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COUNTDOWN TO DINAGYANG '25

Iloilo City kicks off 100-day countdown to Dinagyang Festival 2025

By MARY JOY CAVANAS

THE Iloilo City Government in partnership with Iloilo Festivals Foundation Incorporated (IFFI) kicked off the 100-day countdown to the highly anticipated Dinagyang Festival 2025 at SM City Iloilo Activity Center in Mandurriao, Iloilo City on October 18.

With the theme, "BuhingaPagtuo sang mga Ilonggo", the said festival emphasizes the deep faith, rich culture, and vibrant community of the Ilonggos.

Additionally, a new logo featuring the Sto. Niño was also revealed which incorporates Ilonggo core values such as growth, devotion, wisdom, creativity, strength, and valor.

During the event, eight tribes were introduced to compete for the DinagyangAti Tribes Competition which will be an open category for both schools and barangays.

The eight competing tribes in the Dinagyang Festival 2025 are:

* Tribu Paghidaet - La Paz National High School

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AnPPO receives personnel carrier vehicle from LGU-Caluya

SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, ANTIQUE -- The Antique Police Provincial Office (AnPPO)

received a one-unit personnel carrier from Caluya's Local Government Unit. The official handover

ceremony took place last October 6, 2024, around 4:00 in the afternoon at the AnPPO Covered Court

attended by Mayor Regil Kent G. Lim, AnPPO Provincial Director PCol. Lea Rose B. Peña, local officials of Caluya, officers and men of Antique PPO, and other stakeholders.

The Nissan Urvan 2.5 Standard 18-seater worth Php1.9M will be utilized by the PNP personnel during regional conferences/trainings/seminars, red teaming operations, and other related activities in sustaining peace, order and public safety in the province of Antique.

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The Antique Police Provincial Office (AnPPO) officers led by PCol. Lea Rose B. Peña, AnPPO Provincial Director, with Caluya Mayor Rigil Kent G. Lim, and Ms. Genevive Lim-Reyes pose with the new personnel carrier vehicle worth Php1.9 M from LGU-Caluya in support to AnPPO's mobility and logistics build-up.

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Iloilo is Top 5 Most Business-Friendly LGU in PH

Iloilo Province has made it to the top 5 provinces in the final judging of the 2024 Most Business-Friendly Local Government Units (LGUs) Awards of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI).

Additionally, the province received a special citation, a first for the province, for its active support of infrastructure programs that drive sustainable urban development and create new growth centers, achieved through the strengthening of public-private sector partnerships (PPPs) and a commitment to fast-tracking progress in the Province.

Iloilo got the award during the 50th Philippine Business Conference and Expo (PBC&E) and the 2024 Most Business-Friendly Awards ceremony held at Marriott Grand Ballroom, Pasay City on October 22, 2024.

The award is a testament to the Iloilo provincial government's aggressive support for economic growth and development.

Governor Arthur Defensor Jr. received the citation, accompanied by Provincial Administrator Dr. Raul Baniyas, Local Economic Development and Investment Promotions Center (LEDIP) chief Aulynn

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Iloilo Governor Arthur Defensor Jr. received the citation, accompanied by Provincial Administrator Dr. Raul Baniyas, Local Economic Development and Investment Promotions Center (LEDIP) chief Aulynn Yue Sin, Provincial Treasurer Jean Maire Umadhay, Provincial Agriculturist Dr. Ildelfonso Toledo, and Public Employment Service Office officer-in-charge Dr. Cynthia Parcon. Also with the Iloilo team are PCCI executives - Atty. Jobert Peña Florida, Regional Governor and Engr. Fulbert Woo, President of the PCCI-Iloilo Chapter.

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City gov't distributes reading workbooks to Grade 3 learners

By MARY JOY CAVANAS

The Iloilo City Government, in collaboration with Synergeia and EDCOM, turned over 6,828 reading workbooks for Grade 3 learners on October 22 as a part of a Proof of Concept (POC) project aimed at improving reading literacy of students and the teaching strategies of teachers for reading.

During the turnover ceremony, some of the student recipients came from Iloilo Central Elementary School (ICES) and Jaro I Elementary School.

The city government allocated Php874,000 for the printing of 7,600 workbooks and an additional

Php400,000 for a ten-day training program for 150 Grade 3 teachers.

Acting City Mayor Jeffrey Ganzon emphasized the importance of these workbooks in fostering a love for reading, while Special Assistant to the City Mayor Ms. Maria Mathilde Treñas underscored how this initiative shall strengthen and improve the region's educational framework.

Plans for future Learning Action Cell (LAC) sessions, coaching, and mentoring were also highlighted.

The initiative was supported by Schools Division Superintendent Ms. Ma. Luz M. De Los Reyes and Synergeia Focal Person Mr. Edwin Nacionales.

Mt. Kanlaon strict protection zone pushed



Western Visayas' Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (RDRRMC) approved Resolution 7, recommending the declaration of a 4-km. permanent danger zone (PDZ) set by the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS) in Mt. Kanlaon as a strict protection zone (SPZ).

"Under the law, when this particular area will be categorized as a strict protection zone, meaning to say there will be no human activity except for research and Indigenous People cultural practices," Melissa Baniyas, chief of the operations section of the Office of Civil Defense, said during the RDRRMC full council special meeting in Iloilo City on Tuesday where they unanimously approved the resolution.

The resolution, addressed to the Protected Area Management Board of the

Mt. Kanlaon Natural Park (PAMB/MKNP), said that the PHIVOLCS Kanlaon Volcano Alerts Scheme states that even in normal conditions, perennial hazards may occur suddenly and without warning within the radius of the 4-km. PDZ.

The area is currently in the marine protection zone of the MKNP.

In an interview on Wednesday, RDRRMC chairperson Raul Fernandez said the PAMB has been waiting for the resolution to declare the SPZ.

With the approval of the resolution, Fernandez said, they are now discussing strategies that would involve the relocation of families

living within the PDZ.

Data from the MKNP PAMB showed that more or less 60 households are within the PDZ, based on the PAMB map, although the local government unit of La Castellana accounted for 15 families – 10 in Barangay Masulog and five in Barangay Biak na Bato.

Ten families, or 34 individuals, from La Castellana town are taking temporary shelter in two evacuation centers.

He said they could not just relocate them until a permanent relocation site is identified.

"What we will do is we will help La Castellana to temporarily house the affected families until such

time that we put in place the relocation area," Fernandez said.

During the meeting, Baniyas reported that the first demarcation flag indicating the 4-km. PDZ was installed in Barangay Biak na Bato in La Castellana, Negros Occidental on Oct. 8.

The eruption of Mt. Kanlaon volcano on June 3 caused PHP245.74 million in damage and losses as of Oct. 1, based on data from the Department of Agriculture.

The assistance provided by various government agencies, non-government organizations, and local government units reached PHP44.67 million. (PNA)

WV 2023 poverty incidence drops to 9.8%

By MARY JOY CAVANAS

The poverty incidence in Western Visayas dropped to 9.8% in 2023, down from 12.1% in 2021, based on data from the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)-6.

This represents around 119,000 families with incomes below the poverty threshold, compared to 140,000 families in 2021.

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Yue Sin, Provincial Treasurer Jean Maire Umadhay, Provincial Agriculturist Dr. Idefonso Toledo, and Public Employment Service Office officer-in-charge Dr. Cynthia Parcon.

Also with the Iloilo team are PCCI executives - Atty. Jobert Peñafiora, Regional

Governor and Engr. Fulbert Woo, President of the PCCI-Iloilo Chapter.

In IPG's entry, Governor Defensor emphasized that in Iloilo, "Agriculture is Business," highlighting the province's focus on agricultural development. (Capitol News)

COUNTDOWN . . . (from page 1)

- * Tribu Salognon - Jaro National High School
- * Tribu Parianon - Iloilo City National High School
- * Tribu Ilonganon - Jalandoni Memorial National High School
- * Tribu Pag-asa kang Manduryaw - Mandurriao National High School
- * Tribu Hangaway - Graciano Lopez Jaena Elementary School
- * Tribu Pan-ay - Fort San Pedro National High School
- * Tribu Molave - Brgy. San Rafael, Mandurriao

IFFI President Mr. Allan Ryan Tan has announced an increased subsidy for the competing tribes, amounting to Php1.8 million, up from last year's Php1.4 million.

The festival will feature a variety of events, including:

- * Pamukaw
- * Opening Salvo
- * Miss Iloilo Dinagyang
- * Señor Sto. Niño Fluvial Procession
- * Señor Sto. Niño Novena Mass
- * Religious Motorcade
- * Food Festival
- * Kasadyahan sa Kabanwahanan
- * Sponsors' Mardi Gras
- * Grand Religious Sadsad
- * Dinagyang ILOmination Street Dance and Floats Parade Competition
- * Dinagyang Tribes Competition
- * Feast Day of SeñorSto. Niño de Cebu Concelebrated High Mass

On the other hand, IFFI Festival Artistic Director Mr. Eric Divinagracia noted that the Dinagyang ILOmination will feature collaborations with various "lighted festivals" from across the country, while the Sadsad sa Calle Real is expected to encourage audience participation.

Meanwhile, the highlight of the Dinagyang Festival 2025 is scheduled for January 24-26, 2025.



Passi City Mayor Stephen A. Palmares alongside DILG-Passi LGOO Laura Lynn Cabarga and Engr. Angles Hope Palmares, Acting City Engineer received the award as Regional Finalist in the City Category of the Subaybayani Awards 2024 of the Department Interior and Local Government-Western Visayas last October 23, 2024, at Robinsons Pavia, in celebration of the 33rd Local Government Code Month.

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The undertaking also underscores the LGU-Caluya commitment to enhancing public safety and supporting the law enforcement efforts of AnPPO.

Mayor Regil Kent G. Lim remarked, "this donation is a vital step in our ongoing partnership with Antique PPO by providing our police force with the necessary equipment, we are investing

in the safety and security of our residents. I believe, that together we can create a safer environment for everyone in the Province of Antique."

In addition to this vehicle, the LGU has committed to ongoing support for the local police, including training programs and community outreach initiatives aimed at crime prevention and public safety awareness.

Peña expressed her appreciation for the donation, stating, "the new vehicle will significantly improve the AnPPO's mobility and logistical support, allowing officers to conduct their duties with greater efficiency. We are grateful for the LGU's support, which reflects a shared commitment to public safety."

City gov't turns over socialized housing units for low-salaried employees

By MARY JOY CAVANAS

The Iloilo City Government in partnership with SM Development Corporation (SMDC), CFC ANCO, and the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD) turned over the KaUSWAGAN Residences—the first vertical socialized housing units at Barangay San Isidro, Jaro Iloilo City on October 24.

The two four-storey buildings, worth Php248 million, provide 120 housing units to low salary grade City Hall employees (Salary Grade 8 and below) with a minimum of five years of service by December 31, 2021 wherein they don't have property or houses in Iloilo City.

Additionally, the said initiative serves as an accessible and affordable housing for Iloilo City Government employees, with the aim to reduce the 6.5 million housing backlog in the metropolis.

