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2024 SOCA highlights Treñas admin's achievements, milestones



Mayor Jerry P. Treñas

BY MARY JOY CAVAÑAS

ILOILO CITY Mayor Jerry Treñas delivered his 2024 State of the City Address (SOCA) on September 10, showcasing significant milestones and achievements.

Key highlights include a reduction in poverty incidence from 8.4% in 2021 to 6.8% in 2023, along with a decline in the unemployment rate from 15.9% to 11.9%.

The city issued over 18,800 business permits in 2024, and Iloilo City

was ranked the Most Competitive Highly Urbanized City (HUC) in Visayas and Mindanao and fifth in the Philippines.

Treñas also emphasized anti-hunger initiatives, such as the Rise-A-Farm program, a national finalist in the GalingPook Awards, and

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Nim Perez, a Runway Model/Mentor and Mental Health Advocate, enjoying a fun-filled day and a photoshoot at Damires Hills Farm and Spa Resort at Janiuary, Iloilo.

MPIW inaugurates water pipeline project in Jaro district

BY MARY JOY CAVAÑAS

Metro Pacific Iloilo Water (MPIW) has inaugurated the water pipeline project in Barangay Tabuc Suba Covered Gym on Thursday, September 12.

Amounting to Php7 million, the project aims to supply potable water to nearly 1,500 households in Jaro district such as in Sitiollaya, Barangay Tabuc Suba, and Barangay San Isidro.

This 925-linear-meter pipeline, with 150 mm diameter pipes, marks a significant upgrade to the water infrastructure in Jaro District which will benefit its residents.

MPIW Chief Operating Officer Mr. Angelo David Berba emphasized the project's importance for long-term service reliability and acknowledged the cooperation from the Iloilo City government and its community.

"The Sitio Ilaya Expansion Project is part of Metro Pacific Iloilo Water's investment to achieve long-term service reliability for our customers. We deeply

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PhilHealth outlines enhanced benefits and services

BY MARY JOY CAVAÑAS

THE Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) has significantly enhanced its benefit programs starting in 2023 to align with President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.'s vision of a stronger healthcare system in the Philippines.

These improvements are aimed at increasing the accessibility and quality

of healthcare services for Filipinos.

One of the most notable enhancements is the expansion of the hemodialysis package, which now covers 156 sessions per year for patients with Chronic Kidney Disease Stage 5, up from the previous 90 sessions.

Additionally, as of July 2024, the coverage per session increased by 54%, from Php2,600 to

Php4,000.

PhilHealth has also made substantial increases in the coverage for critical conditions such as hemorrhagic stroke,

ischemic stroke, and high-risk pneumonia, more than doubling the benefits for these treatments.

Other significant

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PHP 17,094,300.00 million worth of CICA PROJECTS under the initiative of Congressman AA LEGARDA was recently turnover, blessed, and inaugurated at Antique Police Provincial Office, September 3, 2024. AnPPO Provincial Director PCOL LEA ROSE B. PEÑA received the 2-storey building Barracks for male PNCO amounting to PHP 6,000,000.00; 2 units Carrier Van Nissan NV 350; amounting to PHP 3,836,000.00; 7 units of Heavy Motorcycle Kawasaki 650 CC amounting to PHP 4,197,200.00; and other equipment needed for Police Operations. Peña also expressed her gratitude in her speech to Congressman Legarda for the overwhelming support that he and Senator Loren Legarda gave to the PNP Antique. Congressman Legarda said that if there are more needs for Antique PPO he is willing to help in his capacity as Congressman. (Photo by EVA ABAJENCIA)

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72nd Unity Ride roars off in Guimaras

HUNDREDS of big bike riders across the country converged in the Province of Guimaras for the staging of the 72nd Unity Ride of the Visayas Confederation of Big Bikers Club Phillipines, Inc. on September 6-7, 2024.

The event kicked off with a motor show at the Provincial Capitol Grounds in San Miguel, Jordan, Guimaras followed by the unity ride going to the Municipality of Buenavista.

The event is one avenue to promote the province as a premier destination for sports and other tourism activities according to Executive Assistant III Gerardo Gaitan who represented Governor JC Rahman A. Nava, MD.

"I'm sure this event can help us promote our island province of Guimaras. It can promote our place as a premiere destination for sports and other tourism activities. Thank you so much for bringing this event in our beloved province. May this experience bring positive feedback as you go home to your respective places," Gaitan said.

"For how many years nganaga-ride ako, nagahandomgidakong pakitasa akon mga constituents ang amosininga motorcycle ride. It is a dream come true with the journey sang aton munisipiyong amagang parte sini. Actually, this is the first ride kagnakitanyong amadamo sang pumuluyongan agahulatsainyo. This is a challenge to the new generation nga mag-strive hard," Buenavista Mayor Samuel Gumarin said.

The event which was organized by the Visayas Confederation of Big Bikers Club Phillipines, Inc. in partnership with the Provincial Government of Guimaras and Municipality of Buenavista was participated by around 250 riders.

"This is my first time here in Guimaras, and I've already

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appreciate the Iloilo City LGU and its residents for their efforts and cooperation in making this project possible," Berba said.

This project is part of MPIW's broader investment in Iloilo City amounting to Php 25 million this 2024 solely, with five ongoing projects valued at almost Php 400 million. Four additional projects are also eyed with an estimated amount of Php 350 million for the fourth quarter of the year.

"Today's inauguration is not just about unveiling a new piece of water infrastructure; it's a testament to our ongoing efforts to bridge service gaps and advancing infrastructure projects that will foster community development and enhance public welfare." Berba added.

The new pipeline extends MPIW's water distribution network which now spans nearly 26,000 linear meters, serving 30,000 connections and

providing water to around 150,000 residents in the metropolis.

Present in the event were local officials including Vice Mayor Jeffrey Ganzon, Executive Assistant Raisa Treñas-Chu who represented Mayor Jerry Treñas, some members of Sangguniang Panlungsod (SP), MPIW stakeholders, among others.

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initiatives include the launch of enhanced Z benefits, which cover cancers such as colon and rectal, and the outpatient benefit package for mental health services, introduced in October 2023.

In the outpatient setting, the Konsulta Package has seen expansions, including the Guaranteed Accessible Medications for Outpatient Treatment (GAMOT) program, which added 32 essential drugs to its list, supporting patients with chronic conditions

3ID highlights 'peace packages' for former rebels

THE 3rd Infantry Division of the Philippine Army has emphasized the availability of various government assistance programs for members of the Communist Terrorist Group and other extremist groups, encouraging them to consider a peaceful and productive life within the community.

These include the Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program (E-CLIP), Aid to Individuals in Crisis Situations (AICS), Tulong Panghanapbuhaysa Ating Disadvantage/Displaced Workers (TUPAD), and the Payapa at Masaganang Pamayanan (PAMANA).

The government extends amnesty and transformation programs to individuals affiliated with the CTG, Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF), Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), and the Revolutionary Proletarian Army – Alex Boncayao Brigade (RPA-ABB).

"As of now we have more than P90 million dedicated solely for the rehabilitation and reintegration of our former rebels," said 3ID spokesperson Lt. Col. J-Jay Javines during

a recent press conference organized by the Provincial Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict in Roxas City.

He added that about 1,000 former rebels have already availed of the E-CLIP.

"Pag meron tayong problema sa mga FRs pina pasok natin dyan kahit papano mabigyan sila ng tulong," noted Javines, referring to the AICS program.

(When we have problems with the FRs (former rebels), we make sure to provide them with assistance through the AICS.)

The 3ID official also acknowledged other programs of the national government and local government units that have contributed a lot to ending the insurgency problem.

"Insurgency is not purely a military problem. 90 percent of it is a socio-economic-political problem that requires the contribution of everyone," he stressed, noting also the role and contribution of the local media in advocating for peace during the media interaction. (PIA)

IPPO chief leads closing ceremony of 15th batch Tanod Academy

ILOILO Police Provincial Office (IPPO) Provincial Director Police Colonel Bayani Razalan led the Closing Ceremony for the Tanod Academy on September 11, 2024 at the Grand Room, B.M Palabrica Jr. Hall, New Municipal Building, Dingle, Iloilo.

A total of 33 chiefs of barangay tanod participated in the three-day training, which began on September 9, 2024.

Participants received Certificates of Completion. They also demonstrated their enhanced skills through a practical exercise and the best teams were

recognized in key categories such as Discipline, First Responder and Crime Scene Protection and Preservation, First Aid, and Arrest Techniques and Self-Defense. In addition, the top three individual participants were awarded for their outstanding performance.

The program was also attended by Police Captain Aileen Lacrite, Acting Chief of Police, Dingle MPS; Executive Assistant Ronald Cahuya, representing Mayor Rufino Palabrica III; MLGOO Genefer Sabio; SB Member Ina Memoracion; SB Member Mia

Marie Pasquin; SB Member Jimmy Quicoy; Neil Daraug, MADAC Focal Person; Pastor Jerry Santillanosa; and SK Federation President Raymund Domopoy.

The Iloilo Police Provincial Office, in partnership with the DILG, BFP, and local government units, has been conducting the Tanod Academy to ensure that barangay tanods can respond promptly and efficiently to various situations in their communities, thereby strengthening the overall safety and security in Iloilo Province. (IPPO)

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achievements in nutrition, noting that only one-eight of 36,000 preschool children are malnourished.

Health projects like the two Us汪 Dialysis Centers and the ongoing construction of the P1.2 billion Iloilo City Hospital were also highlighted.

Treñas took pride in the recognitions Iloilo City has received, including awards for its health professionals and institutions.

More healthcare projects are underway, such as a Stroke Rehab Center and Mega Health Center.

He also highlighted financial assistance provided to over 15,000 beneficiaries through the Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation (AICS) by the Department of Social

Welfare and Development (DSWD).

The city's educational initiatives were acknowledged, with the Iloilo City Community College (ICCC) and Technical Institute of Iloilo City (TIIC) producing globally competitive graduates, and the Us汪 Scholarship serving 2,000 scholars.

Housing programs benefited 8,579 families, with 42 relocation sites and condominium projects, and restoration of public spaces was also noted.

The city government's response to the El Niño crisis through water delivery was mentioned, along with the city's status as the eighth safest in Asia.

Iloilo City's security and anti-drug efforts were

highlighted, including the capture of 877 drug suspects and the seizure of P132 million worth of shabu.

The city has aligned with President Marcos Jr.'s stance against POGOs and continues to support law enforcement with resources.

Environmental initiatives, such as tree planting and a solid waste management facility, were stressed, along with the modernization of public transport, including eco-friendly jeepneys and future plans for a Bus Rapid Transit system.

The city's numerous awards, including the Galing Pook and UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy, underscore its accomplishments.

Treñas concluded by expressing gratitude to various groups and stakeholders for their contributions to Iloilo City's success.

"Together, we build a city that is just not content with its present state but is constantly striving for more—more opportunities, more growth, and more prosperity for all. My beloved Ilonggos, I am forever grateful for the privilege you have given and will continue to give me, to serve you both now and, in the days to come," said Treñas.

Meanwhile, Iloilo City will be hosting the 44th CityNet Executive Committee meeting on November 18-20, 2024.

and specific Z benefit packages for severe health conditions.

On the financial side, PhilHealth has made strides in improving claims payment, with an average processing time reduced to 19 days—well ahead of the 60-day legal requirement.

For the first half of 2024, PhilHealth has already disbursed Php74.95 billion in claims nationwide, marking a 16% increase compared to the same period last year.

like diabetes, asthma, and hypertension.

To further improve healthcare access, the budget per patient under the Konsulta Package increased from Php500 to Php1,700, incorporating screening services like mammograms and ultrasounds to aid in the early detection of breast cancer.

In terms of special benefits, the Z Benefit Package for breast cancer saw a substantial increase by 1,300%, reaching Php1.4

million per patient.

Other notable enhancements include increased coverage for neonatal sepsis and bronchial asthma, and the introduction of outpatient therapeutic fare benefits for children suffering from severe acute malnutrition.

PhilHealth's efforts to enhance benefit packages will continue, with future plans to cover more services such as physical and medical rehabilitation, chemotherapy, emergency care, cataract extraction,

PhilHealth is also advancing its digital services by integrating its system with the eGovPH Super App, launched by the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), allowing members to access their profiles, contributions, and availment histories more easily.

Through the app, members can also register for the Konsulta Package, simplifying access to essential healthcare services.

Passi City honors 117 HANDUM Scholars with Latin Honors



City Mayor Atty. Stephen A. Palmares with the 117 HANDUM Scholars who earned Latin Honors during their recognition on September 10, 2024.

NTF-ELCAC adopts paradigm shift in peacebuilding efforts

The National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC) is adopting a "positive peace" framework, signifying a paradigm shift in its peacebuilding efforts amid the declining threat of communist insurgency.

NTF-ELCAC executive director Undersecretary Ernesto Torres Jr. said there is a need to acquire "new lenses" in the pursuit of peace, noting that it should not be seen as merely the absence of conflict or violence.

"Peace encompasses the integrity of the social, political, and cultural superstructure; and the economic base of a society," he said in a news release Wednesday.

Torres, who spoke before participants during the "Positive Peace" training at the Sheraton Hotel Manila on Tuesday, said such perspective signifies a paradigm shift in the NTF-ELCAC's approach to peacebuilding.

He cited the need to move beyond traditional security measures and adopt a more holistic approach that considers the social, political, cultural and economic factors contributing to a peaceful and prosperous society.

"As peacebuilders, we need to acquire new lenses in our collective effort to attain a just and lasting peace, and inclusive development for a united people," Torres said.

The one-day training, hosted by the non-profit think tank Institute for Economics & Peace in collaboration with the NTF-ELCAC, equipped participants with tools and strategies to integrate "positive peace" principles into its cluster action plan.

Lawmakers' support hailed

The anti-insurgency body also welcomed House Speaker Ferdinand Martin Romualdez's commitment to deliver vital funding and infrastructure to communities freed from communist insurgency.

Torres, in a separate statement, said Romualdez's pledge will significantly advance the government's mission of ensuring sustainable peace and development in these conflict-affected areas.

"This is a crucial step in our shared goal of building a lasting peace. Speaker Romualdez's commitment to NTF-ELCAC / page 4

THE Local Government Unit of Passi City, under the leadership of City Mayor Atty. Stephen A. Palmares, proudly recognized 117 HANDUM Scholars who earned Latin Honors on September 10, 2024 for their exceptional academic achievements.

