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of farm to market roads with an allotted fund of P3.177 billion were constructed across six provinces in Western Visayas which were also implemented by the 16 District Engineering Offices from 2022 to the current year which ensure faster and safer routes for local farmers to transport their goods from their production area to markets.

In addition, a total of 1,752 units of multi-purpose buildings amounting to P15.13 billion have been constructed from 2022 to the present year within the region wherein these shall offer residents of various barangays spaces for recreation and wellness activities.

About 1,088 classrooms amounting to P3.483 billion were constructed for academic and laboratory use, while 60 units of school buildings were repaired encompassing 515 classrooms with allotted fund of P317.15 million were also constructed to upgrade school infrastructure needs within the region and to provide students with safe and functional learning environments.

Moreover, about 130,053.34 km of flood control projects amounting to P29.05 billion were also implemented in the region to address flooding issues, minimizing soil erosion along riverbanks and preventing inundation in residential areas.

Also, about 218.28 kilometers of roads were widened which amounted to P9.13 billion in order to improve traffic flow and safety. A reconstruction and rehabilitation of 122.89 kilometers of road amounting to P3.67 billion were also implemented to improve travel experience while 713.78 kilometers of road have also been upgraded with an asphalt overlay amounting to P10.67 billion for smoother, longer-lasting surfaces.

A total of 143 bridge projects across the region worth P4.07 billion have been also implemented which involves the widening of 10,956.17 square meters of bridge structures to accommodate increased traffic volumes, replacement of 8,623.68 square meters of old or damaged bridges, and construction of 1,613.58 square meters of new bridge structures to improve connectivity.

DPWH also conducts the rehabilitation and repair of 89 bridges to enhance safety and longevity, and strengthening of 8 bridges to meet current safety standards.

On the other hand, DPWH has also partnered with the Department of Tourism (DOT) and the Department of Trade and Industries (DTI) for their ongoing flagship projects such as Iloilo River North Bank Road (Sunset Boulevard); Boracay Circumferential Road; Bacolod Negros Occidental Economic Highway (BANOCEH); Negros Occidental Convention Center in Silay City; Iloilo River Esplanade 11; Iloilo City Seawall; among others.

Meanwhile, Oropel also mentioned DPWH's future projects such as Bacolod Victorias Coastal Road; Iloilo-Capiz-Aklan Expressway; Panay-Guimaras-Negros Island Bridges (PGN); among others.

He also quoted the message of President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. from his visit on DPWH's 125th founding anniversary last year, wherein he said, "You should be proud for each of you has contributed to the building of the nation as a whole. It is an example for all of us that through your dedication and industry, we now have structures that produce opportunities, facilitate commerce, increase mobility, and protect the lives of our people."

Oropel also commended and acknowledged the efforts of DPWH personnel in waning their efforts and support in implementing the said projects.

"As we look forward to the future, trust that the Department of Public Works and Highways stands unwavering in its commitment to serve the Filipino people. Rooted in our mandate, we are dedicated to spearheading a dynamic infrastructure landscape that meets the evolving needs of our region," said Oropel.

## DPWH-6 monitors ongoing works at Ungka flyover

By MARY JOY CAVANAS

The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Region VI monitors the ongoing works on the Ungka flyover particularly the jet grouting activity according to its regional director, Engr. Sonny Oropel during the launching of the "Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas" on May 28 at the DPWH Regional Office 6 in Fort San Pedro, Iloilo City.

Oropel added that they have been conducting surveys for the completion of the rectification stages to ensure the

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(CSP) wherein they are just waiting for approval of regulated agencies for the members to proceed with the power supply contract signing with the winning bidder and submission to the ERC for the rates approval.

In line with the matter, Laurente also emphasized that the generation charge is calculated based on the combined monthly billing from various generation companies that supply power to the respective electric cooperatives.

In addition, Atty. Janeene Depay-Colingan, Executive Director and General Manager of Philippine Rural Electric Cooperatives Association Inc. (Philreca) said that there were recent issues which are relative to the grid disturbance within the region such as yellow and red alerts which were issued by the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP).

"The association recognizes the sentiments of our member-consumers because we ourselves are member consumers who pay our electric bills, especially the member consumer owners of Region 6 who are greatly affected from among the regions in the entire country."

Colingan stated that Western Visayas is greatly affected by the yellow and red alerts imposed by the NGCP.

Such alerts were encountered by several cooperatives within the region such as the Antique Electric Cooperative Inc. (ANTECO), Aklan Electric Cooperative Inc. (AKELCO), Capiz Electric Cooperative Inc. (CAPELCO), Guimaras Electric Cooperative Inc. (GUIMELCO), the three Iloilo Electric Cooperatives Inc. (ILECOs), Central Negros Electric Cooperative Inc. (CENECO), Negros Occidental Electric Cooperative (NOCECO), and MORE Electric and Power Corp. (MORE Power).

Colingan also cited that the residential rates for the month of May 2024 is around P2.18 per kilowatt hour, which means if there is an average consumption of 100

kwh, there is an increase of about P218 which may be heavy for other consumers.

"For the member consumer owners especially the outskirts areas, P218 is malaking bagay na po yan sa kanila. Hindi na po yan nakasama sa budget nila but unfortunately, they have to pay it because as mentioned, the electric cooperatives are non-stock, non-profit. We are just collectors of the payments you paid to electric cooperatives and we just remit the same to the power generators, the NGCP, the government for the taxes and only a few will be left to the electric cooperatives to run their operation." Colingan stressed.

Colingan stated the rate last May 2023 is lower than the rate of the present month by the electric cooperatives within the region which is due to heat index, explaining how it also affects electricity.

"If you compare the circumstances last year as compared to now, malaki po kase talaga ang in-increase ng heat index. Unfortunately, the member consumer owners do not understand ano ba ang kinalaman ng heat index sa electricity. We should also understand that the measurements run in a capacity lang ng heat. Ibig sabihin, kung masyadong mainit, bumababa po ang performance ng mga machines natin." Colingan emphasized.

On the other hand, Colingan emphasized that the rate in Region 1 is about P.8392 per kilowatt hour which is P83 for 100 kwh.

Meanwhile, PHILRECA along with other electric cooperatives also suggests the long-term solutions for the electricity situation along with the concerns of consumers in the said region through the regulatory support from the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) in expediting the approval for the execution of power supply agreements (PSAs).

# MORE Power maintains lowest electricity rate in Western Visayas

Despite an increase in its electricity rates for May 2024 billing, MORE Power continues to offer the lowest electricity rates in Western Visayas.

MORE Power in Iloilo City, despite a P1.02/kWh increase, remains the lowest in the region. The effective residential electricity rate for MORE Power, reflected on its consumers' bills from May 18, 2024, to June 12, 2024, is P11.3263/kWh.

These changes come amidst a tight supply situation, highlighted by the "red" and "yellow" alerts declared by the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP) in Luzon and Visayas over the past two months.

While the reasons for the rate increases among other electric cooperatives are similar, Niel V. Parcon, Vice President for Corporate Energy Sourcing and Regulatory Affairs (CESRA), explained that MORE Power has managed to maintain competitive rates due to its bilateral contracts with power generators. This strategy has limited its exposure to the Wholesale Electricity Spot Market (WESM), where prices increased from P8.67/kWh to P11.85/kWh.

"In anticipation of the increase in demand for the summer, we have secured bilateral contracts of 66%. Thus, our exposure to WESM

is only 34%. In fact, our energy purchases for this billing cycle have increased by 19%," Parcon explained, emphasizing the importance of the bilateral agreements with the power generators.

Iloilo City Mayor Jerry P. Treñas recently praised this development as a significant boost for the city, anticipating an increase in investments and business activities that will bolster Iloilo City's economy.

"This is also a very welcome development for every Ilonggo household, which will no longer have to worry about high electric bills," the mayor said.



Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Region 6 officials led by Regional Director Engr. Sonny Oropel after the "Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas" maiden presentation organized by Philippine Information Agency 6 headed by Chery Amor. (MJ Cavañas photo)

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# 3ID backs PBBM's stand on non-abolition of NTF-ELCAC

The leadership of the Army's 3rd Infantry (Spearhead) Division supports President Ferdinand "BongBong" Marcos Jr.'s position and recent pronouncement rejecting calls to abolish the National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC).

On Friday, May 17, 2024, 3ID Commander Major General Marion R. Sison expressed profound gratitude to President Marcos for his resolute and decisive leadership in putting an end to clamors to abolish the NTF-ELCAC.

"We thank the President for this assertion as ELCAC has been instrumental in significantly improving the peace and security situation in the country, particularly in Western and Central Visayas. Through ELCAC, various infrastructure development and quick impact projects have been realized, making Geographically Isolated and Disadvantaged Areas (GIDAs) accessible for various socio-economic activities and opportunities," MGen. Sison said.

The President made the statement following the Supreme Court's ruling that red-tagging poses a danger to individuals' lives, liberty, and security.

"Bakit lagi niyong tinanong sa akin yan? Walang namang dahilan kung bakit tatanggalin yan. Ang sinasabi dahil meron daw red-tagging na ginagawa. Hindi naman gobyerno ang gumagawa noon, kung sino-sino ibang gumagawa noon. Quite the opposite, yung mga dating lumalaban sa pamahalaan ay imbes na nilalabanan natin ay tinutulungan na nga natin at malaki ang naging epekto dito sa pagbawas ng mga internal security threats, at dahil yan sa NTF-ELCAC," PBBM told reporters during an interview in Cagayan de Oro City.

By far, ELCAC is seen as the most effective approach to ending the decades-long insurgency, particularly in 3ID's Area of Responsibility (AOR). It brings everyone, including government agencies, local government units, various sectors, and the whole populace, to the table to discuss and provide solutions to address the root causes of insurgency.

Since the creation of NTF-ELCAC in 2018, the 3ID has been at the forefront of implementing this whole-of-nation approach, recognizing its crucial contributions to the Division's peace campaign in the Visayan Region. Its hallmark program, the Barangay Development Program



(BDP), has brought development to hundreds of formerly insurgency-ridden villages in Western and Central Visayas through a range of projects that offer long-term solutions to these communities' socio-economic problems.

Additionally, NTF-ELCAC, with its 12 clusters or lines of effort, has fueled the unyielding resolve of the 3ID to end the local communist armed conflict in its AOR. The Division's vigorous utilization of this approach, backed by relentless combat and civil-military operations, has devastated the human and armed capabilities of the Communist Terrorist Group (CTG), leading to the dismantling of 8 out of its 9 Guerilla Fronts (GFs) in Western and Central Visayas.

"The achievements in peace and development by the 3ID since the implementation of NTF-ELCAC in 2018 underscore the effectiveness of the Task Force in ending the insurgency, not only in the Visayan Region but across the nation. The acknowledgement by our President of ELCAC's substantial role in cutting down internal security threats further reinforces this. Hence, we at 3ID wholeheartedly support the President's stance and are committed to collaborating with other NTF-ELCAC member agencies, governmental bodies, LGUs, stakeholders, and the entire Visayan community to realize our collective goal of establishing a state of Stable Internal Peace and Security in Western and Central Visayas," MGen. Sison ended. (3ID PA)

**IN THE MATTER OF PETITION TO CORRECT THE ENTRY IN THE DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE OF PARENTS OF PETITIONER, JOHN ALEX ZAMORA SARDON IN HIS CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH UNDER REGISTRY NO. 2001-660 OF FROM "JANUARY 27, 1990 PASAY CITY" TO "NOT MARRIED", TO CORRECT THE ENTRY IN THE MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME FROM "SILVA" TO "ZAMORA" AND FROM "ZAMORA" TO "SARDON", AND TO REMOVE THE ENTRY IN THE FATHER'S NAME, CITIZENSHIP, RELIGION, OCCUPATION, AND AGE AT THE TIME OF THIS BIRTH,**

**JOHN ALEX ZAMORA SARDON,**  
*Petitioner,*

-versus-

**THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF GUIMBAL, ILOILO, PHILIPPINES, Represented by the Local Civil Registrar, THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY, and ALEX BECOY,**  
*Respondents.*

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## ORDER

This is a verified petition filed by petitioner **JOHN ALEX ZAMORA SARDON**, of legal age, single, Filipino, and a resident of Barangay San Fernando, Miagao, Iloilo, Philippines, praying among others, that after due notice, publication and hearing, judgment be rendered ordering the Municipal Civil Registrar of Guimbal, Iloilo, Philippines, to allow the petitioner to correct the mother's maiden name, to cancel the entry of date of marriage and place of marriage of Leonita Sardon and Alex Becoy from "January 27, 1990 Pasay City" to blank, and to cancel the entry of the father's name "Alex Becoy Sardon", citizenship, "Filipino", religion "Catholic", occupation "Family Motor-Vehicle Driver", age at the time of this birth "32".

WHEREFORE, it appearing that the petition is sufficient in form and substance, let the same be as it is hereby set for hearing on the **JURISDICTIONAL FACTS** on **July 22, 2024 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning**, at which date and time all interested parties are enjoined to appear and show cause, if any, why the petition shall not be granted.

Let this Order be published once a week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Iloilo at the expense of the petitioner. Likewise, let copy of this Order be posted in the Bulletin Board of this Court and at conspicuous places in the Municipal Hall of Guimbal, Iloilo, at the expense of the petitioner

Let copy of this Order be sent by registered mail to the Civil Registrar General; National Statistics Office, Quezon City; the Office of the Solicitor General, Makati City, the Local Civil Registrar of the Municipality of Guimbal, Iloilo, the petitioner and his counsel.

### SO ORDERED.

May 9, 2024.

Guimbal, Iloilo, Philippines.

