharmaceutical industry. Our decisions must always be guided by the best interests of our patients rather than the influences of external entities.

"The Philippine Medical Association therefore encourages all physicians to engage in:

1. Active disclosure of any financial relationships or conflicts of interest with pharmaceutical companies is

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essential. Such transparency ensures that our clinical decisions remain unbiased and patient-focused.

2. Commit to evidence-based medicine and promote the highest standard of care for our patients. We must base our prescribing patterns and treatment recommendations on the best available evidence rather than on promotional materials or incentives from the pharmaceutical industry.

3. Seek out independent sources of continuing medical education to complement industry-sponsored learning. Critically evaluate the information presented, ensuring it is both unbiased and scientifically sound.

4. Uphold ethical guidelines when entering into partnerships with the pharmaceutical industry. This includes being wary of accepting gifts or incentives that could influence clinical judgment.

5. Advocate for practices and policies that prioritize patient welfare and the integrity of the medical profession over the interests of any third party, including the pharmaceutical industry.

Remember, when you do not appear vulnerable, gullible and greedy, opportunists will not even approach you nor prey on you. When in doubt about any possible conflict of interest, decide as if there is."

The PMA statement is a strong reminder to physicians, but are the guilty being punished? I am sure that many pharmaceutical companies, particularly those covered by punitive laws on corrupt practices and ethical standards, will take offense at the generic tone or generalization of the message. Many doctors and one pharma are responsible, not all.

One rotten apple spoils the bunch but failure of government, regulators and gatekeepers to directly address the actual violations and violators and single out the guilty does not solve the problem. Remove the rotten, reduce the talk.

Pharma incentives

At the height of the pandemic, a guy I know lost his father to COVID-19. Vaccines were not yet available at the time to the general public, but there were drugs being used for treatment, with some verified measure of success.

Those drugs, as we know, were expensive. But the guy is well-off and the family could afford to have the father confined in one of the top hospitals in Metro Manila.

Yet the father succumbed to COVID just days from admission. Maybe he had too many comorbidities.

The son, who contracted the virus while watching over his father and also needed treatment, wondered why the patient wasn't given the drug that was touted at the time to be effective for surviving COVID. The son discovered this while going through the fine print of the rather long itemized expenses in the hospital bill for the emergency confinement.

Did the patient get the best treatment possible?

This question can crop up when doctors fail to cure a person with no chronic or terminal affliction, or worse, when they lose such a patient.

And this is a key concern related to the ongoing controversy over a local pharmaceutical company wholly owned by Filipino physicians.

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Doctors themselves first alerted the public about the activities of Bell-Kenz Pharma Inc. that have been described as unethical.

As detailed by Sen. Jinggoy Estrada in a speech last Monday, Bell-Kenz's doctor-owners give fellow physicians expensive gifts including cash commissions, luxury vehicles and trips to prescribe the firm's generic products, including antibiotics and medicine for diabetes and hypertension as well as health supplements.

There are over 60 doctors serving as directors and other officers of Bell-Kenz, Estrada said. The "entry investment" supposedly ranges from P250,000 to P500,000, with the top executives, who apparently are "Star Wars" fans, calling themselves Jedi and second-level investors called Padawan.

Bell-Kenz has a multi-story office building, the Bell-Kenz Tower, in Diliman, Quezon City. Its slogan is, "We make life better."

Yesterday, Bell-Kenz chairman and CEO Luis Raymond Go faced the Senate and admitted giving "incentives" including clinic equipment and "continuing medical education locally and abroad" to doctors who include the company's products in their medical prescriptions.

He tried to distinguish incentives from commissions, and discounts from rebates. Maybe he should shift to politics.

"We offer hope in the face of illness," through products that he described as "both dependable and affordable for all," Go told the Senate panel on health and demography.

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I support any initiative to boost the domestic pharmaceutical industry. I have been impressed by the robust pharma industry in India, the world's largest vaccine maker, which supplies many of the generic drugs sold in the Philippines. Drugs and medical treatment are so cheap in India compared to the Philippines.

In the depths of global suffering from COVID, the Indian pharmaceutical infrastructure was developed enough to produce vaccines for both domestic and global consumption – one mass-produced by the Serum Institute of India Pvt. Ltd. for Big Pharma AstraZeneca, and the other an indigenous one, Covaxin, developed by Bharat Biotech.

But I'm also aware, despite not being part of the medical profession, of ethical standards followed by doctors in prescribing medication. As far as I know, doctors are not supposed to accept incentives from pharmaceutical firms to prescribe any drug or other forms of treatment.

Because of this controversy, people will wonder if a doctor is prescribing a particular medication because it is needed and efficacious, or because the doctor wants to win a foreign junket from the drug company.

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Go, facing the Senate yesterday, declared: "Let me unequivocally assert the

following truth about Bell-Kenz Pharma: we are a law-abiding pharmaceutical entity diligently adhering to all regulations set by the FDA, SEC, PMA, and other relevant governing bodies... We operate in a pharmaceutical marketing method and ensure that we do it in transparency, ethical integrity, with our practices upholding the highest standards of corporate conduct."

He was referring to the Food and Drug Administration, the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Philippine Medical Association.

The controversy has grown to such proportions that the government found it necessary to issue this circular last week: "The Department of Health strictly reminds all doctors, nurses, medical professionals and DOH personnel in all medical centers, hospitals and medical facilities regulated by the DOH that the acceptance of gifts, grants or emoluments from biopharmaceutical companies or members of the industry, in exchange for any act benefiting such company or member of the industry is unethical."

I learned about the ethical rules governing doctors and the drugs and treatment they prescribe from Big Pharma officials in Switzerland, and from US pharma executives based in the Philippines. Some multinationals have their own "generic" and affordable products. They said there are lines they cannot cross, on pain of stiff sanctions, in the commercial distribution of their products.

Among outsiders in the medical profession, the concern is that doctors "incentivized" by Bell-Kenz to prescribe their products could miss out on better treatments available.

For Bell-Kenz itself and the domestic pharmaceutical industry, this may be a useful reminder: if such "incentives" are allowed, Big Pharma can also do it, much better and on a more extensive scale, because of their deeper pockets.

Sketches

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Guimaras EcoBazaar 2024 kicks off Manggahan Festival in Iloilo

ILOILO CITY- The yearly celebration of the Manggahan Festival is off to a great start with the opening of the Guimaras Island Ecobazaar (GEB) 2024 at Robinsons Place Iloilo on April 24.

Instead of the traditional ribbon cutting ceremony, this year's eco-bazaar initiated with a symbolic mango-picking event led Guimaras Provincial Economic Development Officer (PEDO) Francis Gentoral, DTI Guimaras Officer-in-Charge Provincial Director (OIC-PD) JuvyBenliro, DTI Region VI Trade and Industry Development Specialist (TIDS) Andrea Reyes representing Officer-in-Charge Regional Director (OIC-RD) Rachel Nufable, TESDA Guimaras Provincial Director (PD) Jonathan Togonon, and DTI Iloilo Supervising Trade and Industry Development Specialist (SuTIDS) Jonathan Tejida.

The GEB is a trade fair that highlights the island's key producers and offers visitors a glimpse of the unique and exquisite crafts and delicacies that Guimaras has to offer.

This event holds significant importance not only as a marketplace but also as a symbol of the resilience, creativity, and entrepreneurial spirit that defines the local

MSMEs in the Province of Guimaras.

For twelve years running, the Guimaras Island Eco Bazaar has provided a platform for our entrepreneurs to showcase their products to a wider audience, expanding market reach beyond the beautiful Province of Guimaras' borders.

This week-long fair has been made possible through a fruitful partnership between the provincial government of Guimaras and the DTI Guimaras Provincial Office.

It marks not only the beginning of the Guimaras Island Eco Bazaar but also the start of the annual Manggahan Festival. This festival does not only celebrates the mango as a symbol of Guimaras' agricultural bounty but its importance as a major producer of this tropical fruit. Guimaras is famous for producing some of the best mangoes in the Philippines, known for their sweetness, juiciness, and vibrant flavor.

Locally, Guimaras mangoes are prized for their exceptional quality and flavor, making them a favorite fruit among Filipinos. In international markets, Guimaras mangoes have also gained recognition and are exported to other countries like Switzerland and Singapore.

The province's adherence to strict quality standards and sustainable farming practices ensures that Guimaras mangoes meet the expectations of discerning consumers both at home and abroad.

Meanwhile, during the first day of the Ecobazaar, a mango-eating contest took center stage highlighting Guimaras's renowned mangoes, celebrated for their world-class quality.

According to DTI Guimaras OIC-PD JuvyBenliro, this year's EcoBazaar boasts a diverse array of products from 30 local MSME exhibitors, ranging from handicrafts and wearables to processed foods and fresh mangoes. These products not only exemplify high quality but also mirror the unique culture and traditions of Guimaras, with a goal of generating Php 2.5 million in cash sales, orders, and pending negotiations.

The GEB 2024 is located at the Fountain Area of Robinsons Mall, offering buyers a chance to experience the local delicacies and colorful handicrafts while appreciating Guimarasnon culture and values. The event runs until April 30, so locals and tourists are encouraged to visit and support local products. Buy local and go local!



The Guimaras Island Eco-bazaar opened with mango picking led by (from left to right) Guimaras PEDO Francis Gentoral) DTIGuimaras OIC-PD JuvyBenliro, DTI Region VI TIDS Andrea Reyes representing OIC-RD Rachel Nufable, TESDA Guimaras PD Jonathan Togonon, and DTI IloiloSuTIDS Jonathan Tejida during the opening ceremony on April 24, 2024 at the Robinsons Mall, Iloilo City.

ILOILO CITY – Digital transactions are now available at the biggest local food terminal (LFT) in San Miguel, Iloilo that serves as a consolidation hub of agriculture products from upland areas in Panay.

In an interview Wednesday during the launch of the mobile application Bagsakan at the center, now known as the San Miguel Public Market and Farmers Bagsakan Complex (SMPM-FBC), San Miguel Mayor Marina Luz Gorriceta said they are all hopes to cater to more customers from other areas.

"We now have our website and (mobile) application so that we would know when they order or they have products for consolidation. We are also preparing to send to other regions in the country," she said.

The app is available initially for institutional buyers like restaurants, hotels, hospitals, and

catering services.

Its service will be extended to household consumers on Sept. 29, when wet and dry market vendors will handle online paid orders to be delivered by tricycle and e-bike drivers.

"What we are planning is everybody will have jobs later on," the mayor said.

The digital platform is hoped to address the challenge of marketing and selling the consolidated products from Bayanihan Tipon Center (BTC) network established in the towns of Alimodian, Tubungan, and Lambunao in Iloilo; Tobias Fornier, Patnongon and Sebaste in Antique; Libacao and Madalag in Aklan; and Tapaz and Jamindan in Capiz.

"Delivery logistics will be fulfilled by the traditional jeepneys of our town to provide them with supplemental income and extended economic life

Biggest local food terminal in Panay now on e-commerce

of their trusted jeepneys," the statement of the local government unit said.

Funded under the Panay Island Upland-Sustainable Rural Development Project (PIU-SRDP) and with a grant from the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) in 2018, the agricultural hub's operation was temporarily suspended during the pandemic and but was reopened in September last year. Its operations were formally opened on Wednesday.