Through the collaborative efforts, SMDC also reaffirms its commitment in providing socialized housing and building a nation of homeowners in the city.



The newly-inaugurated KaUSWAGAN Residences for low salary grade City Hall employees located at Barangay San Isidro, Jaro Iloilo City on October 24.

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On the other hand, the Iloilo City Local Housing Office (ICLHO) is in-charge of facilitating the application process of qualified beneficiaries as defined by the Iloilo City Local Housing Board (ICLHB).

This initiative aims to address the housing shortage in Iloilo, offering affordable homeownership through partnerships with PAGIBIG.

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Meanwhile, SMDC is the residential arm of SM Prime Holdings Inc. (SMPHI) which is one of Southeast Asia's largest integrated property developers.

The said event was spearheaded by SMDC key officials, Iloilo City Government officials headed by Acting Mayor Jeffrey Ganson, and department heads.

SSS intensifies campaign vs. delinquent employers in Iloilo

ILOILO CITY – The Social Security System (SSS) served notices to seven establishments in Iloilo to comply with the contributions of their employees as part of the Run After Contribution Evaders (RACE) activity on Tuesday.

In an interview on Wednesday, Amiel Genova, senior communications analyst at SSS Visayas West 2 Division, said the pre-selected establishments were reminded of their obligation under the Social Security Act of 2018, where employers should be compliant in paying the contribution of their workers.

The total delinquency of the establishments engaged in spa, food, laundry, and clinic businesses totaled over PHP489.6 million.

“We gave them notice to coordinate with our office within 15 days to possibly rectify their records,” he said.

He added SSS offers an installment program where employers can pay on a staggered basis or avail of the condonation program, where penalties are waived if establishments are qualified.

“This is one of the last resorts before the filing of cases,” he said.



Grade 3 learners from Iloilo Central Elementary School (ICES) and Jaro I Elementary School receive reading workbooks from the Iloilo City Government in collaboration with Synergiea and EDCOM.

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The region's poverty incidence among families was also lower than the national average of 10.9 percent.

Several provinces experienced a significant decrease in poverty incidence, including Aklan (3.1%), Antique (13.8%), and Guimaras (3.8%). Iloilo City's rate dropped to 2.3%, while Iloilo Province's fell to 12.7 percent.

However, some areas like Capiz (9.8%), Negros

Occidental (25.7%), and Bacolod City (6.2%) saw increases in poverty incidence.

In addition, the PSA-6 also reported that the region's poverty incidence among the population was 13.7%, equivalent to 664,000 individuals and lower from 820,000 in 2021.

On the other hand, PSA-6 OIC Regional Director Ms. Nelida Amolar stated that the poverty threshold or the minimum income needed

to meet basic food and non-food needs, was set at an average of P13,801 per month for a family of five.

Aklan had the lowest poverty threshold at P12,558, while Negros Occidental had the highest at P14,892. Some provinces such as Antique has poverty threshold reached at P13,710; Capiz at P13,850; Guimaras at P12,853, and Iloilo at P13,933.

Meanwhile, National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)-6 Regional Director Arcio Casing, Jr. credited the boost in Aklan's tourism, particularly in Boracay, for contributing to the reduction in poverty in the province and other provinces were also encouraged to explore similar economic opportunities.

P2.34-M aid released to 'Kristine'-affected families in W. Visayas

ILOILO CITY – The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) reported on Thursday that relief goods provided to families affected by Severe Tropical Storm Kristine (international name: Trami) in Western Visayas reached PHP2.34 million.

The assistance consisted of PHP1.16 million worth of goods from the DSWD and the rest came from local government units as of noon today, mostly in family food packs, and the majority were for Iloilo, Capiz, and Negros Occidental provinces.

“We recognize the fast action of our staff, as well as those from the LGUs. We see the prepositioning of food packs to be very helpful because it makes



ASSISTANCE. The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) provides relief goods to families affected by Severe Tropical Storm Kristine (international name: Trami) in Batad, Iloilo. The DSWD said Thursday (Oct. 24, 2024) that around PHP2.34 million in goods have been released to affected families in Western Visayas. (Photo courtesy of DSWD 6)

the withdrawal of goods faster and easier. Goods are strategically located already in different sites in the region,” officer-in-charge Regional Director Arwin Razo said in a statement.

The office still has PHP147.2 million worth of standby funds and stockpiles to respond to the situation.

Meanwhile, the Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council situation report released at 12:01 a.m. Thursday showed that the weather disturbance

has affected 4,602 families or 20,403 individuals from 83 barangays in Western Visayas.

Of the affected families, 283 are being sheltered in 25 evacuation centers, while 137 others are outside evacuation centers.

The report also said 45 houses were damaged, six were destroyed, and 39 were partially damaged.

Further, 371 passengers are stranded in various ports in the region, together with 221 rolling cargoes, 11

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'Kristine' strong winds force evacuation of 244 families in Antique

SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, Antique – A total of 244 families or 759 individuals in Antique evacuated to safer places due to strong winds brought by Severe Tropical Storm Kristine (international name: Trami), the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRMO) reported.

The families are from the towns of Anini-y, Tibiao, Libertad, San Jose de Buenavista, Tobias Fornier, Barbaza, San Remigio, and Bugasong, said Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer III Michael Tolentino in an interview on Thursday.

"Of the 244 families evacuated in the eight towns of the province, 193 families are inside the evacuation centers being taken care of by their respective local government units," Tolentino said.

The 51 other families opted to stay with their relatives until the weather improved.

He added that fishing and passenger vessels are also advised not to venture out to the sea due

to strong to gale-force winds affecting the Visayas seaboard, including Antique.

The Philippine Coast Guard also issued a travel advisory canceling trips from the Lipata port going to Mararison, Culasi, Libertad, and Caluya towns.

On the other hand, the Department of Public Works and Highways Antique Engineering District advised commuters to take the coastal road in Anini-y town instead of the Hamtic road going to Iloilo.

DPWH Information Officer Primrose Zamora said in an interview that while there is no road depression in Sitio Maalan, Barangay Caromangay in Hamtic, commuters are advised to take the coastal road in Anini-y for their safety.

"The road section from Antique to Iloilo, particularly in Sitio Maalan, Barangay Caromangay, Hamtic, frequently experiences road depression. That is why we are advising the commuters to take the alternative road in Anini-y," Zamora said.

Road-clearing operations are also underway with the help



ROAD CLEARING. Barangay officials of Cubay Sermon in Sibalom, Antique, assist in road clearing operations to help ensure the safety of motorists on Thursday (Oct. 24, 2024). Antique Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer III Michael Tolentino said in an interview that 244 families have evacuated due to the strong winds associated with Severe Tropical Storm Kristine (Trami). (Photo courtesy of Nutriskwela Radyo Kaabayan)

of the Bureau of Fire Protection and barangay officials, particularly along Barangay Cubay Sermon in Sibalom, to help ensure the safety of motorists.

Antique remains under Tropical Cyclone Wind Signal No. 1. (PNA)

Two High Value Suspects Nabs in Anti-Illegal Drug Op in Iloilo City

ILOILO City – The Iloilo City Police Office (ICPO), Drug Enforcement Unit and ICPO Station 9 anti-illegal drugs operation

yielded approximately 150 grams of suspected 'shabu' worth PHP1,020,000 at Barangay Desamparados, Jaro, Iloilo City on October

23, 2024 at 4:54 in the afternoon.

The suspects were alias Boss/Boyot, 57 and alias Madam/Sipa, 30, both tagged as high value individuals and resident of the aforesaid barangay.

Recoveries during the operation were seven plastic sachets and four knot tied plastic sachets containing suspected 'shabu'.

Police Regional Office 6 Director, Brigadier General Jack L Wanky, lauded the operatives of ICPO, Drug Enforcement Unit and Iloilo Police Station 9 for the relentless operations against illegal drugs.

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

2024 National Arts and Crafts Fair Kicks Off, Celebrating Filipino Ingenuity and Cultural Heritage

The much-anticipated 2024 National Arts and Crafts Fair (NACF) officially opened its doors on October 23, 2024 at the Megatrade Halls 1-3, 5th Level, Mega B, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City. Now in its seventh edition, the NACF continues to serve as a premier platform for promoting the Filipino creative industry, showcasing the traditional arts, crafts, fashion, and cultural heritage from across the country.

Conceptualized and supported by Senator Loren Legarda since its launch in 2016, the NACF has become an annual celebration of Filipino ingenuity, bringing together local artisans, indigenous communities, and micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to showcase their work to a wider consumer market.

In her welcome remarks for this year's NACF, Legarda expressed her enthusiasm for the event and highlighted the significance of the fair in preserving cultural traditions:

"The NACF has served as a powerful platform to mainstream our indigenous arts, crafts, fashion, and cultural heritage into broader markets, allowing local artisans, MSMEs, and our Indigenous communities to gain visibility, access new markets, and sustain their livelihoods," said Legarda.

"In a world where modern technology often overshadows the traditional, their work proves that nothing can match the beauty of crafts made by hand, with heart and soul poured into every product.

They do not just do their crafts for livelihood; they do it to keep the tradition alive, to pass on a piece of their culture, and to safeguard the richness of our heritage for future generations," she added.

The 2024 NACF will feature various exhibits from different regions, showcasing handmade crafts, delicately woven fabrics, traditional products, and more. Visitors will have the opportunity to appreciate and purchase authentic, hand-made local products and to engage directly with Indigenous communities and local artisans, learning more about the stories and traditions behind their creations.

The four-term Senator also conveyed a heartfelt message to the artisans, MSMEs, and Indigenous communities she has long championed and supported. "To all the artisans, MSMEs, and Indigenous communities. Your work is our heritage. It is who we are as Filipinos. As a steadfast advocate of culture and the arts, I commit that I will continue to honor and preserve the excellence of the Filipino people," Legarda concluded.

The NACF, a five-day fair from October 23 to 27, 2024, at the Megatrade Halls 1-3, 5th Level, Mega B, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City is organized by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), in coordination with the Department's Regional and Provincial Offices, the Design Center of the Philippines (DCP), the National Commission

for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), and supported by the Office of Senator Loren Legarda. (30)

2024 National Arts and Crafts Fair tampok ang mga produktong Pilipino, nagbukas na

Opisyal nang nagbukas noong Oktubre 23, 2024, sa Megatrade Halls 1-3, 5th Level, Mega B, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City ang pinakahihintay na 2024 National Arts and Crafts (NACF), na patuloy na nagiging plataportma sa pagpapaunlad ng creative industry ng Pilipinas, maging ng sining, fashion, at pamanang kultural ng bansa.

Si Senador Loren Legarda ang nakaisip at sumusuporta sa NACF mula noong unang edisyon nito noong 2016.

Naging taunang selebrasyon ito ng pagkamalikhain ng mga Pilipino, at nagbuklod sa mga lokal na artisano, katutubo, at micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSME) upang maipakita ang kanilang mga produkto sa mas malawak na merkado.

Sa kanyang talumpati sa pagbukas ng NACF ngayong taon, binigyang diini ni Legarda ang kahalagahan ng fair sa pagpreserba sa tradisyong lokal.