This event marked a significant milestone for both the scholars and the city, reflecting the success of the HANDUM Scholarship Program in fostering academic excellence among

the youth of Passi.

Mayor Palmares, along with city officials, led the distribution of certificates of merit and cash incentives to the deserving scholars. The 117 awardees included 34 Magna Cum Laudes and 83 Cum Laudes, each celebrated for their dedication, hard work, and contribution to bringing honor to Passi City.

In his speech, Mayor Palmares lauded the scholars for their academic success and reminded

them of the importance of humility and faith in their journey ahead.

"Before making the most important decisions in your life, take time to consult the Lord," he advised, emphasizing the need for spiritual guidance and keeping God at the center of their lives, despite the accolades and achievements they have earned.

The HANDUM Scholarship Program, with the continued support of Department of Agrarian

Reform Undersecretary Jesry T. Palmares, has been instrumental in providing educational opportunities to the youth of Passi City. His ongoing commitment has helped the program flourish, empowering more young scholars to achieve academic excellence and bring pride to the city.

The program was facilitated by the City Information Office, led by Mae P. Buenafior, City Information Officer I. (Passi City LGU)

Around 1.5K Iloilo City residents get access to potable water

ILOILO CITY – Around 1,500 residents here gained access to potable water supply with the inauguration of the 925 linear meters pipe-laying project of the Metro Pacific Iloilo Water (MPIW) in Jaro district on Thursday.

The PHP7 million project will serve residents in Sitio Ilaya, Barangay Tabuc Suba, and Barangay San Isidro, including the Uswag condominium.

"This is just one of the projects that we rolled out. We still have ongoing projects in Barangay Lanit and four more in City Proper. Our target is to expand the water availability and service coverage here in Iloilo City," MPIW chief operating officer Angelo David Berba said in an interview.

He said the project will be formally launched next week.

Before the project, most of the residents in the area



IMPROVED WATER SERVICES. Executive Assistant Raisa Treñas (center) drinks water from the newly-inaugurated project of the Metro Pacific Iloilo Water (MPIW) in Jaro district on Thursday (Sept. 12, 2024). The project will provide access to potable water to 1,500 residents in Jaro district. (Photo courtesy of MPIW)

were dependent on shallow wells, which were often prone to contamination and other waterborne diseases.

"Today's inauguration is not just about unveiling a new piece of water infrastructure; it's a


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heard about it a long time ago. I find this place very beautiful and I felt in love with it right away especially when we were riding, everything was perfect! We are from Dumaguete and I think it is better if there is a bridge or a Ro-ro directly connecting us to Guimaras," said Hansung C. Jung, one of the riders who participated in the event.

A symposium about safety driving followed at the Buenavista Covered Gymnasium. The unity ride was conducted to promote camaraderie among big bike owners and to promote safety and responsible driving.

The event capped off with a fellowship night at the Provincial Capitol Grounds and a performance from HubonGuimaras Band.



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Effecting Change: How My Experience as a Physical Education Teacher Has Been Shaped by the Kakampink Movement

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As I sit down and try to meditate on my experiences as a physical education teacher, I must admit that the experiences I have gone through are moving, one of them being my participation in the Kakampink Movement. Such an impact-making initiative has not only motivated me to advance as a teacher but has changed my perspective to more about community, strength, and what results from working together as a unit.

Discipline has been of great significance to me both in the class and in the field. Each day, my goal around the lessons is towards the achievement of instilling a sense of hard work and responsibility among my students. I prepare them to appreciate that effort and determination reap results- in sports and life in general. But my experiences in the Kakampink Movement made me understand different facets of service and empowerment that I had never realized before. It has taught me that discipline is not purely about achieving an objective; it is also about ensuring that peoples' heads are held above the water while they work towards achieving a common objective.

No one questioned my motivations for being involved with the Kakampink Movement; I knew right there that the promotion of inclusivity was something I am quite

passionate about. However I have always wondered how it feels to be on the peaceful side of the rally, fighting along different people for the same cause as many. It has thus encouraged me to establish a classroom whereby all students regardless of their status in the society or their abilities are encouraged to contribute and make every attempt at being engaged and participating.

I am driven by a vision of a brighter future for my students. It's a future where they can thrive, where they can grow into confident, resilient individuals who are proud of who they are. I will not stop until I can look at them with pride, knowing I've played a part in their journey. Each small victory—whether it's mastering a new skill or overcoming personal obstacles—reminds me of the impact we can have on one another. I celebrate their successes, stand by them in their struggles, and remind them that every setback is an opportunity for growth.

Health and well-being are also at the forefront of my advocacy. Physical education is more than just sports; it's about fostering a love for movement and a commitment to a healthy lifestyle. I encourage my students to explore various activities, to find joy in their bodies, and to

understand the significance of both physical and mental wellness. This holistic approach ensures they leave my class not only equipped with physical skills but also with a deeper appreciation for their health.

Ultimately, my journey as a physical education teacher is deeply intertwined with the values instilled by the Kakampink Movement. I am dedicated to empowering my students to become the best versions of themselves, to dream big and work hard. I believe that by fostering discipline, prioritizing inclusivity, and emphasizing health, I can help shape a generation that is ready to take on the world.

As I continue on this path, I remain steadfast in my commitment to my students and our community. I will advocate for their needs, celebrate their successes, and work tirelessly to create an environment where they can flourish. Together, we are crafting a legacy of excellence in physical education that extends beyond the classroom walls. In this shared endeavour, I am reminded that our connections—much like those formed during the Kakampink Movement—are powerful. It is through our collective efforts that we can inspire change and create a lasting impact, one student at a time.

Uswag Ilonggo partylist funds UPV multi-purpose building project

BY MARY JOY CAVAÑAS

The Uswag Ilonggo Partylist extends its support to the University of the Philippines-Visayas (UPV) as it breaks ground the Construction of Multi-purpose Building on Monday, September 9, in which it will serve as the university's Sports and Recreation Facility.

The groundbreaking ceremony was spearheaded by Uswag Ilonggo Partylist

Representative Cong. James "Jojo" Ang Jr. along with Iloilo Governor Arthur "Toto" Defensor Jr., Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)-6 Asst. Regional Director Jose Al Fruto, Retired Supreme Court Justice Francis Jardeleza, UPV Chancellor Clement Camposano. It was also attended by the faculty members and alumni of the said university.

With an allotted fund of Php20.2 million, the



Uswag Ilonggo Partylist Representative Cong. James "Jojo" Ang Jr. along with Iloilo Governor Arthur "Toto" Defensor Jr., Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)-6 Asst. Regional Director Jose Al Fruto, Retired Supreme Court Justice Francis Jardeleza, UPV Chancellor Clement Camposano and other officials during the groundbreaking of the PHP 20 million multi-purpose building.

multi-purpose building project has an area of 1,026 square kilometers which includes the construction of a basketball court with

various equipment such as benches, ceiling fans, basketball rings, LED scoring boards, volleyball nets, and lockers.

The project is designed as an area for sports and physical education programs; recreational and cultural activities; and gatherings for UPV students, alumni, stakeholders, among others.



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funding and implementing critical barangay development projects are key to transforming these former insurgent strongholds into vibrant, thriving communities," he added.

Romualdez earlier reaffirmed the House's support for the Barangay Development Program (BDP), which has been instrumental in fostering inclusive growth in insurgency-free areas.

"We in the House of Representatives are fully committed to supporting the peace-building efforts in recently cleared areas. To consolidate these gains, I will advocate for more infrastructure and barangay development

projects, which are crucial for long-term stability," Romualdez declared.

"Rest assured, I will explore legislative measures to support this objective and exert efforts to convince our local executives in joining us for a whole-of-government approach in securing peace for our homeland," the House Speaker added.

Torres stressed that these funds are essential for addressing the root causes of insurgency, such as poverty and the lack of access to basic services. With thousands of barangays needing assistance, he called for further expansion of the BDP to sustain momentum and extend development to all vulnerable communities.

"Speaker Romualdez's call for enhanced funding ensures not only that these areas remain insurgency-free but also that they flourish economically and socially," Torres noted, underscoring the strategic importance of long-term investments in infrastructure and local services.

Torres also highlighted the alignment of Speaker Romualdez's statements with President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.'s recent pronouncement as NTF-ELCAC chairman.

Marcos earlier reiterated the administration's commitment to the BDP, stating that development is essential for lasting peace. (PNA)

Public Announcement

"Tinatawagan ang pansin ni "Leah Castillo", ina ng batang lalaki na pinangalanang **ANJOE CASTILLO GENCIANA**, tinatayang apat na buwan at dalawampu't araw (4 months and 20 days).

Ang nasabing bata ay tinatayang tatlong araw na gulang (approximately 3 days old) ng ipinagkatiwala ng kaniyang ina sa kay **Bb. Ma. Rica Genciana** sa harap ng Longwin Merchandised, Brgy. Katilingban, Molo, Iloilo City noong April 18, 2024 tinatayang alas onse ng umaga. Sa kasalukuyan ang bata ay nasa pangangalaga ng isang lisensyadong Foster Family sa ilalim ng Regional Alternative Child Care Office VI."



"Kung sinuman ang nakakakilala sa magulang at kamag-anak ng naturang bata, maaari lamang pong makipag-ugnanayan o bumisita sa Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office – Guimbal Iloilo at hanapin si Ms. Fe Genciano, Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer o tumawag sa numerong 09173109061.

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Police Op Seizes P353K Worth of Illegal Drug

BACOLOD City – Bacolod City Police Office (BCPO), Police Station 2 seized approximately 52 grams of suspected ‘shabu’ worth P353,600 at Barangay 3, Bacolod City on September 10, 2024 at 8:42 in the evening.

The suspect was alias Alfred, 54, tagged as high value individual and resident of the said barangay.

Recoveries were thirteen plastic sachets containing suspected ‘shabu’.

Police Regional Office 6 Director, Brigadier General Jack L Wanky, commend the leadership of the BCPO, Police Station 2 for the relentless effort against illegal drugs.

The suspect is now under police custody and will be charged with violation of Republic Act 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002.###

Negros Power to embark on distribution system rehab in next 3 years

BACOLOD CITY – Negros Electric and Power Corp. (Negros Power) will embark on a three-year major rehabilitation and standardization of the aging power distribution system in central Negros.

This is part of the power firm’s five-year development plan, with an investment of PHP2.1 billion, presented by Negros Power president and chief executive officer Roel Castro before local government officials, leaders of the business sector, representatives of consumers groups, and other stakeholders at the Seda Capitol Central here on Wednesday.

“Given all the findings
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Iloilo farmers urged to engage in bamboo growing



SKILLS ENHANCEMENT. Members of the Maasin Bamboo Association in the Municipality of Maasin undergo a three-day training on bamboo craft enhancement facilitated by the Local Economic Development and Investment Promotion (LEDIP) in collaboration with the Department of Trade and Industry. Farmers are encouraged to embark on bamboo planting because of its growing demand. (Photo from Iloilo LEDIP Center FB Page)

ILOILO CITY – The Department of Trade and Industry on Wednesday urged Iloilo farmers to embark on bamboo growing given the increasing demand.

Engr. Jonathan Tejida, the supervising trade industry development specialist of DTI, said the demand for bamboo is for construction purposes, especially with the sprouting of micro, small and medium enterprises producing “bahay kubo.”

“Technically, the industry is progressive. We cannot think of it as a dying industry; we are progressing because of the support of the government and the community,” he said in a media conference.

Citing the recent data from the Municipality of Maasin, Tejida said there are around 3,900 hectares of bamboo plantations within and outside the local government.

During the first half of the year, some 19,000 bamboo poles were sourced from the municipality.

Tejida said they will conduct an inventory to capture the picture of the industry in Iloilo.

Meanwhile, the agency will hold a tree planting activity on Sept. 18 in Alimodian, to celebrate

Bamboo Month this September.

Various bamboo products will also be showcased during the second day of the Artesanias de Iloilo on Sept. 24.

There will be food tasting of food products out of bamboo shoots, a bamboo-weaving craft demonstration, and a bamboo product competition in partnership with the Iloilo Bamboo Industry Development Council.

“The product competition seeks to inculcate among producers that they need to introduce new products every year. We have continuous assistance with the help of the Iloilo Bamboo Industry Development Council,” Tejida added.

He said that last month, the Local Economic Development and Investment Promotion (LEDIP) Center of Iloilo province conducted a three-day Bamboo Craft Enhancement Training for the members of the Maasin Bamboo Association in Barangay Tubang, Maasin, Iloilo.

DTI also approved two shared service facilities for the bamboo industry in Maasin to improve their bamboo handicrafts. (PNA)

93% of barangays in Western Visayas drug-cleared

BACOLOD CITY – A total of 93.21 percent of the 4,051 barangays in Western Visayas are considered drug-cleared as of Aug. 31 this year, data from the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) showed.

“The illegal drug problem in Western Visayas is generally manageable,” as stated in the executive summary of the presentation of Intelligence Agent III Ruben Pilar Jr. during the Regional Peace and Order Council third quarter meeting presided by its chairperson, Negros Occidental Governor Eugenio Jose Lacson, at the Negros Residences here on Wednesday.

Of the 4,051 total barangays, the 93.21 percent

includes 3,776 barangays, of which 2,457 are drug-cleared and 1,319 are drug-free.

Only 275 barangays, or 6.79 percent, remain to be cleared.

A drug-cleared barangay refers to a village previously classified as drug-affected and underwent the Barangay Drug Clearing Program and declared as drug-cleared by the Regional Oversight Committee on Barangay Drug Clearing (ROCBDC).

A drug-free barangay is a barangay unaffected by illegal drugs that has been vetted and confirmed by the ROCBDC.

Based on the data of

PDEA-Western Visayas, the provinces of Aklan, Antique, and Guimaras are 100-percent cleared.

Of the 327 barangays in Aklan, 220 are drug-cleared while 107 are drug-free; Antique, with 590 barangays consisting of 288 drug-cleared and 302 drug-free; and Guimaras, with 98 barangays composed of 82 drug-cleared and 16 drug-free.

Drug-cleared data of other provinces, including Capiiz, 93.45 percent; Iloilo province, 99.59 percent; and Negros Occidental, 81.36 percent, while for highly-urbanized cities, Iloilo City has 52.78 percent and Bacolod City, 34.43 percent. (PNA)

GCash, Security Bank partnership to expand access of Filipinos to formal loan products

To give more Filipinos convenient access to a portfolio of loan products, GCash, through its lending arm Fuse, has partnered with Security Bank, one of the leading universal banks in the country. The alliance will enable select GCash users to have direct access for application to Security

Bank credit cards, and soon, to its home and auto loans.