Three cooperatives focusing on rice and grains, fruits and vegetables, and livestock meat and poultry have been tasked to manage the hub.

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CHEAPER RICE. Buyers queue to avail of well-milled rice sold at PHP20/kilo as a promotional rate during the formal opening of the San Miguel Public Market and Farmers Bagsakan Complex (SMPM-FBC) on Wednesday (May 1, 2024). The complex will consolidate products from 10 Bayanihan Tipon Centers in Panay for distribution to buyers. (PNA photo by PGLena)

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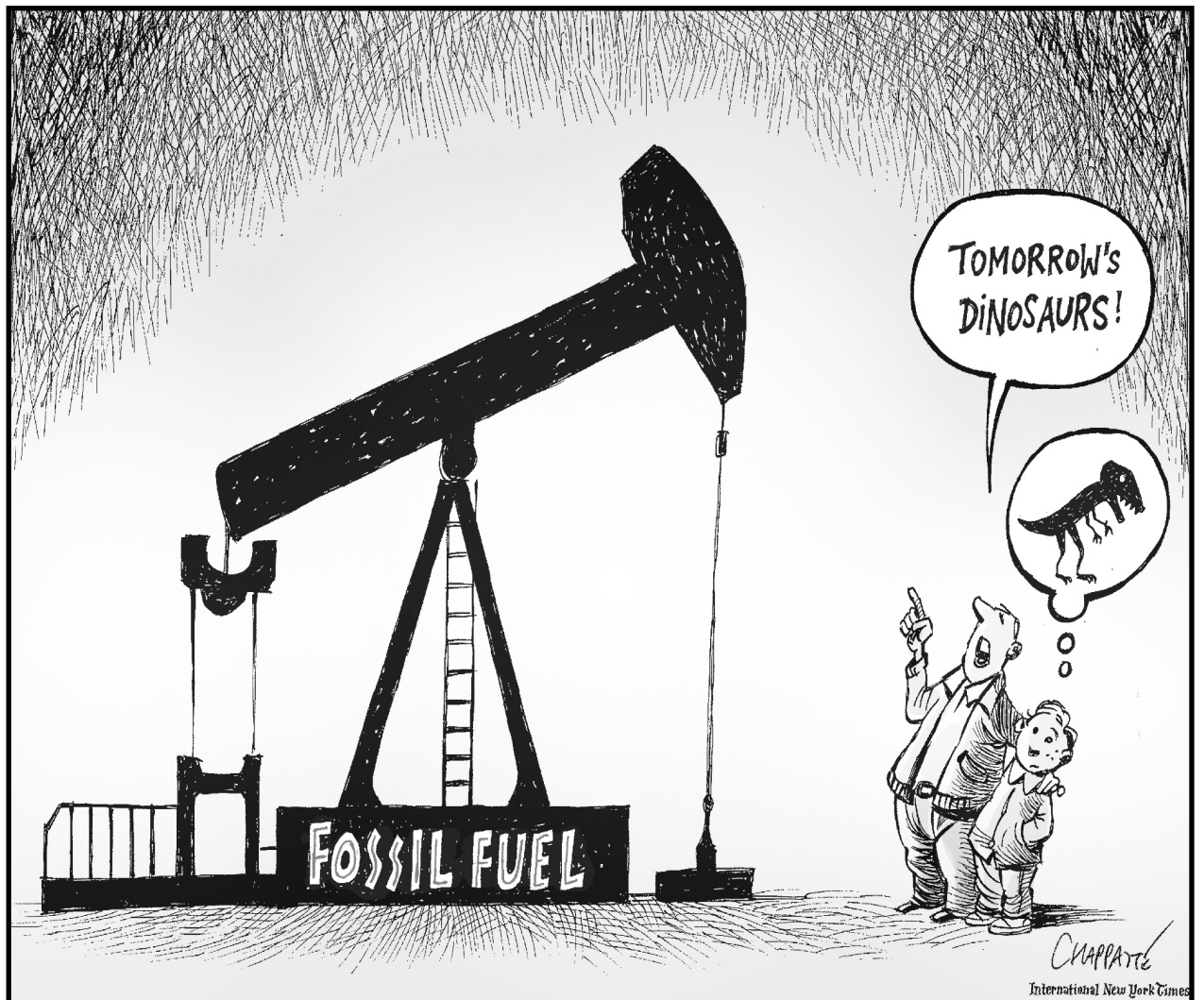
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Rescuing future generations

Editorial

This week, leaders from the Group of Seven started their four working sessions over two days in Turin, Italy, the first political session since the world pledged to transition away from coal, oil and gas.

The pledge was made through the UN's COP28 climate summit in December, and now the G7 ministers are meeting for environment and climate change talks, with experts urging highly industrialized economies to use their political clout, wealth and technologies to end fossil fuel use.

The two-day meeting which ends today, with hundreds of protesters protesting outside the conference venue and accusing G7 leaders of failing future generations over the climate crisis, follows a new report by a global climate institute which shows the G7 is falling far short of its targets.

Which brings us back home, where the Philippines remains one of the fastest-growing developing countries where poverty is in decline but access to energy is rising and, with that, demand for energy services.

Fossil fuels still dominate the energy system,

accounting for 78 percent of power generation in 2022.

The Philippines' current energy mix highly favors fossil fuels, with coal, natural gas, and oil, primarily due to their low cost.

One study has suggested the Philippines, on the global warming frontline, must urgently phase out coal-fired power by 2035, and almost entirely phase out gas-fired generation by 2040.

The same finds this is not only feasible but will benefit the economy and provide more than a million jobs by 2050.

The Philippines' power sector is not yet aligned with the country's current emission reduction targets, let alone with 1.5°C, so the government needs to strengthen those targets and align them with a 1.5°C compatible emissions pathway.

This means a well-defined plan for an expedited coal phase-out and expanding renewable energy to 99 percent coverage by 2050, with experts suggesting the government must make this a top priority in its climate and energy policy.

The draft Philippines Energy Plan 2023-2050 sees a growth in renewables, but a substantially lower share in 2050 (at 63 percent-72 percent under different scenarios) than the near-100 percent renewables system needed to meet a Paris Agreement-compatible emissions pathway for the power sector.

We are glad the Philippine government, in earnest attempts to help reduce global climate change, has committed to limiting the future growth of greenhouse gas emissions by implementing alternative policy options, like carbon taxes, improvement of energy efficiency in both generation and consumption, diversification of the energy supply-mix, and accelerated development of renewable energy.

The country intends to reduce emissions by about 70 percent from different sectors, like energy, transport, waste, forestry, and industry, by 2030, compared to the business-as-usual scenario of emission levels between 2000 and 2030. (manilastandard.net)

Warmer days ahead

Over the past few weeks, rising heat indices have dominated the news and public discussions as various concerns mount over the effects of the unusually high temperatures.

While the Philippines is no stranger to hot days during the dry season, the heat in recent days is unlike any many of us have experienced in the past.

The Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) recently warned the public to brace for warmer days ahead and "extreme danger" heat indices in May, which is further exacerbated by the El Niño phenomenon.

Across various industries and sectors, the impact of the scorching weather we are experiencing is highly pronounced and if any, sounds the alarm for immediate concrete action to help our communities cope during the remainder of the dry season.

The Department of Agriculture just recently reported that the El Niño has so far caused some PHP4 billion in agriculture losses — which could bloat further as the weather phenomenon persists until May. The Department of Education and local government units are also implementing measures to adapt to the unusual heat — shifting classes to distance learning anew or suspending classes altogether to protect students from high heat indices.

Public health officials meanwhile have been issuing advisories on how Filipinos can better regulate their body temperatures to cope with the extreme heat. Some have

been calling it even a heatwave.

The way I view it, the extreme heat we are experiencing is only a preview of the worsening impact of climate change, which, if not addressed properly, will continue to threaten all aspects of our society — economy, education, agriculture, public health, and wellbeing.

The dangers posed by the relentless heat are complicated and expansive, which is why additional support to help our vital sectors navigate this challenge is necessary to protect and ensure economic growth.

This dry season serves as an urgent call for a review and recalibration of measures to help our communities adapt to the extreme heat and develop resiliency.

As we enter the month of May, priority should be given to vulnerable groups in implementing programs and adopting measures to cope with rising temperatures. These include workers who toil under the heat of the sun, the elderly, children, and the pregnant.

Measures to protect their wellbeing from the extreme heat should be adopted by organizations across industries and sectors. For example, practicing energy efficiency and water conservation can help ensure sufficiency of supply to meet the demand so that households don't have to worry about the possibility of rotating power interruptions and lack of water supply.

Animals too should not be forgotten.

Just a few days ago, the Philippine Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) warned pet owners of the health risks posed by the extreme heat to animals after news of a dog

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with scalded paws made headlines.

According to PAWS, owners can protect their animals from extreme heat by shielding them from extremely hot surfaces and keeping them indoors.

However, while we strive to achieve short-term resilience, this must not cloud efforts to address the root of the problem.

In the broader sense, the government and the private sector must take a firm commitment and concrete steps to address climate change head on and pursue long-term initiatives that promote sustainability.

After all, the Philippines is one of the most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change — not just extreme heat but strong typhoons as well.

As we brace for warmer days ahead in May, let us not be distracted with band-aid solutions and keep in mind the need to work towards achieving long-term sustainability to achieve a greener and cooler future.

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50th anniversary of PH overseas employment

On May 1, the world will celebrate International Workers' Day. In the Philippines, we call it Labor Day to celebrate Filipino workers' contributions to national development. It is also during this day that workers worldwide amplify their issues, such as welfare and wages. We expect that for Filipino workers, their issues will include an increase in their daily wages, especially now that there are initiatives from legislators to increase the minimum daily wage by more than PHP100.

Perhaps forgotten in our history is the enactment of a labor code that encouraged and regulated the export of Filipino labor and coincided with Labor Day. On May 1, 1974, or 50 years ago, President Ferdinand Marcos Sr. enacted the Labor Code of the Philippines through Presidential Decree No. 442. The Code became the framework for the country's employment practices and labor relations.

The inclusion of the Overseas Employment Development Board (OEDB) and the National Seamen Board (NSB) under the Department of Labor in the Labor Code is unprecedented, however. The OEDB's function includes the creation of a "systematic program for overseas employment of Filipino workers." The OEDB received the authority and responsibility to "promote the overseas employment of Filipino workers through a comprehensive market promotion and development program." As a result, Corazon Aquino's administration opened up the systematization of Filipino overseas employment, introducing the overseas contract worker (OCW), which later evolved into overseas Filipino workers (OFW). The 1974 Labor Code laid the foundations for overseas employment and would also serve as a future model for other labor-exporting nations that would follow in the footsteps taken by the Philippines.

It is perhaps the genius of former President Marcos Sr. to institutionalize overseas employment when other third-world countries have yet to consider the opportunities and economic benefits of such a program. Overseas employment became the window

for millions of Filipinos to seek greener pastures abroad for the sake of their families.

Global political turmoil led to a rise in unemployment and an economic crisis in the Philippines during the implementation of the overseas employment program. In 1973, the Oil and Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) quadrupled the price of oil per barrel, triggering the world's first major energy crisis. The primary goal of overseas employment was to corner large dollar remittances from abroad. It is not surprising, therefore, when the 1974 Labor Code states that it is "mandatory for all Filipino workers abroad to remit a portion of their foreign exchange earnings to their families, dependents, and/or beneficiaries in the country."