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vessels, and four motor bancas due to the cancellation of sea trips.

Also, the Department of Education Western Visayas reported that as of 9 a.m. Thursday, 4,000 public schools with 1.7 million learners shifted to alternative delivery mode due to the cancellation of classes by LGUs.

Iloilo, Aklan, Capiz, Antique including Caluya Islands, are still under Tropical Cyclone Wind Signal No. 1 as of the 2 p.m. advisory of the weather bureau. (PNA)



Slow food education center eyed in Bacolod City

BACOLOD CITY – Slow Food International, a global movement committed to ensuring good, clean, and fair food for all, is exploring the possibility of establishing an education center in this city, which is being positioned as the hub for slow food in Asia and the Pacific.

As of Thursday, the delegation from Italy led by director general Paolo di Croce started conducting research, holding focus group discussions, and engaging with stakeholders, including farmers, processors, distributors, and chefs, as part of the feasibility study for the project that will run until January next year.

“I see great potential here because Bacolod

has a rich culture and an incredible food tradition. This aligns perfectly with what we’ve been doing globally, emphasizing the importance of food because food is life,” di Croce said in a statement released by the City Tourism Office.

He added the project, which aims to raise awareness on sustainable food systems and enhance local food education, could also “improve the local economy, support livelihoods, and serve as a powerful tool to attract more people.”

Being proposed is the creation of an outdoor space dedicated to agro-ecological education, which will feature an educational garden and a community kitchen designed for workshops and

seminars.

The visit of the Slow Food International team to Bacolod came after Mayor Alfredo Abelardo Benitez signed a memorandum of agreement with di Croce during the Terra Madre

Salone del Gusto held in Turin, Italy, late September.

The collaboration includes the selection of Bacolod as host of the maiden edition of the Terra Madre Asia-Pacific in November 2025 as well as promotion

of food education, building networks, hosting of events and establishment of a Slow Food International office in this city.

Earlier this week, the office of Slow Food International for Asia and

the Pacific officially opened at May’s Garden in Barangay Pahanocoy.

The facility is owned by the family of Negrense Ramon Uy Jr., councilor of Slow Food International for Southeast Asia. (PNA)



PARTNERSHIP. The delegation of the Italy-based Slow Food International led by its director general Paolo di Croce (left) meet with Slow Food key stakeholders in Southeast Asia, Philippines and Negros Occidental and city officials at the Bacolod City Government Center on Wednesday (Oct. 23, 2024). Slow Food International is exploring the possibility of establishing an education center in Bacolod, which is being positioned as the hub for slow food in Asia and the Pacific. (Photo courtesy of Bacolod City Tourism Office)

Bacolod 'catalyst for progress' as most business-friendly prov'l HUC

BACOLOD CITY – Mayor Alfredo Abelardo Benitez hailed this city’s award as the Most Business-Friendly Local Government Unit (LGU) from the Philippine Chamber of Commerce

and Industry (PCCI) as a “victory for all Bacolodnons.”

Bacolod bested four other finalists – Iloilo, Baguio, Cagayan de Oro, and Mandaue – to clinch the title in the Provincial

Highly-Urbanized Cities (HUCs) category during the awarding rite held as part of the PCCI’s 50th Business Conference and Expo at the Marriott Grand Ballroom in Pasay City on Wednesday afternoon.

“This is a victory for all Bacolodnons as we continue to drive growth, innovation, and opportunities in our city,” Benitez said in a statement on Thursday.

It is Bacolod’s third Most Business-Friendly LGU Award after winning the same top honors in 2021 and 2007.

As the 2024 City Level 1B winner, the PCCI recognized Bacolod “for its exceptional commitment to fostering a vibrant and business-friendly environment that stimulates growth and innovation.”

“This award honors the City Government of Bacolod for its exemplary policies, initiatives, and services that empower local entrepreneurs, attract investments, and promote sustainable economic development, establishing it as a benchmark for effective governance and

catalyst for progress in the community,” it added.

Benitez, who received the award on behalf of the city, said he is “honored to receive the recognition, which reflects the commitment of Bacolod to creating an environment where businesses can thrive.”

“This achievement reflects our hard work in creating a city that welcomes business and fosters growth,” he added.

Frances Mae Llamas, head of the Department of Local Economic Development and Investment Promotions, said the recognition affirmed the city’s initiatives to nurture the business environment and fortify its partnership with the business sector to empower businesses and enrich lives.

She thanked the local business community, including the Metro Bacolod Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Bacolod Entrepreneurs United, for bringing more economic and employment opportunities to Bacolod. (PNA)

‘Kristine’ affects 469 families in Cordillera

BAGUIO CITY – The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) - Cordillera said about 469 families, or 1,568 individuals, in the region have been affected by Severe Tropical Storm Kristine (international name: Trami).

In its situational update No. 4 issued at 6 a.m. Thursday and submitted to the Cordillera Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (CDRRMC), the DSWD said of the total, 352 families have evacuated, with 225 families taking temporary shelter in 21 evacuation centers across the region, and 127 families opting to shelter with friends and relatives.

It also reported damage to 31 houses.

“DSWD is augmenting the resources of the local government units to ensure that there will be no scarcity of food and other necessities of families, especially those in evacuation centers,” DSWD-Cordillera Director Maria Aplatén Catbagan said in an interview Thursday.

She said a total of PHP26.7 million worth of humanitarian assistance has been provided.

Catbagan assured the public that the regional DSWD office has available 67,008 family food packs and 25,361 non-food items, as well as PHP2.9 million in standby fund.

“We have an ongoing validation of the reported displaced persons and validation of the reported forced evacuation in Mountain Province,” she said.

She said DSWD is providing augmentation to local government units, citing that “we practice community-driven response.”

Meanwhile, Benguet Governor Melchor Diclas, in a post on his official social media page, said Sitio Camp 2 in Barangay Twin Peaks, Tuba is closed to all types of vehicles due to a road slip.

“All other national roads and bridges within Benguet First District Engineering Office’s area are passable to traffic,” the post added.

Diclas also said light rain showers are being experienced in Benguet. (PNA)



MOST BUSINESS-FRIENDLY. Bacolod City Mayor Alfredo Abelardo Benitez and Frances Mae Llamas, head of the Department of Local Economic Development and Investment Promotions, show the city’s Most Business-Friendly Local Government Unit Award in the Provincial Highly-Urbanized Cities Category. The awarding rite was held during the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry 50th Business Conference and Expo at the Marriott Grand Ballroom in Pasay City on Wednesday afternoon (Oct. 23, 2024). (Photo courtesy of Bacolod City Department of Local Economic Development and Investment Promotions)

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livelihoods,” aniya.

“In a world where modern technology often overshadows the traditional, their work proves that nothing can match the beauty of crafts made by hand, with heart and soul poured into every product. They do not just do their

crafts for livelihood; they do it to keep the tradition alive, to pass on a piece of their culture, and to safeguard the richness of our heritage for future generations,” dagdag ni Legarda.

Nagpahayag din ang senadora ng suporta sa

mga manlilikha, MSME, at katutubong Pilipino.

“To all the artisans, MSMEs, and Indigenous communities. Your work is our heritage. It is who we are as Filipinos. As a steadfast advocate of culture and the arts, I commit that I will

continue to honor and preserve the excellence of the Filipino people,” pagwawakas ni Legarda.

Dahil sa NACF, nagkakaroon ng pagkakataon ang mga mamimili na makabili ng mga produktong tunay na gawang kamay

ng mga katutubo, at ng nagkakaroon ng kaalaman tungkol sa iba’t ibang kultura at mga tradisyon.

Ang NACF, na gaganapin mula Oktubre 23-27, ay inorganisa ng Department of Trade and Industry, sa

pakikipagtulungan sa Regional and Provincial Offices ng kagawaran, ng Design Center of the Philippines (DCP), ng National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), at suportado ng tanggapan ni Senador Loren Legarda.



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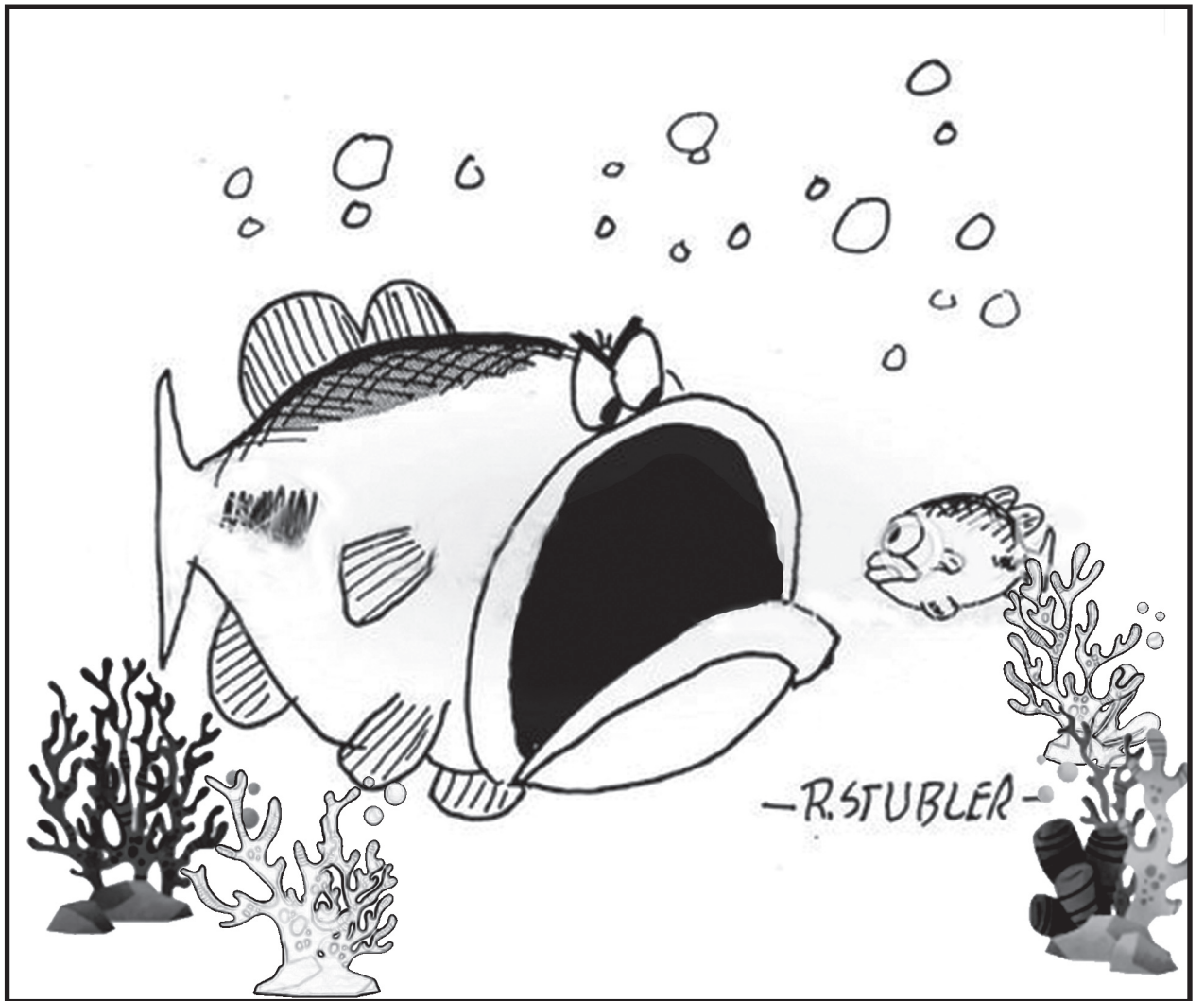
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Mouthing off

Editorial

It's a free country, of course, and most people can say what they think or feel, in the manner they deem most appropriate.