ORIGINAL SIGNED

**IRENE B. BANZUELA-DIDULO**  
 Presiding Judge

**(SGD.) ATTY. KENNETH JUN G. DIMANTE**  
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 May 13, 2024

# Iloilo health officials call for vigilance amid FLiRT-Covid

ILOILO CITY – Local health officials have called on the public to be vigilant following the detection of a new coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) "FLiRT" subvariants and always observe health standards.

Iloilo Provincial Health Office (IPHO) head Maria Quiñon said that while symptoms are mild, they should not be taken for granted because of the long-term complications that might happen, especially to children once infected.

"We should observe cough and sneeze etiquette, wear masks, and practice frequent hand washing with soap and water. Avoid crowded and poorly ventilated places, especially for the immunocompromised, senior citizens, and unvaccinated," she said in a media interview on Wednesday.

The province has a negative growth rate, citing the May 20 weekly cases report of the Department of Health Western Visayas Center for Health Development.

She said from Jan. 1 to May 20, Iloilo province recorded 295 cases, with four new cases during the last three to four

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## Joseph's tomb

Just to start this article on a positive note, I'm sure that people of faith and skeptics alike all wonder every now and then about how true scriptures are. Are they just religious promises or is there really "proof of life" in what we read or hear?

For instance: "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose" (Romans 8: 28).

The Bible verse sort of stuck in my mind about a month ago and I saw evidence of the claim when someone I knew passed away from a medical condition. He and his wife were Christians and active in another church. He had no next of kin in the country and I assumed that his remains would be cremated, perhaps shipped back to his home country.

Unexpectedly, someone donated their paid slot for the chapel, funeral services and plot at Heritage Memorial Park in Taguig. If you inquire about the cost, you will realize that such an act of sacrificial charity costs a lot of zeros on someone's bank account. But more than that, it reminded me of what Joseph of Arimathea did when he gave his unused tomb to Jesus Christ.

Clearly, it was God showing all of us that he had worked everything out for my friend and his wife.

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I am suffering from Traffic Light Indigestion.

Has anybody noticed the absurd number of traffic lights all over Metro Manila? Have you noticed that in spite of the abundance of traffic lights, these are still manipulated or overridden by traffic enforcers?

Contrary to claims that the MMDA has modernized or computerized traffic management in Metro Manila, a lot of the activity is still done through two-way radios. Yes, there are cameras all over the metro but most of them are focused on major roads and not on side roads which have just the same volume of traffic.

As a result of this selective focus on main streets,

what happens is MMDA is "blind" to the traffic build-up along side streets, barangays and commercial establishments. Last week, I saw a Pasig City enforcer exchanging words with a Barrio Kapitolyo enforcer on the side of Shaw Blvd.

The tanod was pissed because Shaw Blvd. was being given "extended" priority at the expense of traffic coming from BGC and messing up everything inside the barangay while on the other side, guards of Capitol Commons were also calling attention to the bottleneck inside the commercial complex.

This was not an isolated incident. In fact, I've had small talks with different enforcers from the different groups and they all have something to say about each other. Essentially everyone has a priority – MMDA prioritizes EDSA, city enforcers are pressured to move traffic in their jurisdiction and enforcers, security guards of barangays and malls all get hell when traffic comes to a standstill and disrupts business and schedules.

Clearly, the DPWH and the MMDA have never heard or are not interested in smart traffic management systems that automatically regulate and count the volume of traffic at site. Evidently, they also don't want to study the possibility of one-way systems and actually limiting the number of choke points on a grid or on the road. If you have too many intersections and crossings, the more the likelihood that traffic will get blocked.

It's bad enough that the MMDA and the DPWH have reduced the number of lanes along EDSA due to their U-turn slots and rerouting, but the overabundance of traffic lights has made things very inconvenient.

I've spoken to several Grab drivers and delivery riders and some of them confessed that they are reluctant to enter the Ortigas-Kapitolyo area because there are so many traffic lights and build up. They generally check out the volume first because the fare is not worth the time, opportunity and fuel lost standing in traffic for five to ten minutes, only for the passenger to drop the ride in search of another unit.

## CTALK

Cito Beltran



I am hoping that the national and local authorities will be reminded of the fact that the rainy season is upon us, and rain alone doubles everyone's delay. What sort of preparation and coordination has the MMDA, Metro Manila Council, DILG and DPWH done to pre-empt Carmagedon?

Maybe it's time for MMDA and the DPWH to bring in experts from other countries because from the looks of it, our local boys have reached their level of incompetence and need to call a friend.

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While attending a breakfast meeting, a PR practitioner shared that PBBM has allegedly become very sensitive to any mention of "destabilization." The gentleman claims that as a result, the President's team is currently finalizing a list of individuals to be replaced among Cabinet members. Initially, it would be four Cabinet members even before the SONA.

I honestly did not ask who because the guessing game of political musical chairs does not interest me. I did, however, point out to Mr. PR that the very least the President could do is to set up an authentic system where people could air their grievances and complaints which, to my mind, was one of the effective devices that the Duterte administration set-up.

Having a hot line or a "grievance committee" that will gather all types of complaints gives the public a mechanism to release their discontent or desperation and shows them that they are being listened to.

Once the complaints are investigated and action taken, word soon gets out that there is integrity in the system and the President will most likely secure his standing better than "all the king's horses and all the king's men."

## Winds of change

Members of the Philippine National Police who are mindful of their career prospects should be following recent developments in Davao City.

In the previous administration, Rodrigo Duterte constantly reassured law enforcers that he's got their back, that in case of legal problems, he would be the only one to go to prison for his brutal campaign against illegal drugs.

There were persistent rumors that the government at the time had even imposed a quota and put up a reward system for the number of suspects killed or arrested in the war on drugs. So far, no cop has come out to publicly confirm this; Duterte officials have denied it.

Under the new administration, 35 members of the Davao City police including their chief, Col. Ricardo Bad-ang, have been sacked following the killing of at least seven drug suspects.

The Philippine National Police has explained that the 35 are under preventive suspension, as recommended by the PNP's regional internal affairs office, while the killings are being investigated.

The seven suspects were shot dead within days after Duterte's son Sebastian, now Davao mayor, declared a renewed crackdown on prohibited drugs in the city. This was on March 22, when Bad-ang assumed the post of city police chief.

Mayor "Baste" had clarified that he did not order the city's cops to kill drug personalities. What he declared, he stressed, was that he himself would do the killing. Spoken like his father's son; daddy dearest must be beaming with pride.

But the "powers that be" (to borrow a favorite quote these days) were unimpressed, and aghast over this open defiance of the avowed shift in the approach to the illegal drug scourge.

Over in Quezon, eight police intelligence agents led by a captain were arrested for a drug raid apparently on the wrong house in Lucena before dawn last Friday. Lucena police chief Lt. Col. Reynaldo Reyes was also sacked for command responsibility.

As human rights advocates point out, drug killings continue under President Marcos. His officials did say that such killings could still occur, and yes, suspects violently resisting arrest or nanlaban could elicit a lethal police response.

But the scale of the killings has gone down and the brutality much reduced. People – mostly hampas-lupa – are no longer threatened with a knock at their home and forced to register as drug abusers, or paraded around the town square as drug pushers. The jails are no longer packed to the ceiling, literally, with drug suspects who go half-naked due to the awful ventilation and must take turns sleeping in extremely cramped space.

Since Day One, Bongbong Marcos has made it clear that the brutal Tokhang / Double Barrel approach to the drug problem ended with the Duterte presidency.

Bad-ang and his men must have missed those pronouncements, or believed that BBM must be kidding. Or they probably missed the bad (or good, for some cops) old days of anti-narcotics turkey shoots.

More likely, they must have thought that Davao City remains an independent republic where the Dutertes still reign. And if the city bossing says kill, kill, kill, then cops must follow the order; after all, the Dutertes have their back.

Baste Duterte is invoking local government executives' jurisdiction over the local police and accusing the PNP of abusing its authority. The mayor is demanding the reinstatement of the 35 cops.

He can take the issue to court. By the time the issue is settled, however, and the PNP finishes its probe of the 35, his first term as mayor could be over. And who knows if the Dutertes will maintain their stranglehold on power in the city in 2025? Marcos 2.0 could support candidates who can put an end to the Duterte dynasty.

Already, we are seeing mass desertions from Digong Duterte's Partido Demokratikong Pilipino. His PDP-Laban could end up as the "Volkswagen"

party of 2025, with its total membership small enough to fit into a VW Beetle.

Yesterday, the PDP lost a member with a strong voting clout: Cebu Gov. Gwen Garcia quit the once ruling party amid a rift with Cebu City Mayor Michael Rama (currently under preventive suspension for six months), who is seen as a Duterte supporter.

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Skeptics are wondering if the developments in Davao are a genuine assertion of policy on illegal drugs by Marcos 2.0 or simply part of the intensifying feud between the Dutertes and the current ruling clan.

If the administration wants to prove that this is all about policy, it will have to be sustained, with other cops caught or suspected of carrying out drug-related killings similarly dealt with severely.

The sacked Davao cops have another "sin," although it would be more complicated to cite it as reason for their suspension: they have failed to enforce several arrest warrants for the Dutertes' staunch supporter Apollo Quiboloy. The pastor is widely believed to be holed out in Davao, within the sprawling mountain estate of his Kingdom of Jesus Christ ministry.

Yesterday, the Supreme Court approved a request of the Department of Justice to transfer Quiboloy's cases from Davao to Quezon City. But first he must be found.

Those drug killings gave Marcos 2.0 an opportunity to assert authority in Davao, and over the PNP, amid persistent rumors of destabilization fanned by the Duterte camp.

Marcos 2.0 has four more years (and if political Charter change pushes through, perhaps forever). For PNP members spoiled by the excesses of the previous administration, the developments in Davao should make them feel the winds of change.

## Sketches

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# JobsNext to equip Ilonggo youth with skills for the future

ILOILO CITY – The provincial government and a nongovernment organization, Philippine Business for Education (PBeD), inked an understanding that will equip over 100 youth 18 to 24 years old in Iloilo with skills on jobs of the future through the JobsNext program.

“JobsNext is a skills voucher program. It aims to equip the workforce with skills for jobs of the future in collaboration with local government units, where they chose the province of Iloilo as a partner,” Provincial Public Employment Service Office (PESO) manager Francisco Heler Jr., whose office is tasked to implement the program, said in an interview on Wednesday.

Governor Arthur Defensor Jr. and PBeD Executive Director Justine Raagas signed the memorandum of understanding, witnessed by Board Member Jason

Gonzales, Sangguniang Kabataan Federation President Esara Javier, Provincial Administrator Raul Baniás, academe, and industry partners at the provincial capitol board room on Monday.

Through the program, trainees will undergo free training starting with foundational skills, including problem solving, critical thinking, emotional intelligence, and lifelong learning.

Thereafter, they will proceed on learning tracks like artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning, software development, systems administration, data analytics, cyber security, entrepreneurship, and project management.

“At the heart of JobsNext is an upskilling program. Meaning to say it foresees jobs that will be lost (due to AI),” said Gonzales, the committee on education and information vice chairperson at the

Sangguniang Panlalawigan.

He said using AI is “foundational, moving forward” because various institutions, research agencies, and consulting firms are saying that at least half of the current jobs in the market will be rendered obsolete.

The provincial government and PBeD will share data, coordinate projects, involve local companies and schools, promote activities, and develop policies to expand youth skills training.

The program will run until December this year.

Those who can complete the program will undergo an assessment by the service provider. Once they pass, they will be given certificates.

“This is now become part of employment. It cuts across all sectors. This is the emerging trend that we have to face, that digitalization is already part of our life,” he said. (PNA)



**DIGITAL SKILLS.** The provincial government and the Philippine Business for Education (PBeD) inked an understanding that will equip over 100 youth 18 to 24 years old in Iloilo with skills for jobs of the future through the JobsNext program on Monday (May 27, 2024). The program will offer free training on foundational skills and learning tracks like artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning, software development, systems administration, data analytics, cyber security, entrepreneurship, and project management. (Photo courtesy of Balita Halin sa Kapitolyo)

## DepEd Antique discourages money bouquets during graduation rite

SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, Antique – Graduation and moving up ceremonies must be simple, even as parents are discouraged from giving money bouquets and garlands, said an official of the Department of Education Schools Division Office of Antique province on Wednesday.

“As the 537 public elementary and secondary schools in Antique hold their graduation ceremonies starting today, the principals and school heads are

reminded to keep their ceremonies as simple as possible,” said Eric Cortejo, DepEd Antique Schools Management Monitoring and Evaluation Education Program Specialist II in an interview.

He said the same reminder goes to the 69 private schools in Antique also having graduation ceremonies.

“Parents, if possible, are also being told to refrain from giving their children money garlands or bouquets to their graduating children,”

he said.

Simplicity is encouraged even if graduation and recognition ceremonies are forms of celebration after all the sacrifices parents had to endure in sending their children to school, he added.

Cortejo made this request after he observed parents giving money bouquets and garlands to their children during a recognition ceremony on Wednesday.