The number of Filipinos who have worked abroad for over 50 years demonstrates the success of the overseas employment program. In 1975, data from the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) showed that there were only 36,035 OCWs deployed in various countries. In 1985, there were 372,794 deployed OCWs. There was a tremendous increase in the number of Filipino deployments through the overseas employment program in the succeeding years so in 2016, there were 2,552,879 OFWs deployed all over the world, or a deployment of 6,994 OFWs every day.

The figures above represent OFWs who underwent a rigorous process by the POEA, starting with the submission of various documents such as birth certificates, passports, and marriage certificates, among other things. Applicants had to pass medical examinations, skills training, and skills tests, as well as pay various fees. An applicant's deployment abroad typically takes between three and six months. The data does not include Filipinos who left the country as tourists but managed to obtain work permits.

When overseas employment first became popular 50 years ago, Filipinos primarily went to the oil-rich Middle Eastern countries, especially the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA). Today, it remains the top destination, although many countries have opted to

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receive OFWs as part of their labor force. According to 2017 POEA data, OFWs were deployed in 216 countries. These are countries that are industrialized, rich, middle-income, poor, or even experiencing war. Filipinos' resilience in adapting to their destination countries has made them successful. Employers mostly prefer Filipinos due to their English communication skills and hardworking nature. Filipinos are known to be more successful when they work abroad compared to other nationalities.

Most Filipinos work abroad for various reasons. Primary among these are economic opportunities, better wages, and improving the quality of life for themselves and their families. In the Philippines, there's a deficiency in employment and higher income. Even today, children are planning to work overseas. Perhaps this is mainly due to the success of their parents or siblings overseas, who can successfully provide for the family.

Fifty years after the 1974 Labor Code, the OEDB evolved into the Department of Migrant Workers (DMW). The department harmonizes all agencies involved in addressing OFW concerns. OFW concerns involve recruitment, protection, deployment, repatriation, and reintegration.

It is worth noting that former president Marcos Sr. enacted the overseas employment program as a temporary measure to address the crisis in the 1970s. People believed that once the Philippines achieved industrial status, Filipinos would choose to work domestically instead of seeking employment abroad. This did not happen, of course. With the creation of the DMW, Filipinos' overseas employment will continue and may become a permanent fixture in the government employment program.

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The rising prices of oil products in PH and elsewhere now and then

In the wake of the unmitigated escalation of the prices of oil products as an indirect result of the ongoing Israel-Palestine conflict, majority of the millennial Filipino population may be interested to know what happened in the Philippines during the so-called first global oil shock in the latter part of 1973, or 51 years ago.

During that time, the Philippine government had to ration regular and premium gasoline to registered vehicle owners as well as liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) for cooking to households across the country.

As remembered by this writer, who was then the national news editor of the state-run Philippine News Agency (PNA), the fuel rationing was part of the strict measures resorted to by the administration to conserve the limited supply of energy after the Arab Oil Petroleum-Exporting Countries (OPEC) led by Saudi Arabia declared an oil embargo beginning in October 1973.

Such rationing was implemented with the use of coupons distributed through the barangay officials. Each motorist was limited to a monthly purchase of 10 liters of regular or premium gasoline. Diesel-run motor engines were not yet popular among vehicle owners in the country then.

It was also during that time that President Ferdinand E. Marcos (FM) issued Presidential Decree No. 334, creating the Philippine National Oil Company or PNOC (Nov. 23, 1973) to promote industrial and overall economic development through the effective and efficient utilization of energy sources, including

oil and oil-based resources.

The restrictions on OPEC oil exports and production affected most of the countries considered friendly to Israel, including Europe, the United States and Japan, and of course the Philippines, after the outbreak of the fourth Arab-Israeli war on Oct. 6, 1973.

The deliberate cutbacks in the Middle East oil production caused widespread supply disruptions and higher costs. Wikipedia said oil prices rose by 300 percent from USD3 per barrel to almost USD12.

In the Philippines, the then FM administration (Dec. 30, 1965-Feb. 25, 1986) had to implement strict energy conservation measures with the cooperation of law enforcement agencies and the barangay councils.

Such measures included the putting up of so-called "taxicab stands" in key places in the then Greater Manila Area where commuters usually converged, like Plaza Miranda in Quiapo, Sta. Cruz, Escolta, Rizal Park in Manila, Cubao in Quezon City, the Makati business district, and Monumento Circle in Grace Park, Caloocan City.

Under this scheme, cab drivers were prevented from cruising around and wasting precious fuel without passengers. They were instead required to stay in the taxicab stands and wait for passengers there. Those found by the police and barangay officials violating this restriction were penalized with high fines, and even imprisonment.

A "share-a-ride" scheme among commuters was also implemented. It became acceptable to riders going in the same direction because they spent less

by just sharing part in the total fare. Commuters were not afraid to ride with total strangers in this system because of the prevailing peace and order condition brought about by the Marcos declaration a year earlier of martial law nationwide.

As the OPEC oil embargo also caused the prices of the LPG for cooking to double, many families, including those in the Greater Manila Area, were forced to return to the use of firewood and sawdust in cooking their meals.

During the 1973 Christmas season, the display of colorful lanterns using electricity was also minimized greatly.

A daylight-saving time scheme was implemented in government offices and even factories and other private establishments to save energy. Under this strategy, the clock was set one hour or more ahead of the standard time to allow more daylight for the working day.

In his book "The Democratic Revolution in the Philippines" published by the Marcos Foundation Inc. in 1977, FM wrote in Chapter 10 sub-titled "Theory and Practice in the New Society":

"From late 1973 to the early months of 1974, the energy crisis and the worldwide inflation posed a grave challenge to Philippine government resources and ingenuity. Owing to the sudden rise of the price of crude oil, our national oil cost leaped from USD200 million to USD700 million.

"This additional cost of USD500 million, plus

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2023-1418
For: Expropriation with Urgent
Prayer for Issuance of Writ of Possession

NATIONAL GRID CORPORATION
OF THE PHILIPPINES,
Plaintiff,
 - versus -

HEIRS OF VISITACION ARROYO
NAMELY: APRIL LACSON
JUSTINIANI, ANNE ELIZABETH
ALSOSA, AND ALL OTHER HEIRS
OF VISITACION ARROYO OF
UNKNOWN IDENTITIES AND
WHEREABOUTS; AND

ALL OTHER PERSONS WHO MAY
HAVE ANY CLAIM OR INTEREST
OVER LOT NOS. 5736 AND 5737
LOCATED IN BRGY. SAN ROQUE,
BAROTAC VIEJO, ILOILO,
Defendants.

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ORDER

A reading of the complaint for expropriation shows that, among other allegations, plaintiff cannot determine with absolute certainty the existence, identities and whereabouts of all heirs of Visitation Arroyo, including the address of the known heir Anne Elizabeth Alsosa, despite diligent efforts. Plaintiff prays that it be given leave to cause service of Summons and Notice to Take Possession by Publication.

Finding the motion to be with merit, let Summons and Notice to Take Possession be served by Publication in accordance with the Rules.

As to defendant April Lacson Justiniani, the records show that the plaintiff indicated an incomplete address, which only states “#40 13th St., Negros Occidental”. In this concern, the plaintiff is hereby ordered to provide the court with the correct address within five (5) days upon receipt of this order.

SO ORDERED.

Barotac Viejo, Iloilo, Philippines, **October 4, 2023.**

(SGD.) OSCAR LEO S. BILLENA
 Judge

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AND WHEREABOUTS; AND

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BRGY. SAN ROQUE, BAROTAC
ILOILO,
Defendants.

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SUMMONS

TO: ANNE ELIZABETH ALSOSA, also a known heir of
Visitation Arroyo, as well as the existence,
identities and whereabouts of the other heirs of
Visitation Arroyo

GREETINGS:

You are hereby required to file with the Clerk of Court of the Regional Trial Court, Branch 70, Barotac Viejo, Iloilo within thirty (30) days after the service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of such service, your answer to the Complaint with annexes of the Plaintiff including the Judicial Affidavits of Engr. Jesse L. Asuga, Engr. Asterio B. Tubera and Jun A. Celoso, a copy of which is attached and served upon you, and to serve said Answer within the same period upon the Plaintiff.

If you fail to file your Answer within the same period, the Plaintiff will take judgment against you by default and demand from this Court the relief applied for the said Complaint.

WITNESS, the **HON. OSCAR LEO S. BILLENA**, Judge of this Court this 21st day of February, 2024 at Barotac Viejo, Iloilo, Philippines.

(SGD.) ATTY. RETZEL AMOUR CADENA-VILLARUZ
 Clerk of Court V

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SAN ROQUE, BAROTAC VIEJO, ILOILO,
Defendants.

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COMPLAINT

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

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

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

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

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

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

6. Defendant **April Lacson Justiniani**, a known heir of Visitation Arroyo, is of legal age, Filipino and a resident of #40 13th St., Negros Occidental, where she can be served with summons, notices and other court processes.

6.1. Plaintiff cannot ascertain the exact whereabouts of defendant **Anne Elizabeth Alsosa**, also a known heir of Visitation Arroyo, as well as the existence, identities and whereabouts of the other heirs of Visitation Arroyo, despite diligent and exhaustive efforts. Hence, plaintiff undertakes to cause the service of summons to them by publication, pursuant to Sections 16, 17, and 18 of Rule 14 of the Revised Rules of Civil Procedure.

7. Plaintiff cannot ascertain the existence, identities, and whereabouts of all other persons who may have any rightful claim or interest over the properties subject of this Complaint, despite diligent and exhaustive efforts. Hence, plaintiff undertakes to cause the service of summons to them by publication, pursuant to Sections 16, 17, and 18 of Rule 14 of the Revised Rules of Civil Procedure.

8. Plaintiff intends to expropriate portions of two (2) parcels of land, both located in Brgy. San Roque, Barotac Viejo, Iloilo, denominated as **Lot Nos. 5736 and 5737**. The subject properties are both declared for taxation purposes in the name of Visitation Arroyo, who is reportedly deceased, under **Tax Declaration (TD) Nos. 08-0021-00243¹ and 08-0021-00253.²** The affected areas of the subject properties sought to be expropriated consist of **1,795 square meters³** for Lot No. 5736 and **895 square meters⁴** for Lot No. 5737, more or less, as shown in the Sketch Plans and Narrative Technical Descriptions, and are more particularly described below, together with the Reports on the Count of Improvements, to wit:

Lot Nos.	5736	5737
Tax Declaration Nos.	08-0021-00243	08-0021-00253
Declared Owners	Visitation Arroyo	
Total Areas	21,786 sq.m.	8,808 sq.m.