Through this groundbreaking partnership, qualified GCash users can now take a significant step toward financial empowerment by applying for their first Security Bank credit card directly within the GCash app. This

initiative offers a seamless way for users to access financial products, including credit cards, and soon, auto and housing loans, all in just a few simple steps. Additionally, applicants can unlock exclusive rewards, with the added benefit of Security Bank’s newest no-annual-fee credit card.

“Our partnership with Security Bank helps us strengthen our ongoing efforts to provide innovative and accessible financial services to millions of Filipinos,” said Fuse Lending president and CEO Tony Isidro. “By making Security Bank’s reputable loan products available on the GCash app through our Loans Marketplace, we are able to provide many of our users with their first access

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Negros Occidental ranks No. 1 in local revenue growth in PH provinces

BACOLOD CITY – Negros Occidental topped the ranking in terms of growth in local source revenues among all the provinces in the country in 2023, based on the list released by the Department of Finance-Bureau of Local Government Finance (DOF-BLGF).

“We have been recognized. It’s even more a challenge for us to be able to continuously increase our local source of funds,” Governor Eugenio Jose Lacson said in an interview on Wednesday.

Based on the year-on-year growth in local source revenues, Negros Occidental recorded the highest ratio of 163.66 percent for fiscal year 2023.

The recognition of nationally ranked top-performing local government units in strengthening local government finance for fiscal years 2022 and 2023 was in BLGF Memorandum Circular 017-202, dated Aug. 19.

Trailing behind Negros Occidental are Camarines Sur, North Cotabato, Nueva Viscaya, Misamis Occidental, Zamboanga, Palawan, Nueva Ecija, Sorsogon, and Davao Oriental.

Lacson mentioned in his State of the Province Address last month that the Provincial Treasurer’s Office “exceeded expectations in revenue generation for both calendar year 2023 and the first semester of 2024.”

Data showed that local revenue generation in the previous year “soared to a staggering 198 percent of our target, amounting to PHP1.2 billion compared to the previous period (2022) with an estimated target collection amounting to PHP635.9 million.”

“This remarkable achievement demonstrates our team’s successful efforts in revenue generation and its significant contribution to local finances,” the governor said.

In the first half of 2024, the province’s collection efficiency of local sources stands at 103 percent, with an actual collection of PHP713.3 million, from last year’s PHP694 million.

“It proves that the revised revenue measures have been effective, efficient, equitable, and sustainable,” Lacson said. (PNA)

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testament to our ongoing efforts to bridge service gaps and advancing infrastructure projects that will foster community development and enhance public welfare,” Berba said.

In a statement, MPIW said it has already completed PHP25 million in service improvement and expansion for the city, including the newly inaugurated project.

It has five other ongoing projects with a total investment of nearly PHP400 million and an additional four to be rolled out this fourth quarter of 2024 with an estimated project cost of approximately PHP350 million.

The new pipeline will be added to MPIW’s upgraded water distribution network, which now expands to at

least 26,000 linear meters.

MPIW serves 30,000 connections in Iloilo City, providing water to at least 150,000 residents.

The inauguration was graced by Vice Mayor Jeffrey Ganson, Councilors Rommel Duron and Johnny Young, and Executive Assistant Raisa Treñas, representing Mayor Jerry Treñas. (PNA)

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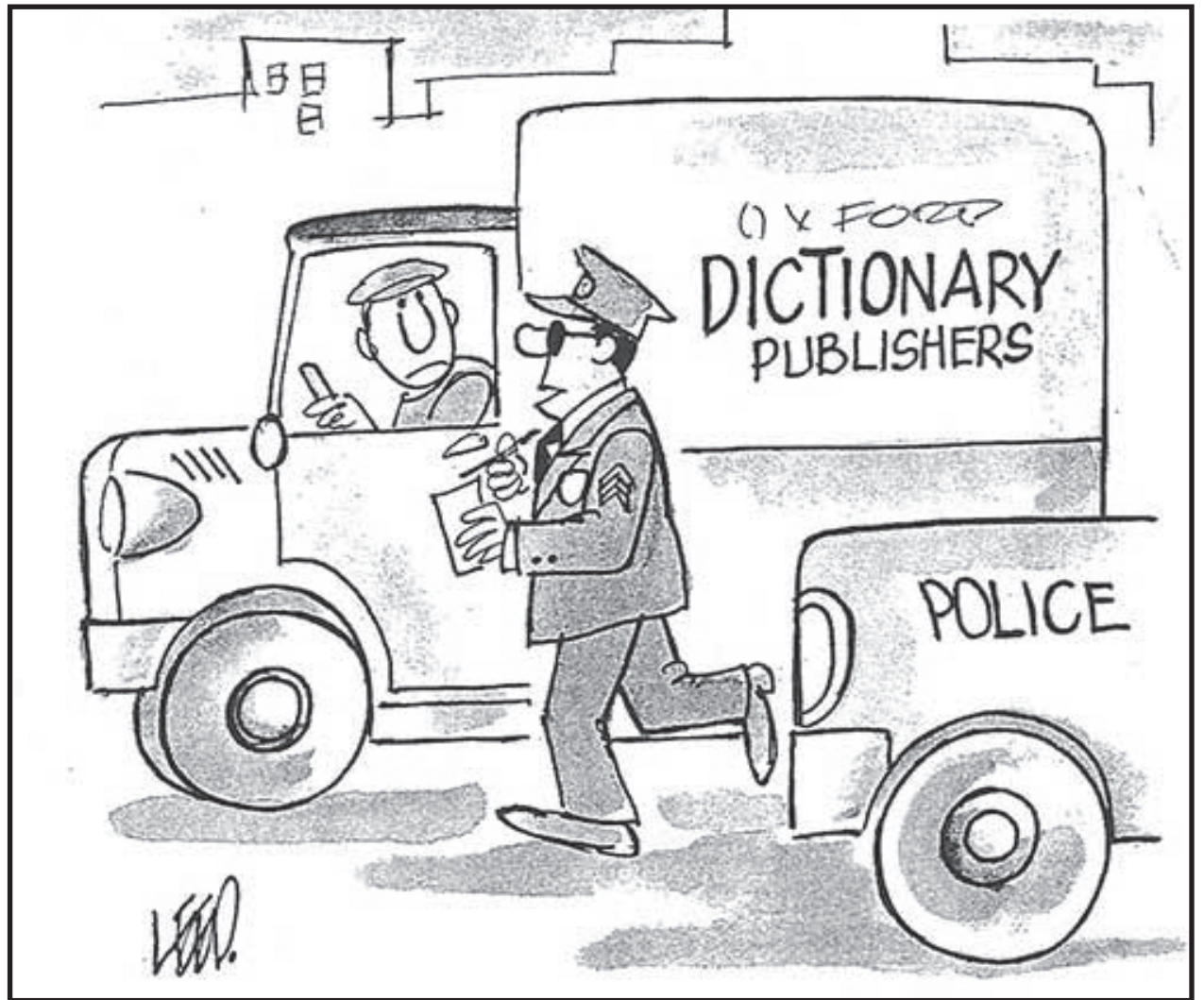
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Playing with words

Editorial

Hours after Kingdom of Jesus Christ founder Pastor Apollo Quiboloy was taken into custody early Sunday evening, there was confusion on whether he was arrested as a culmination to a 16-day standoff that pitted the Philippine National Police with the members of the KOJC.

Government officials initially said the pastor had been arrested. It made sense.

After all, they had been pursuing Quiboloy for a long time. There was a warrant of arrest which the PNP had been trying to serve on Quiboloy's person outside the KOJC compound.

But lawyer Israelito Torreon said no; Quiboloy made "the ultimate sacrifice."

"He could not bear to witness a second longer the sufferings that his flock was experiencing for many days," Torreon said of the pastor accused of sexual abuse and qualified trafficking, among others, both in the Philippines and in the United States.

"Surrender," of course, means that the pastor,

out of his own volition, gave up his person to the authorities. It conveys a willful submission to the law which one supposedly respects.

An "arrest" sounds otherwise, pointing to a resistance or refusal to be taken. Unfortunately for the person being arrested, he was overpowered. Defeated. Humiliated.

A surrendering pastor making the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of the people who follow him and regard him as some divine entity is more palatable to his supporters. What a poignant narrative that can be shoved down the throats of those with the misfortune of not knowing how to verify their leaders' claim.

But he "surrendered" because he was told he must do so, or face other consequences. In any case, with the objective of the word play being obvious to all, does the difference even matter?

Beyond the word-twisting and face-saving attempts, what we should be looking at now is the

plain injustice of somebody being so influential that he could avoid the long arm of the law, in the comfort of a fortress and under the protection of a powerful entity, for a protracted period.

And who now has the gall to say he was magnanimous enough to surrender out of concern for his people.

We can think of other examples where words have been twisted and exploited to achieve a political aim.

People must see through how the rich and mighty employ all means available, even their facility with words, to sway public opinion.

But they cannot get away with so many things and not be caught – or, prevailed upon to surrender.

Ultimately, they will be exposed for what they truly are, outside of the names and titles they bestow upon themselves. (manilastandard.net)

Solar power

Last week, the Philippines' transition to renewable energy marked a new milestone with the landmark USD600 million investment deal of leading United Kingdom-based sustainable infrastructure investor Actis for Terra Solar – the world's largest solar and energy storage project.

The deal marks the largest foreign direct investment in the Philippines for a greenfield infrastructure project – a positive signal to the rest of the world of the country's strong and firm commitment to going green.

Terra Solar will be jointly developed by Meralco unit SP New Energy Corp. (SPNEC) together with Actis to become "one of the most ambitious renewable projects the world has ever seen," as described by Meralco chairman and chief executive officer Manuel V. Pangilinan (MVP).

Once completed, the project is expected to largely contribute to the Philippines' energy security efforts with 3,500 megawatts peak (mWp) of installed photovoltaic (PV) capacity and 4,500-megawatt hours (MWh) of installed battery energy storage system capacity. It is also capable of producing the country's largest mid-merit RE generation capacity of 850 MW.

For a clearer picture of how significant this development is, Terra Solar can power more than 2 million households in the country – that's a huge stride in our push for cleaner and greener energy.

The project, according to MVP, also forms part of Meralco's major contributions to the Philippines'

renewable energy goals. Upon its full commissioning, the Terra Solar project is expected to displace 4.3 million tons of coal per year, significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions – in line with the Department of Energy's goal to source around 35 percent of the country's energy from renewable energy by 2030. The Philippines aims to increase the share of renewable energy further to 50 percent by 2040.

While the Philippines is a relatively low emitter of greenhouse gases, our country can largely contribute to global efforts to address climate change through the development of renewable energy projects.

As one of the most vulnerable to the effects of climate change, it makes sense for the Philippines to invest and develop renewable energy projects, such as Terra Solar since doing so offers highly practical returns not only in the fight against climate change but also in terms of energy security and economic growth.

Embracing sustainability has emerged as a global priority in the post-pandemic era with industry movers across different countries leading the charge towards going clean and green.

Of course, it goes without saying that such a transition requires a delicate balance to protect and preserve current gains without compromising growth opportunities for future generations. But there's no denying that renewable energy is the way forward. Practically speaking, solar projects are among the least-cost renewable development options.

ESPRESSO MORNINGS

By JOE ZALDARRIAGA

Increasing the share of renewable energy in our country's energy mix will help reduce the country's vulnerability to volatile global fuel prices and aid in efforts to ensure stable, sufficient, and affordable electricity for Filipinos. This, in turn, will boost economic activity, attract more foreign investments, and drive substantial economic growth to further accelerate the country's transition to green energy.

In the case of Terra Solar, its development offers a multitude of benefits for the Philippines, ranging from job creation, particularly in communities in Central Luzon, to energy security, and environmental sustainability. Terra Solar also positions the Philippines as one of the leaders regionally and globally in green energy, a source of pride for Filipinos everywhere and a lucrative invitation for renewable energy investors.

From environmental to economic gains, harnessing the full potential of renewable energy, particularly solar power, can significantly benefit the Philippines as a whole. By maximizing available solar energy opportunities, the Philippines can ensure a sustainable energy future that will benefit all Filipinos with a brighter future.

CSO participation towards governance reforms

On Aug. 23, a multisectoral group of concerned citizens united for a common cause: to fight against corruption, challenge political dynasties, and advocate for electoral reforms. This group, known as the Alyansa ng Nagkakaisang Mamamayan (ANIM), draws its members from various sectors, including religious groups, the military and uniformed personnel, business professionals, youth, women, and civil society organizations.

The ANIM launch is a positive development for Filipinos who support meaningful reforms in Philippine society. ANIM is dedicated to promoting the Philippines' national interests, with the goal of halting the country's further decline and fostering a future of integrity and good governance. Bringing together diverse sectors and uniting them around shared advocacy issues is no small feat. The organizers deserve commendation for their efforts in gathering individuals of national stature who are committed to these causes.

ANIM's advocacies remain highly relevant today. It is encouraging to see that efforts to advocate for societal reforms continue to emerge from various constituencies, even at the local government level. Civil society organizations (CSOs) play a crucial role in pushing for reforms across multiple dimensions, including economic, political, and cultural issues.

ANIM advocates for three deeply interconnected issues: corruption, political dynasties, and electoral reforms. They form a complex web that shapes the country's political landscape and governance. These factors often reinforce one another, perpetuating a cycle of poor governance, inequality, and economic stagnation.

The 1987 Constitution's anti-political dynasty provision remains unfulfilled, primarily due to its potential to undermine established political families. This has stymied efforts to implement anti-corruption measures and electoral reforms. This has allowed corruption to become deeply embedded in the political system, where

politicians use their positions to maintain their grip on power.

The US Department of State's 2024 report on corruption in the Philippines highlights ongoing challenges despite the existence of laws aimed at curbing corrupt practices. The report emphasizes that while legal penalties for corruption exist, weak enforcement allows officials to engage in corrupt activities with relative impunity. Significant delays in prosecuting corruption cases further reinforce this culture of impunity. The report also highlights the underfunding of key anti-corruption institutions, which still effectively collaborate with civil society and the public despite their limited resources.