He said that not all can afford to do the same, so it

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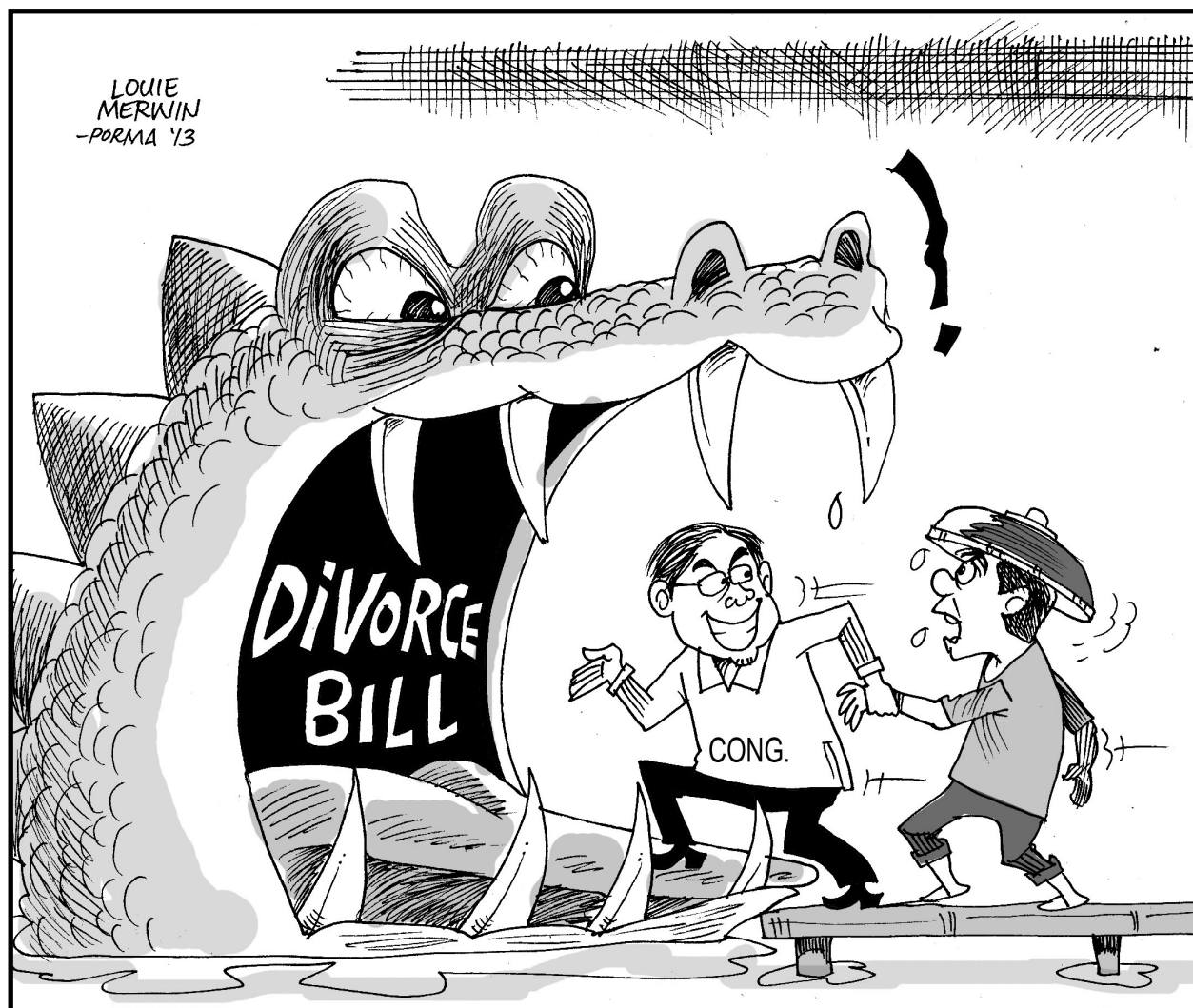
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## Divorce bill

*Editorial*

After weeks of plenary debates, the bill allowing absolute divorce in the Philippines has been approved by the House of Representatives.

This is a welcome development, but will the Senate pass it as well?

House Bill 9349, or the Absolute Divorce Act, sponsored by Albay Rep. Edcel Lagman, calls for a fourth mode of terminating what he described as “irreparably broken or dysfunctional” marriages in the country.

The three other modes allowed under the Family Code are canonical dissolution, annulment and legal separation.

If enacted into law, the bill would actually reinstate divorce in the country, since it was legal during the American colonial era and then abolished during the Japanese occupation.

According to Lagman, absolute divorce would allow estranged couples a second chance at marital bliss.

He argued while the Family Code states that

a marriage is supposed to be a permanent union, “permanence here is not doctrinal. It is a standard or a norm because that permanence accepts exceptions even under the Family Code.”

HB 9349 would prohibit “no-fault divorces,” or cases where couples would collude to avail themselves of the remedy.

It is also designed not to be exploited for “Las Vegas (style), notarial, email and drive-through” divorces which are allowed in other countries, particularly in the United States.

The draft measure would offer divorce as an alternative mode for the “dissolution of an irreparably broken or dysfunctional marriage under limited grounds and well-defined judicial procedures.”

It also aims to “save the children from the pain, stress and agony consequent to their parents’ marital clashes or irreconcilable differences and grant the divorced spouses the right to marry again for another chance to achieve marital bliss.”

The House bill points out that “the option of absolute divorce is a pro-woman legislation because in most cases, it is the wife who is entitled to a divorce as a liberation from an abusive relationship and to help her regain dignity and self-esteem.”

The bill also provides for a “60-day cooling-off period” after the filing of a divorce petition to leave the door open for “a final attempt at reconciliation” between the spouses.

The grounds for absolute divorce adopt those applied to legal separation and annulment, and also include other forms of domestic abuse. The bill also sets a prescription period of 10 years from the discovery of the ground for divorce.

Sen. Risa Hontiveros, chairperson of the Senate committee on women, has expressed hope her colleagues would support this measure: “It’s time to give a second chance at love and life to Filipino women, men, children and families who need it.”

We agree completely. (*manilastandar.net*)

## Lowball

The Philippines is set to conduct its first-ever online voting for Filipinos abroad next year —a milestone in the country’s suffrage history and a move that signals commitment towards greater digitalization.

With millions of Filipinos around the world expected to participate in the 2025 midterm polls, the need to ensure the reliability and integrity of the online voting system cannot be overemphasized given concerns about potential fraud and cybersecurity threats.

Last month, the Commission on Elections (Comelec) announced that the joint venture of SMS Global Technologies, Inc. and Sequent Tech, Inc. submitted the lowest bid for the online voting and counting system (OVCS) that will be used for overseas voting in the upcoming 2025 midterm polls.

The OVCS, as per the Comelec, refers to the online system that will facilitate the internet-voting of Filipinos from their respective gadgets.

According to the Comelec, the SMS Global-Sequent joint venture submitted a PHP112-million bid for the procurement of the OVCS —far lower than the poll body’s PHP465-million budget.

Given the complex technical specifications for the OVCS and the strict security requirement to protect and uphold the integrity of the elections, several questions come into mind when it comes to the huge discrepancy between the bid amount vis-à-vis the Comelec budget.

After all, the poll body has assured the public that

it came up with the PHP465-million budget following extensive and comprehensive research. This means that the amount should have accounted for all the considerations for a reliable and secure OVCS.

Beyond the basic hardware and software requirements for the OVCS, the budget should cover costs for complete cybersecurity measures, availability of 24/7 technical support in all countries where online elections will be held, backup servers, and cloud computing, among others.

So how would the PHP112-million bid of SMS Global and Sequent —which if I may emphasize is less than a quarter of the proposed Comelec budget— cover such a complex and technical requirement for an OVCS?

One can’t help but think that the bid amount is too much of a lowball given what is at stake —the integrity of our elections. The proposed amount of SMS Global and Sequent also gives rise to questions on the reliability and security of the OVCS that they can provide.

Aside from budget concerns, it was also learned that during the public demonstrations, the SMS Global-Sequent joint venture failed to present several features for the OVCS as required by Comelec in its terms of reference (TOR).

In the same demonstration, SMS Global-Sequent failed to use the configuration data provided by Comelec to vendors which resulted in mismatched information on election return printouts and certificate of vote. The demonstrations can be viewed on Comelec’s Facebook page.

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BY JOE ZALDARRIAGA

This early on, one cannot help but have doubts that the joint venture can mount a smooth and successful online voting.

While the Comelec has yet to award the contract for the procurement of the OVCS to the SMS Global-Sequent joint venture, the poll body should seriously consider concerns about the bidder’s eligibility to provide a reliable and secure OVCS with only barely a year left before the midterm elections. SMS Global and Sequent should be able to satisfy all the requirements of Comelec under its TOR for it to be awarded the contract.

The 2025 midterm elections are too important to serve as a testing ground for tech companies that have yet to prove their capability, much less their expertise, in providing such a complex system.

Elections are a hallmark of democracy, and we Filipinos deserve nothing less than the most capable and competent service provider.

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## The diverse landscape of e-vehicles in PH

On April 15, the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) implemented a ban on e-bikes, e-trikes, and similar vehicles on approximately 20 major roads in Metro Manila. The MMDA apprehended hundreds of such vehicles on its inaugural day and impounded those lacking registration and driver's licenses. The MMDA sets the penalty for first-time offenders at PHP2,500.

The rationale behind the ban stems from the escalating presence of light electric vehicles on the streets and the corresponding surge in road accidents involving them. According to MMDA reports, there were 907 e-bike, e-trike, and e-scooter-related accidents in Metro Manila in 2023, compared to 309 accidents in 2019. Numerous videos circulating on the internet depict collisions involving e-bikes and e-trikes, some even featuring minors driving with their peers.

Primarily utilized by individuals from lower socioeconomic backgrounds who cannot afford cars, e-trikes and e-bikes have gained prominence in the Philippines in recent years as viable alternatives to traditional modes of transportation. The surge in purchases of e-vehicles during the pandemic underscores their practicality amidst transportation challenges.

Shortly after the ban was imposed in the National Capital Region (NCR), President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. instructed the MMDA to grant a one-month grace period before enforcing the prohibition on national roads, perhaps recognizing the significance of these vehicles among the populace. During this grace period, e-bike and e-trike operators are exempt from fines or impoundment.

E-vehicles are a practical transportation solution, especially in communities. I often see a lot of parents sending their children to school using e-trikes. These are more practical than single motorcycles because they can accommodate multiple passengers, depending on the size, and are cheaper than a motorcycle.

Like many other nations, the Philippines faces the urgent need to combat pollution and reduce its carbon footprint. Data from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) shows that 74 percent of air pollutants come from transport sources such as cars, motorcycles, trucks, and buses. The price of oil products has also increased significantly over the years, and

the continued fuel dependence poses a burden on the country's energy security, the economy, and the public.

Promoting e-vehicles emerges as a promising strategy to mitigate air pollution and address climate change.

Government initiatives like the Comprehensive Automotive Resurgence Strategy (CARS) Program and the Electric Vehicle Industry Roadmap aim to encourage e-vehicle adoption through tax incentives, subsidies, and infrastructure development.

Environmental concerns and the desire to lessen the country's notorious traffic congestion drive this transition. However, within this burgeoning e-vehicle landscape, a stark disparity emerges between those accessible to the affluent and those adopted by the less privileged segments of society.

For the wealthy in the Philippines, e-vehicles represent more than just a mode of transportation; they embody status, luxury, and environmental consciousness. High-end electric cars have garnered attention among affluent Filipinos for their cutting-edge technology, sleek designs, and prestige associated with owning a luxury vehicle. Naturally, owners of e-vehicles (cars) and hybrid vehicles are fully exempt from the number coding.

Moreover, electric luxury cars offer exclusivity, serving as symbols of affluence and social standing. Owning such vehicles not only aligns with the ethos of sustainability but also enables the affluent to showcase their wealth and commitment to environmental stewardship. However, the prohibitive cost of luxury e-vehicles remains a significant barrier for many Filipinos, limiting their accessibility to the privileged few.

On the other hand, e-vehicles embraced by the majority of Filipinos are characterized by their affordability, practicality, and adaptability to the country's urban landscape. E-bikes and e-trikes have become ubiquitous modes of transportation in the country, and electrification efforts have been made to reduce emissions and operating costs. These e-vehicles serve as lifelines for commuters, parents, and small businesses, offering an efficient and cost-effective means of traversing congested city streets and rural areas.

E-trikes have gained traction as an eco-friendly

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By Brian James Lu

alternative to traditional gasoline-powered tricycles. With their lower maintenance requirements and reduced fuel expenses, e-trikes present an attractive proposition for a lot of Filipinos seeking affordability while minimizing environmental impact. Similarly, electric jeepneys, or e-jeepneys, have emerged as an innovative solution to modernize the iconic Philippine mode of public transportation, providing commuters with a cleaner and more comfortable ride.

While the adoption of e-vehicles signals progress toward a greener and more sustainable future, it is imperative to address the socioeconomic disparities inherent in their deployment. The dichotomy between luxury e-vehicles favored by the affluent and utilitarian e-vehicles relied upon by the masses underscores the need for inclusive development strategies that prioritize accessibility and affordability.

While it is true that e-trikes and e-bikes are dangerous to operate, especially on major thoroughfares, the need to regulate them is a must, such as compliance with motor vehicle registration and the mandatory acquisition of a driver's license. Moreover, parents must refrain from allowing their minor children to drive e-vehicles without the necessary training and licenses. Children not only put themselves at risk with their ignorance of traffic signs and simple road courtesy, but they also endanger motorists and commuters.

The proliferation of e-vehicles in the Philippines represents a promising step towards a cleaner, greener future. However, efforts to bridge the gap between e-vehicles used by the rich and the poor are essential to realizing the full potential of sustainable transportation and promoting equitable development nationwide. By fostering an inclusive e-vehicle ecosystem, the Philippines can pave the way toward a more equitable and environmentally sustainable future for all its citizens.

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## Road rage and the need for stiffer penalties

"If you wait by the river long enough the bodies of your enemies will float by"- Sun Tzu

Yesterday, a stay-in driver was shot and killed in an alleged road rage incident which occurred on the EDSA Ayala tunnel. According to witnesses and reports, the victim had an altercation with the suspect prior to the shooting incident.