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Total Affected Areas	1,795 sq.m.	895 sq.m.
Classification of Land	Agricultural	
Assessed Valuation of Affected Areas	(Php5.64/sq.m.)	(Php5.28/sq.m.)
Assessed Value of Affected Areas	(Php10,122.73)	(Php4,729.03)
Market Valuation of Affected Areas	(Php32.22/sq.m.)	(Php30.19/sq.m.)
Market Value of Affected Areas	(Php57,841.91)	(Php27,023.76)
BIR Zonal Value of Affected Areas (Php48.00/sq.m.)⁵	Php86,160.00	Php42,960.00
Cost of Affected Improvements (Crops, Plants and Trees)	Php70,660.50 ⁶	Php12,150.00 ⁷
Amount of Compensation per Lot	Php156,820.50	Php55,110.00
Total Amount of Compensation	Php211,930.50	

¹ ANNEX "A" – Tax Declaration No. 08-0021-00243.
² ANNEX "B" – Tax Declaration No. 08-0021-00253.
³ ANNEXES "C" and "D" to "D-1" – Sketch Plan and Narrative Technical Descriptions for the affected portion of Lot No. 5736.
⁴ ANNEXES "E" and "F" to "F-1" – Sketch Plan and Narrative Technical Descriptions for the affected portion of Lot No. 5737.
⁵ ANNEX "G" – BIR Certification.
⁶ ANNEX "H" – Report on the Count of Improvements for Lot No. 5736.
⁷ ANNEX "I" – Report on the Count of Improvements for Lot No. 5737.

9. To enable plaintiff to construct and maintain the **Barotac Viejo – Natividad 69kV Transmission Line Project**, it is both necessary and urgent to acquire the above-described portions of Lot Nos. 5736 and 5737, upon payment of just compensation, to ensure stability and reliability of power supply in the Island of Panay and the other Islands of the Visayas.

10. Plaintiff's personnel negotiated with the known defendant who could be located for the acquisition of the above-described portions of Lot Nos. 5736 and 5737 for the implementation of the project. However, no settlement was reached between the parties. Considering the urgency involved in the construction of the project, plaintiff has no other recourse but to file the instant Complaint.

11. Plaintiff is willing and able to pay the just compensation for the above-described portions of Lot Nos. 5736 and 5737 sought to be expropriated, subject to deductions for capital gains and documentary stamp taxes for the transfer of the properties in the name of plaintiff, applicable estate taxes, and all other outstanding taxes under the National Internal Revenue Code (NIRC), and other outstanding realty taxes and dues under the Local Government Code, which plaintiff shall directly pay to the Government.

12. Section 13 of R.A. 11361⁸ provides that Rule 67 of the Rules of Court governs plaintiff's expropriation cases. Under Section 2 of Rule 67 of the said Rules, plaintiff may already enter and possess the affected portions of the subject properties during the pendency of the expropriation case,⁹ thus:

"SEC. 2. Entry of plaintiff upon depositing value with authorized government depositary. — Upon the filing of the complaint or at any time thereafter and after due notice to the defendant, the plaintiff shall have the right to take or enter upon the possession of the real property involved if he deposits with the authorized government depositary an amount equivalent to the assessed value of the property for purposes of taxation to be held by such bank subject to the orders of the court. Such deposit shall be in money, unless in lieu thereof the court authorizes the deposit of a certificate of deposit of a government bank of the Republic of the Philippines payable on demand to the authorized government depositary."

13. Pursuant to the above Rule, plaintiff shall cause to be served, among other means, together with the summons and the instant Complaint, a **Notice to Take Possession**¹⁰ upon the defendants.

⁸ Section 13, R.A. 11361 provides that "Subject to the limitations and procedures prescribed by the law, the power to exercise the right of eminent domain granted to any person with a franchise to operate, manage, or maintain the electric power lines shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of the Rules of Court."
⁹ *National Power Corporation vs. Posada, et. al.*, G.R. No. 191945, March 11, 2015.

14. Notwithstanding that R.A. No. 10752 does not specifically apply to the plaintiff, but considering that it will be for the benefit of the defendants and in the interest of immediate project implementation within established timelines, plaintiff shall deposit with the Honorable Court, in favor of the defendants, 100% of the BIR zonal value of the portions of the subject properties sought to be expropriated, including the cost of affected improvements standing therein, in the total amount of **Two Hundred Eleven Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty and 50/100 Pesos (Php211,930.50)**, thereby placing it in *custodia legis*, pursuant to OCA Circular No. 113-2019.

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

16. In a long line of cases¹¹ and in accordance with OCA Circular No. 113-2019, once the above requirements are complied with, it becomes the ministerial duty of the trial court to issue the writ of possession in favor of the plaintiff, without need of any further hearing. Therefore, this Honorable Court can already immediately issue to the plaintiff an order to take possession of the subject properties and start the implementation of the project.

17. In the case of *Municipality of Cordova v. Pathfinder Development Corporation*,¹² the Supreme Court emphasizes the mandatory issuance of the writ of possession upon the receipt of the required deposit. "No hearing is actually required for the issuance of a writ of possession, which demands only two (2) requirements: (a) the sufficiency in form and substance of the complaint; and, (b) the required provisional deposit x x x. Upon compliance with these requirements, the petitioner in an expropriation case is entitled to a writ of possession as a matter of right and the issuance of the writ becomes ministerial."

¹² ANNEX "J" – Notice to Take Possession.

¹¹ *Robern Development Corporation vs. Quiatán*, G.R. No. 135042, September 23, 1999; *SMI Development Corporation vs. Republic of the Philippines*, G.R. No. 138737, January 28, 2000; *Biglang-awa vs. Bacalla*, G.R. Nos. 139927 and 139936, November 22, 2000; *City of Manila vs. Serrano*, G.R. No. 142304, June 20, 2001; *Bardillon vs. Brgy. Masili*, G.R. No. 146886, April 30, 2003; *City of Iloilo vs. Legaspi*, G.R. No. 154614, November 25, 2004.

¹² *Municipality of Cordova v. Pathfinder Development Corporation*, G.R. No. 205544, June 29, 2016

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

19. Moreover, it must be emphasized that an expropriation proceeding is an action *quasi in rem*.¹³ Thus, jurisdiction over the defendants is not required. The important matter is that there is jurisdiction over the *res*. Concomitantly, prior service of summons upon the defendants is not required for the issuance of the Writ of Possession.

20. In *NM Rothschild & Sons (Australia) Ltd. vs. Lepanto Consolidated Mining Company*,¹⁴ the Supreme Court held that:

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

21. Again, in *Macasaet vs. Co, Jr.*,¹⁵ the Supreme Court held:

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

22. Corollary to the successful and complete implementation of the Writ of Possession and for the orderly and peaceful entry of the plaintiff into the subject properties for project implementation, the assistance of the Philippine National Police (PNP) and temporary access through the subject properties to the areas being expropriated is prayed for. In view of the requirement under Section 28.2, Rule 28¹⁶ of the Revised PNP Operational Procedures, it is likewise earnestly prayed that the Order for issuance of a writ of possession specifically directs the PNP to render assistance because the PNP shall not act unless the same is specified by the Court.

¹³ *Ramos vs. Philippine Tourism Authority* (G.R. Nos. 52449-50, 09 June 1980), cited in paragraph 1, page 4 of OCA Circular No. 113-2019.

¹⁴ G.R. No. 175799, November 28, 2011

¹⁵ G.R. No. 156759, June 5, 2013

¹⁶ "28.2 – Requirements for Police Assistance. Request for police assistance in the implementation of final decisions/orders/writs shall be acted only, upon compliance of the following conditions:

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

23. While the instant special civil action is governed by Rule 67 of the Rules of Court which is not affected by the new amendments provided in A.M. No. 19-10-20, plaintiff nonetheless intends to present at least three (3) witnesses for the smooth flow of the case as in ordinary civil cases, namely: a) **Jesse L. Asuga**, to establish the propriety of expropriation for plaintiff's project, the necessity and public use for which the instant expropriation case is instituted, and other facts of the case, b) **Asterio B. Tubera**, to establish the areas and sites necessary for the construction of plaintiff's project pertinent to the subject properties, the consequent necessity of the taking of the subject properties, and other facts of the case, and c) **Jun A. Celoso**, to establish the bases for the determination of the just compensation, among others. Copies of their Judicial Affidavits are attached hereto as Annexes "K" to "M," including the documentary exhibits identified therein by said witnesses and made as integral parts hereof.

PRAYER

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

1. ISSUE a **Writ of Possession** in plaintiff's favor authorizing it to enter and take possession of the portions of Lot Nos. 5736 and 5737, subject of this Complaint, that will be affected by the construction and implementation of the **Barotac Viejo – Natividad 69kV Transmission Line Project**, as described in paragraph 8 hereof; order the demolition of the affected houses/structures standing thereon, if any; order all defendants to vacate the same; direct the Philippine National Police (PNP) to assist the plaintiff in the implementation of the said writ of possession so that project construction can immediately commence even during the pendency of the case; and if necessary, allow plaintiff to have temporary access in going to the areas subject of the complaint while the construction of the project is on-going;

2. ISSUE an **Order of Expropriation** declaring that plaintiff has a lawful right to take and condemn to public use the portions of Lot Nos. 5736 and 5737, sought to be expropriated, consisting of 1,795 square

meters for Lot No. 5736, and 895 square meters for Lot No. 5737, more or less, specified in paragraph 8 hereof;

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

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

b. Declaring plaintiff as the lawful owner of the portions of Lot Nos. 5736 and 5737, sought to be expropriated, consisting of 1,795 square meters for Lot No. 5736, and 895 square meters for Lot No. 5737, more or less, specified in paragraph 8 hereof;

c. Directing the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Iloilo to register and annotate the Writ of Possession, Order of Expropriation, and Judgment on its Registry Day Book, and/or on any certificates of title that may be issued over the subject properties; and, upon application by plaintiff, to issue new and separate certificates of title in the name of plaintiff over the portions of Lot Nos. 5736 and 5737, sought to be expropriated herein; and

d. Directing the Provincial Assessor Iloilo and Municipal Assessor of Barotac Viejo, Iloilo, to cancel Tax Declaration Nos. 08-0021-00243 and 08-0021-00253, and to issue new and separate tax declarations in the name of plaintiff over the portions of Lot Nos. 5736 and 5737, sought to be expropriated herein.

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

Quezon City for Barotac Viejo, Iloilo, **18 August, 2023.**

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
Cebu City) S. S.

VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION

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

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

2. I am authorized to sign the Verification and Certification of Non-Forum Shopping in the expropriation cases for and in behalf of NGCP

with respect to the projects and areas under my supervision pursuant to the authority granted by the NGCP Board of Directors as evidenced by a Secretary's Certificate, dated 22 July 2021, hereto attached as Annex "N;"

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

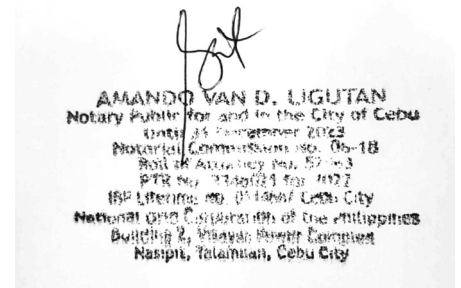
4. I further attest that the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines has not commenced any action or filed any claim involving the same issues in any court, tribunal or quasi-judicial agency and, to the best of my knowledge, no such other action or claim is pending therein. If I should thereafter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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this 18th day of August 2023, in Cebu City, Philippines.

(SGD.) ELENA MARIE MADARANG-CAPANAS
Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 18th day of August 2023, affiant exhibited to me her Driver's License bearing No. G01-90-123324 issued by the Land Transportation Office of Cebu, as her competent proof of identity.