These findings underscore the persistent issues within the Philippines' anti-corruption framework. Despite the existence of mechanisms, systemic inefficiencies, and inadequate enforcement significantly undermine their effectiveness.

The report also highlights the vital role that civil society organizations play in combating corruption within the government. The United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) Coalition has noted that the fight against corruption is a long-term process requiring deep structural changes to a country's institutions, including its cultural norms. The Coalition recognizes the essential role of CSOs in this effort, stating that their contributions range from raising awareness and leading prevention campaigns to participating in policy formation and monitoring the implementation of anti-corruption strategies and legislation.

I have long advocated for the crucial role of CSOs in promoting transparency, protecting rights and welfare, and driving national development. The participation of CSOs in governance is a key component of transparency in government functions, especially since the 1986 Philippine Constitution guarantees the promotion and protection of people's participation at all levels of social, political, and economic decision-making.

FRESH VIEWPOINTS: A NEW PERSPECTIVE

By Brian James Lu

We are fortunate in Quezon City to have legitimate CSOs organized under a people's council, which has institutionalized their participation in local governance. Sectoral CSOs with specific advocacy skills participate in the deliberation, conceptualization, and evaluation of city projects. Their involvement in local governance allows them to monitor budget expenditures and track project completion.

However, structural changes are the only way to achieve CSO participation in local governance. In Quezon City, it was the determination of both the CSOs and the local executive that enabled this participation. A shift in the cultural disposition of the people also played a crucial role, allowing them to assert their role as active participants in local governance. People's participation ensures the sustainability of government programs and aligns them with the needs of the constituents.

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) has mandated the creation of people's councils across local government units (LGUs). However, compliance with this directive has been disappointingly low. According to a 2022 DILG report, only two out of 82 provinces have established a people's council. Similarly, just 13 out of 149 cities and 104 out of 1,489 municipalities have followed suit.

Local and national governments should encourage people's participation. The Philippines has a rich tradition of vibrant CSO engagement across all sectors, including business, farmers, workers, and the urban poor, among others. The understanding of community and national issues I've encountered from all sectors has always impressed me. I firmly believe that nation-building and national development should not be the sole responsibility of the government, but rather the active participation of the people.

PH, India military cooperation and its nuances

"Alliances and partnerships produce stability when they reflect realities and interests." – Stephen Kinzer

There are several Sanskrit (classical language of India) words found in Filipino specifically Tagalog. Words such as *asawa*, *puri*, *wika*, *dukha*, *guro*, and several more have common meaning in both languages. Scholars say that these words are proof of early Indian influence on pre-colonial Philippines. Whether because of early migration or the influx of early traders it is safe to say that Philippine-Indian cultural relations go way back.

Officially, the relationship between our two nations started in 1949 when diplomatic relations were first officially established. Unfortunately, due to foreign policy differences, our countries often found ourselves on opposite sides of alliances. It was only during the 70's that trade and other bilateral relations again increased. In 2017, the Philippines and India signed an MOU on defense industry and logistics cooperation.

Since then, our two countries' military relations have grown and increased.

On Sept. 10, the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the Indian Armed Forces held their 5th Joint Defense Cooperation Committee and 3rd Service to Service Meeting in Camp Aguinaldo. In the said meeting, both sides renewed their commitment to "a more robust defense cooperation". It can be recalled that early this year, India delivered to the Philippines BrahMos cruise missiles which some defense experts say is a "game changer" in Philippine defense capabilities.

This particular development in our two countries' relationship is a welcome addition to our policy of diversifying our strategic alliances. By establishing military ties outside of the US led alliances, we can counter accusations of overly siding with a particular side in the growing bipolar defense environment. It gives the Philippines alternatives leverages and options for whatever would occur in the

OBLIQUE OBSERVATIONS

By ATTY. GILBERTO LAJENCO, J.D.

ever-growing threat of conflict. With our long cultural ties and similarities, India is a perfect additional partner for our country as we grow our defensive layers.

Our relationship with India also enhances our "flexible foreign policy". This policy aims to give our country an elbow room to adjust and survive "changing geopolitical realities." Increased and clearer alliances with our ASEAN neighbors on the sensitive geopolitical issues involving us will also boost this policy.

As tensions increase within contested borders, it is but right that we support multiple strategies in navigating our way to an acceptable solution. Revisiting old friends like India and making new ones combined with strengthening our existing partnerships is the way to go.

This is my oblique observation.

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FILE NO. 2024-11
For: Foreclosure of Real Estate
Estate Mortgage under
Act 3135, as amended

FIRST IMPERIAL BUSINESS BANK, INC.,
Represented by its General Manager
MARGARET B. BARCE
Mortgagee,

-versus-

ESTRELLA LEONG-ON and GIRLIE T. LEONG-ON and ANTHONY N. LEONG-ON
Mortgagors.
X-----X

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon petition for extrajudicial foreclosure and sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by **First Imperial Business Bank, Inc. (A RURAL BANK)** duly organized under Republic Act No. 720 as amended, with principal office at BCB Building, Simon Ledesma St., Jaro, Iloilo City, **Mortgagee**, with principal office at Iloilo City, Philippines and herein represented by its General Manager, **MARGARET B. BARCE**, against **Estrella Leong-on, Girlie T. Leong-on and Anthony N. Leong-on**, all of legal age, Filipinos and residents of Funda Dalipe, San Jose, Antique, **Mortgagors**, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **May 2, 2024** amounts to **FIVE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT PESOS AND NINETY FOUR CENTAVOS (545,738.94)** Philippine Currency inclusive of interest, penalty and other charges as of said date and exclusive of Attorney's Fees plus incidental and other legal expenses of foreclosure, the Ex-Officio Sheriff through her undersigned Deputy will sell at public auction **October 14, 2024**, at **10:00 AM**, 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. E.P.-1398

"A PARCEL OF LAND (Lot 3914-E-1, Bsd-06-002141 (OLT) being a portion of Lot 3914-E, Bsd-06-000085 (OLT), situated in the Barangay of Piape 1 (now Bariri), Municipality of Hamtic (now San Jose), Province of Antique, Island of Panay. Bounded on the S., along line 1-2 by Lot 3915; along 2-3 by Lot 3938; on the SW., along lines 3-4-5 by Lot 3875, on the W., along line 5-6 by Lot 3895, all of Cad. 216, San Jose Cadastre; on the N., along line 6-7 by Lot 3914-E-2, of this subdivision plan; and on the E., along line 7-1 by Lot 3914-D, Bsd-06-00085 (OLT). X x x x Containing an area of **EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIXTY THREE (8,263) SQUARE METERS, more or less.** X x x 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 **October 18, 2024**, at the same place and time without further notice

San Jose, Antique, Philippines, August 12, 2024

ATTY. MA. B.G. CANDIDA D. RIVERO
OIC-Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff

By:
(SGD.) ELMER B. ESCAÑO
Sheriff IV
RTC, Branch 12, San Jose, Antique

NE/September 16, 23 & 30, 2024

DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses RODOLFO M. TOMAMBO and EVELYN D. TOMAMBO** consisting of a parcel of land **Block 10 Lot 46** situated in Santa Barbara, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-201900726** with an area of **ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN (116) SQUARE METERS, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **ROD D. TOMAMBO and ROVELYN T. LEE**. That, **ROVELYN T. LEE** hereby **WAIVE, ADJUDICATE** and **CONVEY** to her co-heir **ROD D. TOMAMBO** the above-said property as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Ma. Theresa Malones-Sanchez** per Doc. No. 411, Page No. 84, Book No. II, Series of 2024.

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FILE NO. 2024-14
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PETITION EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED,

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND,
(Popularly known as **Pag-IBIG FUND**), in its capacity as the MORTGAGEE, herein represented by its Department Manager III, Wilmer B. Lirazan and/or its Attorney-in-fact, **ATTY. MELANIO B. BADENAS, JR.**
Mortgagee.

-versus-

SPOUSES ALAIN GODFREY Q. NOMAT and MARIBETH R. NOMAT
Mortgagors.
X-----X

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE SALE

Upon filing of **PETITION** for **EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE** of Real Estate Mortgage under Act No. 3135, as amended, filed by Mortgagee, **HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND** (popularly known as Pag-IBIG Fund) a government financial institution duly existing under and by virtue of Republic Act No. 9679, with principal office at Petron Mega Plaza Building, Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue, Makati City, Philippines, herein represented by its Department Manager III, Wilmer B. Lirazan and/or its Attorney-in-fact, Atty. Melanio B. Badenas, Jr. **AGAINST, SPOUSES ALAIN GODFREY Q. NOMAT and MARIBETH R. NOMAT**, of Lot 4, Block 9, Thailand St., Greatland Subd., San Pedro, Laguna, to secure payment of loan, which as of May 31, 2024 amounts to **TWO MILLION NINE HUNDRED FORTY EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY THREE PESOS and 21/100 (Php2,948,893.21)** Philippine Currency, in connection with FORECLOSURE proceedings, the **Officer-in-Charge, OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT & EX- OFFICIO SHERIFF** through her undersigned Acting Deputy Sheriff will **SELL** at **PUBLIC AUCTION** on **September 26, 2024** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the Regional Trial Court, Office of the Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of 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 property with all its improvements thereon, to wit;

Transfer Certificate of Title
No.T-30013

"A parcel of Land (Lot 7, Block 8, of the Consolidation-Subdivision Plan (LRC) Pcs-19852, being a portion of the Consolidation of Lots 3-A & 3-B (LRC) Psd-226012, LRC Cad. Record No. 936), situated in the Barrio of Dalipe, Municipality of San Jose, Province of Antique, Island of Panay...xxx...containing an area of **FIVE HUNDRED FOUR (504) square meters, more or less**".

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

In the event the public auction will not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **October 3, 2024** at the same time and place above-mentioned without further notice

San Jose, Antique, Philippines, August 27, 2024.

ATTY. MA.B.G. CANDIDA D. RIVERO
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Officer-in-Charge, Office of the Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff
Regional Trial Court, San Jose, Antique

By:
(SGD.) LYNDON M. PERLAS
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Acting Deputy Sheriff
RTC, Branch 11, San Jose, Antique
(per AO No. 001-2022, Office of the Executive Judge)
Regional Trial Court, San Jose, Antique

WARNING:

It is absolutely prohibited to remove, deface or destroy this Notice of Extrajudicial Foreclosure Sale on or before the date of Sale under the penalty of Law.

NE/September 2, 9 & 16, 2024

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FORECLOSURE NO. F-11067-24

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

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

-versus-

REX G. SEGOVIA represented by
Attorney-In-Fact, Evangeline M. Jamelo,
Debtor/Mortgagor.
X-----X

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act No. 3135 as amended by Act No. 4118 filed by the **mortgagee BDO UNIBANK, INC. (formerly BANCO DE ORO UNIBANK, INC.)**, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal office address at BDO Corporate Center, 7899 Makati Avenue, Makati City, Metro Manila, Philippines against **debtor/mortgagor REX G. SEGOVIA**, of legal age, Filipino, with postal addresses at (1) Sapal, San Lorenzo, Jordan, Guimaras (2) Lot 21, Block 12, Monticello Villas, Brgy. Balabag, Pavia, Iloilo represented by his Attorney-In-Fact, **Evangeline M. Jamelo** to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of July 15, 2024, amounted to **ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED SIXTY THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED ONE PESOS & 14/100 (P1,663,301.14)**, 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 **OCTOBER 08, 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 of 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. 090-2017009885

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 21, BLK 12, OF THE CONSOLIDATION AND SUBDIVISION PLAN PCS-06-005266, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONSOLIDATION OF LOT 1-B, PSD-06-010495; 567-J-2 TO 567-J-4, (LRC) PSD-50959; 567-J-5-B, PSD-06-009713; 567-K, (LRC) PSD-49198 & 567-Y-1, (LRC) PSD-50963, L.R.C. RECORD NO.) SITUATED IN THE BARANGAY OF BALABAG, MUNICIPALITY OF PAVIA, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY. BOUNDED ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 22, BLK 12; ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 19, BLK 12; ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY ROAD LOT 13 AND ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 23, BLK 12 ALL OF THE CONSOLIDATION AND SUBDIVISION PLAN. X X X CONTAINING AN AREA OF FORTY FIVE (45) 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 **OCTOBER 15, 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, **August 12, 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/September 9, 16, & 23, 2024

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

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In Compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that **ZANNIE G. GEDULLAN** has filed with this Office, a petition for correction of Child's Sex from "**FEMALE**" to "**MALE**" in the Certificate of Live Birth of **ZANNIE G. GEDULLAN** who was born at **Jordan, Guimaras** and whose parents are **ANGELITO G. GEDULLAN** and **ZANITA G. GENCIANEO**.

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

(SGD.) JESUSA M. MILLONDAGA
Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/Sept. 9, 2024 & Sept. 16, 2024

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

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1. Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that **ARIELA L. CASIPLE** has filed with this Office, a petition for correction of entry in sex from "**M**" to "**FEMALE**" and change of first name from "**ARIEL**" to "**ARIELA**" in the certificate of live birth of **ARIEL L. LATUMBO** at Calinog, Iloilo and whose parents are **ALFREDO LATUMBO JR.** and **AMALIA LIHAO**.

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

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

NE/Sept. 9, 2024 & Sept. 16, 2024

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Iloilo
Municipality of Barotac Nuevo

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In compliance with R.A. 10172, a notice is hereby served to the public that **SHERYLL BARABONA** has filed with this office a Petition for Correction in the Entry of Sex from "**MALE**" to "**FEMALE**" in the birth certificate of **SHERYLL BEDAN VELASCO** who was born on **August 2, 1988** at **186-36 Kapiligan St., Brgy. Doña Imelda, Quezon City, Metro Manila, Philippines**.

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

SGD. ATTY. REYNOLD A. PEREZ
Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/Sept. 9, 2024 & Sept. 16, 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 & 10172**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **FELY P. TUBELLO** has filed with this office a petition for **CHANGE OF FIRST NAME** from "**MA. FELY**" to "**FELY**" and **CHANGE OF CHILD'S DATE OF BIRTH** from "**20TH OCTOBER 1964**" to "**26TH OCTOBER 1964**" in the certificate of Live Birth of **FELY CASTILLA PRUDENTE** who was born at Pototan, Iloilo and whose parents are **ALBINO D. PRUDENTE** and **NORMANITA V. CASTILLA**.