Lately, there seems to be an alarming surge in road rage incidents. Although most of these incidents did not result in a fatality, many of them involve people brandishing guns or issuing grave threats. The situation has prompted several lawmakers to file several bills related to road rage. Last year, House Bill 8991 or the proposed Anti-Road Rage Act of 2023, which seeks to impose stiffer penalties on aggressive driving and criminalize road rage, was filed to address the growing number of road rage incidents. The bill's rationale is that if all acts of road rage are penalized stiffly, then it would prevent escalations of such road rage. The bill would criminalize several manifestations of road rage such as wild gesturing at other parties, cursing or hurling verbal insults, physically attacking or any attempt thereof, reckless driving, issuing threats or intimidation or using any forms of force.

The standard advice for drivers is to stay calm in the face of aggressive or reckless driving. Arguing with someone on the road is never a good idea. You never know what someone undergoing road rage is

capable of doing. Regrettably, it is difficult to keep cool in situations where someone is shouting at you or threatening you on the road. Having stiffer penalties for road rage can motivate people to adhere to this advice. Why get angry when you can get even later?

If the House Bill becomes law, then you can always file a case against the road rage driver later or expose his actions on social media where he could be bashed and vilified by everyone. Unfortunately, Filipinos often easily forgive the other party especially if no physical damage was done. Also, many of us do not have the time or emotional stamina to pursue a legal case.

It must be remembered that if you let perpetrators of road rage go free, they will not learn their lesson. People, in general, must be taught painful lessons so that they will not repeat their actions. In addition, these same perpetrators may commit a more heinous crime if they are not punished for their smaller crimes. Stiff punishment is still the best way to curb road rage behavior.

A provision in HB 8991 can address litigation fatigue by allowing government authority to prosecute road rage suspects on behalf of the victims "in cases where victims are unable or unwilling to pursue legal action due to fear, intimidation or other reasons". As such, victims need not actively spend time to pursue the case.

Admittedly, there are some drivers who can trigger road rage by their reckless driving. How often have

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By ATTY. GILBERTO LAJENCO, J.D.

many people wished harm on "camotes" of both the two and four wheeled varieties. As I have always advocated, a no mercy application on traffic violations should be implemented along with the passing of the aforesaid bill. It is easy to tell people to keep calm on the street and to avoid altercations. Unfortunately, it is very difficult for a race as emotional as ours to keep calm in the face of aggression and reckless driving. Perhaps, putting teeth on present laws and passing the road rage bill can convince many to keep cool and use their anger to obtain justice legally.

Sun Tzu once stated "If you wait by the river long enough the bodies of your enemies will float by". We need to teach people that taking direct action can lead to dire consequences. One should exercise patience and wait for the right moment to strike. Persistence and resilience can allow us to reap a more satisfying conclusion.

This is my oblique observation.

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**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2024-2**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SEPTAGE REGULATION AND MANAGEMENT STANDARD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JANIUAY AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.**

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**WHEREAS**, Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the "State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them";

**WHEREAS**, Section 16 of Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that local government units shall ensure and promote health and safety of the people;

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government of Janiuay is committed to protect and promote the health, sanitation and welfare of its people as well as the quality of its water resources particularly the ground waters and river channels;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 9275 known as the Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004 requires local government units and water utilities to develop an effective water quality management and provide sewerage and septage management services within its territory;

**WHEREAS**, the improvement, maintenance, conservation and protection of the municipality's water resources from pollution and degradation, and the protection of public health are the primordial concerns of the Municipality of Janiuay;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to adopt an Ordinance providing for septage management and standard in the Municipality;

**NOW THEREFORE**, upon sponsorship of Hon. James Ian A. Adelantar, Hon. Gracia Marie D. Loffe and Hon. Jemar C. Alerta; and on motion of Hon. James Ian A. Adelantar duly seconded by Hon. Gracia Marie D. Loffe;

**Be it enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Janiuay, Iloilo, in Session, that:**

**SECTION 1. TITLE**

This Ordinance shall be titled **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SEPTAGE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JANIUAY PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF** or can be cited as the **"Septage Ordinance of Janiuay."**

**SECTION 2. AUTHORITY**

This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to Sections 15 and 16, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution which respectively provide that "The State shall protect and promote the right of the people and instill health consciousness among them", and that "The State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature"; Section 16 of Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, which provides that local government units shall "promote health and safety, enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology; Sections 7. 1.2, 7.2., 8 of Republic Act 9275, otherwise known as Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004; the Code on Sanitation of the Philippines (PD 856), Chapter XVII; Water District Law (PD 198); the National Building Code of the Philippines (RA 6541); and the Revised National Plumbing Code of the Philippines.

**SECTION 3. DECLARATION OF POLICY**

It shall be the policy of the local government unit of Janiuay to share in the responsibility on the management and improvement of water quality within its territorial jurisdiction. To meet these objectives, the Municipality of Janiuay shall implement measures to prevent and control water pollution to promote health and ensure a balanced ecology.

**SECTION 4. SCOPE AND APPLICATION**

The following structures within the Municipality of Janiuay are covered by this Ordinance:

- All residential structures including, but not limited to, an apartment, house and/or land on which another's dwelling is located and used for residential purpose and shall include not only buildings parts or units thereof used solely as dwelling places, boarding houses, dormitories, rooms and bed spaces offered for rent by their owners, and also those used for home industries, retail stores or other business purposes if the owner thereof and his or her family actually live therein and use it principally for dwelling purposes;
- Commercial establishments, including, but not limited to, restaurants, convenience stores, hard wares, malls, groceries, markets, carwash, condominiums, motels, hotels, hostels, resorts, recreational establishments, auto-repair shops (*talyer*), poultries and livestock rearing establishments, and others.;
- Industrial establishments, including, but not limited to, factories, manufacturing plants, and others.;
- Governmental structures, including, but not limited to, barangay halls, government offices, and the like;
- Institutional structures, including, but not limited to, schools, colleges and universities, hospitals and churches.

**SECTION 5. DEFINITION OF TERMS**

For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

- DENR** – the Department of Environment and Natural Resources;
- Desludging** – a process of cleaning or removing the accumulated domestic septage from septic tanks;
- DILG** – the Department of the Interior and Local Government;
- DOH** – the Department of Health;
- Drainage** - artificial pipes or conduits provided by the LGU for carrying flood water (no sewage nor wastewater shall pass through drainage systems);
- Effluent** – a general term denoting any wastewater, partially or completely treated or in its natural state, flowing out of a drainage canal, septic tank, building, manufacturing plant, industrial plant, treatment plant, etc.

- Food Establishment** – any structure used to engage in food business
- EMB** – the Environmental Management Bureau of the DENR;
- Hygienic Septic Tank** – a water-tight septic tank with no opening/s at the bottom slab so as not to allow the leaching of liquid or solid wastes to the surrounding soil or ground water;
- Pre-treatment Facility** - means any apparatus or equipment used to modify the characteristics of effluent prior to a wastewater disposal system, and includes grease traps, oil separators, dilution pits and similar devices.
- Septage** – a combination of scum, sludge, and liquid from household septic tanks, thickened and partially treated sewage that is removed from a septic tank;
- Septage Treatment Plant** – a series of structure purely for the process of treating septage in order to comply with DENR effluent standards;
- Septage Management** – also known as "desludging" this involves the depository of the household's sewage to a properly designed septic tank and collected by a desludging truck going to a Septage Treatment Plant (SpTP);
- Septic Tank** – a water-tight receptacle that receives the discharge of a sanitary plumbing system, or part thereof, and is designed and constructed to accomplish the sedimentation and digestion of the organic matter in the sewage within the period of detention or retention, and to allow the liquid to discharge to a leaching field, sewer lines, a combined sewerage network, or directly to a secondary wastewater treatment facility, in accordance with the standards set forth by the Revised National Plumbing Code of the Philippines;
- Sewage** – any wastewater containing human, animal, or vegetable waste matter in suspension or solution, including human excreta and urine, and may possibly contain liquids consisting of chemicals in solution;
- Sewer or sewer lines** – artificial pipes or conduits provided by the water utilities for carrying sewage and wastewater;
- Sewerage Disposal System** – is the proper disposal of effluent using either a Sewerage System, Combined Drainage System, or Septage Management whichever is required or accepted by existing environmental laws and policies;
- Sludge** – a solid particle of domestic sewage which settles at the bottom of the sedimentation tank, and is digested by anaerobic bacteria purely from domestic sources;
- Wastewater Treatment Plant** – a series of structure that processes the treatment of sewage, mostly from domestic origin, but may include pre-treated liquid wastes from industries and similar establishments, and may also accept the treatment of septage, provided there are facilities for accepting and pre-treating it; and
- Water Utilities** – this include water concessionaires, local water utilities, and other accredited water and wastewater services providers.
- Users Fee (s)** – an amount collected as service fee for the services rendered in desludging and septage treatment.

**SECTION 6. PRINCIPLES OF SEPTAGE MANAGEMENT**

The Municipality of Janiuay shall abide by the following septage management principles:

- Untreated excreta from residential areas without septic tanks and untreated wastewater from commercial, industrial, institutional and public establishments shall not be allowed to be discharged to open drainage canals or piped drainage systems;
- All buildings and structures, whether residential, commercial, industrial, governmental, and institutional, shall be required to have septage management system.
  - All residential structures shall have hygienic septic tanks;
  - All commercial and industrial establishments, and hospitals shall have hygienic septic tanks or wastewater treatment facility based on the determination of the Department of Health or Department of Environment and Natural Resources;
  - All governmental and institutional structures except hospitals shall have hygienic septic tanks or wastewater treatment facilities based on the number of individuals regularly occupying the structure. If there are 21 occupants or less, these structures should have a hygienic septic tank, otherwise, they are required to have a wastewater treatment facility<sup>i</sup>; and
  - Commercial, industrial, governmental, and institutional structures that are required to have wastewater treatment facilities shall have an operational wastewater treatment facility either on-site or by service off-site.
- No wastewater shall be discharged to waterways without any proper treatment;
- All food establishments (e.g. restaurants, eatery, food chains, etc.) discharging organic and inorganic wastes shall be required to have an oil and grease trap installed in their respective kitchen areas<sup>ii</sup>; and
- All septic tanks must be accessible at all times.

**SECTION 7. SANITARY TOILET FACILITY FOR EVERY HOUSE**

Every house used for habitation shall be provided with a sanitary toilet of the type approved by the Municipal Engineer/Building Official. In areas covered by small houses of light materials or temporary in nature and are close to one another, a communal excreta disposal system or other affordable alternative sanitation technologies adaptable to the local needs and conditions may be allowed.

**SECTION 8. SANITARY MAINTENANCE**

All toilets shall be kept clean and in good condition and no waste water shall be permitted to be exposed to flies, insects, rodents and/or another animal.

**SECTION 9. PUBLIC TOILETS**

All toilets intended for public use shall be under the control and supervision of the Municipal Engineer and the operator shall provide sufficient number of personnel and funds for proper upkeep of the same. No public toilet shall be constructed other than the water carriage system type, and it shall not be constructed within or nearer than twenty-five (25) meters from food establishments and water supply sources/facilities.

**SECTION 10. DRAINAGE OF PREMISES AND YARDS**

It shall be the duty of any owner, administrator or agent of any establishment or premises to provide the yard of the said establishment or premises with adequate drainage leading to suitable gutter, or sub-surface drainage, and causing no nuisance toilets to the neighborhood or the public in general.

**SECTION 11. PROPER SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS**

All residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, and governmental establishments in, both old and new, are required to have proper sewage disposal system based on Section 6 hereof.

**a. For existing structures:**

- Residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, and governmental structures with inaccessible and/or non-compliant septic tank shall opt for any of the following: (a) remodeling or restructuring to make the septic tank accessible and compliant with national standards, upon the effectivity of this Ordinance; or (b) connection to existing sewer lines of water utilities, as applicable; or (c) construction of communal or shared septic tank;
- Commercial, industrial, institutional, governmental establishments that are required to have a wastewater treatment facility should comply within one (1) year within the effectivity of this Ordinance; and
- No business owner shall be issued a renewed business permit unless he/she has obtained the necessary clearances and permits such as discharge permits and environmental sanitation

clearances as may be prescribed by existing laws or as maybe required by the DENR and/or DOH and its instrumentalities.

**b. New structures:**

- i. No building permit shall be issued for residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, and governmental structures unless the design of the hygienic septic tank or wastewater treatment facility in the building plan conforms with existing environmental laws and policies; and
- ii. No business owner shall be issued new business permit unless he/she has obtained the necessary clearances and permits such as discharge permits and environmental sanitation clearances as may be prescribed by existing laws or as maybe required by the DENR and/or DOH and its instrumentalities.

**SECTION 12. DESIGN OF SEPTIC TANKS**

All septic tanks shall be designed to exclude storm water or flow from downspouts, and such other requirements and specifications as provided by national standards. The Building Official, pursuant to Republic Act No. 6541 otherwise known as the National Building Code of the Philippines, is mandated to ensure that appropriate standard designs of septic tanks shall be enforced in the plan approvals and inspection procedures.