But when you are the second most powerful person in the land, you are expected to at least be circumspect about what you say and how you say it.

Given numerous opportunities to answer valid and commonsensical questions regarding her use – or misuse – of public funds, the Vice President has opted to either turn the hearings into opportunities to cry persecution, or to skip them altogether.

Asked about a so-called children's book that featured her as author and that was supposed to be distributed to children across the country, she said she was politically played.

On one occasion, she refused to take an oath saying oaths were for witnesses when she was a mere resource person.

But on Friday the Vice President has some choice words for her political opponent with whom she once felt united. She exposed the partnership for what many people had known all along: a temporary union for political expediency.

"It's not my fault that we are on this road to hell," said the Vice President in a press conference which she had called. "The one in charge does not know how to be President."

But this is lame compared to her confessions of daydreaming about cutting off the President's head.

She also threatened to dig up the body of her foes' father – it was her own father who had allowed the burial of the elder Marcos at the Libingan ng mga Bayani – and toss it into the sea.

Friday's show was reminiscent of the aimless press conferences and the incredible rants of the Vice President's father in recent

years. This same father is now embroiled in a crisis of his own doing in reference to his bloody war against illegal drugs. But he is still talking tough.

As his daughter is, even as this is a distinct crisis she has carved for herself.

Some people continue to make excuses for the foul-mouthed, saying they were probably overcome with emotion, or were joking, or were exaggerating to prove a point. But more know better now – that foul words, rude acts, and uncouth behavior are not adorable quirks. They are an indication of something rotten somewhere inside.

It is only reasonable to demand that the Vice President answer questions, which have been asked repeatedly in a civil manner. These are questions that an ordinary taxpayer would want to know. People deserve plain, direct answers without fanfare. Anything else is histrionics. (manilastandard.net)

Better healthcare for elderly Filipinos

A few weeks ago, I read on the news that state health insurer PhilHealth was studying the viability of covering assistive devices such as wheelchairs, canes, crutches, and walkers by next year -- a benefits package that if implemented, would help many Filipinos, including a great number of senior citizens.

After all, estimates of the National Commission of Senior Citizens show that the Philippines will have a "significant aging population" by 2030 with the Filipino elderly expected to comprise about 8.5 percent of the household population. As of 2020, senior citizens numbered over 9 million.

These numbers only highlight the need for the government to expand and improve public health programs and support for the elderly, given the expected jump in their numbers over the next half a decade and the fact that many Filipinos aged 60 and above are already retired and dependent on their pension payouts.

While the current array of healthcare benefits for senior citizens is a welcome development, such as the 20 percent discount on health services and the exemption of several medicines from value-added tax (VAT), the reality is these are not enough to support the advanced medical needs of the elderly, many of whom require regular medical attention in their golden years.

Current financial support programs such as social security benefits and the pension for indigent senior

citizens are greatly insufficient to cover the healthcare services needed by the elderly.

And with rising medical costs, it's a sad reality that many Filipino families are just one hospital bill away from poverty.

Responding to the healthcare needs of elderly Filipinos require a multifaceted approach that fills in gaps in the public health system and infrastructure, as well as financial support.

Primarily, the government must allocate sufficient funds to improve the facilities and services in public hospitals since these are the most accessible ones, especially to indigent Filipinos. Doing so would improve the quality of medical care provided not only to senior citizens but to the entire community as well.

In the context of rising medical costs, senior citizens should be provided with more comprehensive medical benefits. Top of mind is expanding the tax exemption on medicine purchases of senior citizens to cover the various medical conditions faced by the elderly.

Currently, only select medicines are covered by the VAT exemption, such as those for high cholesterol, diabetes, cancer and hypertension.

Moreover, it would also be ideal for the government to mandate all hospitals to have a dedicated unit for attending to inquiries, billing, payment processing, and other administrative concerns of senior citizens.

This would ensure that their concerns are properly addressed without disrupting normal hospital

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BY JOE ZALDARRIAGA

operations.

Beyond expanding the healthcare benefits of senior citizens, the government must also address accessibility barriers confronted by many elderly Filipinos, particularly those living in rural and remote areas.

Often, limited health services and lack of awareness among the elderly are prevalent in rural areas, gaps that highlight the need for a more robust system to respond to this demographic's needs.

Local government units (LGUs) should take the lead on this through an aggressive and widespread information campaign on the available programs and benefits for elderly Filipinos to ensure that senior citizens have access to their much-deserved health benefits.

Across the country, LGUs should also invest in programs that promote healthy aging among Filipinos. These include exercise programs to encourage an active lifestyle, which can help reduce the risks of chronic diseases.

By expanding and improving health benefits for senior citizens, our country not only honors their contributions to society but also strengthens our public health infrastructure for the benefit of future generations of Filipinos who will be senior citizens as well.

Honoring IPs and their aspirations for self-determination

Every October, the Philippines celebrates Indigenous Peoples Month to honor the unique cultures, wisdom, and contributions of the country's Indigenous Peoples (IPs). The theme for this year's celebration, "Valuing, Nurturing, and Honoring Indigenous Peoples and Indigenous Knowledge," highlights the need to recognize, care for, and respect indigenous communities and their age-old wisdom. This knowledge, rooted in sustainable living and harmony with nature, is especially relevant today as the world faces environmental challenges such as climate change.

NCIP chairperson Jennifer Pia-Sibug-Las highlighted that this year's celebration offers a chance for the entire country to come together to honor the cultures, knowledge, and rights of IPs. The celebration aims to increase awareness, foster appreciation, and foster solidarity with IP communities, making their voices heard and their contributions acknowledged both locally and nationally.

The celebration not only honors the indigenous peoples' cultural heritage but also marks a major legal achievement—the passage of the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act (IPRA) on Oct. 29, 1997. This law was a major step forward in protecting the rights and lands of indigenous peoples in the Philippines.

The IPRA is a crucial law that recognizes the rights of indigenous peoples to self-determination, cultural integrity, and ownership of their ancestral lands. A key part of this is the issuance of Certificates of Ancestral Domain Title (CADT) or Certificates of Ancestral Land Title (CALT). These titles officially recognize indigenous peoples' rights to their ancestral lands, allowing them to control and manage these areas.

However, obtaining these titles is often a difficult process, with indigenous communities facing many obstacles, such as lengthy documentation and resistance from groups with vested interests in their lands. Civil society organizations have

played an important role in helping indigenous peoples navigate these challenges and claim their rightful ownership.

Another key provision of IPRA is the Indigenous Peoples Mandatory Representation (IPMR) in local legislative councils. This ensures that indigenous peoples have a voice in local government, where they can advocate for their rights and interests. IPs themselves select their representatives, who serve as champions for their communities, helping address their needs and concerns at both local and national levels.

According to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), IPs in the Philippines make up an estimated 14 to 17 million of the population, representing 110 ethnolinguistic groups. The Cordilleras in Northern Luzon, the Aetas in Central Luzon, and the Lumads in Mindanao are the primary locations for them. Discussions about national development often exclude indigenous peoples, despite their rich cultural diversity.

IPs Month seeks to raise awareness about their contributions and struggles while fostering solidarity with their communities. The celebration highlights their vital role as stewards of the land. For centuries, indigenous peoples have lived in harmony with nature, using sustainable farming, forestry, and water management practices. Their deep understanding of the environment has preserved biodiversity and protected ecosystems in their ancestral domains. This knowledge is especially valuable in addressing today's environmental crises, offering solutions rooted in sustainable living.

IPRA also created the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), a government agency responsible for ensuring the protection of indigenous peoples' rights. The NCIP plays a critical role in processing ancestral land claims, providing legal and technical support to indigenous communities, and resolving disputes related to land ownership. Additionally, the NCIP

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advocates for policies that address the unique challenges faced by indigenous peoples, such as access to education, healthcare, and economic opportunities.

However, the NCIP has faced challenges in fully implementing its mandate, making Indigenous Peoples Month an important time to evaluate its work and push for reforms that strengthen the protection of indigenous peoples' rights.

Despite legal protections, many indigenous communities continue to face challenges, particularly when it comes to defending their land from encroachment by large-scale industries such as mining and logging. These operations often violate indigenous peoples' rights by failing to obtain their Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC) as required by law.

Indigenous communities are also fighting for greater autonomy, seeking to preserve their cultural practices and self-governance systems. Their struggle is not just about land but also about maintaining their way of life and ensuring that they can decide their future. The Cordillera Autonomy Movement, for example, campaigns for greater autonomy for the Cordilleras by legislating the creation of the Cordillera Autonomous Region.

Indeed, IPs Month is a reminder of the importance of recognizing and protecting the rights, culture, and land of indigenous peoples in our country. By valuing, nurturing, and honoring their knowledge, we celebrate their contributions to the country's cultural diversity and environmental sustainability. The Philippines has taken steps through IPRA, the NCIP, and mechanisms like CADT, CALT, and IPMR to ensure the flourishing of indigenous communities and the recognition of their voices. However, achieving the vision of self-determination and autonomy for these communities still requires significant work.

Typhoons and rescuers

Today, Tropical Storm Kristine is battering several parts of Luzon. It is the 11th (of a projected 20) tropical cyclone to hit our country this year. Our newsfeeds are full of scenes of flooded and devastated areas. There is even news and scenes of lahar flow in Albay triggered by the storm's heavy rains. The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) has estimated that around 300,000 individuals have been affected by the storm.

It is said disasters sometimes bring out the worst in some people. More often than not, however, I believe it can bring out what is good about our people. During disasters, we see individuals and groups organizing relief efforts even during the storms. We have people donating and packing all kinds of relief goods such as food, water, clothes and other essential

stuff for victims. The Filipino concept of "bayanihan" is often in full swing during typhoons.

During these times, I always remember the thousands of men and women of the local governments' disaster response, emergency and rescue teams who are always at the forefront of government efforts during typhoons. Equipped only with flashlights and ropes, many of them would brave raging rivers or flooded areas with strong currents to rescue individuals in danger. They would leave their families during these storms to help strangers. Battling cold and often hunger, these volunteers would spend long hours doing search and rescue operations.

Two years ago, five rescue workers died in a town in Bulacan at the height of Typhoon Karding while doing their duties. These five rescuers were scrambling to

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save people trapped in floodwaters when their boat was hit by a collapsed wall. The impact caused their boat to "overturn and toss them into rampaging floodwaters". For many, these five individuals epitomized the dedication of every disaster team in every local government unit who risk life and limb every time they go on a rescue mission.