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/Sept. 16, 2024 & Sept. 23, 2024

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Iloilo
Municipality of Barotac Nuevo

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In compliance with R.A. 10172, a notice is hereby served to the public that **MA. NELSA BISUELO** has filed with this office a Petition for Correction in the Entry of Sex from "**MALE**" to "**FEMALE**" in the birth certificate of **MA. NELSA LUCINE BISUELO** who was born on **March 13, 1990** at **Agcuyawan Calsada, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo, Philippines**.

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

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

NE/Sept. 16, 2024 & Sept. 23, 2024

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

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In Compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that **NANCY L. UNARCE** has filed with this Office, a petition for correction of entry in the Child's Date of birth from "**JAN. 20, 1956**" to "**MAY 20, 1956**" in the Certificate of Live Birth of **NANCY L. UNARCE** at **Leganes, Iloilo** and whose parents are **FEDERICO LORO** and **ARDINA PAREDES**.

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

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

NE/Sept. 16, 2024 & Sept. 23, 2024

GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **KYLE V. ASADON** with business address at Zone 2 Hope Shine, Villa Miranda, Brgy. VI-A, Victorias City, Negros Occidental has filed with **MARINA Regional Office VI** for the re-issuance of Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Philippine Registry due to **Change of Ownership from ANTONINO O. ASADON to KYLE V. ASADON** and for the **Change of Vessel Name from FBca "NITTOY - 7" to FBca "RYLIE - 1"**, Per Deed of Absolute Sale dated 22 August 2024, Notarized by Atty. Jerry P. Basiao, a Notary Public, docketed as Doc. No. 127, Page No. 26, Book No. 107, Series of 2024. Also for the re-issuance of Certificate Philippine Registry due to loss of the original certificate, Per Affidavit of Loss dated 22 August 2024, Notarized by Atty. Jerry P. Basiao, a Notary Public, docketed as Doc. No. 153, Page No. 31, Book No. 65, 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 date of publication.

GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **KYLE V. ASADON** with business address at Zone 2 Hope Shine, Villa Miranda, Brgy. VI-A, Victorias City, Negros Occidental has filed with **MARINA Regional Office VI** for re-issuance of Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Philippine Registry due to change of ownership from **ANTONINO O. ASADON to KYLE V. ASADON** and name of the vessel from **FBca "ARRYL 2" to FBca "RYLIE - 2"** per Deed of Absolute Sale dated 22 August 2024, Notarized by Atty. Jerry P. Basiao, a Notary Public, docketed as Doc. No. 126, Page No. 26, Book No. 61, 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 date of publication.

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
6th Judicial Region
Branch 68

P.D. Monfort North, Dumangas, Iloilo
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IN THE MATTER OF THE SETTLEMENT OF THE INTESTATE ESTATE OF THE LATE PRISCILA SISON AGANA AND PAUL VINCENT SISON AGANA AND ISSUANCE OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION,

SP. PROC. NO. 19-1820

MA. CYNTHIA S. AGANA,
Petitioner.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been issued in the above-entitled case in favor of Ma. Cynthia S. Agana.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that notice be, and the same is hereby given to all persons having claims for money against the decedent, Priscila Sison and Paul Vincent Sison Agana, arising from contracts, express and implied, whether the same be due, not due, or contingent, for funeral expenses and expenses of the last sickness of the said decedent, and judgment for money against her, requiring them to file their claims with this court at the Regional Trial Court, Branch 68, Dumangas, Iloilo within a period of eight (8) months after the first publication of notice.

Dumangas, Iloilo, Philippines
August 28, 2024.

(SGD.) ATTY. ERIC VOLTER A. ORTIGAS
Clerk of Court

NE/September 16, 23 & 30, 2024

AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS

Notice is hereby given that **GLADWYN S. MARQUEZ**, of legal age, Filipino, and a resident of Iloilo City had filed an Affidavit of Loss pertaining to **one (1) share of stock per Certificate No. 2495** issued by **Iloilo Golf & Country Club, Inc.** on **December 10, 2024**. Entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Ma. Theresa Malones-Sanchez** per Doc. No. 418, Page No. 85, Book No. VI, Series of 2024.

NE/September 2, 9 & 16, 2024



GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **SG8 MARITIME, INC. represented by Mr. Chito S. Onglatco** with business address at **Sto. Rosario, Buenavista, Guimaras** has filed with **MARINA Regional Office VI** for a re-issuance of Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Philippine Registry due to Change of Ownership from **VINCENT PASCAL T. DE ASIS to SG8 MARITIME, INC.** of the vessel named: **MV "MARGAUX 1"**. Any person or entity adversely affected by said claim may file their written opposition with Maritime Industry Authority Regional Office VI, MARINA Bldg., De La Rama St., Iloilo City within ten (10) days from the date of posting.

Philosophy & Practice of Transformational Leadership

By **LUZVIMINDA G. SANDIG**
Principal I/OIC Bacolod NHS, Miag-ao West
Miag-ao, Iloilo

Transformational leadership is an approach in which a leader inspires and motivates team members to create positive changes within an organization. It is a dynamic and powerful leadership style that can lead to rapid innovation, improved conflict resolution, increased group morale, decreased turnover, and a sense of ownership among team members (Bass, B.M., 1985).

Transformational leadership must focus on four elements, namely: as a role model, as a motivator, as an innovator, and as a collaborator. These are my contextualized basic elements for a transformational leader to improve school performance and culture a system of excellence towards the realization of DepEd vision and mission.

Proper leadership to implement this change requires the ability to influence the thoughts and actions of other people (Taleghani, Salmani, & Taatian, 2011). These alternative models of teaching and learning offer the possibility for educators to reinvent the teaching and learning process (Gonzales & Vodicka, 2012). Because many students are now bombarded by technology at every turn, educational classrooms may benefit from implementing technology tools that could potentially heighten student interest and provide a more personalized learning experience (Gonzales & Vodicka, 2012). Kotter (2012) stated, "Change leadership is much more associated with putting an engine on the whole change process, and making it go faster, smarter, more efficiently. Transformational Leaders themselves, constantly learn, and transform their perspectives.

As proposed by Kouzes and Posner (2017) transformational leadership is grounded in the concepts of inspiring and motivating people toward a shared vision to achieve goals at a higher standard. Hooper and Bernhard (2016) characterized transformational leadership as a model for the school stakeholders to work together for the same common goal. A transformational leader intentionally designs structures for collaboration within a school to be culturally responsive and inclusive of all students to support teaching and learning (Hooper & Bernhard, 2016).

As school leader designated to take care a school which is located in a challenging situation, I reflectively embraced the opportunities given to me by DepEd and LGU. To some this maybe sort of challenging detours, yet to me it's a blessing. A blessing to be part of the less privilege and bring some source of inspiration to some that would help the smile and hope to recover amid their unfamiliar circumstances.

LiSQuP have given me a lot of opportunities and open my doors of understanding and discerning to my real essence and purpose as a transformational leader.

I will serve as a role model to my colleagues and must possess qualities and behaviors for the group members to imitate. Standards are being set in terms of professionalism, work ethics, integrity, honesty, and empathy. I must demonstrate behavior and attitude and be accountable for all my actions. There must be a significant impact on the performance and boost the morale of the members of the organization or at the school level.

I further need to be a motivator and a communicator as well. I need and must possess an enthusiasm and inspire others to work for the improvement of the group, and empower each team member to work effectively and efficiently. A leader must take time to understand team members individually and tailor motivational strategies that would suit their needs and aspirations. He/she must provide a conducive environment and foster trust and confidence in all the members of the group to achieve organizational goals and objectives. The role of educational leader plays vital and crucial role in educational system. The effectiveness and efficiency of the teachers relies on the way educational leaders communicate with their colleagues and other stakeholders (both external and internal) of the school. As a school leader I understand the crucial role of communication in the achieving the goals of the school. Effective and accurate communication acts as an important factor to grow as an efficient and successful leader or manager. To achieve professional success managers must be effective and convincing communicators. It is important that managers and their team must learn how to communicate perfectly as this will not only help the team to complete their projects successfully, but also enable organizations to achieve success and growth (Lee and Froschheiser).

According to many researchers, a leader is one who has an ability to take charge, direct, encourage, or stimulate others. They have an attitude to convince others and to make them follow the goals or the participles defined by them. They are results oriented hence, well trained and expert in controlling difficult to difficult conditions and help to enhance the outputs of teams working with them. As a leader of an educational institution appropriate communication among other stakeholders leads to achieving the target goals. It also motivates teachers, parents, and other members of the community to actively involve themselves in the process of delivering quality education. It is a manager's communication skills which motivate and inspire teammates to work hard and achieve team targets and organizational goals as well.

Appropriate communication strategies form positive values among colleague and reflects positive leadership and manage of the school leader. Further it is crucial for the school leader to have communication strategies to effectively achieved the goal

of education for the common good.

Due to limited resources both human and financial I need to be an innovator, to serve as critical catalyst for innovation. A leader must inspire trust, embrace a growth mindset, confidence, openness, foster inclusivity and lay the foundation for an innovative organization. It is about coming up with new ideas and implement it effectively. A risk taker who is ever ready for every uncertainty that will occur, envisioned, and adaptable.

As a collaborator, the leader's decision must come from a variety of sources, established open communication both in the internal and external community, and it should be data driven. The leader facilitates rather than directs all actions. Information is shared, decisions are made by the group and solutions are arrived at after considering input from the entire team. It is a shared responsibility to all the members to work hand in hand in the quest for excellence.

Ramsey (2009) states that when school leaders communicate effectively, students learn, parents and community members understand and support what the school is doing, and the process of teaching and learning moves forward. However, as school leaders begin to consider implementing the tools needed for personalized learning, they are quickly confronted with the challenges of locating content; finding, hiring, and managing teachers; organizing systems to support students; and selecting and managing technology (Watson & Gemin, 2009). Leading a school as an instructional leader in a time of crisis is stressful especially in times of change. Instructional leaders must work to promote positive relationships with the teachers in the building as relationships and bonds between teachers and principals are vital to the success of collaboration efforts (Malloy & Leithwood, 2017).

Transformative leadership is obviously aspirational; it is a particular orienting view of the current condition and the human potential. As such, no one individual or group can necessarily claim to be the shining example of transformative leadership. To the extent that it is aspirational, transformative leadership is also an invitation to participate in a collective journey into the future, a journey of creative inquiry, creating ourselves, our relationships, and our communities.

The basic premise of Transformative Leadership is that everyone can lead, and that particularly in this transformative moment, everybody contributes to, and in fact co-creates, the world we live in, whether conscious of their agency or not. Every choice, every action, every discussion, every interaction is a reflection of how we are leading our own lives. Transformative Leadership invites everybody to ask what kind of a world they are creating through their thoughts, beliefs, actions and interactions. Transformative leadership is, at its heart, a participatory process of creative collaboration and transformation for mutual benefit. At the core of Transformative Leadership are 4 orienting concepts, Being, Relating, Knowing, and Doing that assist in the framing and development of our understanding of the world, and our own approach to living and leading.

Encourage collaboration and partnership and quest for excellence for the betterment of the school and local community. Constantly communicate with stakeholders for feedback for the continuous improvement of the school system.

One year from now, all I learned on this subject Philosophy and Practice of Transformational Leadership, I expect to see multiple transformation to my leadership career and the organization I lead.

In conclusion, as a scholar of the PNU, I would embrace change for the better, reflectively, and critically adopt the result of transformation as a school leader. Thus, change is inevitable but development with sustainability to improve our lives as an institution and as part of the national government agency is a must. Seeing myself one year from now, as a leader and an agent of change, I will be a contributory factor for sustainable development aligned to the DepEd's vision, mission, and core values and to the MATATAG agenda of our DepEd secretary. The learnings I valued from here will be transformed into a quality practice that would emulate my colleagues, community stakeholders and all that I work with to be inspired to do and practice excellence to achieved our desired goals towards ourselves, society and God.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **PETER PAUL G. MONTELIBANO** consisting of the following properties: **1) A parcel of land (Lot 166, of the cadastral survey of Btac. Nuevo, Cad. Case No. 46, GLRO Cad. Rec. No. 600), with the improvements thereon, situated in Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-158,568 with an area of FIFTY FOUR THOUSAND AND THIRTY EIGHT (54,038) SQUARE METERS, more or less;** **2) A parcel of Land (Lot 2, Pcs-06-001507, being a cons.-subd. of Lots 162 & 277, Cad. 205, Btac. Nuevo Cad.), situated in Brgy. Agouyauan, Tubungan and Lagubang, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-158,567 with an area of EIGHTY SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY NINE (87,739) SQUARE METERS, more or less;** **3) A parcel of Land (Lot 1, Pcs-06-001507, being a cons.-subd. of Lots 162 & 277, Cad. 205, Btac. Nuevo Cad.), situated in Brgy. Agouyauan, Tubungan and Lagubang, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-158,566 with an area of SEVENTY THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED THIRTY SEVEN (73,637) SQUARE METERS, more or less;** **4) A parcel of land (Lot 313-C, Pcs-06-019613, being a portion of Lot 313, Btac. Nuevo Cad.), situated in Brgy. So-ol, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-158,583 with an area of TWENTY ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY SEVEN (21,727) SQUARE METERS, more or less;** **5) A parcel of land (Lot 8, Block 1, of the consolidation-subdivision plan (LRC) Pcs-13141, being a portion of consolidation of Lots 865, Jaro Cadastre & 866-C (LRC) Pcd-98227, L.R.C. Cad. Rec. No. 9959), situated in Jaro, Iloilo City covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-93019 with an area of TWO HUNDRED NINETY-NINE (299) SQUARE METERS, more or less;** **6) A parcel of Land (Lot 9, Block 1, of the consolidation-subdivision plan (LRC) Pcs-13141, being a portion of consolidation of Lots 065, Jaro Cadastre 066-C (LRC) Pcd-98227, L.R.C. Cad. Rec. No. 9959), situated in Jaro, Iloilo City covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-93020 with an area of THREE HUNDRED THREE (303) SQUARE METERS, more or less;** **7) A parcel of land (Lot 7, Block 1, of the consolidation-subdivision plan (LRC) Pcs-13141, being a portion of consolidation of Lots 065, Jaro Cadastre 066-C (LRC) Pcd-98227, L.R.C. Cad. Rec. No. 9959), situated in Jaro, Iloilo City covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-159523 with an area of TWO HUNDRED NINETY-NINE (299) SQUARE METERS, more or less;** **8) A parcel of land (Lot 8, Blk. 7, Pcs-06-003349, being a cons.-subd. of Lots 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 & 29, Bcs-06-003345 (OLT) situated in Brgy. Jibao-an, Pavia, Iloilo covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-225496 with an area of THREE HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT (328) SQUARE METERS, more or less;** **9) A parcel of land (Lot 1, Block 2 of the consolidation- subdivision plan (LRC) Pcs-10210 being a portion of consolidation of Lots 973 and 974, II-5121 Amd. 2, L.R.C. Rec. No. 4030), situated in the City of Mandaue, Cebu covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 53969 with an area of THREE HUNDRED FIFTEEN (315) SQUARE METERS, more or less;** **10) A parcel of Land (Lot 2 Block 4 of the consolidation-subdivision plan (LRC) Pcs-11359 being a portion of consolidation of Lots 1, Block 5 (LRC) Pcs-10210 and Lot 993, II-5121 Amd. 2, LRC Rec. No. 4030), situated in the City of Mandaue, Cebu covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 53970 with an area of THREE HUNDRED FIFTEEN (315) SQUARE METERS, more or less;** **11) CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2014001918, Tower 2 – 7th Floor, Unit 0715, Resort Residential Unit 2 with an area of 26.62 SQ. Meters;** **12) CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 110-2018001094, One Pacific Residence, Tower B – 6th Floor, Unit F with an area of 56.600 SQ.M.; and** **13) CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 095-2016000534, Atria, Storey 1 – 3rd Floor, ASI-301, Unit Area: 65.55, Balcony: 4.40 with a total area of 69.95 SQ.M., Unit Model/Type: 2 Bedroom W/Balcony, are adjudicated to heirs **MARIA LOURDES ALFONSO MONTELIBANO, KATRINA MARIE MONTELIBANO-NG and PATRICIA MARIE ALFONSO MONTELIBANO**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. ELIZABETH DYHN A. CABUNAGAN** per Doc. No. 455, Page No. 92, Book No. I, Series of 2020.**