**SECTION 13. SEPTIC TANKS, LOCATION, CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE.**

All sanitary toilets shall be connected to septic tanks. For the purpose of construction and maintenance of septic tank, the following requirements shall be strictly observed to ensure that it is sanitary and will not pose hazard to health:

- a) The septic tank shall have at least three (3) compartments, watertight and shall be constructed of sound durable materials, not subject to excessive corrosion or decay. Each tank shall be structurally designed to withstand all anticipated earth or other loads and shall be installed on a solid bed. Structural and hydraulic designs shall be in accordance with good engineering practice.
- b) Septic tanks shall be located such that desludging equipment can have access to the opening manholes conveniently.
- c) Plans and specifications for all septic tanks shall conform to the minimum standards prescribed by the existing national laws and in accordance with good engineering practices. Sizing requirements shall be in accordance with the Revised National Plumbing Code of the Philippines.
- d) Approved pre-fabricated septic tanks duly accredited by the Accreditation for Innovative Technology (AITECH) under the National Housing Authority, Department of Science and Technology (DOST), or Department of Health (DOH) may be used.
- e) Roof drains, foundation drains, area drains or cistern overflows shall not be made to enter the septic tank or any part of the treatment system.
- f) Septic tanks shall be cleaned before excessive sludge or scum is allowed to accumulate and seriously reduce the settling efficiency.
- g) Septic tanks shall be inspected by any designated official of the Barangay at least once a year and be cleaned or dislodged at least every five (5) years or when the bottom of the scum mat is within 7.50 c.m. (3 inches) of the bottom of the outlet device or the sludge or scum has reduced the liquid capacity by 50%.
- h) Septic tanks shall not be washed or disinfected after cleaning. A small residue of sludge shall be left in the tank for seeding purposes.
- i) Sludge from septic tanks shall be collected and disposed of at the nearest available and duly authorized septage treatment facility (STF) or by any other method approved by the DOH, DENR or another government entities authorized by law.

**SECTION 14. MANDATORY DESLUDGING OF SEPTIC TANKS**

- a. All owners and users of septic tanks shall be required to dislodge once every five (5) years.
- b. The opening of septic tanks, for desludging purposes, shall only be done with the authority of the owner or user.
- c. Actual desludging must be done only by the water utility or a private desludging company duly accredited by the DOH and/or DENR-EMB.
- d. Hiring of private desludging must have a prior approval from the Municipal Sanitary Inspector upon compliance and submission of the accreditation papers.
- e. Violation of this provision shall subject the owner and/or user of the septic tank to the penalties as stipulated in Section 20 of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 15. REGULATION ON DESLUDGERS**

- a. Only DENR and/or DOH accredited private entities complete with permits shall be allowed to provide desludging services.
- b. Collection and Transport Services: Collected septage shall only be disposed and treated in a DENR and/or DOH accredited disposal/treatment facility with pertinent permits.
- c. Liquid and/or solid materials removed from septic tanks shall be transported only by a DOH/DENR accredited septage hauler/pumper to the approved septage treatment facility pursuant to the regulations prescribed by the DOH. Unless, otherwise provided by law, no septage hauler/pumper shall be allowed to collect transport and upload or dispose of septage in other places, including bodies of water, agricultural fields and the drainage system within the Municipality of Janiuy.
- d. All entities engaged in desludging activities are required to secure Permit to Transport from the DENR, Environmental Sanitation Clearance from the DOH, sanitary Permit from the Municipal Health Office, and other pertinent permits as may be deemed necessary as part of the requirements for issuance of annual business permit from the Municipality.

**SECTION 16. INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS**

The Office of the Municipal Engineer shall have the following responsibilities in implementing this Ordinance:

- a. **Inspection** – Designate field inspectors that will check on the general design, construction, and maintenance requirements of septic tanks and/or wastewater treatment facilities in residential, commercial, industrial, governmental, and institutional structures.;
- b. **Maintenance of Database** – Coordinate with the Municipal Health Office in the formation and maintenance of a robust database of the list of all homeowners with hygienic septic tanks and with the Municipal Business Processing and Licensing Office for the database of all business establishments with adequate wastewater treatment facilities.;
- c. **Transporting of Septage** – Coordination with the Municipal Health Office for the implementation of an accreditation system (in consonance with the rules and regulations set forth by DENR-EMB and DOH) and follow existing operational guidelines set forth by the DENR/DOH (for the handling, transportation, treatment, and disposal of septage), for private dislodging service providers who intend to operate in the Municipality.;
- d. **Issuance of Sanitary Permits** – Coordinate with the Municipal Health Office on the issuance of sanitary permits for all septage treatment and collection facilities, and development of a protocol for periodic inspection of such facilities, including but not limited to equipment, training programs, and safety.;
- e. **Information, Education, Communication** – Coordinate with the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office or equivalent for the conduct of massive IEC activities in collaboration with appropriate public or private agencies on proper wastewater management to increase level of awareness and commitment of the public to proper sewage treatment or septage management.

**SECTION 17. USER FEES AND OTHER FUNDING OPTIONS**

- a. No additional user fees shall be collected without series of public hearings or public consultation to the general public and notice to the Sangguniang Bayan.
- b. The Municipality of Janiuy may appropriate or raise funds to subsidize necessary expenses for the establishment and/or operation and maintenance of septage facility through appropriate local property taxes and enforcement of a service fee system.

- c. Further, the Municipality of Janiuy may pursue funding assistance from both local and foreign sources, either public or private, through mutual agreements subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

**SECTION 18. PROHIBITED ACTS**

The following acts are prohibited:

- a. Refusal to dislodge as required by this Ordinance.
- b. Dumping of septage and untreated wastewater to drainages, canals, rivers, and other natural and artificial waterways and other open areas;
- c. Desludging and transporting of septage without the necessary permits and accreditation from the authorized permitting agencies; and
- d. Hiring/availing the services of illegal/non-accredited desludger, transporter by any person or establishment to desludge septic tanks or dispose of their wastewater;

**SECTION 19. MONITORING AND EVALUATION.**

The Municipal Building Official, in coordination with the Municipal Health Officer, the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer, Municipal Business Processing and Licensing Officer (BPLO) or their equivalent, shall be required to evaluate the compliance of the facilities one (1) year after the effectivity of this Ordinance. All these facilities must conform to the standards of DENR-EMB and /or DOH.

The same Officers are to come-up with an annual list of violators to be posted in three conspicuous places and in the local government website, if any. The same list shall be submitted to the Municipal Treasurer and BPLO for the imposition of appropriate penalties, copy furnished the Municipal DILG Office.

**SECTION 20. PENALTIES**

For violation of any provision of this Ordinance, the Municipal Engineer/ Municipal Health Officer shall issue a pre-numbered and accountable citation ticket to the person, owner, proprietor, manager, administrator of the establishment, institution, household stating therein the nature of the violation committed, the period within which the same must be settled, corrected or abated, and the consequence of continuing violation thereof.

The violator shall suffer the following penalties:

- a) First Offense** – Attendance in an Orientation Seminar to be conducted by the Municipal Engineering Office in accordance with the education and information campaign program of the Municipality.
- b) Second Offense** – Fine in the amount stated hereunder plus attendance in a seminar on the septage management program:
  - 1. For public and private residential buildings ----- P1,000.00
  - 2. For hotels, condominiums, town houses, apartments, lodging houses, banks, offices, malls, restaurants and other business establishments ----- P1,500.00
  - 3. For septic tanks use by hospitals, funeral parlors and similar operations ---- P1,500.00 or imprisonment of not less than one (1) day and not more than three (3) months, or both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court, and attendance in seminar on septage management.
- c) Third and Succeeding Offenses** – Fine in the amount stated hereunder, plus attendance in a seminar on the septage management program.
  - 1. For public, private residential buildings, P2,500.00
  - 2. For hotels, condominiums, town houses, apartments, lodging houses, banks, offices, malls, restaurants and other business establishments, P2,500.00
  - 3. For septic tanks used by hospitals, funeral parlors and similar operations, P2,500.00 or imprisonment of not less than thirty (30) days or both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court, and attendance in a seminar on septage management.

If the violator is a juridical person, the penalty of imprisonment, as the case may be, shall be imposed on the President, Manager, Executive Officer or person responsible for its operation, or head of the Local Government Unit. Failure to comply with the provisions hereof shall cause the cancellation or revocation of business permits for business establishments.

In the case of residential building or household, the penalty shall be imposed on the head of the family or household.

**SECTION 21. NO CONTEST PROVISION**

For the purpose of efficient implementation of this Ordinance, it is hereby provided that any person, natural or juridical, who is apprehended or cited for violation of this Ordinance who does not wish to contest the violation and is willing to pay voluntarily the fine imposed upon him/her prior to the filing of formal charge with the proper court, shall be allowed to pay said fine with the Municipal Treasurer's Office to avoid being criminally prosecuted.

**SECTION 22. EDUCATION AND INFORMATION DISSEMINATION**

To ensure widespread understanding and support of the objectives, components and implementation mechanics of this Ordinance among the households, establishments and institutions in Janiuy, the Office of the Mayor shall, within six (6) months from the approval of this Ordinance, formulate an appropriate and stakeholder-directed information, education and communication (IEC) program and materials. Such program shall be in the form and context of behavior change communication (BCC) in as much as the effectiveness of this Ordinance depends on stakeholder support through change in behaviour towards sanitation.

- a) Implementation of IEC/BCC activities shall commence immediately after the approval of this Ordinance by disseminating copies of the Ordinance to Punong Barangay, heads of government agencies and owners/managers of establishments in the municipality.
- b) The LGU-Janiuy shall endeavor to secure the cooperation of the mass media organizations operating in the Municipality to disseminate information pertaining to this Ordinance.

**SECTION 23. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE**

In the event that any part or provision of this Ordinance is held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 24. REPEALING CLAUSE**

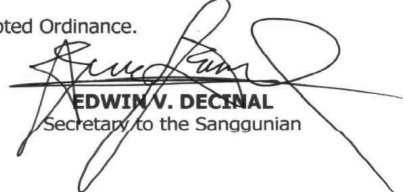
All other ordinances, or provisions thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 25. EFFECTIVITY**


This Ordinance shall take effect after fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper of local circulation.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**, March 26, 2024.

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

  
**EDWIN V. DECINAL**  
 Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED BY:

  
**COREL HANNAH L. YAP**  
 Municipal Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

APPROVED BY:

  
**PAULINO M. PARIAN**  
 Municipal Mayor



## NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE ON REMATADOS OF M. LHULLIER 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 **JUNE 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 **DECEMBER 31, 2023**. Patrons are enjoined to verify their receipts.

### MANAGEMENT

Sa **HUNYO 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 **DISYEMBRE 31, 2023**, madala sa subasta. Gina panawagan ang tanan nga suki nga pagatan-awon ang ila tagsa ka resibo.

### TAGADUMALAHAN

## GV & A PAWNSHOP, INC.

JM Basa St., Iloilo City

### NOTICE

The public is informed that on **JUNE 8, 2024** an Auction Sale will be held at 9:00 AM for all unredeemed Jewelleries & Articles the condition of which have expired.

THE MANAGEMENT

### PAHIBALO

Ginapahibalo ang tanan nga sa **HUNYO 8, 2024** pagahiwaton ang baligyaanay sang mga alahas kag pagkabutang nga wala magawad nga sa diin ang mga plasos nga ginkasugtan natapos na.

ANG TAGDUMALAHAN

## AGENCIA CENTRAL

168 Aldeguer Street, Iloilo City

### NOTICE

The public is informed that on **JUNE 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 **HUNYO 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

## AGENCIA G.B., INC.

C.K. Building Mapa St., Iloilo City

### NOTICE

This is to inform the public that on **JUNE 7, 2024**, an AUCTION SALE will be held at 9:00 A.M. for all unredeemed jewelries and articles the conditions of which have expired.

THE MANAGEMENT

### PAHIBALO

Ginapahibalo ang tanan nga sa **HUNYO 7, 2024**, pagahiwaton ang baligya-anay mga alas 9:00 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

Over 13K voters enlist in Antique since start of registration

SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, Antique – The Commission on Elections (Comelec) registered 13,457 voters in Antique from Feb. 12 until May 28, with at least half of the number reached through satellite registrations.

“The municipal election officers (MEOs) in the 18 towns of the province, aside from their onsite registration at their offices, also conduct satellite registrations in the barangays, malls, and schools,” Antique provincial election supervisor Salud Milagros Villanueva said in an interview Wednesday.

The off-site registration, aimed to reach out to possible qualified registrants who have constraints going to Comelec offices, will continue until they have saturated all 590 barangays of the province, she said.

Villanueva said they will have a voters’ education and registration fair at the University of Antique (UA) Main Campus in Sibalom town on June 4, where they will gather Comelec offices from 18 municipalities in one venue for a one-day registration.

The fair is an opportunity for the faculty and students from the various towns of the province to avail of services, including registration or application for transfer, correction of entry, and reactivation of their registration.

“We know that some students from the northernmost town of Libertad could not go home to register themselves, so we are giving them the opportunity to be able to register on June 4,” she said.

Comelec’s Education and Information Department, on the same day, will discuss the importance of exercising their right to suffrage and other election-related topics.

Onsite registration will resume in municipal election offices after June 4, while they will continue holding satellite registrations until the deadline on Sept. 30. (PNA)



Department of Transportation  
**MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY**  
Regional Office VI  
MRO VI Bldg., 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

**BORACAY BEACHFRONT  
PROPERTIES, INC.**

Case No. **MRO VI 14-074**  
CPC Renewal

Applicant

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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**

CATICLAN JETTY PORT (MABUHAY CENTER), CATICLAN, MALAY, AKLAN TO SHANGRILA'S BORACAY RESORT & SPA BOAT JETTY, BORACAY ISLAND, MALAY, AKLAN AND VICE VERSA (DAYTIME & NIGHTTIME NAVIGATION)

CATICLAN JETTY PORT (MABUHAY CENTER), CATICLAN, MALAY, AKLAN TO CAGBAN JETTY PORT, BORACAY ISLAND, MALAY, AKLAN AND VICE VERSA (DAYTIME & NIGHTTIME NAVIGATION)

TABON PORT, TABON, MALAY AKLAN TO COVE 2 (KEYHOLE), BORACAY ISLAND, MALAY, AKLAN AND VICE VERSA (DURING HABAGAT SEASON - DAYTIME & NIGHTTIME TRAVEL)

LIBERTAD, NABAS, AKLAN TO COVE 2 (KEYHOLE), BORACAY ISLAND, MALAY, AKLAN AND VICE VERSA (DURING HABAGAT SEASON - DAYTIME & NIGHTTIME TRAVEL)

Vessel Name	GRT	HULL	Type of Service
DIWATA 1	15.29	FIBERGLASS	Carriage of Resort Guests
DIWATA 2	15.29	FIBERGLASS	Carriage of Resort Guests
DIWATA 3	15.29	FIBERGLASS	Carriage of Resort Guests
DIWATA 4	15.29	FIBERGLASS	Carriage of Resort Guests

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 **18 June 2024 at 10:00 A.M.** at the Maritime Regional Office VI Building, De La Rama St., Iloilo City, which is within seven (7) days from the date of publication/posting.