As a former city official, I had worked with many such members of our city's rescue team. I can personally attest to their bravery and selflessness. Some of them are still there. To these members of the various disaster response and rescue teams, we offer our prayers. We salute you.

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **FRANCISCA GUAY JAGUNAP** consisting of bank deposits at **PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK (PNB) Iloilo Iznart Branch** under **Account No. 013104-60000-22111** and **Bangko Santa Barbara / Rural Bank of Santa Barbara (Iloilo), Inc.** under **Account No. 4535-001-04-000644-9** are adjudicated unto sole heir **APOLONIA GUAY JAGUNAP**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. NOLI REY L. PAMONAG** per Doc. No. 55, Page No. 12, Book No. 01, Series of 2024.

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses HENRIETTA O. AGUILAR and ALFREDO T. AGUILAR** known as a parcel of land **Lot 2515** of the cadastral survey of Sibalom, with the improvements thereon, situated in the (Ilabas) Bari, Municipality of Sibalom, Province of Antique covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 088-2018000487** with an area of **TWENTY THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE (20,623) square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **Cherie Mae Aguilar, Leo Christian Aguilar, Alvin Aguilar, Arlene Muycyo, Henry Aguilar, Sharon Aguilar, Frances Aguilar-Peraren, Gerlie Aguilar-Vaflor, Rainier Aguilar, Claire Aguilar-Infante, Frehyn Aguilar-Manlosa, and Warren Aguilar**, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Emmanuel Lacson Palma, Jr.** per Doc. No. 28, Page No. 6, Book No. XVI, Series of 2024.

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **PETER PAUL G. MONTELIBANO** consisting of a real property **CONDOMINIUM UNIT** specifically described as **TOWER B 6TH FLOOR UNIT F, ONE PACIFIC RESIDENCE**, located in Brgy. Mactan, Lapu-Lapu City, Province of Cebu with a floor area of **FIFTY SIX AND 60/100 (56.60) SQUARE METERS** covered by **Condominium Certificate of Title No. 110-2022003636** is adjudicated to heirs **MARIA LOURDES A. MONTELIBANO (widow), KATRINA MARIE MONTELIBANO-NG, and PATRICIA MARIE A. MONTELIBANO**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. NOEL S. SALA** per Doc. No. 204, Page No. 42, Book No. I, Series of 2024.

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AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS

Notice is hereby given that **CARLOS JOSE VIRGILIO A. JALANDONI, III** of legal age, married, Filipino, and a resident of 120 Compania Street, Brgy. San Antonio, Molo, Iloilo City had filed an Affidavit of Loss pertaining to **One (1) Share of Stock per Certificate No. 2569** issued on **March 12, 2004** by **Iloilo Golf & Country Club, Inc.** Entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Ronald Y. Lao** per Doc. No. 359, Page No. 73, Book No. XXI, Series of 2024.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **FIDELINA QUEZON** consisting of a parcel of land known as **Lot No. 808, Pls-723-D** situated at Salvacion (now Tastasan), Buenavista, Guimaras covered by **ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. F-3324** with an area of **THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND SIXTY FOUR (3,664) SQUARE METERS, more or less** is adjudicated to sole heir **CARL G. DAMASO**. That, **CARL G. DAMASO** hereby **CEDE, SELL, and CONVEY** by way of **Absolute Sale** the above-said parcel of land in favor of **CRESENCIANO Q. GONZALES, JR.** as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Robert James Castro Ferrer** per Doc. No. 262, Page No. 54, Book No. I, Series of 2024.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **DELIA P. PASQUIN** consisting of a parcel of land known as **Lot 10114-A-7, PSD-06-044630**, being a portion of Lot 10114-A, Psd-25723, situated at Brgy. Balud Lilo-an, Zarraga, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. (CT-9,092) CARP 2022000688** with an area of **NINETEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE (19,295) SQUARE METERS, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **ROMEO PASQUIN, JR. and FELINO S. LEGASPI**. That, **ROMEO PASQUIN, JR.** hereby waive all his rights and claims on the above-said property in favor of his co-heir **FELINO S. LEGASPI**. Entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. CLAUDIO M. SIGAYA, JR.** per Doc. No. 127, Page No. 26, Book No. XVI, Series of 2024.

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses EUSEBIO B. SUYAO and ANGELES LIBO-ON SUYAO** consisting of a parcel of land known as **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. EP-7960** situated in Brgy. Badiangan, Mina, Iloilo with an area of **TWENTY THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY ONE (23,651) square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **LEONIDAS LIBO-ON SUYAO, HELEN SUYAO-BOLIVAR and WELMER LIBO-ON SUYAO** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. JON CLIFF A. GRABATO** per Doc. No. 124, Page No. 26, Book No. II, Series of 2024.

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AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS

Notice is hereby given that **ANATOLE DAN R. VIRAY**, of legal age, Filipino, and a resident of Javellana Street, Jaro, Iloilo City had filed an **Affidavit of Loss** pertaining to **two (2) shares of stock per Stock Certificate No. 832** issued on **April 23, 1992** and **Stock Certificate No. 1842** issued on **January 2, 1997** issued by **Iloilo Golf & Country Club, Inc.** in the name of **ANATALIO VIRAY**. That recently he discovered the above-enumerated stock certificates are missing from his personal files and the same can no longer be found despite diligent search and effort to locate it hence are considered **LOST** for all legal purposes and intent. Entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Beatriz F. Tobongbanua** per Doc. No. 200, Page No. 41, Book No. I, Series of 2023.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION BY SOLE HEIR

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses JOSE P. CEBALLOS and CONCEPCION M. CEBALLOS** known as a parcel of land, **Lot 6765** of the Cadastral Survey of Pototan, with the improvements thereon, situated in Pototan, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-2698** with an area of **FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND EIGHTY THREE (4,483) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS** is adjudicated to sole heir **CICERON M. CEBALLOS** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. GEORGE H. GREGORI** per Doc. No. 101, Page No. 22, Book No. XXXII, Series of 2024.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses TEODORICO SILVEO and ESPERANZA SENDINO** known as a parcel of land, **Lot No. 9418** of the Cadastral Survey of Sta. Barbara, with the improvements thereon, situated in Brgy. Inagdangan Norte, Santa Barbara, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-54599** with an area of **Three Thousand Two Hundred Seventy (3,270) square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **Norlily Q. Silveo, Marissa Fortaleza Estampador, Ofelia O. Silveo, Milagros S. Silveo, Jose Dolse Ray S. Siatan, Janice S. Siatan, and Jacinto S. Siatan, Jr.** That, the heirs hereby **waive, renounce, relinquish, and quitclaim** all their rights and interests over the said lot in favor of their co-heir **Norlily Q. Silveo**, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. George H. Gregori** per Doc. No. 102, Page No. 22, Book No. XXVIII, Series of 2023.

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AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS

Notice is hereby given that **PETER GARRUCHO**, of legal age, Filipino, and a resident of Unit 15C, Rizal Tower, Rockwell Center, Poblacion, Makati City had filed an Affidavit of Loss pertaining to **One (1) Share of Stock per Certificate No. 1617** issued on **January 2, 1997** by **Iloilo Golf & Country Club, Inc.** Entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Igmedio S. Prado, Jr.** per Doc. No. 383, Page No. 78, Book No. CXLIX, Series of 2024.

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DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **TEOPISTO D. DEDASE** known as a parcel of land, **Lot No. 3706-B-4**, Plan No. PSD-06-074455, Portion of Lot 3706-B, PSD-06-049806 situated in Brgy. P.D. Monfort South, Dumangas, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2014001746** with an area of **Nine Hundred Twenty Seven (927) square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **TRACY ANN DEDASE, TITA DEDASE, TRISTIAN JOSEPH DEDASE, TANYA ROSE D. LAHAN and MARIA TERESA D. VILLEGAS** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. NOREEN P. SOLAS** per Doc. No. 120, Page No. 25, Book No. VIII, Series of 2024.

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DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses SALVADOR CASALMIR and JOVITA C. CASALMIR** consisting of the following: 1) **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-73860 – Lot No. 7800-C** situated in Brgy. Francisco Ceda, Calinog, Iloilo with an area of **Forty Four Thousand Two Hundred Seven (44,207) square meters, more or less**; 2) **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-37141 – Lot No. 24** situated in Cabatuan, Iloilo with an area of **Thirty Two Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty Five (32,485) square meters, more or less**; 3) **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-85524 – Lot 1151-A** situated in Poblacion, Cabatuan, Iloilo with an area of **One Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty seven (1,837) square meters, more or less**; 4) **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-24820 – Lot 353** situated in Cabatuan, Iloilo with an area of **Eighteen Thousand One Hundred Seventy (18,170) square meters, more or less**; 5) **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-9397 – Lot 7800-I** situated in Brgy. Francisco Casa, Calinog, Iloilo with an area of **Eighty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-nine (89,799) square meters, more or less**; 6) **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-1219 – Lot 8138** situated in Calinog, Iloilo with an area of **12.0663 hectares**; 7) **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-13050 – Lot 6182-A** situated in Brgy. Valderrama, Calinog, Iloilo with an area of **Seventy One Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Six (71,486) square meters, more or less**; 8) **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-34132 – Lot 4438** situated in Barangays Maraguit and Lutac, Cabatuan, Iloilo with an area of **Twenty Two Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Two (22,492) square meters, more or less**; 9) **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-51430 – Lot 4206** situated in Brgy. Quipot, Janiway, Iloilo with an area of **Three Hundred Thirty One Thousand One Hundred and Seven (331,107) square meters, more or less**; 10) **Shares of stock of the Rural Bank of Cabatuan Inc., Cabatuan, Iloilo, and a Farm Tractor** are adjudicated to heirs **EDUARDO C. CASALMIR, CANDELARIA M. CASALMIR**, represented by her Atty-in-Fact, **Cynthia M. Casalmir, RONNIE M. CASALMIR**, represented by his Atty-in-Fact, **Cynthia M. Casalmir and CYNTHIA M. CASALMIR**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. HONORATO P. SAYNO, JR.** per Doc. No. 187, Page No. 39, Book No. XXX, Series of 2006.

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DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL ADJUDICATION OF ESTATE WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **MARIA ELENA B. GULMATICO** consisting of a parcel of land known as **Lot 10 Block 74, PCS-06-004017** situated in Brgy. Hibao-an, Mandurriao, Iloilo City covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 095-2021000319** with an area of **SEVENTY TWO (72) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS** is adjudicated to heirs **PEPITO R. GULMATICO, JR. and JOHN PHET B. GULMATICO**. That, the heirs/ adjudicatees hereby **SELL, TRANSFER, CONVEY and DELIVER** by way of **Absolute Sale** the above-said parcel of land in favor of **CONNIE ROSE O. ZOLTU**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. ROEL B. DAPITON, CPA** per Doc. No. 220, Page No. 45, Book No. XXVII, series of 2023 and Doc. No. 221, Page No. 46, Book No. XXVII, Series of 2023.