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

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
& EX OFFICIO SHERIFF

FORECLOSURE FILE
NO. F-10937-24

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
Mortgagee,
-versus-

SPOUSES JONAH ASUNCION ARUGAY
and ELAINE SEGUBRE ARUGAY.,
Debtor/Mortgagor.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon verified Application for Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Mortgage [Under Act 3135 As Amended], filed by BDO UNIBANK, INC., a universal banking corporation with office address at 11F BDO Towers Valero, formerly Citibank Tower, 8741 Paseo de Roxas, Makati City 1226, Metro Manila, against **Spouses Jonah Asuncion Arugay and Elaine Segubre Arugay**, of legal age, Filipino, and with postal address/es at (1) **78 Nabitasan, Lapaz, Iloilo City**; and (2) **Lot 4 Block 18, Emeral Estates Subdivision, Pakiad Road, Brgy. Cagbang, Oton, Iloilo**, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **February 15, 2024**, amounts to **P3,599,387.04**, the undersigned Ex Officio Sheriff of Iloilo and/or **ANY** of his duly authorized deputy sheriff will sell at public auction on **OCTOBER 14, 2024 at 10:00 AM** at the Office of the Clerk of Court and Ex Officio Sheriff, Regional Trial Court, CJRQA Hall of Justice, Iloilo City, to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine Currency, the mortgaged property covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. 090-2021013023**, including all the improvements thereon, bounded and described as follows:

"LOT NO: 4, BLOCK NO. 18, PLAN NO: PCS-06-006893 PORTION OF: CONS-SUBD. OF LOT 2626, LOT 2651, LOT 2829, ALL OF CAD. 8, AGONOA CADASTRE, LOT 2652-A-2-B, PSD-06-053952, LOT 2830-B (LRC), PSD-17225, LOT2652-B (LRC) PSD-125878
LOCATION: BARANGAY OF CAGBANG, MUNICIPALITY OF OTON, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY
BOUNDARIES:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	NW	ROAD LOT 17(18.00 M.WIDE), PCS-060006893
2-3	NE	LOT 5, BLOCK 18, PCS-06-006893
3-4	SE	LOT 24, BLOCK 18, PCS-06-006893
4-5	SE	LOT 25, BLOCK 18, PCS-06-006893
5-1	SW	LOT 3, BLOCK 18, PCS-06-006893

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

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 **NOVEMBER 11, 2024** at the same time and venue without further notice and re-publication.

Iloilo City, Philippines, **August 09, 2024.**

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

Prepared by:
(SGD.) RAMIL G. FACURIB
Authorized Deputy Sheriff

NE/September 16, 23 & 30, 2024

DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **LEONILO VESTIDAS OROCIO** known as bank saving deposit with **Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI) GT Town Center Pavia, Iloilo** under **Account No. 9234-0065-22** is adjudicated to heir **ASTERIA FREO OROCIO**, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Ma. Theresa Malones-Sanchez** per Doc. No. 196, Page No. 4I, Book No. III, Series of 2024.

NE/September 9, 16 & 23, 2024

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

OFFICE OF THE EX OFFICIO SHERIFF

FORECLOSURE
FILE NO. F-11075-24

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND,
Petitioner/Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPOUSES SANNY M. TIANZON
AND JOHNNAVIE D. TIANZON,
Mortgagor/s.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon verified request/petition for extra-judicial foreclosure of mortgage, filed by **HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (PAG-IBIG Fund)**, a government financial institution, against mortgagor/s Spouses **SANNY M. TIANZON** and **JOHNNAVIE D. TIANZON**, both of legal, Filipinos, of **Zone 15, Brgy. Calaparan, Arevalo, Iloilo City**, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **June 28, 2024**, has amounted to **Seven Hundred Seventeen Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Four Pesos & 69/100 (Php 717,844.69)**, Philippine Currency, the undersigned Ex Officio Sheriff of Iloilo and/or **ANY** of his duly authorized deputy sheriff will sell at public auction on **OCTOBER 14, 2024 at 10:00 in the morning** at the Office of the Clerk of Court and Ex Officio Sheriff, Regional Trial Court, CJRQA Hall of Justice, Iloilo City, to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine currency, the mortgaged property covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. 095-2018000903**, including all the improvements thereon, to wit:

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 27, BLOCK 5, PCS-06-006158) BEING A PORTION OF THE CONSOLIDATION-SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 1 TO 59, BLOCK 8; LOTS 1 TO 61, BLOCK 9; LOTS 1 TO 64, BLOCK 10; LOTS 1 TO 67, BLOCK 11; LOTS 1 TO 69, BLOCK 12; ROAD LOTS 8 TO 13; ALL OF PCS-06-005336; SITUATED IN BRGY. CALUMPANG AND CALAPARAN, DISTRICT OF MOLO AND AREVALO, RESPECTIVELY, CITY OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY. BOUNDED ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 28; ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 29; ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY ROAD LOT 5 (6.50 M. WIDE); ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 25; ALL OF THIS CONSOLIDATION-SUBDIVISION SURVEY. XXXX CONTAINING AN AREA OF THIRTY SIX (36) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS XXXX"

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 **NOVEMBER 11, 2024** at the same time and venue without further notice and re-publication.

Iloilo City, Philippines, **August 09, 2024.**

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

Prepared by:
(SGD.) RAMIL G. FACURIB
Authorized Deputy Sheriff

NE/September 16, 23 & 30, 2024

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses EMILIO T. BALLESTEROS** and **POTENCIANA BRAVO** consisting of a parcel of land **Lot No. 1935** of the cadastral survey of Oton, situated in Oton, Iloilo covered by **OCT RO-924 (24556)** with an area of **Four Hundred One Square Meters (401) MORE OR LESS**, is adjudicated to heirs **WILFREDO BALLESTEROS** and **EUSTQUIO BALLESTEROS**. That, the heirs hereby **SELL, CONVEY, CEDE** and **TRANSFER** by way of Sale the above-said property in favor of **ANGELES B. LOPEZ**, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Igmedio S. Prado, Jr.** per Doc. No. 123, Page No. 26, Book No. III, Series of 2023.

NE/September 9, 16 & 23, 2024

NEGROS . . . (from page 5)

that we have on the substations, on the lines, on the vegetation, on the causes and everything, we were able to craft our five-year development plan," Castro said.

Negros Power, the joint venture partner of Central Negros Electric Cooperative (Ceneco), obtained a franchise to manage and operate the electricity distribution system in the cities of Bacolod, Bago, Talisay, and Silay, as well as the municipalities of Murcia and Don Salvador Benedicto in July this year.

In his presentation, Castro said the first three years will be the rehabilitation and standardization phase, including meter replacement and installation of elevated metering centers, rehabilitation of major substations, and improvement of infrastructure such as pole replacement, intermediate installation, and line rehabilitation.

"Right now, we've seen about 50,000 electric meters that have to be replaced. Immediate is about 30,000. We will also do the elevated metering centers because that will actually reduce the systems loss. We have to do major rehabilitation in three years for nine or eight substations," he added.

Also included in the first three years is the implementation of distribution utility best practices such as the 69 kilovolt (kV) transmission looping, in/out configuration at 69kV line for N-1 reliability and line protection, load break switches and auto circuit enclosers installation for feeder tie-ups and faster fault isolation, and replacement of old pin insulators.

The fourth and fifth years will be the modernization and expansion phase, which will involve the use of a supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system, the establishment of the Capitol Substation, expansion of lines and increased capacity, and continuous improvement of system reliability and capacity.

It will also include deploying innovative solutions, such as increasing response teams and deploying quick response teams in motorbikes for efficient troubleshooting in challenging locations.

Castro said they would also acquire a 30/37.5 megavolt amperes (MVA)/69/13.2kV mobile substation worth PHP103 million to temporarily serve customers while a particular permanent substation undergoes maintenance.

Bacolod City Mayor Alfredo Abelardo Benitez, who was among the officials who attended the Negros Power presentation, welcomed the five-year development plan but said the consumers should watch out for its implementation.

"It's better that they presented it to the stakeholders. We heard it, and we will hold them to their word of executing the plans that they have presented," he added. (PNA)

GCASH . . . (from page 5)

to a bank loan, and a seamless and inclusive experience that meets their needs."

Since its initial launch, credit card approvals have exceeded expectations, with GCash ads reaching a wide audience of users each month.

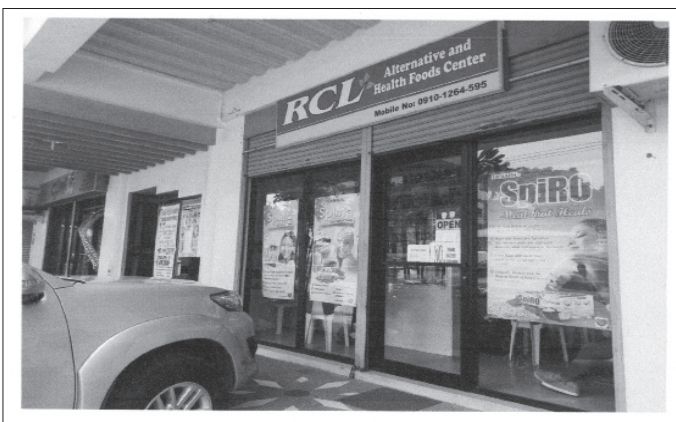
"We are excited to partner with GCash as we continue to provide valuable services to our customers. This partnership allows us to leverage our banking expertise to reach more Filipinos, offering them customized financial solutions through a platform that is both accessible and innovative for everyone," said Security Bank EVP and Retail Banking Segment Head, Rahul Rasal.

GCash and Security Bank's collaboration ensures a convenient and streamlined experience, allowing Filipinos to easily discover and access relevant financial solutions through the GCash Loans Marketplace.

Likewise, the alliance between GCash and Security Bank, which currently has over 328 branches and 662 ATMs nationwide serving retail, commercial, corporate, and institutional clients, also serves as a significant step toward their shared commitment to expanding access to quality, fair loans and retail banking products for Filipinos, particularly the 44% still unbanked sector in the country.

For its part, GCash through its lending arm Fuse, has disbursed more than PHP 155 billion worth of loans to over 5.4 million Filipinos, including those in the grassroots sector, namely, sari-sari store owners, public market vendors, and farmers, putting the app well on its way toward its mission of "Finance for All."

With its drive to bridge the financial gap in the country, GCash together with its partners continues to intensify its endeavors to foster an inclusive digital economy that leads to financial freedom where people have different ways and options of increasing their wealth and giving them a shot at their dreams for a better future – all with just a few taps on their phone.