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Republic of the Philippines
Regional Trial Court
6th Judicial Region
Branch 70
Barotac Viejo, Iloilo

NATIONAL GRID CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES,
Plaintiff,

-versus-

HEIRS OF VISITACION ARROYO, ET AL.,
Defendants.

x-----/

Special Civil
Action
No. 2023-1418
For: Expropriation
With Urgent Prayer
for Issuance of Writ
of Possession

NOTICE TO TAKE POSSESSION

April Lacson Justiniani
#40 13th St., Negros Occidental

Anne Elizabeth Alsosa
Brgy. San Roque, Barotac Viejo, Iloilo

All other heirs of
Visitacion Arroyo of
unknown identities
and whereabouts, and
all other persons who
may have any claim or
interest over Lot Nos.
5736 and 5737, located
in Brgy. San Roque,
Barotac Viejo, Iloilo

Please be informed that the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP), by virtue of Section 2 of Rule 67 of the Rules of Court and of other related laws, will take possession and control over the affected portions of the properties subject of the above-captioned expropriation case, denominated as **Lot Nos. 5736 and 5737**, both situated in Brgy. San Roque, Barotac Viejo, Iloilo. The properties are both declared for taxation purposes in the name of Visitacion Arroyo, who is reportedly deceased, under **Tax Declaration Nos. 08-0021-00243 and 08-0021-00253.**

The portions of the subject properties which NGCP will take possession and control over, are more specifically described and identified in the Complaint, and they will be for the use and benefit of the public through NGCP's **Barotac Viejo – Natividad 69kV Transmission Line Project.**

NGCP shall deposit with the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC, Barotac Viejo, Iloilo, the provisional amount of **Two Hundred Eleven Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty and 50/100 Pesos (Php211,930.50)**, equivalent to the current BIR zonal value of the affected portions of the subject properties, plus the cost of affected improvements standing therein.

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

18 August 2023, Cebu City for Barotac Viejo, Iloilo.

(SGD.) JAMES A. HUPP III

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NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE ON REMATADOS OF M. LHUILLIER PAWNSHOPS

Iloilo and Guimaras Branches at

Agencia Ilonga, Iznart, Lapaz 1&2, Bo. Obrero, Pavia, Sta. Barbara, Arroyo, Cabatuan, New Lucena, Ayaman, Maasin, JM Basa, Rotunda, Guimaras, Calingao, San Lorenzo, Jordan Pier, Jordan, Sibunag, Nueva Valencia, Cabalagnan, Guanco, Rizal, De Leon, San Agustin, Ledesma-Valeria, SM City, Mandurriao 1&2, Jibao-an, San Miguel, Leon, Alimodian, Molo, Avanceña, Villa, Mohon, Oton, Tigbauan, Guimbal, Tubungan, Igaras, Miag-ao, San Joaquin, Jaro 1, Jaro 2 (Plaza) Jaro 3 (Mission), Jaro 4 (CPU), Jaro 5 (Quintin Salas), Jaro 6 (Desamparados), Tagbak, Ungka, Leganes, Zarraga, Jalaud, Guzman, Bolong Oeste, Burgos Lapaz, San Miguel Jordan.

Commencing **May 15, 16 and 17, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon** those above mentioned pawnshops will sell on Public Auction Sale on all overdue pledges left in the same up to **NOVEMBER 30, 2023**. Patrons are enjoined to verify their receipts.

MANAGEMENT

Sa Mayo 15, 16 asta 17, 2024 alas 9:00 asta 12:00 sa ugto ang takna nga iga subasta sa publiko ang tanan nga na remati sa nahinambitan nga opisina sa ibabaw. Ang tanan nga butang nga gin prenda nga wala magawad asta sa **NOBYEMBRE 30, 2023**, madala sa subasta. Gina panawagan ang tanan nga suki nga pagatan-awon ang ila tagsa ka resibo.

TAGADUMALAHAN



FOOD MONTH. National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) Commissioner Arvin Manuel Villalon (left) hands the certificate of appreciation to forum speaker Roberto Villacabral during the Filipino Food Month closing program at the Old Capitol in San Jose de Buenavista on Monday (April 29, 2024). Villalon said in an interview Tuesday (April 30) that Antique is envisioned to be on the country's food heritage map because of its rich food preparations. (PNA photo by Annabel Consuelo J. Petinglay)

Antique eyes inclusion in PH food heritage map

Gemmary Pawnshop & Jewellery, Inc.

AUCTION SALE

This is to inform the public that we will be conducting an AUCTION SALE on **MAY 16, 2024** at 9:00 a.m. for all overdue pledges pawned on **DECEMBER 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

AGENCIA CENTRAL

168 Aldeguer Street, Iloilo City

NOTICE

The public is informed that on **MAY 15, 2024**, an Auction Sale will be held at 9:00 – 10:00 AM for all unredeemed jewelries and articles the conditions of which have expired.

The Management

PAHIBALO

Ginapahibalo ang tanan nga sa **MAYO 15, 2024** pagahiwaton ang baligyaanay mga alas 9:00 – 10:00 sa aga para sa tanan nga mga alahas kag pagkabutang nga wala magawad nga sa diin ang mga plasos nga ginkasugtan natapos na.

Ang Tagdumalahan

SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, Antique – The rich food preparations in Antique could be the ticket for its inclusion in the country's food heritage map.

"Antique has not only an intact ecology, with pristine water and environment, but the food preparation is also rich," said National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) Commissioner Arvin Manuel Villalon on Tuesday.

NCCA chose Antique as the venue for the April 28-30 closing ceremony of the Filipino Food Month, mandated under Proclamation Order 469.

He said hosting the ceremony was already a springboard for the inclusion of the province in the country's food heritage map.

They learned that Antique has a rich culinary heritage, like the "pinindang" or the unsalted dried fish fry listed in the Ark of Taste.

"The rice-based desserts like "sapal" or fermented rice and food related to rituals or healing by the indigenous people are also good to be mapped," Villalon said.

Antique also needs to label its products for people to know they are from the province, he added.

"The preserved food preparations of Antique will be documented in the cultural mapping led by the University of the Philippines in the Visayas (UPV) with the University of Antique and the local government unit as overseer," he said.

The cultural mapping that started before the pandemic

Weaving industry in Iloilo town get boost from DOST, ISAT U

ILOILO CITY – A community in the municipality of Miagao in Iloilo is a recipient of a convergence project of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and the Iloilo Science and Technology University (ISAT U), boosting its weaving industry that serves as a source of livelihood for women of Barangay Baraclayan.

The community on Tuesday inaugurated its newly improved weaving facility, one of the components of the Natural Fiber and Textile Development Initiatives, funded through the DOST grants-in-aid program worth around PHP5 million.

“This is one of our many initiatives to strengthen our fiber industry not only in Miagao or in Iloilo but the whole of Western Visayas,” DOST Regional Director Rowen Gelonga said in a press conference.

Baraclayan barangay captain Marlou Niones said the center can help uplift the livelihood of the people in their village, as they now have a venue where they can work and consolidate their products.

“Through this, we hope we will no longer have out-of-school youths and each family will have a better future,” Niones said.

He said that in a day, each weaver can complete a maximum of eight meters depending on the expertise.

Among their produce are shawls, table runners, garlands or lei, cloth for barong, and dresses, among others.

Miagao Mayor Richard Garin said the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) provided them with 100 wooden handlooms which they distributed to their eight weaving communities.

The local government is eyeing to purchase sewing machines to complement the facility and for weavers to also engage in ready-to-wear production and not just focus on weaving.

The weaving center will complement the operation of the Regional Yarn Production and Innovation Center (RYPIC) established inside the Iloilo Science and Technology University (ISAT U) Miagao campus in 2019 to produce yarns made of local materials like cotton, piña, and other farm output of farmers.

Yarns produced at the RYPIC are supplied to loom weavers, including Baraclayan and seven other weaving communities in Miagao.

ISAT U also serves as the implementing partner of the DOST for the Natural Fiber and Textile Development Initiatives as part of their extension activities.

ISAT U president Dr. Gabriel Salistre Jr. said they are trying to expand their raw materials where they have suppliers from as far as the town of Lemery and Passi City so they can outsource their possible source of raw materials. (PNA)



WEAVING INDUSTRY. Some of the handlooms housed inside the improved weaving center of the Barangay Baraclayan Weaving Community in Miagao, Iloilo. The project that was inaugurated on Tuesday (April 30, 2024) is one of the components of the Natural Fiber and Textile Development Initiatives, funded by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and implemented by the Iloilo Science and Technology University (ISAT U). (PNA photo by PGLena)

Iloilo eyes improved hog inventory with sentinelling program

ILOILO CITY – The provincial government aims to improve the hog inventory in Iloilo with its sentinelling program poised to take off anytime soon in its 15 municipalities covering 1,139 farmers.

“The 15 municipalities have already submitted their initial number of raisers. We are now validating on the ground if they have passed our guidelines for the sentinelling,” Provincial Veterinarian Dr. Darel Tabuada said in an interview on Tuesday.

He said almost 90 percent of the list submitted by the local government units passed, especially in Oton, where the first case of African swine fever (ASF) was detected last year.

The provincial government has allocated PHP13.67 million for the sentinelling program. The funds will be downloaded to LGUs once they have the final list of farmers and the provincial government and the implementing LGU sign an agreement for the implementation. “We will go ahead

with our own sentinelling program because we do not know when the Department of Agriculture will start its own. Governor Arthur Defensor does not want us to be left hanging,” he added.

Under the provincial government version, each qualified farmer will receive two piglets that will be purchased by their local government units using the funds downloaded by the province.

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- Salgado Bldg., Legaspi St., Roxas City
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- Dale Bernas Bldg., Burgos St., Brgy Inzo Arnaldo Village, Roxas City
Tel. No.: (036) 522-2355; 621-4563
- Brgy VIII, San Roque Extension, Roxas City
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- Dao Public Market Brgy. Balucuan Dao, Capiz
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- Calle Canal Brgy. Capuling, Duenas, Iloilo
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- Aquino Nobleza St. Janiuy, Iloilo
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Tel. No.: (033) 552-1012
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- F. Parcon Street, Pototan, Iloilo
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- Rizal Street, Brgy Poblacion, San Dionisio, Iloilo
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Tel. No.: 09479999806
- Crispin Salazar St., Janiuy, Iloilo
Tel. No. 09992204460

NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE

Wish to announce their monthly Auction Sale to be held on May 15, 2024 at 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon at the office address stated above.

Nagapahibalo sang ila bulanan nga subasta nga Pagahiwaton sa Mayo 15, 2024 alas 9:00 sa aga (9:00 AM) asta alas 12:00 sa ugto (12:00 Noon) sa nahinambitan nga mga opisina.