NE/October 14, 21 & 28, 2024

DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **MARIETTA L. LACSON** consisting of two parcels of land, **Lot 24, Psd-06-041246**, being a portion of Lot 10146, Sta. Barbara Cad. 7 Ext., situated in Brgy. Ilaud, Zarraga, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-186628** with an area of **THREE HUNDRED (300) square meters, more or less** and **Lot 29, Psd-06-041246** being a portion of Lot 10146, Sta. Barbara Cad. 7 Ext., situated in Brgy. Ilaud, Zarraga, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-186633** with an area of **THREE HUNDRED (300) square meters, more or less** are adjudicated to sole heir **MICHAEL OMAR L. LACSON**. That, **Michael Omar L. Lacson** hereby **SELL, TRANSFER and CONVEY** by way of **DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE** the above-said parcels of land in favor of **FELINO SAMONTE LEGASPI**, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Claudio M. Sigaya, Jr.** per Doc. No. 381, Page No. 77, Book No. V, Series of 2023.

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SPL. PROC. NO. 23-0168
 (11-11279)

**In Re: IN THE MATTER OF
 CORRECTION OF ENTRIES IN THE
 CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF
 MERILLA SANDOVAL YAP UNDER
 LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRY NO. 112**

MERILLA SANDOVAL YAP,
Petitioner,

-versus-

**THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF
 CABATUAN, ILOILO, THE CIVIL
 REGISTRAR GENERAL, AND
 PHILIPPINE STATISTICS
 AUTHORITY,**

Respondents.

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ORDER

A verified **Second Amended Petition** was filed before this Court by petitioner, through counsel, praying that "after due notice and hearing, judgment be rendered ordering the Office of the Civil Registrar General and Local Civil Registrar of Cabatuan, Iloilo to correct petitioner's first name from **Ma. Merilda** to **Merilla** and her date of birth from **January 28, 1954** to **December 28, 1953** on the Certificate of Live Birth under **Registry Number 112** of the Local Civil Registry of Cabatuan.

Petitioner avers that she was born on December 28, 1953 to parents Zenaida Caspe and Oscar Sandoval at Brgy. Balabag, Cabatuan, Iloilo. The fact of her birth was duly recorded with the Local Civil Registrar of Cabatuan, Iloilo under Local Civil Registry Number 112.

Petitioner further states that her first name and date of birth were erroneously recorded in her Certificate of Live Birth. Her first name was erroneously indicated as Ma. Merilda instead of Merilla while her date of birth was mistakenly written as January 28, 1954 instead of December 28, 1953.

She asserts that, since then, she used her correct name and the true date of birth in all her official, public, and private records such as Certificate of Baptism, Marriage Certificate, Voter's Certification issued by the Commission on Elections, Social Security Services Record, Senior Citizen card issued by the Office of the Senior Citizen Affairs, City of Talisay, Cebu, Philippine Identification Card, Philippine Passport, and Covid-19 Vaccination Card. In fact, all her personal and public records show that the her first name is **Merilla** and her date of birth is **December 28, 1953**.

Petitioner, in her school records, carried December 28, 1953 as her date of birth. However, it was only unfortunate that all her school records were destroyed after Agusan Colleges and Butuan City Colleges where she took her secondary and primary education respectively were razed by fire.

It is imperative that the erroneous entries, specifically the first name and date of birth, in the Certificate of Live Birth of the petitioner under Local Civil Registry Number 112 registered with the Local Civil Registrar of Cabatuan, Iloilo be corrected for being erroneous and in order to conform to the truth, as well as to avoid further confusion in her official records and for all other lawful purposes.

No third persons will be prejudiced by the correction of the erroneous entry stated above. Petitioner's parents were all deceased. His siblings know the true and correct date of birth of herein petitioner and are not likewise prejudiced of the necessary correction.

Finding the said petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the same is set for hearing on **February 17, 2025**, at **8:30 in the morning** before this Court. Notice is hereby given that any person who has objection to this petition may file his/her opposition thereto within fifteen (15) days from service or last day of publication of this Order, stating the grounds or reasons therefor.

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

Furnish copy of this Order the petitioner, Atty. Cristine Clea B. Cuadras, the Office of the Solicitor General, the Office of the Civil Registrar General, the Philippine Statistics Authority, the Local Civil Registrar of Cabatuan, Iloilo, and the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor of Iloilo.

SO ORDERED.

Janiuay, Iloilo, Philippines, June 28, 2024.

(SGD.) GEMALYN FAUNILLO-TAROL
 Presiding Judge

NE/October 14, 21 & 28, 2024

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
 6TH JUDICIAL REGION
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 and EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF OF ILOILO**
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FORECLOSURE NO. F-11085-24
 (Branch 35, RTC, Iloilo City)

FOR:

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

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
 (otherwise known as **PAG-IBIG Fund**)
Mortgagee,

-versus-

MARY GRACE JOY L. SALUDES,
 herein represented by her Attorney-in-Fact,
TERESA VILLANUEVA LAREDA,
Mortgagors.

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 filed by the **mortgagee, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund)**, with principal office at 44th Petron Megaplaza Building No. 358, Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue, Makati City, as represented herein by its **Department Manager III, WILMER B. LIRAZAN**, with office address at Pag-IBIG Housing Business Center, Gaisano City Mall, Araneta Street Singcang, Bacolod City, Negros Occ., and its Attorney-in-Fact, **ATTY. MELANIO A. BADENAS, JR.**, with office address at Rm. 209 Megastate Bldg., No. 737 G. Araneta Avenue, Tatalon, Quezon City, Philippines, against the **mortgagors, MARY GRACE JOY L. SALUDES, herein represented by her Attorney-in-Fact, TERESA VILLANUEVA LAREDA**, both of legal age, Filipinos, with residence and postal addresses at Lot 25, Block 2, Hacienda Sta. Ana, Brgy. Poblacion Ilaud, Zarraga, Iloilo or at 229 Brgy. Ma. Clara, Iloilo City, Philippines, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of August 23, 2024 amounted to **ONE MILLION FORTY FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETY THREE PESOS & 38/100 ONLY (P1,044,193.38)** Philippine Currency, plus interests, penalties, other charges, publication cost, attorney's fees, sheriff's legal expenses and other incidental expenses of foreclosure and auction sale, the **Ex-Officio Sheriff of Iloilo** or his lawful deputy will sell at public auction on **NOVEMBER 5, 2024** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at Ground Floor, Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Chief Justice Ramon Q. Avanceña Hall of Justice, Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City, to the Highest bidder, for **CASH or MANAGER'S CHECK** and in Philippine Currency, the following real properties with the buildings and all the improvements found thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2010008075

That certain land situated in POBLACION ILAUD, MUNICIPALITY OF ZARRAGA, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY, bounded and described as follows:

LOT NO: 25 BLOCK NO: 2 PLAN NO: PSD-06-042799

LOCATION: POBLACION ILAUD, MUNICIPALITY OF ZARRAGA, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY

AREA: 110 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 **DECEMBER 3, 2024** at the same time and place aforementioned without further notice.

Iloilo City, Philippines, September 5, 2024.

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

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

NE/Oct. 21, 28 & Nov. 4, 2024

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
 6th Judicial Region
OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF
 C.J. Ramon Q. Avanceña Hall of Justice
 Iloilo City
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FORECLOSURE NO. F-11091-24
 (Branch 27, RTC-Iloilo City)

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

BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS
 (SUCCESSOR-IN-INTEREST OF
BPI FAMILY SAVINGS BANK, INC.),
Mortgagee,

- versus -

**DIVINE GRACE E. ALIGATO &
 ARLENE A. MANOSA**
 ARLENE A. MANOSA herein
 represented by **DIVINE GRACE
 E. ALIGATO** as her true and lawful
Attorney-in-Fact,
Mortgagors.

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 filed by the **mortgagee, BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS (SUCCESSOR-IN-INTEREST OF BPI FAMILY SAVINGS BANK, INC.)**, with office address at 2/F BPI Building, General Luna Highway, Iloilo City, Philippines, against the **mortgagors, DIVINE GRACE E. ALIGATO & ARLENE A. MANOSA**, Arlene A. Manosa herein represented by Divine Grace E. Aligato as her true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact, of legal ages, Filipinos and with residence and postal address at 20 De Leon Street, Mandurriao, Iloilo City, Philippines, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **July 17, 2024**, amounted to **ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED NINETY SEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY EIGHT PESOS & 65/100 (P1,497,358.65)**, inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges, the **Ex-Officio Provincial Sheriff of Iloilo** or his **lawful deputy** will sell at public auction on **November 20, 2024** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at Ground Floor, Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, C.J. Ramon Q. Avanceña Hall of Justice, Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City, to the **HIGHEST BIDDER, for CASH or MANAGER'S CHECK** and in **Philippine Currency**, the following real property with the buildings and all the improvements found thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 095-2016002097

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 100, BLOCK 20, PCS-06-004023 BEING A CONS- SUBD. OF LOTS 2146-D, PSD-06-034880, 2150-B, PSD-45356, 2296-A-1-B, 2296-A-1-C, 2296-A-1-D, 2296-A-1-E, 2296-A-1-F, 2296-A-1-H, PSD-06-030466, 2296-A-2, PSD-34645, 2160, 2161, 2164, 2298, 3010, 3006, 2153, 3007 & 3009, AGONOA CAD. 8, SITUATED IN THE DISTRICT OF MANDURRIAO, CITY OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY. BOUNDED ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 99; ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 2288 AGONOA CAD. 8; ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 101; ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY ROAD LOT 22 (10.00 M. WIDE) ALL OF THIS SUBD. SURVEY. X XX. CONTAINING AN AREA OF **ONE HUNDRED TEN (110) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS.**)

NOTE: (With all the improvements found thereon.)

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 **November 27, 2024** at the same time and place aforementioned without further notice.

Iloilo City, Philippines, October 7, 2024.

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

(SGD.) ERIC GEORGE S. LUNTAO
 Sheriff-In-Charge

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DTI GUIMARAS CONDUCTS ORIENTATION FOR SERVICE AND REPAIR ENTERPRISES TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY

JORDAN, GUIMARAS - The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Guimaras Provincial Office conducted an Orientation for new and existing Service and Repair Enterprises (SREs) on October 18, 2024, at the DTI Board Room in San Miguel, Jordan, Guimaras. The initiative was facilitated to promote public safety and raise awareness about SRE accreditation requirements. Ms. Melecia U. Pait,

Consumer Protection Unit Head of DTI Guimaras, emphasized the significance of Presidential Decree 1572 regarding service and repair shops accreditation so as to sustain increased compliance to the law of existing and new repair shops. DTI is mandated to implement the law by accrediting repair and service firms and their technical personnel in order to protect the interest of consumers availing their services.

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Province of Iloilo
Municipality of Janiuay

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR
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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1, Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that **CYBEL D. MARIPOSILLA** has filed a petition for **Correction of Child's SEX** from "FEMALE" to "MALE" in the Certificate of Live Birth of **CYREL S. DEFENSOR** whose parents are **Henry J. Defensor** and **Angelica A. Sarmiento**.