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

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 34th REGULAR SESSION OF THE 11th SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF ILOILO, PHILIPPINES, HELD AT THE SESSION HALL, 6th FLOOR CITY HALL BUILDING, PLAZA LIBERTAD, ILOILO CITY, ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2024

PRESENT:

HON. JEFFREY P. GANZON
City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

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

ABSENT:

Hon. Candice Magdalane A. Tupas (on Maternity Leave)	Member
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REGULATION ORDINANCE NO. 2024-169

AN ORDINANCE CREATING ONE (1) POSITION NAMELY THE CITY GOVERNMENT ASSISTANT DEPARTMENT HEAD II – SALARY GRADE (SG) 24 UNDER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OFFICE (PESO) OF THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR, ENUMERATING ITS FUNCTIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF

Sponsored by Hon. Rex Marcus B. Sarabia, seconded by Hon. Jose Maria Miguel S. Treñas and Hon. Johnny Y. Young;

WHEREAS, Section 76 of the Republic Act 7610 or the Local Government Code of 1991 states that: "Every Local Government Unit shall design and implement its own organizational structure and staffing pattern taking into consideration its service requirements and financial capability, subject to the minimum standards and guidelines prescribed by the Civil Service Commission";

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

WHEREAS, the Public Employment Service Office (PESO) of the Iloilo City Government was established in compliance with R.A. 8759, otherwise known as the PESO Act of 1999. The PESO was institutionalized through Sangguniang Panlungsod Regulation Ordinance (SP-RO) No. 2019-507 and further amended by SP-RO No. 2022-006;

WHEREAS, the PESO is responsible for facilitating employment, providing labor market information, and supporting job seekers and employers through various programs, services, and partnerships, thereby enhancing local employment opportunities and economic development;

WHEREAS, the extensive responsibilities and associated workload of the PESO necessitate the appointment of an additional supervising officer to improve task delegation, ease the workload, and strengthen the management of funding to enhance the support they provide to our longgo Jobseekers and Migrant Workers;

WHEREAS, as stipulated in the Social Protection and Sensitivity category under CY 2024 and 2025, Section 3.16 of DILG's Memorandum Circular 2024-064, pertaining to the 2024 Seal of Good Local Governance, the permanent PESO Manager for a highly urbanized city such as Iloilo City must hold a minimum Salary Grade of 24. Consequently, there is a need to create an additional position with the said Salary Grade to comply with this requirement;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained, as it is hereby ordained, by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Iloilo, in session assembled, that:

SECTION 1. CREATION OF NEW POSITION: There is hereby created one (1) position under the Public Employment Service Office (PESO) under the Office of the City Mayor, namely:

A. City Government Assistant Department Head II – SG 24

SECTION 2. RESPONSIBILITIES: The main functions of the newly created position are as follows:

- A. CITY GOVERNMENT ASSISTANT DEPARTMENT HEAD II – SG 24**
- Shall act as the OPESO Manager;
 - Shall supervise and manage technical and administrative activities such as staff management and working environment;
 - Shall maintain effective communication with the chief executive and recommendations related to public employment;
 - Shall supervise the planning and monitoring of OPESO programs, activities, trainings, and projects;
 - Shall conduct effectively OPESO daily activities;
 - Shall resolve internal and external matters relating to the operation;
 - Shall ensure OPESO programs and projects are properly and well implemented;
 - Shall coordinate closely with the Department of Migrant Workers (DMW), Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA), and other relevant agencies to provide comprehensive support to OFWs;
 - Shall facilitate the safe return of OFWs who are in distress or have encountered emergencies, such as natural disasters, conflicts, or abuse;
 - Shall provide emergency financial assistance to OFWs and their families in critical situations;
 - Shall conduct financial literacy programs to help OFWs and their families manage their earnings effectively;
 - Shall implement a more structured approach to monitoring the well-being of OFWs, which will involve regular check-ins and data collection through Barangay Employment Service Officers (BESO). This data will be used to inform our advocacy efforts and to ensure that our services continue to meet the evolving needs of our community;
 - Shall perform other duties that may be assigned by the head of office from time to time.

SECTION 3. The Sangguniang Panlungsod shall appropriate a budget for the implementation of this ordinance through a subsequent appropriations ordinance.

SECTION 4. Repealing Clause. – All ordinances contrary to or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. Separability Clause. – If any part of provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other parts or provisions hereof.

SECTION 6. Effectively Clause. – This ordinance shall take effect after its publication and posting in two conspicuous places within the City.

ENACTED, September 4, 2024.

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

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

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED
TO BE DULY ENACTED:

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

APPROVED:

(SGD.) **JERRY P. TREÑAS**
City Mayor



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Hon. Alan A. Zaldivar	Member

ABSENT:

Hon. Candice Magdalane A. Tupas (on Maternity Leave)	Member
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REGULATION ORDINANCE NO. 2024-171

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THREE (3) POSITIONS, ONE (1) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER V – SG 18 AND TWO (2) ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT IV – SG 10 UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE MAYOR – OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR, ENUMERATING THEIR FUNCTIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF

Sponsored by Hon. Rex Marcus B. Sarabia, seconded by Hon. Jose Maria Miguel S. Treñas and Hon. Alan A. Zaldivar;

WHEREAS, Section 76 of the Republic Act 7610 or the Local Government Code of 1991 states that: "Every Local Government Unit shall design and implement its own organizational structure and staffing pattern taking into consideration its service requirements and financial capability, subject to the minimum standards and guidelines prescribed by the Civil Service Commission";

WHEREAS, the Local Government of Iloilo City through the SangguniangPanlungsod is empowered by the law to create offices and positions as the need arises;

WHEREAS, Iloilo City is one of the highly urbanized cities in the Philippines. As the Chief Executive, the City Mayor's Office exercises general supervision and control over all programs, projects, services, and activities of the LGU. This includes ensuring compliance with laws and ordinances, maximizing resource generation, and delivering basic services and facilities. Furthermore, the Office also manages vital responsibilities in city administration and development;

WHEREAS, the Office of the Secretary to the Mayor is integral in implementing policies, plans, programs, and projects, as well as in the delivery of the functions, and in the execution of the City Mayor's functions and responsibilities;

WHEREAS, the Office of the Secretary to the Mayor entails substantial volume of workload with duties and responsibilities of the personnel being receiving, filing, organizing, drafting, and endorsing documents to the Chief Executive of Iloilo City, as well as executing all directives from the same;

WHEREAS, the current structure of plantilla positions in the Office of the Secretary to the Mayor lacks mid-level roles, with a significant gap between supervisory positions and lower-level roles at Salary Grades 6 and 2. This gap limits the scope of duties and responsibilities within the Office. Creating an Administrative Office V (SG 18) will provide necessary supervision, while additional Administrative Assistant IV (SG 10) positions will support clerical tasks and enhance operational efficiency;

WHEREAS, the addition of these new positions under the Office of the Secretary to the Mayor is essential for enhancing the operational efficiency and effectiveness of the Office. These new roles will address critical gaps in the current staffing structure, facilitate the effective management of substantial workload and ensure the smooth execution of administrative functions;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained, as it is hereby ordained, by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Iloilo, in session assembled, that:

SECTION 1. CREATION OF NEW POSITIONS: There is hereby created three (3) positions under the Office of the Secretary to the Mayor – Office of the City Mayor, namely:

- A. One (1) Administrative Officer V – SG 18
- B. Two (2) Administrative Assistant IV – SG 10

SECTION 2. RESPONSIBILITIES: The main functions of the newly created positions are as follows:

- A. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER V – SG 18**
- Shall assist in the management of the daily operations of the Office of the Secretary to the Mayor;
 - Shall assist in the supervision of the personnel of the office;
 - Shall prepare correspondence, and other important documents of the office;
 - Shall be responsible in the maintenance of the office records and files;
 - Shall be in charge of management of office supplies, and other administrative matters;
 - Shall handle budgetary and financial tasks;
 - Shall prepare and submit required reports;
 - Shall perform other task that may be assigned by the head from time to time.
- B. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT IV – SG 10**
- Shall supervise the preparation of documents for filing and binding;
 - Shall be perform sorting, compiling, and binding of office documents;
 - Shall be responsible in the safe keeping and proper maintenance of documents;
 - Shall perform other simple office tasks;
 - Shall perform other task that may be assigned by the head from time to time.

SECTION 3. The Sangguniang Panlungsod shall appropriate a budget for the implementation of this ordinance through a subsequent appropriations ordinance.

SECTION 4. Repealing Clause. – All ordinances contrary to or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. Separability Clause. – If any part of provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other parts or provisions hereof.

SECTION 6. Effectively Clause. – This ordinance shall take effect after its publication and posting in two conspicuous places within the City.

ENACTED, September 4, 2024.

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

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FORECLOSURE NO. F-11051-24

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

**HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL
 FUND OR PAG-IBIG FUND,**
 Mortgagee,

-versus-

**SPOUSES ERIC G. TITULAR
 and ARMI ROSE P. TITULAR,**
 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 HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND OR PAG-IBIG FUND**, a government financial institution duly organized and existing under and by virtue of Republic Act No. 9679 with principal office at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, Philippines, herein represented by **Wilmer B. Lirazan**, Department Manager III, Bacolod Housing Business Center, with business address at 2nd Flr., Gaisano Grand Bacolod Mall, Araneta St., Singang, Bacolod City, against **debtor/s-mortgagor/s SPOUSES ERIC G. TITULAR and ARMI ROSE P. TITULAR**, both of legal age, Filipino citizens with postal address at Block 25, Lot 18, PHHC, Mandurriao, Iloilo City and/or Lot 9, Block 6, Centennial Townhomes, Brgy. Jibao-an, Pavia, Iloilo 5001 to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **April 30, 2024** amounted to **ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY NINE PESOS & 92/100 (P1,383,879.92)**, Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges, plus attorney's fees, publication cost, Sheriff's legal expenses and other incidental expenses of foreclosure and auction sale, the Ex-Officio Sheriff of Iloilo or any of his lawful deputies will sell at public auction on **SEPTEMBER 25, 2024** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the 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, including buildings and all improvements found thereon, to wit:

**Registry of Deeds for Iloilo, Iloilo
 Transfer Certificate of Title
 No. 090-2011005532**

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 9, BLOCK 6, PSD-06-070764, BEING A PORTION OF SUBD. OF LOT 19-A, PSD-06-069586), SITUATED IN BRGY. JIBAO-AN, MUN. OF PAVIA, PROV. OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY, BOUNDED ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 8; ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 7; ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY ROAD LOT 3 (8.00 M. W.) ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 11, ALL OF THIS SUBD. SURVEY. X X X. CONTAINING AN AREA OF FIFTY FOUR (54) 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 **OCTOBER 09, 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, **July 23, 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.

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
 6th Judicial Region
Branch 64 - Bugasong, Antique
 (036) 540 7204 rtc2bgs064@judiciary.gov.ph
 Station: Justice Calixto O. Zaldivar Hall of Justice
 San Jose, Antique

File No. **F2024-149**
 FOR: FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE
 MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED

**ANTIQUÉ PROVINCIAL GOV'T. EMPLOYEES
 MULTIPURPOSE COOPERATIVE (APGEMC),**
 As Represented by **REMY MUESCAN,**
 Petitioner-Mortgagee,

-versus-

CELESTE TOMPONG DAVA,
 Respondent-Mortgage.

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL AUCTION SALE

Upon petition for extra-judicial foreclosure sale under Act 3135, as amended filed by mortgagee **ANTIQUÉ PROVINCIAL GOV'T. EMPLOYEES MULTIPURPOSE COOPERATIVE (APGEMC)**, as represented by its Manager, Remy G. Muescan, with office at 3rd Floor, APGEMCO Building, Moscoso St., San Jose, Antique against mortgagor **Celeste Tompong Dava**, of legal age, married, Filipino, and a resident of Bagtason, Bugasong, Antique, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness, which is as of 13 August 2024 amounts to Phil. Pesos: **Eight Hundred Thirty Seven Thousand Seventy Seven & 08/100 (Pp837,077.08)**, the undersigned sheriff will sell at public auction on **01 October 2024** at 10:00: o'clock in the morning, or soon thereafter, at the Office of the Sheriff, RTC, Branch 64, Zaldivar Hall of Justice, Binirayan Hills, San Jose, Antique, to the highest bidder for cash or managers check and in Philippine currency, the following property with all its improvements thereon to wit.

TCT NO. CLOA-11707

"A parcel of land (Lot 5, Csd-06-010506 (AR), being a portion of Lot 6974, Bugasong Cad. 873-D, situated in Bagtason, Bugasong, Antique, Bounded on the S., along line 1-2 by Lot 4 of this subd. Survey., on the W., along lines 2-3-4 by Lot 9177; on the N., along line 4-5, by Lot 8101; both of Bugasong Cad. 873-D; along line 5-6 by Lot 16; along line 6-7 by Lot 15; on the E., along line 7-1 by Lot 6; all of this subd. Survey...containing an area of Twenty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Five (27,285), more or less."

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on 08 October 2024 at the same time and place abovementioned without further notice.

San Jose for Bugasong, Antique, 29 August 2024.

EMILIO FELIPE Y. LEGASPI II
 OIC, Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

(SGD.) RAMIL P. MARTINEZ
 Sheriff IV

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

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

FORECLOSURE NO. F-11089-24

For:
 Extrajudicial Foreclosure of Real
 Estate Mortgage under Act No.
 3135, as Amended by Act No. 4118

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
 (popularly known as Pag-IBIG Fund)
 Petitioner/Mortgagee,

-versus-

**Ginalyn B. Mana-ay married to
 Mark Anthony D. Mana-ay,**
 Respondent/Mortgagor.

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118, filed by **HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (Otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund)** a government financial institution duly organized and existing under and by virtue of Republic Act No. 9679 with principal office at The Petron Mega Plaza Bldg., No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City hereinafter referred to as Mortgagee, against **Ginalyn B. Mana-ay married to Mark Anthony D. Mana-ay**, referred to as the Mortgagor, legal age, Filipino Citizen, and with postal address at Brgy. Singay, Mina, Iloilo, Philippines to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **August 23, 2024** in the amount of **FOUR HUNDRED TWELVE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED ELEVEN PESOS AND 45/100 (P412,111.45) inclusive of interest, and other charges**, the Ex-Officio Sheriff of Iloilo and/or his duly authorized deputy Sheriff will Sell at PUBLIC AUCTION on **NOVEMBER 7, 2024** at 10:00 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 the Philippine Currency, the real property herein described as follows, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. (090-2020003727)

LOT NO: 7 BLOCK NO: 19 PLAN NO: PCS-06-084955
 PORTION OF: LOT 4164-B-2 OF PSD-06-072772; xxxxx...
 LOCATION: BARANGAY OF ABILAY NORTE, MUNICIPALITY OF OTON, PROVINCE OF ILOILO ISLAND OF PANAY
 AREA: THIRTY SIX (36) 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 **NOVEMBER 29, 2024** at the same time and place without further notice and publication.

Iloilo City, Philippines, September 4, 2024.

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Antiqueños mark 230th anniversary of church bell



OLDEST CHURCH BELL. The church bell (3rd from left) of the Sta. Rita de Cascia Parish Church in Sibalom, Antique, believed to be the oldest in Panay and Negros islands, commemorates its 230th anniversary on Wednesday (Sept. 11, 2024). Engineer Jonathan De Gracia, program convener and member of the Sibalom Historical and Cultural Society, said in his message during the occasion that the bell is special and rare. (PNA photo by Annabel Consuelo J. Petinglay)

SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, Antique – The local government unit (LGU) of Sibalom, together with the Sta. Rita de Cascia Parish Church marked the 230th anniversary of the church bell, a symbol of the resilient faith of the town folks in the Catholic Church.

Sibalom Municipal Councilor Reymond Nabalán, chair of the Committee on Tourism, Culture, and Cultural Minorities, said the celebration is a momentous occasion, honoring the significance of the bell.

"The church bell signifies the long-standing tradition and rich history of faith and worship within the community," Nabalán said in his message during the celebration.

Engineer Jonathan De Gracia, the program convener and member of the Sibalom Historical and Cultural

DA Chief eyes expanded ASF gov't-controlled vaccination by October

Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. on Wednesday expressed plans to expand the government-controlled vaccination against African swine fever (ASF) in Visayas and Mindanao in October.