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

WITNESS, the MARINA Administrator, **Hon. Sonia B. Malaluan**, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 2024.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR:

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

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

**DPWH-6 . . . (from page 2)**

effectivity of jet grouting.

"We have conducted our size-week survey everyday that we completed our stages of rectification in order for us to be sure, in order for us makasiguro kita kon ano ka effective ang jet grouting ta sa dalom," Oropel added.

He emphasized that there are stratas such as yellow, green, and red in which they also monitor to further determine the flyover's stability.

"On ordinary days nga wala pa ta nakahambal sang jet grouting, ang aton nga sole strata naga-start sa yellow until nagakadto kita sa green nga color, pakadto kita sa pula nga color which everyday gina-monitor naton in order for us to really determine the three attended needed strata nga mahambal naton nga safe ang aton gin-construct nga barriers," Oropel emphasized.

Oropel said that the purpose of jet grouting is to change the soil classification from soft to hard and in order for the pier to be placed in a stable pace.

"The purpose why we are jet grouting, is to change the soil classification sa humok pakadto makatig-a kita that's why the purpose is to under beam sang dalam nga portion sang aton nga pier para makatuntong siya sa hard strata," Oropel stressed.

The DPWH-6 Regional director also considers the design of the said flyover as a failure.

"Considering nga ang design sang aton nga consultant nga naghatag sina nga obra, medyo makabig naton nga failure ang design," said Oropel.

Meanwhile, the budget for the Phase 2 of the said flyover was already included in the regular budget under the General Appropriations Act of 2024.

Oropel also stressed that it will be a challenge once they procure for the said phase as there will be a possibility for deletion or revision with regards to the development of the Ungka flyover.

The Ungka flyover with an allotted fund of P680 million was constructed from January 2020 to June 2022 through the initiative of former senator Franklin Drilon.

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weeks and three cases in the first to two weeks.

"So there is a negative 25 percent growth rate. Our average daily attack rate is .01 percent," she said.

In this city, health facilities are directed to intensify their infection and prevention control measures to

limit local transmission among healthcare workers and ensure hospitals are prepared for potential surges in cases by increasing intensive care unit (ICU) capacity, ventilators, and other necessary medical supplies.

"We are closely monitoring the cases because of the spike of Covid-19 infections in other countries like Singapore because of the FLiRT variant, named after the technical names for their mutation, which are derived from spike proteins of mutation," said Asst. City Health Officer Dr. Roland Jay Fortuna in a statement on Wednesday.

He noted that based on studies, the new subvariant is highly transmissible and although records say the manifestation of the virus is not severe with the same symptoms, one can still get infected despite being vaccinated.

The city has recorded 98 cases from Jan. 1 to May 27.

Based on case surveillance, the city has a moderate risk classification due to a two-week growth rate of 325 percent with 17 cases during the previous two weeks, up from the previous rate of only 33

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**BDO UNIBANK, INC.,**

Mortgagee,

**FORECLOSURE NO. F-10929-24**

- v e r s u s -

For: Extrajudicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage under Act No. 3135, as amended.

**RONA MARIE G. LOPEZ,**

Debtor/Mortgagor.

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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 **BDO UNIBANK, INC.**, a banking institution duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Philippines, with principal place of business at BDO Corporate Center, No. 7899 Makati Avenue, Makati City, hereinafter referred to as **Mortgagee**, against **RONA MARIE G. LOPEZ**, with postal addresses at 1) Brgy. Sinogbuan, San Joaquin, Iloilo; and 2) Lot 13, Block 1, Parc Regency Residences 5, Barangay Balabag, Pavia, Iloilo, Philippines, hereinafter referred to as **Debtor/Mortgagor**, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **February 29, 2024** amounted to **TWO MILLION SIX HUNDRED FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FORTY THREE PESOS and SIXTEEN CENTAVOS (Php2,604,443.16)**, 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. 090-2022018672**

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED THAT certain land bounded and described as follow:

**LOT NO: 13      BLOCK NO: 1      PLAN NO: PCS-06-005388**

**PORTION OF: THE CONSOLIDATION OF LOTS 166-A TO 166-C, PSD-06-010991; 38 BLOCK 6, PCS-06-005062; 144-L, BSD-06-000068 (OLT); 158, CAD-25, ILOILO CADASTRE, 167-D, PSD-06-071584 & 162-A, BSD-06-001237, L.R.C. RECORD NO.);**

**LOCATION: BARANGAY BALABAG, MUNICIPALITY OF PAVIA, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY**

**AREA: ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS**

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **JULY 16, 2024**, at the same time and place without further notice.

Iloilo City, Philippines, April 18, 2024.

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

**(SGD.) MARK EMMANUEL D. DELMO**  
Sheriff IV

NE/May 20, 27 & June 3, 2024



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Republic of the Philippines  
**REGIONAL ALTERNATIVE CHILD CARE OFFICE VI**

M.H Del Pilar St, Molo, Iloilo City  
Email [racco6@nacc.gov.ph](mailto:racco6@nacc.gov.ph) / [raccowesternvisayas@gmail.com](mailto:raccowesternvisayas@gmail.com)  
Tel No (033) 330 7860 local 16093

**IN RE: PETITION FOR ADOPTION  
OF RHIAN NICOLE BALTAR  
REYES TO BE KNOWN THEREAFTER  
AS RHIAN NICOLE GIMENO  
LACHICA**

DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATIVE ADOPTION  
CASE NO:  
**RACCO VI-DAA-2024-0059-IP-029**

**SPOUSES, ERIEL PORRAS LACHICA  
AND ROSA GIMENO LACHICA**

**DATE: MAY 17, 2024**

Petitioners

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**ORDER**

A verified petition for the adoption of **Rhian Nicole Baltazar Reyes** filed by the petitioners through the Regional Alternative Child Care Office (RACCO) praying that the after due notice, publication and appearances, a judgement be rendered to the effect that the adoptee **Rhian Nicole Baltazar Reyes** be declared for all legal intents and purposes the legitimate child of the petitioners and that the name of the adoptee be changed particularly to appear as **Rhian Nicole Gimeno Lachica**.

Finding the said Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be set for Mandatory Appearance on **June 19, 2024** to be held at **RACCO VI at DSWD Field Office VI, M.H. del Pilar St., Molo, Iloilo City**. Any interested party may appear and may file an opposition/complaint supported by evidence to the National Authority for Child Care (NACC), through the RACCO where the Petition was filed. The complaint will be subjected for verification and further investigation.

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

**JANICE J. BRASILEÑO**  
Officer-In-Charge

For the Officer-in-Charge:

**(SGD.) AIRLN JENM C. BARRO**  
Alternate Officer-In-Charge

NE/May 20, 27 & June 3, 2024

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
6th JUDICIAL REGION  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
**OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT & EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF**  
CJ Ramon Q. Avanceña Hall of Justice  
Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City  
rtc1iloocc@judiciary.gov.ph (033) 3353190

**BDO UNIBANK, INC.,**  
Mortgagee,

**FORECLOSURE NO. F-10956-24**

-versus-

For: Extrajudicial Foreclosure of  
Real Estate Mortgage under  
Act No. 3135, as amended.

**JULEMAE JEZZA T. OBREGON,**  
Debtor/Mortgagor

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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 **BDO UNIBANK, INC.**, a banking institution duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Philippines, with principal place of business at BDO Towers Valero, 8741 Paseo De Roxas, Makati City 0726, hereinafter referred to as **Mortgagee**, against **JULEMAE JEZZA T. OBREGON**, with postal addresses at 1) 226 Villa Alegre Subd., Taft North, Mandurriao, Iloilo City; and 2) Lot 2 Block 8 Lessandra Heights, Felix Gorriceta Jr., Avenue, Jibao-an, Pavia, Iloilo, Philippines, hereinafter referred to as **Debtor/Mortgagor**, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **March 05, 2024** amounted to **ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED TWENTY ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY ONE PESOS and SIX CENTAVOS (Php1,221,331.06)**, 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 25, 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. 090-2021013915**

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 2, BLOCK 8, PCS-06-005160), BEING A CONSOLIDATION-SUBDIVISION OF LOT 1728, AGONOA CAD 8, LOT 1731-B, PSD-47056, LOT 1844-C-2, PSD-06-071673, LOT 1844-A-1, PSD-06-071866), SITUATED IN THE BRGY. JIBAO-AN, MUN OF PAVIA, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY, Bounded on the xxx CONTAINING AN AREA OF **FIFTY EIGHT (68) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS.**"

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **JUNE 27, 2024**, at the same time and place without further notice.

Iloilo City, Philippines, May 06, 2024,

**(SGD.) MARK EMMANUEL D. DELMO**  
Sheriff IV

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

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**PANAY-GUIMARAS ... (from page 14)**

"All adjustments will be made by the consultants in order to deliver this commitment," he added.

In addition to the ongoing study, Oropel said they are also in the process of identifying the vital connectivity of the PGN, as they started development around the access areas of the bridges.

"The PGN Island Bridges will emerge as architectural marvels, featuring state-of-the-art construction, complete with intricate road networks and interchanges that will have a common intersection in the Panay side, Guimaras side, and Negros side," he said.

Aside from unhampered transportation, the completion of the project will also ensure safer travel.

Section B of the project is eyed for completion in 2030. (PNA)

Republic of the Philippines  
**Local Civil Registry Office**  
Province of: Iloilo  
City/Municipality: Pototan

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

In compliance with **R.A. Act No. 9048**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **LYNIE ROSE L. CONSUMO** has filed with this office a petition for **CHANGE OF FIRST NAME** from **ROGER** to **ROMMEL** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **ROMMEL MURILLO LIM** was born on **NOVEMBER 8, 1979** at **Pototan, Iloilo** and whose parents are **MELANIE P. MURILLO** and **ROMEO L. LIM**.

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

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

NE/June 3, 2024 & June 10, 2024

Republic of the Philippines  
**Local Civil Registry Office**  
Province of: Iloilo  
City/Municipality: Pototan

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

In compliance with **R.A. Act No. 9048**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **REO GLEN P. SILARDE** has filed with this office a petition for **CHANGE OF FIRST NAME** from **DAVE** to **REO GLEN** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **REO GLEN PACLIBAR SILARDE** was born on **NOVEMBER 5, 1981** at **Pototan, Iloilo** and whose parents are **ROSA C. PACLIBAR** and **LEOPOLDO C. SILARDE**.

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

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

NE/June 3, 2024 & June 10, 2024

Republic of the Philippines  
**Municipal Civil Registry Office**  
Province of Iloilo  
Municipality of San Miguel

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

In compliance with **Section 5 of R.A. Act No. 9048**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **OTILIA S. ALGARJA** has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name from **MA. OTILIA** to **OTILIA** in the birth certificate of **MA. OTILIA SAGUAN** who was born on **November 10, 1947** at **San Miguel, Iloilo** and whose parents are **Delfin Saguan** and **Magdalena Samulde**.

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

**(SGD.) ADA S. GUELOS**  
Municipal Civil Registrar

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**DEPED ... (from page 5)**

would be better if parents refrain from doing it to avoid any issues.

Cortejo added that schools are advised not to have special numbers that will entail learners to spend on expensive or extravagant costumes.

Contributions for food, stage decorations, and other expenses during the graduation are also not allowed except if these are made voluntarily by parents.

Around 35,278 learners from Grade 12, Grade 10, and Grade 6 are joining the completion and moving up ceremonies this school year 2023-2024. (PNA)

Republic of the Philippines  
**Sixth Judicial Region**  
**REGIONAL TRIAL COURT**  
Iloilo City

**OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT & EX OFFICIO SHERIFF**

**METROPOLITAN BANK & TRUST COMPANY,**  
Mortgagee,

-versus-

**FORECLOSURE FILE NO. F-10965-24**

**ROLYN D. CASTRO,**  
Mortgagor.

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**NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE**

Upon verified petition for extrajudicial foreclosure of mortgage under Act 3135 as amended filed by **METROPOLITAN BANK & TRUST COMPANY, Mortgagee**, a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Philippines with principal office at Metrobank Plaza, Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City, against **ROLYN D. CASTRO, Mortgagor**, with postal address/es at (1) **1887 2nd Street, Singson Village, Guadalupe, Cebu City**; and (2) **Lot 10 Block 5 Parc Regency 5 E Balabag Pavia, Iloilo**, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **30 April 2024**, amounts to **Five Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Three and 39/100 Pesos (Php 576,973.39)**, the undersigned Ex Officio Sheriff of Iloilo and/or ANY of his duly authorized deputy sheriff will sell at public auction on **09 July 2024** at **10:00 AM** at the Office of the Clerk of Court and Ex Officio Sheriff, Regional Trial Court, Hall of Justice Building, Iloilo City, to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine Currency, the mortgaged property under **Transfer Certificate of Title No. 090-2016008294** bounded and described, including all the improvements thereon, to wit:

**"LOT NO. 10 BLOCK NO. 5 PLAN NO: PCS-06-005388**

**"PORTION OF THE CONSOLIDATION OF LOTS 166-A TO 166-C; PSD-06-010991; 38, BLOCK 6, PCS-06-005062; 144-L, BSD-06-000068 (OLT); 158, CAD-25, ILOILO CADASTRE; 167-D, PSD-06-071584 & 162-A, BSD-06-001237, L.R.C. RECORD NO.;**

**"LOCATION: BARANGAY OF BALABAG, MUNICIPALITY OF PAVIA, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY**

**"BOUNDARIES: x x x**

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

All SEALED bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the abovementioned date and time.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it will be held instead on **16 July, 2024** at the same time and venue without further notice and re-publication.