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

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

NE/Oct. 21, 2024 & Oct. 28, 2024

AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS

Notice is hereby given that **Rev. Fr. Romeo Roberto P. Palencia**, of legal age, Filipino, single and a resident of Southville Subdivision, Molo, Iloilo City had filed an Affidavit of Loss pertaining to **One (1) Share of Stock per Certificate No. 2435** issued on **July 10, 2002** by **Iloilo Golf & Country Club, Inc.**, in the name of the **Fr. Roy Panes** that utmost effort to find said Iloilo Golf and Country Club share of stock but it proved futile to find it. Entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Jude Vincent D. Fontilon** per Doc. No. II, Page No. 4, Book No. XXX, Series of 2024.

NE/Oct. 28, Nov. 4 & 11, 2024

DEED OF ADJUDICATION AND EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses CARLITO B. MOLEÑO and SUZETTE P. MOLEÑO** consisting of parcels of land, namely, **Lot 1 Block 2** under **TCT No. T-20566** with an area of **One Hundred Ninety Six (196) square meters, more or less** and **Lot 2 Block 2** under **TCT No. T-20567** with an area of **Two Hundred (200) square meters, more or less** all located in Brgy. Atabay, San Jose, Antique; and **Lot 8 Block 108** under **TCT No. T-145478** with an area of **One Hundred Four (104) square meters, more or less** and **Lot 10 Block 108** under **TCT No. T-145754** with an area of **One Hundred Four (104) square meters, more or less** all located in Ana Rose 2 Subd., Brgy. Calajunan, Mandurriao, Iloilo City are adjudicated to heirs **CLEAVON SERTZ P. MOLEÑO, CZARSTEINE SYBIL P. MOLEÑO, and CHARL STUYVER P. MOLEÑO**. That, **CLEAVON SERTZ P. MOLEÑO and CZARSTEINE SYBIL P. MOLEÑO** hereby **renounce, waive, quitclaim and relinquish** their **rights and interests** over **Lot 8 and Lot 10, Block 108** located in Ana Ros 2 Subd., Brgy. Calajunan, Mandurriao, Iloilo City. Entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. RYAN J. ODIOP** per Doc. No. 153, Page No. 32, Book No. III, Series of 2022.

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GV & A PAWNSHOP, INC.

JM Basa St., Iloilo City

NOTICE

The public is informed that on **NOVEMBER 2, 2024** an Auction Sale will be held at 9:00 AM for all unredeemed Jewelries & Articles the condition of which have expired.

THE MANAGEMENT

PAHIBALO

Ginapahibalo ang tanan nga sa **NOBYEMBRE 2, 2024** pagahiwaton ang baligyaanay sang mga alahas kag pagkabutang nga wala magawad nga sa diin ang mga plasos nga ginkasugtan natapos na.

ANG TAGDUMALAHAN

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

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of **R.A. Act No. 9048**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **MARY JEAN S. TIO** has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name from **MA. JEAN** to **MARY JEAN** in the birth certificate of **MA. JEAN CATALUÑA SABISOR** who was born on **April 26, 1967** at **CALINOG, ILOILO** and whose parents are **JUANITO SABISOR** and **AMPARO CATALUÑA**.

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

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

NE/Oct. 21, 2024 & Oct. 28, 2024

DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **DEMETRIO MONTAÑO** consisting of a parcel of land known as **Lot 638, Pls-723-D** situated at Nazaret, Buenavista, Guimaras covered by **ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-F-2832** with an area of **SEVEN THOUSAND AND SIXTY EIGHT (7,068) SQUARE METERS, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs: the Heirs of **Demetrio Montaño**, namely, **VIRGINIA GABORNO MONTAÑO, FLORITA MONTAÑO, NENA MONTAÑO DIAZ, RESURRECCION MONTAÑO, ROSENDO MONTAÑO**; the Heirs of **Eduardo Montaño**, namely, **ANTONIA VARGAS MONTAÑO, EDUARDO MONTAÑO, JR. and ARLENE MONTAÑO**; **ROSARIO MONTAÑO PACIFICO**; the Heirs of **Mariano and Pedrita Montaño**, namely, **NELO MONTAÑO and NELLY MONTAÑO BALOGO**; and **JUANITO MONTAÑO**. That, the heirs hereby **CEDE, SELL and CONVEY** by way of **Absolute Sale** the above-said parcel of land in favor of **CAEZAR F. ATINADO** as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Robert James Castro Ferrer** per Doc. No. 141, Page No. 30, Book No. II, Series 2024.

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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 **SHERLY D. ORTEGA** has filed with this Office, a petition for correction of Child's date of Birth from "**SEPT. 10, 1979**" to "**JUNE 9, 1979**" in the Certificate of Live Birth of **SHIRLIE L. TORRE DE LA** who was born at **Jordan, Guimaras** and whose parents are **GERARDO DE LA TORRE** and **EVA LABUSON**.

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

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

NE/Oct. 28, 2024 & Nov. 4, 2024

GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **CHRISTY D. PESIDAS** owner of a passenger vessel named **MBCA "KAIRA FAITH"** with a business address at Bayas, Estancia, Iloilo has filed with **MARINA Regional Office VI** for a re-issuance of Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Philippine Registry due to the loss of the original certificates per Affidavit of Loss dated 21 October 2024 submitted by Christy Pesidas. Notarized by Atty. Jude Vincent D. Fontilon, a Notary Public in the City and Province of Iloilo, docketed as Doc. no. 291, Page No. 60, Book No. IX, series of 2024. Any person or entity adversely affected by said claim may file their written opposition with Maritime Industry Authority Regional Office VI, MARINA Bldg., De La Rama St., Iloilo City within ten (10) days from the publication date.

Republic of the Philippines
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 **JOCELYN D. DALMACIO** has filed with this Office, a petition for correction of entry in the child's date of birth from "**OCT. 4, 1980**" to "**OCTOBER 01, 1980**" and the child's first name from "**ANILITA**" to "**JOCELYN**" in the certificate of live birth of **ANILITA DAMASO CABAYA** at **San Remegio, Antique** and whose parents are **GOMEZ CABAYA** and **ROSIE DAMASO**.

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

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

NE/Oct. 21, 2024 & Oct. 28, 2024

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

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. Act No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **ELMA CERBO MARQUILLERO** has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name from **MARIA** to **ELMA** in the birth certificate of **MARIA TOME CERBO** who was born on **December 19, 1960** at **CALINOG, ILOILO** and whose parents are **VENANCIO C. CERBO** and **MARCELA G. TOME**.

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

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

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Province of Iloilo
Municipality of San Dionisio
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 **JOCEL DE LA CRUZ GINETE** has filed with this Office, a petition for correction of entry in sex from "**MALE**" to "**FEMALE**" in the Certificate of Live Birth of **JOCEL DE LA CRUZ GINETE** at SanDionisio, Iloilo and whose parents are **Joel P. Ginete** and **Lourdes P. De la Cruz**.

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

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

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SPL. PROC. NO. 07-9082

IN RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF MONTANO GUBATANGA, SR. AND PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION.

LAMBERTA V. GUBATANGA,
Petitioner.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of **MONTANO P. GUBATANGA, SR.**, of Iloilo City, Philippines.

All persons having claims against the estate of **Montano P. Gubatanga, Sr.**, of Iloilo City, Philippines, who died on September 16, 2005, are hereby notified to send particulars of their claims to the undersigned within six (6) months but not more than twelve (12) months from November 26, 2024, the date of the first publication of this notice, after which date the estate will be distributed among the parties entitled to it, having regard only to the claims of which the undersigned has notice.

Pursuant to Rule 86, Section 1 of the 2019 Revised Rules of Civil Procedure, all persons having money claims against the estate of the decedent should file the same to the office of the clerk of said court within the prescribed period.

SO ORDERED.

Iloilo City, Philippines, October 15, 2024.

(SGD.) ATTY. RAINCELLE D. OMAOYO-RUFINO
 Branch Clerk of Court

NE/Oct. 28, 2024, Nov. 4 & 11, 2024



Republic of the Philippines
National Authority for Child Care
REGIONAL ALTERNATIVE CHILD CARE OFFICE
Region VI – Western Visayas
 M.H. Del Pilar St., Molo, Iloilo City
TIN: 200-137-390-000

DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATIVE ADOPTION
 CASE NO:
RACCO VI-DAA-2024-0086-FA-010

DATE: **OCTOBER 15, 2024**

IN RE: PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF ZOEY YSABELLE ARBEGOSO TO BE KNOWN THEREAFTER AS ZOEY YSABELLE VERDAD ROMERO

SPOUSES, WALTER MADURO ROMERO AND MITZE JEN VERDAD ROMERO
 Petitioners

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ORDER

A verified petition for the adoption of Zoey Ysabelle Arbegos filed by the petitioners through the Regional Alternative Child Care Office (RACCO) praying that the after due notice, publication and appearances, a judgement be rendered to the effect that the adoptee **Zoey Ysabelle Arbegos** be declared for all legal intents and purposes the legitimate child of the petitioners and that the name of the adoptee be change particularly to appear as **Zoey Ysabelle Verdad Romero**.

Finding the said Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be set for Mandatory Appearance on **November 26, 2024** to be held at **RACCO VI at DSWD Field Office VI, M.H. del Pilar St., Molo, Iloilo City**. Any interested party may appear and may file an opposition/complaint supported by evidence to the National Authority for Child Care (NACC), through the RACCO where the Petition was filed. The complaint will be subjected for verification and further investigation.

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

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

NE/Oct. 21, 28, & Nov.4, 2024

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
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FORECLOSURE NO. F-11080-24
 (Branch 35, RTC, Iloilo City)

FOR:

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

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
 (otherwise known as **PAG-IBIG Fund**),
Mortgagee,

versus-

SHENLEY D. SEVILLENO
 herein represented by her **Attorney-in-Fact,**
SHIELA MAY L. SEVILLENO,
Mortgagors.

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 filed by the *mortgagee*, **HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND** (otherwise known as **Pag-IBIG Fund**), with principal office at 44th Petron Megaplaza Building No. 358, Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue, Makati City, as represented herein by its **Department Manager III, WILMER B. LIRAZAN**, with office address at Pag-IBIG Housing Business Center, Gaisano City Mall, Araneta Street Singcang, Bacolod City, Negros Occ., and its **Attorney-in-Fact, ATTY. MELANIO A. BADENAS, JR.**, with office address at Rm. 209 Megastate Bldg., No. 737 G. Araneta Avenue, Tatalon, Quezon City, Philippines, against the *Mortgagors*, **SHENLEY D. SEVILLENO**, herein represented by her **Attorney-in-Fact, SHIELA MAY L. SEVILLENO**, both of legal age, Filipinos, with residence and postal addresses/at Lot 27 Block 34, Deca Homes Pavia Resort Residences, Brgy. Jibao-an, Pavia, Iloilo or at Compayan, Dumangas, Iloilo, Philippines, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of August 23, 2024 amounted to **ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED THIRTY FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY TWO PESOS & 81/100 ONLY (P1,234,432.81)** Philippine Currency, plus interests, penalties, other charges, publication cost, attorney's fees, sheriff's legal expenses and other incidental expenses of foreclosure and auction sale, the **Ex-Officio Sheriff of Iloilo** or his lawful deputy will sell at public auction on **NOVEMBER 5, 2024** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at Ground Floor, Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Chief Justice Ramon Q. Avanceña Hall of Justice, Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City, to the Highest bidder, for **CASH or MANAGER'S CHECK** and in Philippine Currency, the following real properties with the buildings and all the improvements found thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2022004380

That certain land situated in BARANGAY OF PANDAC/JIBAO-AN MUNICIPALITY OF PAVIA, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY.