"Iyong (The) procurement process for the 150,000 (doses), it should be awarded in, by, estimated timeline by October 10. So, October 10 ang target date na ma-award iyong kontrata (to award the contract to the) supplier and then they will deliver the same day," he said.

Initial target areas for

the government-controlled ASF vaccination expansion include red zones or areas with active ASF cases in La Union, Quezon, Mindoro, Cebu, North Cotabato, and Sultan Kudarat.

As of Sept. 6, the BAI said 472 barangays in 109 municipalities and 31 provinces were still classified as red zones.

The agri chief, meanwhile, agreed with Senator Cynthia Villar following the Senate committee hearing on ASF, citing the need for more vaccine suppliers in the country.

To date, the DA is using AVAC live vaccines from a supplier in Vietnam for its government-controlled vaccination in Batangas.

"H i n d i naman pwedeng isa lang. Kaya lang, yanang nag-apply (It cannot be a single supplier. But that's the only one that applied) two years ago, and the other six applicants, kaka-apply lang (they only applied) earlier this year or late last year," Tiu Laurel said.

He vowed to consult experts to expedite the



process for the new ASF vaccines from the United States, South Korea, Thailand, Norway, and two more suppliers from Vietnam.

"Due to the urgency of the situation, we are

consulting veterinarians and other experts in this field kung paano ma-shorten iyong (on how to shorten the) process of approval and trials. So, I think the best case is six months from now,"

Tiu Laurel said, citing that normal trials typically span within a year.

The agri chief also expressed hopes to have at least one to two more ASF vaccines approved by next year. (PNA)

APECO assists IPs to get land title filed since 2007

MANILA – The Aurora Pacific Economic Zone and Freeport Authority (APECO) is assisting the indigenous peoples (IPs) of Dinalungan, Casiguran, and Dilasag (DiCaDi) in Aurora province to hold a legal document of their ownership and rights over traditional lands and ancestral domains.

In a statement Tuesday, APECO said its President and Chief Executive Officer Gil Taway IV has submitted a formal position paper to the National Commission on Indigenous People (NCIP) reflecting the investment promotion agency's support for the application for a Certificate of Ancestral Domain Title (CADT) of the IPs.

APECO said it will assist in the technical and legal aspects of the application and coordinating closely with the NCIP for the IPs to acquire their CADT.

"The Agtas of DiCaDi have, for generations, served as rightful custodians of their ancestral territory. Their



PARTNERS FOR GROWTH. Aurora Pacific Economic Zone and Freeport Authority President and Chief Executive Officer Gil Taway IV with the indigenous peoples from Dinalungan, Casiguran, and Dilasag in Aurora in this undated photo. A lawyer himself, Taway is assisting IPs to obtain their Certificate of Ancestral Domain Title from the National Commission on Indigenous People. (Courtesy of APECO)

deep-rooted connection to the land is reflected in their traditional practices and way of life," Taway said.

APECO said the CADT application was pending since 2007.

"By granting the Agtas a CADT, we not only provide them with the formal recognition they deserve but also empower them to sustain their traditions while ensuring that their rights

are respected in all future developments within their territory," he said.

Taway said this initiative aligns with APECO's vision of promoting balanced and equitable development by attracting economic activities while preserving cultural heritage.

The APECO chief also involves DiCaDi IPs in decision-making process in the ecozone.

PhilHealth urges more Ilonggos to avail of Konsulta package

Ilonggos are encouraged to avail of the Konsultasyong Sulit at Tama (Konsulta) Package, a primary benefit provided by the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) through 172 accredited providers in Western Visayas.

During the Kapihansa Bagong Pilipinas forum here on Tuesday, PhilHealth Region VI Field Operations Division officer-in-charge Bien Paul Obordo said 126 of their providers are local government unit (LGU)-based, 41 are hospital-based, and five are private clinics.

The program has benefitted 189,150 members so far as of July, representing an accomplishment rate of 118 percent against their target of 160,306 for the period.

"Based on our data, PhilHealth has already paid around PHP72 million to our Konsulta providers in Region 6. Our target is 100 percent for all LGUs and cities. Eleven LGUs have not applied for accreditation," he said.

He said availing the services is faster because there is a dedicated or separate lane for the Konsulta Package.

Members need to register with their provider of choice and set an appointment for faster transactions.

"We continue to market to include private providers to fill in the gap," he

said, adding that the current number of providers is not enough to cater to the more or less 8.2 million population of Western Visayas.

The Department of Health and local government units are requested to provide additional doctors to help in the implementation.

Part of the Konsulta Package is the PhilHealth Guaranteed Accessible Medications for Outpatient Treatment, where 32 more essential drugs and medicines have been added to the 21 existing available medicines.

"There are free maintenance medicines for patients with asthma, diabetes, and hypertension, among others, and laboratories as will be recommended by your provider," the PhilHealth said.

Under the KonSulta program, members will be given access to free medical consultations, free health risk screening and assessment, free selected laboratory and diagnostic testing, and free selected drugs and medicines in line with their pre-existing condition.

The budget for every patient has been increased to PHP1,700 from the previous PHP500 because of the inclusion of mammogram, and upper abdominal and pelvic ultrasound in the package for early breast cancer detection. (PNA)

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Society, said the two-foot and eight-inch bell with a lower diameter of 32 inches was cast in 1794, one year after the first known stone church in the municipality was constructed.

"The bell is very special and rare, believed even to be the oldest in Panay and Negros islands," he said.

He said that the Augustinian priest Fr. Jose Abollo, assigned in Sibalom from 1791 to 1806, was responsible for the building of the first stone church and the casting of the bell.

"The magnificent bell is also a symbol of how Sibalom was a progressive town since then," De Gracia said.

Casting a bell entails melting sacks of coins, which depicted how progressive Sibalom, considered one of the richest municipalities in Panay island and the rice granary of Antique province, even during that time, he said.

Parish Priest Jose Tubianosa recalled the bell was part of the lives of the people of Sibalom.

"I could recall that every six o'clock in the afternoon when the bell rings, people really stopped to pray whether they are walking along the streets or playing basketball in the plaza," he said.

The bell also rings whenever a church member dies or to inform the public to prepare for typhoons.

He also said that with the 230th anniversary of the bell, the parish welcomes pilgrims, tourists, and students who would like to visit and see the bell.

On the other hand, the over 200-year-old Talisay tree just across the Sta. Rita de Cascia Parish Church was marked a natural landmark, simultaneous with the commemoration activity.

"The town's interactions with Spanish colonial authorities and its evolving social and cultural

practices extended around the tree, embedding it in the early colonial of the town's history," said Edbert Jay Cabrillos, a professor at the University of Antique and the program convener.

He said that the tree was a witness to the brutal conflict during the Philippines' struggle for independence from Spanish colonial rule and during World War II when the Japanese forces took control of Sibalom.

"The Talisay tree became infamous for the hangings that occurred there with the Japanese using the public space to instill fear and maintain control of the population," Cabrillos said.

Hopefully, the National Commission on Culture and the Arts (NCCA) will recognize the bell and the Talisay tree as important cultural and historical property so it is protected and preserved, he said. (PNA)

Renewed trust in due process sways Mabilog to return to PH

ILOILO CITY – Former Iloilo City Mayor Jed Patrick Mabilog returned to the Philippines with a renewed trust in the government’s commitment to uphold due process and fairness, his legal counsel, Jeric Jucaban said Wednesday.

“After careful consideration and

assessment of the current judicial system, Mayor Mabilog has decided to come back, trusting in the current administration’s commitment to due process and fairness,” Jucaban said in a statement.

He added that as a manifestation of Mabilog’s “respect for the law and

his readiness to address the matters that have been pending against him,” he submitted to the legal process and the custody of the National Bureau of Investigation.

The former mayor posted bail for the graft charges filed against him at the Sandiganbayan.

“At this time, Mayor Mabilog will refrain from making any public statements, as he is currently evaluating his legal remedies concerning the cases filed against him during his time abroad. He seeks to navigate these challenges with the utmost care and consideration,” Jucaban said.

Mabilog sought asylum in the United States for fear of his life after he was tagged by former President Rodrigo Duterte as a narco-politician.

He arrived at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 3 on Tuesday, where he was met by Iloilo City Lone district Rep. Julienne Baronda and his close friends.

Baronda, in a statement, said Ilonggos welcomed Mabilog’s “courageous and selfless decision to return home and seek justice for his sullen reputation and the tarnished image of Iloilo City.”

“We all know he was never a drug protector. We are all witnesses, our beloved Iloilo City was never the most ‘shabulized,’” she said.

Political comeback?

Meanwhile, Justice Secretary Jesus Crispin Remulla said it is still too early to tell what the return of Mabilog will bring about, but said that the latter’s decision may be related to political plans for next year.

“He may have some fears for his life and we are willing to grant protection of sorts unless of course he can be given witness protection later on if there are cases he wishes to bring forward. But as it is right now, he’s one person who just returned at the political landscape,” Remulla said in a press briefing at the Department of Justice in Manila when sought for comment.

“Elections are coming in. Filing of COCs (certificates of candidacy) is next month. It’s very timely for him to come back

and relaunch his political career. Practically, that’s how I look at it. And of course, lumamig na siguro ang hangin sa paligid niya, kaya kung titingnan natin (the atmosphere around him has somewhat relaxed, and if we look at it) it’s his decision to make and he went home to, I think, rejoin the political landscape,” he added.

The DOJ chief, however, said Mabilog must squarely face the charges against him.

“He will have to clear himself from the charges brought up against him at the Sandiganbayan. He posted bail, I was told yesterday. The NBI was there to make sure that he didn’t come home blind and just ride a car and drive off to the sunset. Pero nung sinamahan siya na mag-post ng bail (But when was accompanied to post bail), and we know that he was going to follow the law. Tingnan natin (Let’s see),” Remulla said. (PNA)



HOME COMING. Former Iloilo City Mayor Jed Patrick Mabilog (with backpack) arrives at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 3 on Tuesday (Sept. 10, 2024). His legal counsel, Jeric Jucaban, said Mabilog returned to the country with renewed trust in the current administration’s commitment to due process and fairness. (Screengrab from Jam Baronda page)

PhilHealth pays close to P4B in claims in W. Visayas

ILOILO CITY – The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) has paid over PHP3.995 billion in claims in Western Visayas from January to June 30 this year.

Lifestyle diseases like hypertension ranks second in terms of claims at PHP67.989 million, PhilHealth VI public affairs unit head Janimhe Jalbuna said in an interview on Wednesday.

The highest was moderate-risk pneumonia with PHP314.8 million.

Meanwhile, the hemodialysis procedure, which got the highest claim for medical procedures at PHP593.68 million, has risk factors such as diabetes and hypertension.

“Some of these conditions can be addressed by our Konsulta benefit package. Hopefully, they will be able to maximize the Konsulta benefits to at least prevent the medical condition, if they have, from worsening and getting confined,” Jalbuna said.

Other top claims for medical cases included hypertensive emergency urgency at PHP67.99 million; acute gastroenteritis, PHP39.86 million; urinary tract infection, PHP40.72 million; peptic ulcer disease without hemorrhage, PHP24.24 million; dengue fever, PHP33.06 million; anemia, PHP34.68 million; chronic kidney disease with PHP47.38 million; fluid and electrolyte disturbances, PHP24.65 million; newborn sepsis, PHP39.48 million; and asthma in acute exacerbation with PHP20.26 million.

For medical procedures, included in the top 10 claims were the expanded newborn package with PHP76.34 million; routine obstetric care including antepartum care, PHP101.6 million; chemotherapy administration, PHP93.28 million; animal bite, PHP34.2 million; intensity modulated treatment delivery, PHP55.94 million; routine obstetric care including prenatal, PHP63.47 million; outpatient with human immunodeficiency virus – acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV-AIDS), PHP61.2 million; caesarean section primary, PHP115.19 million; radiation treatment delivery, PHP10.59 million; and caesarean delivery, with PHP65.22 million.

Jalbuna said through the Konsulta package, they are looking at reducing in-patient care, especially for common medical conditions.

P1-Million Worth of Illegal Drug Seize from a High Value Individual

ILOILO City – The anti-illegal drug operation of Iloilo City Drug Enforcement Unit together with Iloilo City Police Station 4 seized approximately 150 grams of suspected ‘shabu’ valued at P1,020,000 on September 10, 2024 around

11:32 in the evening at Barangay San Pedro, Molo, Iloilo City.

The suspect was alias Boss, 28, tagged as a high value individual and a resident of barangay Pinantan, Ajuy, Iloilo.

A total of 27 plastic sachets containing suspected

‘shabu’ were recovered from the subject.

Police Regional Office 6 Director, Brigadier General Jack L Wanky, lauded the operatives for the successful operation.

“I urge you to maintain the intensity of our campaign and those who are identified

as involved, be subjected to law enforcement operation,” he added.

The suspect is now under police custody and will be charged with violation of the Republic Act 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002.###

172 beneficiaries redeem ‘Walang Gutom’ food stamps in Bacolod City

BACOLOD CITY – An initial 172 household beneficiaries of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Walang Gutom: Food Stamp Program in this city have started using their electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards to redeem food package amounting to PHP3,000 each.

An identified household, considered as most food-poor, received 25 kg. of rice, poultry products, and vegetables during the program launch on Monday.

As of Tuesday, the list of the DSWD showed that Bacolod City has a total of 689 household beneficiaries, which is part of the target 43,021 households in Negros Occidental.

Alma Gustilo, head of the city’s Department of Social Services and Development, said they continue validating



FOOD STAMPS. Some of the initial household beneficiaries of the Department of Social Welfare and Development Walang Gutom: Food Stamp Program in Bacolod City show their electronic benefit transfer cards during the program’s launch at the Government Center on Monday (Sept. 9, 2024). Each household beneficiary can avail of PHP3,000 monthly food credits for three years until 2027. (Photo courtesy of Bacolod City PIO)

additional households that can avail of the program.

Each household beneficiary can avail of PHP3,000 monthly food credits for three years until 2027.

The food credits are

allocated in three food groups, including PHP1,500 for carbohydrates (50 percent), PHP900 for protein (30 percent), and PHP 600 for fiber-rich food (20 percent).

The DSWD-Western

Visayas has accredited retailers in each local government unit (LGU) to supply food products to household beneficiaries, and their respective LGUs will organize the monthly redemption day.

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