Iloilo City, Philippines, 08 May 2024.

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

Prepared by:

**(SGD.) RAMIL G. FACURIB**  
Authorized Deputy Sheriff

NE/May 27, June 3 & 10, 2024

**GENERAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **JUDETH P. GALAN** owner of a Cargo Vessel named **MBCA "JAKE - 2"** with a business address at Caticlan, Malay, Aklan has filed with **MARINA Regional Office VI** for a re-issuance of Certificate of Philippine Registry due to the loss of the original certificate per Affidavit of Loss dated 09 May 2024 submitted by Judeth P. Galan. Notarized by Atty. Jikko S. Belejedo, a Notary Public in the Province of Aklan, docketed as Doc. no. 106, Page No. 23, Book No. 9, series of 2024. Any person or entity adversely affected by said claim may file their written opposition with Maritime Industry Authority Regional Office VI, MARINA Bldg., De La Rama St., Iloilo City within ten (10) days from the publication date.

Republic of the Philippines  
Supreme Court  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
Sixth Judicial Region  
San Jose, Antique  
Email: rtc1sjaocc@judiciary.gov.ph  
Mobile No. 09175317702

Office of the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Sheriff  
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IN RE: PETITION FOR EXTRA-JUDICIAL  
FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE  
UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED

File No. 2024-01  
(RTC, Br. 12)

FIRST STANDARD FINANCE CORP.  
Mortgagee/Creditor,

-versus-

JOCELYN S. ACOSTA,  
Mortgagor.

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**NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE**

Upon petition for extrajudicial foreclosure and sale under Act 3135, as amended, filed by the **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 Republic of the Philippines, with branch office located at Unit 3 & 4, ACCE Bldg. Ledesma-Mabini Streets, Iloilo City, Philippines, herein represented in the act by its District Head, RACHEL G. ENANO, of legal age, widow, Filipino and a resident of Berlin St., North Village, Metropolis, Jaro Iloilo City, Philippines, Mortgagee against **JOCELYN S. ACOSTA**, of legal age, single, Filipino and a resident of Funda-Dalipe, San Jose, Antique, Mortgagor, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of March 5, 2024, amounts to **EIGHT MILLION FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE THOUSAND NINETY-EIGHT PESOS & EIGHTY CENTAVOS (Php 8,565,098.80) Philippine Currency**, inclusive of interest as of said date, and exclusive of Attorney's Fees plus incidental and other legal expenses of foreclosure, the **OIC, Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff** through her undersigned Deputy will sell at public auction on **June 13, 2024, at 10:00 A.M.**, or soon thereafter at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Justice Calixto O. Zaldivar Hall of Justice, Binirayan Hills, San Jose, Antique, to the highest Bidder for cash or manager's check and in Philippine Currency, the mortgaged real property with all the improvements thereon and more particularly described as follows:

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. (T-8742)  
088-2022004775**

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 1246-L, PSD-060613-027844, BEING A cPORTION OF LOT 1246, CAD 216, SAN JOSE CAD.) SITUATED IN THE BARANGAY OF DALIPE, MUN. OF SAN JOSE, PROV. OF ANTIQUE, ISLAND OF PANAY. BOUNDED ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 1246-C; ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 1246-D; ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 1246-K ALL OF THIS SUBD. SURVEY; ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 4-5 BY ROAD (10.00 M. WIDE), ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 5-6 BY LOT 1246-M; ON THE NE., & SE., ALONG LINE 6-7-8 BY LOT 1246-O; ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 8-1 BY LOT 1246-N. ALL OF THIS SUBD. SURVEY. X X X X. CONTAINING AN AREA OF **SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY SIX (7,296) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS. XXX X**".

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above- stated date and time.

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

San Jose, Antique, Philippines, May 9, 2024.

**ATTY. MA. B.G. CANDIDA D. RIVERO**  
Clerk of Court V  
OIC-Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff  
RTC, San Jose, Antique

By:

(SGD.) **ELMER B. ESCAÑO**  
Sheriff IV  
RTC, Branch 12

NE/May 20, 27 & June 3, 2024

**DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL ADJUDICATION**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **JOSE TAN LIM** known consisting of the following parcels of land: a) **Lot 2 (69-E & D)** situated at Rizal Estanzuela St., Brgy. Baybay Tanza, City Proper, Iloilo City covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-37033** with an area of **Three Hundred (300) Square Meters, more or less**; b) **Lot 4 (147-C-8-C)** situated at General Luna St., Int., Brgy. Villa Anita, City Proper, Iloilo City covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-47848** with an area of **Three Hundred and Sixty (360) Square Meters, more or less**; c) **Lot 3 (147-C-8-C)** situated at Aurora Subd., Brgy. Villa Anita, City Proper, Iloilo City covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-47849** with an area of **One Hundred Sixty (160) Square Meters, more or less**; d) **Lot 17 Blk. 1 (1107, A, B & C)** situated at Quezon St., Int., Brgy. Sampaguita, City Proper, Iloilo City covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-48464** with an area of **Two Hundred Sixty Three (263) Square Meters, more or less**; e) **Lot 16 Blk. 1 of Lot 1 (1107-A, B & C)** situated at Quezon Int., Brgy. Sampaguita, City Proper, Iloilo City covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-48465** with an area of **Two Hundred Sixty Three (263) Square Meters, more or less** are adjudicated to heirs **Lourdes E. Lim, Arnold E. Lim, Ma. Victoria L. Mapoy, Maritess E. Lim, and Reynold E. Lim**, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Chelna Ann N. Deblois** per Doc. No. 367, Page No. 75, Book No. I, Series of 2024.

NE/May 27, June 3 & 10, 2024

**DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL ADJUDICATION**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **ERLINDA G. HOJILLA** known as **Lot 3, Block 5** of the subdivision plan (LRC) Pad-50529, being a portion of Lot 2137, Jaro Cadastre, LRC Cad. Record No. 8, situated in Jaro, Iloilo City with improvements thereon, covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 43510** with an area of **FIVE HUNDRED SQUARE (500) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS** is adjudicated to sole heir **EDWARD LAYSON** as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Ma. Theresa Malones-Sanchez** per Doc. No. 338, Page No. 69, Book No. II, Series of 2024.

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH WAIVER**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **ANTONIO D. DELA PEÑA SR.** known as **Lot 1877-H-2** situated at Jardin, Dumangas, Iloilo and covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2015005593** with an area of **TWO HUNDRED FIFTY (250) SQUARE METERS, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **JERRY D. DELA PEÑA, SUSAN DELA PEÑA JUNSAY, TERESA DELA PEÑA ARROYO, MARIFE DELA PEÑA CORONADO, CORAZON D. KAMIMOTO, ARMI D. MUIR, and ANTONIO DELA PEÑA JR.** That, the heirs waived their share over the said parcel of land in favor of their sister **MARIFE DELA PEÑA CORONADO** as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Ma. Sonette V. Seville Daquita** per Doc. No. III, Page No. 23, Book No. XVII, Series of 2023.

NE/May 27, June 3 & 10, 2024

Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Antique  
Municipality of Tibiao

**OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **Rowena Oliveros Capalla** has filed with this Office a petition for Changed of First Name from **Rofina** to **Rowena** in the birth certificate of **Rofina Villegas Oliveros** who was born on **September 27, 1975** at **Tibiao, Antique** and whose parents are **Rodrigo Oliveros** and **Luisa Villegas**.

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

(SGD.) **MARIE VIC B. VEDEJA**  
Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/June 3, 2024 & June 10, 2024

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
**REGIONAL TRIAL COURT**  
6<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL REGION  
**OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT**  
and **EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF OF ILOILO**  
Chief Justice Ramon Q. Avanceña Hall of Justice  
**Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City**  
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**BDO UNIBANK, INC., (formerly**  
**BANCO DE ORO UNIBANK, INC.),**  
Mortgagee,

FORECLOSURE NO. F-10952-24

-versus-

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

**JOVELYN TENORIO AMBAJAN**  
represented by her Attorney-In-Fact,  
**LORNA GABUNAS LIMHOC,**  
Debtor/Mortgagor.

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

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act No. 3135 as amended by Act No. 4118 filed by the **mortgagee BDO UNIBANK, INC., (formerly BANCO DE ORO UNIBANK, INC.)**, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal office address at BDO Corporate Center, 7899 Makati Avenue, Makati City, Metro Manila, Philippines against **debtor/mortgagor JOVELYN TENORIO AMBAJAN**, of legal age, Filipino, with postal addresses at (1) Pandan, Pontevedra, Negros Occidental 6105 (2) Block 1, Lot 20, Lessandra C, Felix Gorriceta, Jr. Avenue, Jibao-an, Pavia, Iloilo represented by her Attorney-In-Fact, **Lorna Gabunas Limhoc** to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **March 05, 2024**, amounted to **ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED FORTY TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY PESOS & 26/100 (P1,442,950.26)**, Philippine Currency, exclusive of interest, penalties and other charges, plus attorney's fees, publication cost, Sheriff's legal expenses and other incidental expenses of foreclosure and auction sale, the **Ex-Officio Sheriff of Iloilo or any of his lawful deputies** will sell at public auction on **JUNE 27, 2024** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the Office of the **Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, G/F Chief Justice Ramon Q. Avanceña Hall of Justice, Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City**, to the **HIGHEST BIDDER**, for **CASH** or **MANAGER'S CHECK** and in Philippine Currency, the following real property, including buildings and all improvements found thereon, to wit:

**Registry of Deeds for Iloilo, Iloilo**  
**Transfer Certificate of Title**  
**No. 090-2021009241**

"IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BARANGAY OF JIBAO-AN, MUN. OF PAVIA, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY, bounded and described as follows:

**LOT NO: 20 BLOCK NO: 1 PLAN NO: PCS-06-006618**  
**PORTION OF: CONS. SUBD. SURVEY OF LOT 1862**  
**AGONOA CAD. 8 & LOT 1848-A PSD-50114**  
**LOCATION: BARANGAY JIBAO-AN, MUN. OF PAVIA,**  
**PROVINCE OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY**  
is registered in accordance with the provision of the Property Registration Decree in the name of  
**Owner: JOVELYN TENORIO AMBAJAN, SINGLE, OF LEGAL AGE, FILIPINO**  
**Address: PANDAN, PONTEVEDRA, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL**  
X X X  
**AREA: FORTY FOUR (44) 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 **JULY 04, 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 25, 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/May 20, 27, 2024 & June 3, 2024

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

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. Act No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **RICHEL GONZALES GALAIZ** has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name from **JOSE RICKY** to **RICKY** in the birth certificate of **JOSE RICKY C. GONZALES** who was born on **March 5, 1969** at **CALINOG, ILOILO** and whose parents are **HERMINIO GONZALES** and **MA. FE CELESTIAL**.

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

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

NE/June 3, 2024 & June 10, 2024

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

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

In compliance with Section 5 of RA. No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **Ma Nancy G. Consing** has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name from **"MARIA NANCY"** to **"MA. NANCY"** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **MARIA NANCY GOTERA** who was born on **JANUARY 4, 1965** at San Miguel, Iloilo, Philippines whose parents are **FORTUNATO GOTERA** and **RAMONA SABA**.

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

(SGD.) JESUSA M. MILLONDAGA  
Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/June 3, 2024 & June 10, 2024

Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Guimaras  
Municipality of Jordan  
OFFICE OF THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

In Compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on RA. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that **EDZEL A. VILLAVITO** has filed with this Office, a migrant petition for correction of Sex from **"FEMALE"** to **"MALE"** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **EDZEL A. VILLAVITO** at **San Joaquin, Iloilo** and whose parents are **EDGAR G. GANDECILA** and **RITCHEL A. VILLAVITO**.

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

(SGD.) JESUSA M. MILLONDAGA  
Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/June 3, 2024 & June 10, 2024

ILOILO CITY – The anticipated PHP187.54-billion mega Panay-Guimaras-Negros (PGN) bridges project is set to transform regional connectivity in Western Visayas, the top official of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) in the region said on Monday.

In a public briefing Tuesday, DPWH regional director engineer Sanny Boy Oropel said the feasibility study for the design and the detailed engineering has already started.

Spanning 32.47 kilometers, the project has two sections consisting of Section A or the Panay to Guimaras section, with a length of 13 kilometers; and Section B from Guimaras to Negros, with a length of 19.47 kilometers.

**DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late spouses **Buenaventura J. Fernandez de Leon and Lolita A. Fernandez de Leon** known as a parcel of land **Lot 2 Block 6** of the consolidation and subdivision for Plan PSD 5047 situated in the City of Bacolod covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-67787** with an area of **Three Hundred Thirty Six (336) square meters** is adjudicated to heirs **Leila Dorothy F. Varon, Irma May A. Fernandez de Leon, Ben Howard A. Fernandez de Leon and Leonardo Felix A. Fernandez de Leon**, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Rean S. Sy** per Doc. No. 201, Page No. 42, Book No. I, series of 2023.