THE MANAGEMENT

ANG TAGADUMALAHAN

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San Jose, Antique

SPL. PROC. NO. 0296

IN THE MATTER OF THE CANCELLATION OF
CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH, REGISTRY NO.
2002-308, OF THE CIVIL REGISTRY OF
PATNONGON, ANTIQUE,

CRISPIN BALADIANG BACONGALLO, joined by
his parents, BEBETH B. BACONGALLO, and
EDGAR BACONGALLO,
Petitioner,

-versus-

CIVIL REGISTRAR OF PATNONGON, ANTIQUE,
PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY, AND ANY
OTHER PERSONS THAT MAY BE ADVERSELY
AFFECTED,
Respondents.
X-----X

ORDER

In a verified *Second Amended Petition* filed on 23 February 2023 petitioner **CRISPIN BALADIANG BACONGALLO** alleges among others: that he is of legal age, single, Filipino, and a resident of Aureliana, Patnongon, Antique; that he was born on 19 December 1998 in Carit-an, Patnongon, Antique as the fourth child of **BEBETH B. BACONGALLO** and **EDGAR BACONGALLO**; that his birth was registered through a delayed registration on 23 April 2002, processed and submitted by his mother's aunt, Lolita Annaiz; at the time of his delayed registration, he was already using the name **CRISPIN BALADIANG BACONGALLO**, as shown by his school records; that recently when he obtained a copy of his birth certificate he discovered several errors on the entries including his name which is Crispin Baladiang and not Crispin Baladiang Bacongallo; that likewise, the birth certificate erroneously indicated that he was an illegitimate child though his parents were married on 21 November 1992 at Filipina Independiente Church in Carit-an, Patnongon, Antique; that his birth date was also erroneously entered 19 December 1997 instead of 19 December 1998; that the age of his mother at the time of his birth should be corrected from 33 years to 30 years old and that of his father from 29 to 35 years old; that he is the 4th child of his parents but was incorrectly reflected as the 3rd child; that he prays that an order be issued directing the public respondents to CANCEL his birth certificate appearing under Entry No. 2002- 308 of the Local Civil Registrar of Patnongon, Antique.

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the same is hereby set for hearing on **23 May 2024 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning** at the session hall of this court, at which date, time and place, interested parties may appear and show cause why the *Petition* should not be granted.

Let copy of this order be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in **News Express**, a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Antique and in Western Visayas.

Furnish copy of this order be furnished the Solicitor General, the Local Civil Registrars of Patnongon and Bugasong, Antique, the Provincial Prosecutor, the petitioner, and his counsel.

SO ORDERED.

San Jose for Bugasong, Antique, 14 March 2024.

(SGD.) **MARIO G. ANDRES, JR.**
Presiding Judge

NE/April 22, 29 and May 6, 2024

DEED OF EXTRA JUDICIAL PARTITION AND ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **BASILIO ALBILA** known as a parcel of land **Lot No. 2498** situated in Sitio Cudyapa-Dalag, Alimodian, Iloilo covered by **ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. F-13953** with an area of **FIFTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY FOUR (15,894) square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **SIMEON ALBILA, ADORACION ALBILA and CONRADO ALBILA**. That, **ADORACION ALBILA and CONRADO ALBILA** SELL, CEDE, TRANSFER and CONVEY by way of Absolute Sale the above said property of TWO-THIRD (2/3) undivided share thereof, together with all the improvements thereon, free from liens and encumbrances unto **SIMEON ALBILA**, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Antonio M. Natino** per Doc. No. 209, Page No. 66, Book No. II, Series of 1984.

NE/April 22, 29 & May 6, 2024

EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AMONG HEIRS WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **LEOPOLDO B. CORILLO** known as a back earned pension at the **PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE** is adjudicated to heirs **LARRY C. CORILLO, SR., LEAH C. HERRERA, GREG C. CORILLO and BILL C. CORILLO**. That, the heirs agreed to **WAIVE, TRANSFER, and RENOUNCE** all their rights, interests and shares in the said estate in favor of their sister **LEAH C. HERRERA** as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Nicky Joy M. Camanso** per Doc. No. 464, Page No. 94, Book No. XI, Series of 2004.

NE/April 22, 29 & May 6, 2024

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **RAMON L. MILITANTE** known as 1) **LOT No. 393** located at Brgy. Salong, Batad, Iloilo covered by **Tax Declaration No. 09-0021-00002** with an area of **14.5164 Hectares**; 2) **LOT No. 395** located at Brgy. Salong, Batad, Iloilo covered by **Tax Declaration No. 09-0021-00011** with an area of **3.2839 Hectares**; 3) **Savings Account with LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES**, Estancia, Iloilo Branch under the account name **RAMON L. MILITANTE** with **Savings Account No. 4156-0455-14**; and 4) proceeds, claims and benefits from **Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), United Coconut Planters Life Assurance Corporation (COCOLIFE)** and other private and public agencies are adjudicated to heirs **JOSEPHINE MILITANTE BADOLES, JOSETTE B. MILITANTE, and JOEL B. MILITANTE**. That, the heirs/adjudicatees **Josette B. Militante and Joel B. Militante** agreed among themselves to constitute and appoint their co-heir **Josephine Militante Badoles** to be their true and lawful Attorney-In-Fact (AIF). Entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Ralph Angelo G. Obligar** per Doc. No. 188, Page No. 39, Book No. 6, Series of 2024.

NE/April 22, 29 & May 6, 2024

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL ADJUDICATION AMONG HEIRS WITH SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **LILIA P. ELVAS** is adjudicated to heirs in the following manner: 1) **Therese Elvas - Lot 7714-A, PSD-06-094419 (TCT No. 090-2019010185)** located in Brgy. Poblacion, New Lucena, Iloilo with an area of **473 sq.m. (Residential)**; 2) **Ma. Cynthia Elvas Tayong - Lot 7714-C, PSD-06-094419 (TCT No. 090-2019010187)** located in Brgy. Poblacion, New Lucena, Iloilo with an area of **73 sq.m. (Residential)**; 3) **Ma. Cynthia Elvas Tayong - Lot 7714-D, (ROAD) PSD-06-094419 (TCT No. 090-2019010188)** located in Brgy. Poblacion, New Lucena, Iloilo with an area of **406 sq.m. (used as road)**; 4) **Imelda Elvas Triviño - Lot 7808-A, PSD-06-094271 (TCT No. 090-2019010183)** located in Brgy. Baclayan, New Lucena, Iloilo with an area of **3,419 sq.m. (Agricultural)**; 5) **Imelda Elvas Triviño - Lot 7808-B, PSD-06-094271 (TCT No. 090-2019010184)** located in Brgy. Baclayan, New Lucena, Iloilo with an area of **3,492 sq.m. (Agricultural)**; 6) **Michael Jerome Elvas - Lot 1 of the subdivision plan, TCT No. 090-2019010191 and TCT No. 090-2019010190** located in Brgy. Baclayan, New Lucena, Iloilo with an area of **11,237 sq.m. (Agricultural)**; 7) **Ma. Elna Elvas Talampas - Lot 2 of the subdivision plan, formerly Lot 7888-B (portion) (TCT No. 090-2019010190)** with an area of **11,237 sq.m. (Agricultural)**; 8) **Julius Elvas - Lot 3 of the subdivision plan, Lot 7888-C (portion) (TCT No. 090-2019010191)** with an area of **11,237 sq.m. (Agricultural)**; and 9) **Equal share of 1/6 each of Lot 7633-N, Block 2 of the Subdivision Plan (LRC) PSD 22365** located in Poblacion, New Lucena, Iloilo with an area of **450 sq.m. (Residential)** to **Ma. Elna Elvas Talampas, Julius Elvas, Therese Elvas, Ma. Cynthia Elvas Tayong, Imelda Elvas-Triviño and Michael Jerome Elvas**. That, the heirs hereby appoint and constitute **Imelda Elvas-Triviño and/or Julius Elvas and/or John Paul Triviño** as their lawful attorney-in-fact. Entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Nelson C. Oberas** per Doc. No. 112, Page No. 24, Book No. 240, Series of 2024.

NE/May 6, 13 & 20, 2024

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FORECLOSURE NO. F-10933-24

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

FIRST STANDARD FINANCE CORPORATION,
(FORMERLY FIRST STANDARD LENDING
CORPORATION)

Mortgagee,

-versus-

JIMMY M. MACAYA,
Mortgagor/s

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 **FIRST STANDARD FINANCE CORPORATION (Formerly FIRST STANDARD LENDING CORPORATION)** a domestic corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Philippines with its office address at ACCE Bldg., Ledesma-Mabini Streets, Iloilo City, Philippines, against mortgagor/s **JIMMY M. MACAYA**, widow, of legal age, Filipino and a resident of Brgy. Bilidan, New Lucena, Iloilo, Philippines, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of February 26, 2024, amounted to **EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY FOUR PESOS & 13/100 (P898,274.13)**, Philippine Currency, **(Balance of Principal P701,400.00 plus Unpaid Interest P166,380.60 plus RPPD P11,250.00 and Penalties P19,243.53)** inclusive 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 **JUNE 5, 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 properties, including buildings and all improvements found thereon, to wit:

Registry of Deeds for Iloilo, Iloilo
Transfer Certificate of Title No. 090-2022018364

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 8660-A-1, PSD-06-074619, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 8660-A, P S D - 4 0 5 4 5, SITUATED AT BRGY. BILIDAN, MUNICIPALITY OF NEW LUCENA, PROVINCE OF ILOILO ISLAND OF PANAY. BOUNDED ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 8660-A-3 (ROAD WIDENING OF THIS SUBDIVISION SURVEY; ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 8659, SANTA BARBARA CAD. 7 EXT.; ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 8660-A-4; ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 8660-A-2, BOTH OF THIS SUBDIVISION SURVEY. X X X CONTAINING AN AREA OF **FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY TWO (452) 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 **JUNE 19, 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, **April 3, 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.

NE/April 29, May 6 & 13, 2024



EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **REBECCA S. SABIDONG** known as a parcel of land **Lot No. 1050** of the Cadastral Survey of San Miguel covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. (T-125663) 090-2023005049** with an area of **NINETY-SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-EIGHT SQUARE METERS (97,538)**, **MORE OR LESS** is adjudicated to heirs **MARIE LOU APURA, CHRISTIE MARIE S. LATAÑAFRANCIA, ERWIN SABIDONG, RODOLFO SABIDONG, REBECCA S. EAGAN, ROSENY SABIDONG, MARY ANN SACHS, ANDRES SABIDONG, JR., ROLANDO S. PADILLA, JR., JOSEF S. PADILLA, and MARIA SOPHIA S. PADILLA**. That, the heirs agreed to waive all their rights and interests over the said property in favor of **REBECCA SABIDONG EAGAN**. Entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. John Paul L. Oberas** per Doc. No. 276, Page No. 57, Book No. I, Series of 2023.

NE/April 29, May 6 & 13, 2024

DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **ANGELES L. PALLON** known as a parcel of land **Lot No. 314-A-2, PSD-06-041655, being a portion of Lot 314-A, PSD-06-021856** situated in the Poblacion, Dueñas, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 175961** with an area of **TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY SIX (276) SQUARE METERS, more or less** is adjudicated to the heirs of the late **MATILDE PALLON**, namely, **CYNTHIA S. LOREDO and JULIET S. FERNANDEZ**. That, the heirs convey, sell and transferred the above-said property by way of Absolute Sale unto **AMY LIZA L. DIOPITA**, married to **STANLEY DIOPITA** as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Edgar Janine L. Pestaño** per Doc. No. 174, Page No. 36, Book No. VI, Series of 2024.

NE/April 29, May 6 & 13, 2024.