NE/May 20, 27 & June 3, 2024

Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Iloilo  
Municipality of Barotac Nuevo

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

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

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

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

NE/May 27, 2024 & June 3, 2024

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

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. Act No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **HUBERT C. PAGUNTALAN** has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name from **MARIA** to **CATHERINE** in the birth certificate of **MARIA CASTELLANO PAGUNTALAN** who was born on **July 28, 1962** at **CALINOG, ILOILO** and whose parents are **ZOSIMO PAGUNTALAN** and **CANDELARIA CASTELLANO**.

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

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

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**Panay-Guimaras-Negros bridges to transform reg'l connectivity**

Oropel said President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. has instructed that the detailed engineering design of Section A be completed by December 2024, instead of the end of 2025.

"The detailed engineering design of Section A will be completed within 2024 for the civil work to start in the second semester of 2025. Segment one will be completely delivered by the end of President Marcos' term on June 30, 2028," he said during the Bagong Pilipinas town hall meeting at the DPWH regional office here.

The study is being undertaken by a consortium of six consulting firms.

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Republic of the Philippines  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
6th Judicial Region  
BRANCH 38  
Iloilo City  
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ORIX METRO LEASING & FINANCE CORPORATION, CIVIL CASE NO. 21-34810

Plaintiff,

For: Replevin, Sum of Money & Damages

-versus-

GIDEON IKE R. PATRICIO (deceased) substituted by Justine Mae B. Patricio et. al., MA. RITA LYN A. PATRICIO & JOHN DOE(S),

Defendants,

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**NOTICE OF SALE ON EXECUTION OF REAL PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, by virtue of the Order of Execution issued by the **HON. JUANA JUDITA P. PANIGBATAN-NAFARRETE**, Presiding Judge of the RTC, Branch 38, Iloilo City, on February 2, 2023, in **Civil Case No. 21-34810** entitled **ORIX METRO LEASING & FINANCE CORPORATION** versus **GIDEON IKE R. PATRICIO (deceased)** substituted by **MITCHELLE JOHN B. PATRICIO, MARIA PAZ B. PATRICIO- FERNANDEZ, MARIE CARMELLE B. PATRICIO and JUSTINE MAE B. PATRICIO, MA. RITA LYN B. PATRICIO & JOHN DOE** for the recovery of the sum of **(Php1,442,212.84)**, with interest, and costs, etc., levy was made by **SHERIFF REX B. BENIGLA** on December 19, 2023, thru the **Register of Deeds, Province of Capiz, Roxas City, Capiz**, on the rights, interests, and participation of said defendant **MARIA PAZ PATRICIO-FERNANDEZ** in the real property more particularly described as follows:

REGISTRY OF DEEDS FOR THE PROVINCE OF CAPIZ

**Transfer Certificate of Title No. CARP2018001093**

CERTIFICATE OF LAND OWNERSHIP AWARD NO. 01364971

"LOT 1935-L-1, PSD-06-079006 (AR) (SUBDIVISION OF LOT 1935-L, CSD-06-002512 (OLT))

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 1935-L-1, PSD-06-079006 (AR)) BEING A PORTION OF LOT 1935-L, CSD-06-002512 (OLT), SITUATED IN THE BARANGAY OF SAN RAMON, MUNICIPALITY OF PILAR, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ ISLAND OF PANAY. BOUNDED ON THE W., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 1935-L-2, OF THIS SUBDIVISION SURVEY; ON THE NW., ALONG LINES 2 TO 8 BY LOT 2185; ALONG LINES 8 TO 11 BY LOT 2128; ON THE E., ALONG LINE 11-12 BY LOT 2177; ALONG LINE 12-13 BY LOT 2165; ON THE S., ALONG LINES 11 TO 16-1 BY LOT 2154; XXX

is a registered in accordance with the provision of the Property Registration Decree in the name of

Owner: **MARIA PAZ B. PATRICIO, OF LEGAL AGE, FILIPINO, SINGLE**

Address: **SAN RAMON, PILAR, CAPIZ**

X X X

AREA: **TWENTY SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY TWO (26,852) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS."**

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the said Order of Execution and in accordance with the Rule 39, Section 19, of the Rules of Court, **SHERIFF REX B. BENIGLA** will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, on **June 18, 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**, the rights, interests and participation of defendant **MARIA PAZ B. PATRICIO-FERNANDEZ**, in the above-described real property in order to satisfy said Order of Execution, together with interests, costs, sheriff's fee and the expenses of sale.

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 24, 2024** at the same time and place aforementioned without notice.

Iloilo City, Philippines, May 13, 2024

(SGD.) REX B. BENIGLA  
Sheriff IV

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

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
**REGIONAL TRIAL COURT**  
 6<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL REGION  
**OFFICE OF THE EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF**  
**CHIEF JUSTICE RAMON Q. AVANCEÑA**  
 HALL OF JUSTICE  
**ILOILO CITY**  
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FORECLOSURE NO. **F-10950-24**  
**(Branch 35, RTC, Iloilo City)**

**FIRST STANDARD FINANCE CORPORATION** (Formerly FIRST STANDARD LENDING CORPORATION), Mortgagee,

-versus- EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED

**RONNIE G. GARGOLES, married to SONIA T. GARGOLES,** Mortgagors.

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

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 filed by the mortgagee, **FIRST STANDARD FINANCE CORPORATION** (Formerly **First Standard Lending Corporation**) with office address at ACCE Building, corner Ledesma-Mabini Streets, Iloilo City, as represented herein by its **District Head, RACHEL G. EÑANO**, against the mortgagors, **RONNIE G. GARGOLES, married to SONIA T. GARGOLES**, of legal age, Filipino with residence and postal addresses at Sto. Niño Sur, Arevalo, Iloilo City, and/or at Lot No. 3, Barangay Trapiche, Oton, Iloilo, Philippines, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of February 15, 2024, amounted to **Three Hundred One Thousand Eight Hundred Pesos & 25/100 (Php301,800.25)**, Philippine Currency, (Balance of Principal P216,664.00, plus unpaid interest P72,437.60, plus RPPD P4,086.00 and penalties P8,612.65), inclusive of penalties, attorney's fees and other litigation expenses of foreclosure and auction sale, plus publication cost and sheriff's legal expenses, the **Ex-Officio Sheriff of Iloilo** or his lawful deputy will sell at public auction on **JUNE 25, 2024** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at Ground Floor, Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Chief Justice Ramon Q. Avanceña Hall of Justice, Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City, to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine Currency, the following real property with the buildings and all the improvements found thereon, to wit:

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2016001299**

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT NO. 3, PLAN NO: PCS-06-006625, PORTION OF LOTS 234-I-6 AND 234-I-11, PSD-06-083036); SITUATED IN BARANGAY TRAPICHE, MUNICIPALITY OF OTON, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY. BOUNDED XXX CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE HUNDRED EIGHT (108) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS.

All sealed bids must 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 **JULY 23, 2024** at the same time and place aforementioned without further notice.

Iloilo City, Philippines, **April 15, 2024.**

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

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

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

Republic of the Philippines  
**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**  
 Region VI

**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that **Felicito H. Tiu**, Chairman of **EON REALTY AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION** (Developer), has filed with this office a sworn registration statement for the sale of residential subdivision lots at **CENTENNIAL TOWNHOMES-ANNEX** project located at Brgy. Jibao-an, Pavia, Iloilo and more particularly described as Lot(s) **Lot 1, Pcs-06-003728 and Lot 2, Pcs-06-003728**, containing an area of **2555 sq.m.** and covered by **TCT No(s). T-192860 and T-192861.**

The foregoing project is utilizing **USWAG CONDOMINIUM TOWER 1** as its compliance pursuant to Section 18 of Republic Act No. 7279 as amended by RA 10884 under Department Order No. 2021-003 Series of 2021 (Deferment of Submission of Proof of Compliance to the Balanced Housing Development Program).

All papers relative thereto shall, upon request and payment of processing fee, be available for inspection during business hours by any person having legal interest thereon.

Absent any legal impediment, the above-cited project is deemed registered and a certificate, in evidence thereof, shall forthwith be issued after five (5) days from the last day of publication.

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**, 2nd Floor Gaisano Capital-ICC Mall, Diversion 2011, Sen. Benigno S. Aquino, Jr. Avenue, Brgy. San Rafael, Mandurriao, Iloilo City, Telephone Nos. (033)321-6177.

Iloilo City, Philippines, May 21, 2024.

**(SGD.) EnP EVA MARIA P. MARFIL**  
 Regional Director

NE/May 27, 2024 & June 3, 2024

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH ABSOLUTE DEED OF SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses INDALECIO ALIP and PRESENTACION LERO ALIP** known as a parcel of land Lot 2 of the consolidation subdivision plan (LRC) Pcs-9831, being a portion of the consolidation of Lots 1084, 1092, and 1095, Jaro Cadastre, LRC Cad. Record No. 9959, with improvements thereon, located at Democracia St., Brgy. Ma. Cristina, Jaro, Iloilo City covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-88839** with an area of **TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY SEVEN (277) SQUARE METERS, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **LEONIL L. ALIP, LEMUEL L. ALIP and PRESENDA ALIP MARCELO**. That, the heirs hereby **SELL, TRANSFER, CONVEY and DELIVER** by way of **ABSOLUTE SALE** the above-said property unto **Spouses LODOVICO P. LOSAÑES and MARIA BASILIA P. LIU-LOSAÑES** as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Ruth A. Florentino** per Doc. No. 124, Page No. 26, Book No. LVIII, Series of 2022.

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**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS, INTERESTS AND SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **HELEN P. CARO** consisting of the following vehicles: 1) **Ford Eco Sport Wagon, Model 2018** with Plate No. **FAE 1641, Engine No. UEJAJY49836, Chassis No. MPBSXXMXK49836, MV File No. 061-0000487215**; 2) **Ford Everest Wagon, Model 2013** with Plate No. **FHN 397, Engine No. WLAT1362941, Chassis No. MNCUS4D10CW405463, MV File No. 0620-0000167265**; 3) **Honda Civic Sedan, Model 2001** with Plate No. **FEY 989, Engine No. PSJD5-1001438, Chassis No. PADES56701V000547, MV File No. 0620-107869** are adjudicated to heirs **CORAZON P. CARO, HECTOR P. CARO and HERBERT P. CARO**. That, **CORAZON P. CARO and HERBERT P. CARO** waived all their rights, shares and interests over the above estate in favor of their co-heir **HECTOR P. CARO** including full authority to claim from **MAYBANK** or any agency thereof the original **OR/CR** and the documents, etc. and to sign receipts thereof. Entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. MANDELVIN B. DADIVAS** per Doc. No. 301, Page 62, Book No. I, Series of 2024.

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Republic of the Philippines  
**Local Civil Registry Office**  
 Province of Iloilo  
 Municipality of Calinog

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. Act No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **CYNTHIA** (complete name of petitioner) **L. TILLAFLO** has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name from **MA. CYNTHIA** (first name to be changed) to **CYNTHIA** in the birth certificate of **MA. CYNTHIA** (new first name to be adopted) (complete name of document owner) **LANDERO** who was born on **December 28, 1959** at (date of birth) **CALINOG, ILOILO** and whose parents are **ALFREDO** (place of birth) (name of father) **LANDERO** and **GLORIA BOSQUE**. (name of mother)

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

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

NE/May 27, 2024 & June 3, 2024

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

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

In compliance with Section 5 of Republic Act Number 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **ANDRES C. PLANCO** (complete name of petitioner) has filed with this Office a petition for Change of First Name from **ANDRES FRANCISCO** (first name to be changed) to **ANDRES** (new first name to be adopted) in the birth certificate of **ANDRES FRANCISCO COMODA PLANCO** (complete name of document owner) who was born on **November 4, 1966** at **Janiuy, Iloilo** and (date of birth) (place of birth) whose parents are **Salvador Planco** (name of father) and **Julieta Comoda**. (name of mother)

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

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

NE/May 27, 2024 & June 3, 2024

**DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL ADJUDICATION WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **JESUS L. BATILANTE** known as an **Easy Savings Plus (ESP) Account** with **LandBank, Passi City Branch** under **ESP Account No. 1931-0590-30** is adjudicated to heirs **NELIDA CABALLERO BATILANTE, JIM C. BATILANTE, MARY JANE B. PAGAYON, JESUSA B. PEREZ and JESUS CABALLERO BATILANTE JR.** That, the heirs waived in favor of their mother **NELIDA CABALLERO BATILANTE** all their shares, rights and interest over the said **LandBank ESP Account No. 1931-0590-30**, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Ronil G. Arbis** per Doc No. 375, Page No. 76, Book No. IV, Series of 2024.

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION AND ABSOLUTE SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **ALEJO ALLOGUINES** consisting of **two parcels of land: Ass. Lot No. 760** situated at Magallanes St., Alimodian, Iloilo covered by **TAX DECLARATION NO. 001419** with an area of **364 square meters, more or less** and **Ass. Lot No. 221** situated in Bay, Dalag, Alimodian, Iloilo covered by **Tax Declaration No. 020103** with an area of **7,622 square meters, more or less** are adjudicated to heirs **OLIVA ALLOGUINES and NATIVIDAD ALLOGUINES**. That, the said heirs hereby agreed to sell, cede, transfer and convey the above-said two parcels of land by way of **Absolute Sale** unto **NEMIA ALIMATO** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. VENANCIO B. VIRAY** per Doc. No. 317, Page No. 18, Book No. XIX, Series of 1980 and **ATTY. LEODEGARIO A. CONLU, JR.** per Doc. No. 300, Page No. 61, Book No. IX, Series of 1980.

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