DEED OF ADJUDICATION AND SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses RUSTICO CABALFIN and ISABEL J. CABALFIN** known as a parcel of land **Lot 1435-B-6-B-3-A, Psd-06-06-1334**, being a portion of Lot 1435-B-6-B-3, Psd-063022-029444, situated in Brgy. Sambag, Jaro, Iloilo City covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-152621** with an area of **ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED (1,600) SQUARE METERS, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **Milagros C. Hilado, Beatriz C. Tamonan, Eduardo Cabalfin, Elsa C. Funclara, Felicidad C. Jamoses, Godofredo Cabalfin, Dolores C. Celis, Marcelo Cabalfin, Rodito Cabalfin, and Marivic Cabalfin**. That, the heirs agreed to **CEDE, TRANSFER and CONVEY** by way of **ABSOLUTE SALE** a portion of the above-said property containing **SIX HUNDRED NINETY ONE (691) square meters, more or less** in favor of **JOSE LUCIBAR TAMAYOR**, of legal age, married to **NONA TAMAYOR**. Entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Jose C. Daduros** per Doc. No. 202, Page No. 42, Book No. XIX, Series of 2019.

NE/May 6, 13 & 20, 2024

ERRATUM

Please take notice that the General Notice of Applicant, **RAMON TAPUZ**, for affidavit of loss of the original certificate, which was published on April 08, 2024 News Express Newspaper is hereby rectified to reflect the correction of the name of owner: **RAMON TAPUZ**.

This erratum supersedes the stated name of owner **RAMON TUPAZ** that was previously reflected on the above-mentioned issue of the said newspaper.

Iloilo City, Philippines, 30 April 2024.



SOMBILLA
DENTAL LABORATORY
Hoskyn's Compound Guanco St., Iloilo City
Cell# 0927-9960389 Tel. No. 3351367
ANDRESITO SOMBILLA, JR.
Owner

DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses JOSE JAYME JANOLINO and ANGELINA GUMBAN JANOLINO** consisting of real properties known as **Lot No. 52** under **TAX DECLARATION NO. 38-0050-00311** and **Lot No. 107** under **TAX DECLARATION NO. 38-0050-00258** both situated in Brgy. Pal-agon, Sta. Barbara, Iloilo are adjudicated to heirs **EVELYN JANOLINO CABARLES, NINFA JANOLINO DY, AZANETH JANOLINO TATEL, CELIA JANOLINO LAHOYLAHOY, MILDRED JANOLINO SUNER, MARY JANE JANOLINO PEÑOL, MYRNA JANOLINO SOLINAP, FELIPE SOMO JANOLINO and TERESA JANOLINO TABOADA**. That, the heirs agreed to **waive, renounce, relinquish and quitclaim** all their rights, interests, and participation over the said properties including improvements thereon unto and in favor of **JANET TICAR JANOLINO** the **Lot No. 52** and **FELIX SOMO JANOLINO** the **Lot No. 107**. Entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. George H. Gregori** per Doc. No. 251, Page No. 52, Book No. XIV, Series of 2022.

NE/April 29, May 6 & 13, 2024

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **JOSE S. SABIDONG, JR.** and the late **Spouses ANDRES SABIDONG, SR. and JUANA SORILLA** known as three parcels of land identified as **Lot No. 1032 (TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-125665)** with an area of **THIRTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOUR SQUARE METERS (13,574) MORE OR LESS, Lot No. 1049 (TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-125,828)** with an area of **TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND FORTY-EIGHT (2,548) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, Lot No. 1051 (TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-125,664)** with an area of **FOUR THOUSAND SIXTY-FOUR SQUARE METERS (4,064) MORE OR LESS**, all of the Cadastral Survey of San Miguel are adjudicated to heirs, to wit: Heirs of the late **JONE S. SABIDONG, JR.**, namely, **MARIE LOU APURA, CHRISTIE MARIE S. LATAÑAFRANCIA, ERWIN SABIDONG, RODOLFO SABIDONG, REBECCA S. EAGAN, ROSENY SABIDONG, and MARY ANN SACHS**; and Heirs of the late **ANDRES S. SABIDONG, SR. and JUANA SORILLA**, namely, **ANDRES SABIDONG, JR.** as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. John Paul L. Oberas** per Doc. No. 274, Page No. 56, Book No. I, Series of 2023.

NE/April 29, May 6 & 13, 2024

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **JOSE S. SABIDONG, JR.** and the late **SPOUSES ANDRES SABIDONG, SR. and JUANA SORILLA** known as a parcel of land **Lot No. 1031** of the Cadastral Survey of San Miguel covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-125,666** with an area of **FORTY-EIGHT THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND FOUR SQUARE METERS (48,604), MORE OR LESS** is adjudicated to heirs, to wit: Heirs of the late **Jone S. Sabidong, Jr.**, namely, **Marie Lou Apura, Christie Marie S. Latañafrancia, Erwin Sabidong, Rodolfo Sabidong, Rebecca S. Eagan, Roseny Sabidong, and Mary Ann Sachs**; and Heirs of the late **Andres S. Sabidong, Sr. and Juana Sorilla**, namely, **Andres Sabidong, Jr.**, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. John Paul L. Oberas** per Doc. No. 273, Page No. 56, Book No. I, Series of 2023.

NE/April 29, May 6 & 13, 2024

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses ROLANDO R. PADILLA, SR. and MARIA S. PADILLA** known as a parcel of land **Lot No. 1050** of the Cadastral Survey of San Miguel covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. (T-125663) 090-2023005049** with an area of **48,769 square meters** is adjudicated to heirs **ROLANDO S. PADILLA, JR., JOSEF S. PADILLA AND MARIA SOPHIA S. PADILLA**, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. John Paul L. Oberas** per Doc. No. 275, Page No. 56, Book No. 1, Series of 2023.

NE/April 29, May 6 & 13, 2024



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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SPEC. PROC. CASE NO. 24-15655

IN RE: PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF ENTRIES IN THE MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE OF SPS. MARK S. ESPORA AND MARY JESIERYL P. ESPORA BEARING REGISTRY NO. 2004-2544,

MARK S. ESPORA,
Petitioner,

-versus-

FLORENCIA S. ESPORA, THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF ILOILO CITY, THE CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL, PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY (PSA) AND ALL PERSONALITIES WHO MAY BE AFFECTED THEREBY,
Respondents.

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ORDER

Before this Court is a verified petition for the correction of entry in the Certificate of Marriage of **SPOUSES MARK S. ESPORA and MARY JESIERYL P. ESPORA** bearing Registry No. 2004-2544. They pray that after due notice and hearing, an order be issued directing the Office of the Registrar General and the Local City Civil Registrar of Iloilo City to correct the following entries:

- a.) Name of Petitioner's Mother from: "SOLEDAD SOCUELAN" to "FLORENCIA S. ESPORA";
- b.) Name of Petitioner's Father from "DELFIN ESPORA" to "Blank"
- c) Name of the persons who gave consent or advise: from "SPS. DELFIN AND SOLEDAD ESPORA" to: "FLORENCIA SOCUELAN ESPORA".

The petitioner **Mark S. Espora** alleges, among others, that he discovered that the fact of his birth was first registered (first registration) by his mother as evidenced by Certificate of Live Birth bearing Registrar No. 9260 (K-83) issued on November 2, 1983, but his grandparents caused a subsequent registration (second registration) as evidenced by Certificate of Live Birth bearing Registry No. 7350 (f-76) issued on June 18, 1984.

On May 27, 2004, the petitioner went to the National Statistics Office (NSO) to secure a certified true copy of his Certificate of Live Birth, as one of the requirements for Marriage License Application. The NSO on June 18, 1984 issued a Certificate of Live Birth under Local Civil Registry No. 7350 (f-76) Despite petitioner's explanation to NSO that the erroneous entries on the aforementioned Certificate of Live Birth, specifically on his mother's name and the entry on his father's name, the NSO maintained that those entries were the only existing record of the registration of his birth. Since petitioner felt the urgent need to secure his Marriage License for his marriage to proceed, despite being erroneous, he submitted his Certificate of Live Birth to the Local Civil Registrar (LCR) of Iloilo City. The erroneous entries from his Certificate of Live Birth was carried on to his Certificate of Marriage bearing Registry No. 2004-2544, issued on May 27, 2004. Hence, the filing of this Petition.

WHEREFORE, let the initial hearing of the petition be set on **July 11, 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: (1) in the Iloilo City Hall, (2) the Barangay Hall, where the petitioner resides, and (3) at the main entrance of the Chief Justice Ramon Q. 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.

The petitioner is directed to furnish the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG) copy of its petition and annexes.

Furnish copy of this Order the petitioner, his wife **Mary Jesieryl P. Espora**, **Florencia Espora**, the Office of the Solicitor General, the Local Registrar of Iloilo City and the Philippine Statistics Authority.

SO ORDERED.

Iloilo City, Philippines, April 3, 2024.

(SGD.) REDENTOR E. ESPERANZA
Presiding Judge

NE/April 22, 29 & May 6, 2024

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FORECLOSURE NO. F-10930-24

**FOR:
EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
SALE UNDER ACT 3135, AS
AMENDED**

**HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
(OTHERWISE KNOWN AS PAG-IBIG FUND)**
Mortgagee,

-versus-

**EFRAIM N. CHOMO, JR. married to
CAROLYN B. CHOMO**
Debtors/Mortgagor/s.
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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage under Act 3135, as amended, filed by **HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund)** a government financial institution duly organized and existing under and by virtue of Republic Act No. 9679 with principal office at 44th Petron Megaplaza Building No. 358 Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue, Makati City, Philippines, hereinafter referred to as **Mortgagee**, against **EFRAIM N. CHOMO, JR. married to CAROLYN B. CHOMO**, both of legal age, Filipino citizens and with postal address at **Brgy. Rizal, Estanzuela, Iloilo City**, hereinafter referred to as **Debtors/Mortgagor/s.**, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **February 29, 2024** amounted to **ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED FORTY SIX THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED NINETY TWO PESOS & 68/100 (Php1,246,492.68)**, Philippine Currency, inclusive of interests, penalties and expenses, the Ex-Officio Sheriff of Iloilo and/or his duly authorized deputy Sheriff will **SELL** at Public Auction on **JUNE 20, 2024**, at 10 o'clock in the morning at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, CJ Ramon Q. Avanceña Hall of Justice, Iloilo City, to the **HIGHEST BIDDER** for **CASH** or **MANAGER'S CHECK** and in Philippine Currency, the real property with all the improvements found thereon, to wit:

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF
TITLE NO. 090-2021013090**

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in **BARANGAY OF PANDAC/JIBAO-AN, MUNICIPALITY OF PAVIA, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY**, bounded and described as follows: **LOT NO: 13, BLOCK NO: 49, PLAN NO: PCS-06-006502,**

PORTION OF: THE CONS/SUBD OF LOT 1789, LOT 1804, LOT 1805, LOT 1806 LOT 1813, LOT 1815, LOT 1816, LOT 1817, LOT 1818, LOT 1821, LOT 1822, LOT 1823, LOT 1828, LOT 1829, LOT 1789, LOT 1833, LOT 1790, LOT 1834, LOT 1791, LOT 1839, LOT 1837, LOT 1866, LOT 1873, LOT 1874, LOT 1875, LOT 1888, LOT 1889, LOT 1890, LOT 1891, LOT 1792, LOT 1971, LOT 2051, ALL AGONOA CAD. 8, LOT 1827-A & LOT 1827-B, BOTH PSD-06-030438, LOT 1865-A, PSD-188188, LOT 1870-A, PSD-060-015994, LOT 1871-A, PSD-06-009572, LOT 1886-A, LOT 1886-B, LOT 1886-C, LOT-1886-D, ALL PSD-180980, LOT 2049-A, AND LOT 2049-B, LOT 2049-C, ALL PSD-06-020701

LOCATION: BARANGAY OF PANDAC/JIBAO-AN, MUNICIPALITY OF PAVIA, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY

BOUNDARIES:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	SW	LOT 14, BLOCK 49, PCS-06-006502
2-3	NW	LOT 22, BLOCK 49, PCS-06-006502
3-4	NE	LOT 12, BLOCK 49, PCS-06-006502
4-1	SE	ROAD LOT 65, (6.50 M. WIDE), PCS-06-006502

TIE POINT: MON. NO. 30, CAD 8, AGONOA CADASTRE

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
TO CORNER 1	N. 28° 14' W	1018.42 M.
1-2	N. 58° 46' W	12.50 M.
2-3	N. 31° 14' E	8.00 M.
3-4	S. 58° 46' E	12.50 M.
4-1	S. 31° 14' W	8.00 M.

AREA: ONE HUNDRED SQUARE METERS (100), MORE OR LESS

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **July 14, 2024**, at the same time and place without further notice.

Iloilo City, Philippines, **April 17, 2024.**

(SGD.) LENY GEMMA P. CASTILLO
Sheriff-in-Charge

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

WARNING:

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NE/April 29, May 6 & 13, 2024

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SPL PROC. No 24-15624

**IN RE: IN THE MATTER OF
THE PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF ENTRY
IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH
OF JENELYN VALLADOLID LACUMBO**

JENELYN VALLADOLID LACUMBO
Petitioner,

-versus-

**THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR
OF ILOILO CITY, and THE CIVIL REGISTRAR
GENERAL-
PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY**
Respondents.

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ORDER

Petitioner filed a verified petition and prayed that the Local Civil Registrar of Iloilo City be ordered to correct the **YEAR** of birth in the Certificate of Live Birth of **Jenelyn Valladolid Lacumbo**, Registry No. **2007-15623** from **"1971" TO "1965"**, the LCR of Iloilo City to forward to corrected certificate of live birth to the PSA and issue a corrected certificate of live birth in favor of petitioner.

The petition, sufficient in form and substance, is set for hearing on **July 1, 2024**, at 8:30 a.m. to apprise all parties interested to appear and intervene in the proceedings and to show cause, if any, why this petition should not be granted. Petitioner is directed to publish a copy of this Order in a newspaper of general circulation in the city and province of Iloilo at least once a week for three consecutive weeks, and the same order to be posted at the bulletin board of the Iloilo Hall of Justice. The petitioner is directed to furnish the Office of the Solicitor General with a copy of the petition.

SO ORDERED.

Iloilo City, Philippines. March 20, 2024.

(SGD.) EMERALD K. REQUINA-CONTRERAS
Presiding Judge

NE/April 29, May 6 & 13, 2024

**Antique water district
assures concessionaires
of enough supply**

supply.

Sibalom Water District Manager engineer Jonathan De Gracia on Tuesday said they have around 4,000 household concessionaires in their service areas covering 17 of the 76 barangays of the municipality.

"The Sibalom Water District has right now five pumping stations that provide us an average of 5,000 cubic meters of water daily," he said.

De Gracia said water generated from the deep wells through their pumping stations is sufficient to meet the needs of their concessionaires.

The Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) also draws water from the three fire hydrants upon request of the local government unit.

"The BFP also does not draw water for their rationing during the peak hours to make sure that our concessionaires are not being affected," he said.

The peak hours are from 6 a.m. until 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

Areas experiencing water shortage are not within the service areas of the water utility, or they are in the upland areas.

The water rationing covers Barangays Maasin, Esperanza II, Insarayan, Lacion, Igdagmay, Salvacion, and Cadoldolan.

"We are doing water rationing as assistance to the barangays," BFP Sibalom Fire Chief Senior Fire Officer 3 Richard Mijares said. (PNA)

SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, Antique – The Sibalom Water District has assured its concessionaires of enough water for drinking and household needs as rationing continues in barangays with insufficient



WATER RATIONING. The Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) fills up the water tank of a household in Barangay Lacion, Sibalom, during its water rationing on Monday (April 29, 2024). Engineer Jonathan De Gracia, Sibalom Water District Manager, in an interview on Tuesday (April 30, 2024) assured their concessionaires that there is still enough water for drinking and household needs despite the ongoing water rationing. (Photo courtesy of BFP Sibalom)

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Municipality of Barotac Nuevo

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In compliance with R.A. 10172, a notice is hereby served to the public that **KRIS DUMARAOG** has filed with this office a Petition for Correction in the Entry of Sex from **"FEMALE"** to **"MALE"** in the birth certificate of **KRIS BATICBATIC DUMARAOG** who was born on **December 13, 2000 at Zamora St., Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo.**

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

SGD. ATTY. REYNOLD A. PEREZ
Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/May 6, 2024 & May 13, 2024

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Province of Iloilo
Municipality of Janiuay

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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 **JANIN A. JAMOLANGUE** has filed a petition for **Correction of Clerical Error in the Child's SEX** from **"MALE"** to **"FEMALE"** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **JANIN A. AGREDA** whose parents are **CARLITO AGREDA & CARMELITA LEAL.**

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

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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 **ARVIE MADERO GARCIA** has filed a petition for **Correction of Clerical Error in the Child's SEX** from **"MALE"** to **"FEMALE"** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **ARVIE CANTADO MADERO** whose parents are **ARMANDO C. MADERO & VIOLETA G. CANTADO.**

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/May 6, 2024 & May 13, 2024



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



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

LA PAZ MOTORBOAT OWNERS & FISHERFOLKS ASSOCIATION Case No. **MRO VI 19-108**
Applicant. **CPC Renewal**

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ORDER

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

ROUTE/S TO BE SERVED:

ISLAND HOPPING AT LUCMAYAN, SAN ROQUE, LA PAZ
TAKLONG, PANABOLON, GUIWANON, UNISAN, CABALAGNAN
ALL IN NVA. VALENCIA, GUIMARAS AND VICE VERSA
(DAYTIME NAVIGATION ONLY)

OWNED BY APPLICANT	HULL	TYPE OF SERVICE	PASSAGE RATE
MBca "SEA MASTER 1"	WOOD	Tourist/Guest	Php 2,000/trip – 1 st 3 hours
MBca "ANGELO G"	WOOD	Tourist/Guest	
MBca "SEA SEEKER 2"	WOOD	Tourist/Guest	
MBca "HORNET L"	WOOD	Tourist/Guest	
MBca "JHOSUA L"	WOOD	Tourist/Guest	
MBca "HORNET L-3"	WOOD	Tourist/Guest	
MBca "ALEX G"	WOOD	Tourist/Guest	

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

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

The Applicant shall present the jurisdictional, qualification and documentary requirements in a summary proceeding to be conducted on **16 May 2024 at 10:00 A.M.** at the Maritime Regional Office VI Building, De La Rama St., Iloilo City, which is within seven (7) days from the date of publication/posting.

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

WITNESS, the MARINA Administrator, **Hon. Sonia B. Malaluan**, this 29th day of April 2024.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR:

(SGD.) JEFFREY A. BANGSA
Regional Director

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

GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **KENNETH JHON A. DEDUCIN** with business address at Bayuyan, Carles, Iloilo has filed with **MARINA Regional Office VI** for re-issuance of Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Philippine Registry due to a Change of Ownership from **RUBIO B. MAHINAY** to **KENNETH JHON A. DEDUCIN** and Change of Vessel Name from **FBCA "FIVE R'S"** to **FBCA "KAFF"**. Any person or entity adversely affected by said claim may file their written opposition with Maritime Industry Authority Regional Office VI, MARINA Bldg., De La Rama St., Iloilo City within ten (10) days from the date of posting.

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version, the provincial government will also submit its list.

Tabuada said the sentinelling program is the contribution of the province in increasing hog inventory.

During the second quarter meeting of the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council on Monday, Tabuada presented that Iloilo has 83,465 heads available as of April 22.

He said data also showed that from 72,320 heads as of Feb.12, 2024, the number increased to 83,465 heads as of April 22, posting a 15 percent increase.

"Since February, there is already a significant increase in our inventory. We can see an almost 15 percent increase, or more than 10,000 heads. The sentinelling program is more or less 2,000 heads, but at least the province has its contribution in reviving the swine industry," he said.

From January up to April, the pork sufficiency level of Iloilo was at 70 percent, including the frozen and processed pork shipped into the province. (PNA)

WVMC HEART ... (from page 3)

be included in the said facility services.

WVMC as a Regional Apex Hospital shall offer its facility for free on patients not only in Iloilo City but also from other areas in Western Visayas.

On the other hand, WVMC's six-storey Cancer Care Center also held its groundbreaking ceremony on the same day.

Once completed, the said facility shall be able to provide services such as chemotherapy, RAI, radiation treatment, and other cancer diagnostic or treatment modalities.

Through the remarkable efforts of local and national legislatives alongside the DOH and WVMC personnel, the said project shall serve as a lifeline and would be a big help for patients who are in need.

BIGGEST ... (from page 5)

Iloilo second district Rep. Michael Gorriceta, in an interview, said prices of goods purchased at the complex are cheaper because there are no middlemen involved in the transactions.

His office, he said, is working on improving road networks to make accessible the transport of goods from remote areas down to the town proper and to the Bagsakan center.

Through the San Miguel local government unit cooperative, 83 sacks of well-milled rice were sold at PHP20 per kilo as a promotional rate for three days, starting Wednesday, with a maximum of five kilos for each buyer. (PNA)

GLIMPSES ... (from page 7)

another USD500 million representing the additional cost of all our imported requirements for development, increased the overall cost of importation of all our requirements from USD1,300 million to USD2,300 million."

"To meet this problem, I considered it imperative that we maintain the existing level of our foreign exchange reserves -- USD1 billion -- so as to maintain monetary stability. For this purpose, we geared our new planning to the necessity for additional export earnings."

In his State-of-the-Nation Address (SONA) on July 24, 1979, Marcos also touched on the energy situation worldwide, saying:

"We have to realize that the decade of the 1980s and perhaps well into the turn of the century do not offer us any relief from the energy crisis, unless we carefully plan to live with what is turning out to be realities of our times.

"For today, many of us must learn to live without some of the conveniences or luxuries that are now part of the lifestyles of those in the upper class. It is to this level of society that we direct our appeal to the developed nations to trim their energy appetites."

ANTIQUÉ ... (from page 10)

and will culminate in August this year includes the documentation of the rich food preparations in Antique.

Senator Loren Legarda, in her message read by NCCA Special Projects Unit Head Mark Omaña at the start of the three-day event on April 28, said that "the cultivation, preparation, and partaking of food are intricately interwoven with our cultural identity, our traditions, our values, and even our stewardship of nature."

Legarda, who authors Senate Bill 244 or the proposed Philippine Culinary Heritage Act, hopes to promote Filipino culinary practices in the education system and preserve native ingredients and cooking methods. (PNA)



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