LOT NO: 27 BLOCK NO: 34 PCS-06-006502

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

AREA: 100 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 **DECEMBER 3, 2024** at the same time and place aforementioned without further notice.

Iloilo City, Philippines, September 5, 2024.

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

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

NE/Oct. 21, 28 & Nov. 4, 2024

49 PNP Personnel Completed the 5-day Road Safety Awareness and Defensive Driving Training

ILOILO City – The Police Regional Office 6's (PRO-6) effort to enhance road safety and defensive driving skills among its personnel, successfully conducted the Five-day Road Safety Awareness and Defensive Driving Training at Camp Gen Martin Teofilo B Delgado, Fort San Pedro, Iloilo City that commenced on October 16, 2024.

The training was initiated by PRO-6 top cop, Brigadier General Jack L Wanky in collaboration with the Regional Highway Patrol Unit 6.

The training is designed to equip PNP personnel with the essential and required skill for safe and efficient motorcycle operations, enhancing participants' knowledge on basic and tactical law enforcement operations in various road conditions. Likewise, it provided practical and theoretical instruction on road safety techniques, defensive driving strategies, and procedures to ensure safety while on highways or roads.

In his remarks, PBGen Wanky emphasized the importance of the training in ensuring the safety of both, the police officers and the general public while travelling either during official or on off-duty travels.

"The skills and knowledge shared by the instructors through this program are crucial for both the police officers and the general public. May the lessons you learned be applied and we expect more disciplined PNP personnel while on the roads and highways and may you share with others what you've learned," he added.

The training culminated in practical exercises wherein participants applied the lessons they've learned in the program.###

AGENCIA G.B., INC.

C.K. Building Mapa St., Iloilo City

NOTICE

This is to inform the public that on **NOVEMBER 2, 2024**, an AUCTION SALE will be held at 9:00 A.M. for all unredeemed jewelries and articles the conditions of which have expired.

THE MANAGEMENT

PAHIBALO

Ginapahibalo ang tanan nga sa **NOBYEMBRE 2, 2024**, pagahiwaton ang baligya-anay mga alas 9:00 sa aga para sa tanan nga mga alahas kag pagkabutang nga wala magawad nga sa diin ang mga plasos nga ginkasugtan natapos na.

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 27TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALUYA, PROVINCE OF ANTIQUE HELD AT THE CALUYA LIAISON OFFICE, SAN JOSE, ANTIQUE ON JULY 22, 2020

PRESENT: Hon. Genevive L. Reyes - Municipal Vice-Mayor/Presiding Officer
Hon. Belfe S. Duran - SB Member
Hon. Diosdado L. Egina - SB Member
Hon. Efrén S. Contreras, Jr. - SB Member
Hon. Siegfred T. Cipres - SB Member
Hon. Rea C. Domingo - SB Member
Hon. Elvero A. De San Jose - SB Member
Hon. Ruben P. Janairo - SB Member
Hon. Ricky M. Lavega - SB Member
Hon. Catherine L. Tatum - Liga ng mga Barangay President/
Ex-Officio Member
Hon. Mark Liann D. Eulogio - SK Municipal Federation President/
Ex-Officio Member

ABSENT: None

**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 179
SERIES OF 2020**

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING ALL BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL COMPLEXES AND ESTABLISHMENT AND OTHER PLACES AND SPACES CONSIDERED AS HIGH RISK TO INSTALL CLOSE CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV) CAMERA AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF

**Introduced by: Hon. Elvero A. De San Jose
SB Member/Chairman, Committee on Peace and Order and Public Safety**

Sponsored by: Committee on Peace and Order and Public Safety

**Chairman: Hon. Elvero A. De San Jose
Vice-Chairman: Hon. Ruben P. Janairo
Members: Hon. Efrén S. Contreras, Jr.
Hon. Catherine L. Tatum
Hon. Genevive L. Reyes**

WHEREAS, Sec. 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A. 7160) provides that the local government units shall exercise its powers expressly granted, and those that are necessarily implied therefrom, which are necessary and essential to the promotion of the general welfare of its inhabitants;

WHEREAS, Sec. 447 of the same code provides that Local Government Units may "maintain peace and order by enacting measures to prevent and suppress lawlessness, disorder, riot violence, rebellion or sedition and impose penalties for violations thereof".

WHEREAS, the use of CCTV Cameras has been proven to be an incredibly useful tool in aiding the Police in investigations, preventing thefts and other crimes, protecting the company and employees against physical or verbal attacks from the general public, settling of disputes and keeping of records;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Caluya, is in active pursuit of programs and measures that endeavor to create an environment conducive to the advancement of local trade and commerce and considers business its indispensable partner in the promotion of progress and development.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan in Session assembled, that:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as the "CCTV CAMERA Ordinance of the Municipality of Caluya."

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipal Government of Caluya to protect the security and well-being of its constituents from criminality and lawlessness by enacting sound measures for the maintenance of peace and order within its jurisdiction.

It is also the policy of the Municipal Government of Caluya to ensure that the fundamental rights of an individual to privacy is not and will not be unreasonably hampered nor curtailed other than what is necessary for the protection of the welfare of the public in general.

Thus, in the enactment and implementation of this ordinance, the Municipal Government of Caluya reiterates and affirms its adherence and full respect for every individual's fundamental right to privacy by regulating the installation and use of video surveillance camera or CCTV, ensuring that Feed Locations are limited to public spaces only and by the provision of proper safeguards against unauthorized viewing and/ or disclosure of video recording made in accordance therewith.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. For the purposes of this Ordinance, shall following terms shall mean:

BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS – refers to banks and their satellite offices, branches and Automated Teller Machines (ATMs), money changers, pawnshop, credit facilities and other similar lending and financial institutions, as well as other high-risk commercial complexes or establishments as may be identified by the CCTV Camera Council.

CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELEVISION OR CCTV – refers to video surveillance camera used to transmit visual information to a monitor or a number of monitors.

COMMERCIAL COMPLEX AND ESTABLISHMENT – refers to a building or structure or a set of buildings or structures usually owned by a single owner, company or corporation housing under its roof several business entities of varied natures by various owners.

CRITICAL ASSETS – persons, properties of resources of the Municipality that may be in need of protection or recovery, or is in danger of destruction.

CULLING – the process by which records of feeds are picked out or selected to be discarded or destroyed.

DESIGNATED SECURITY PERSONNEL - police or civilian personnel authorized to operate or use particularly CCTV Camera or cameras.

FEEDS – are visual information or images transmitted by video surveillance cameras to the monitors.

FEED LOCATIONS – areas that are covered or viewed by video surveillance camera.

HIGH RISK AREAS – refers to commercial complexes and establishments or other places and spaces with common business areas where there is a greater degree of susceptibility to occurrence of accidents or criminalities because of the numerous financial, social or business of the Municipality are situated.

MONITORS – the screens or other devices on which feeds are viewed.

NEW BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS – refers to newly created trading or commercial concerns undergoing application for business permit or the license to operate prior to the effectivity of this ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS – refers to existing business establishments that have duly secured current business permit of the license to operate and are already operating at the time of the effectivity of this ordinance.

RECYCLING – refers to a process by which records or tapes of feeds or visual information may be erased through overrun by another or new visual information.

SATELLITES BRANCHES/OFFICES – refers to small extension offices of business concerns such that of banks, airline companies and the like.

SECTION 4. SCOPE OF APPLICATION AND INSTALLATION OF VIDEO SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS. All business establishments and other commercial complexes and establishments and places and spaces considered as high-risk areas as defined herein are hereby mandated to install video surveillance cameras and monitors in the premises of their establishments subject to limitations prescribed herein and by the CCTV Camera Council created for the purpose.

CCTV Surveillance cameras are also hereby required of the Municipal Government to be installed in identified high risk areas and public spaces or places of the Municipality for protection, traffic monitoring and crime prevention and detection, its treasury, storage facilities, and other critical assets for protection and preservation.

The provision of the preceding paragraph likewise applies to all commercial establishments and financial institutions and government or non-governmental offices which may not be considered as high risk but have installed or affixed CCTV in their place of work or commerce prior or subsequent to the enactment of this ordinance.

A written notice declaring the presence of a CCTV Camera or cameras in any business or commercial establishment/s so covered by this Ordinance must be posted by the owner/s in conspicuous place or places with the vicinity of the establishment.

SECTION 5. REQUIREMENT FOR BUSINESS REGISTRATION. A Certificate of Compliance (COC) must be secured by new business establishments specified in Section 4., paragraphs 1 and 2 from the CCTV Camera Council as a requirement by the Municipal Government for the approval of their business permit applications. Likewise, same COC shall be required of old business establishments, those in paragraph 3 of the same section included, as a requisite upon every renewal of their business permits.

SECTION 6. CREATION AND COMPOSITION OF CCTV CAMERA COUNCIL. A CCTV Camera Council shall be created as an oversight body tasked with the approval, control and supervision of all CCTV Camera use and installation composed of the Municipal Mayor or his designated representative as chairman, the Caluya PNPas Vice-Chairman, the Municipal Engineer, Sangguniang Bayan Committee Chairman on Public Safety and two (2) members from the business sector within thirty (30) days after the approval of this ordinance.

SECTION 7. SPECIFIC POWERS OF THE CCTV CAMERA COUNCIL. The CCTV Camera Council shall have the following specific powers and functions:

1. Create and adopt Policies and Procedures Manual within sixty (60) days after its creation setting up the criteria and standards for CCTV cameras and monitors;
2. Maintain a log of all CCTV Cameras and their corresponding feed locations, the dates of their approval, and the criteria used for their approval;
3. Maintain a log of the name/s of designated person/s authorized to handle, operate, and preserve the records or tapes of CCTV cameras of each establishment;
4. Create a Task Force that shall have visiting powers to inspect, evaluate and monitor establishments with CCTV cameras at any given time so as to determine compliance with the Ordinance;
5. Monitor and inspect all preserved/stored feeds, the date and the records were taken, and determine when such records of feeds are due for recycling or culling;
6. Receive and/or approve application for CCTV installation prerequisite to issuance of Certificate of Compliance;
7. Recommend to the Municipal Mayor, the approval or renewal of business permits of establishments so affected by the ordinance as well as the suspension or revocation of the same;
8. Identify business, commercial complexes and establishments, or other places and spaces which may be considered as high risk as defined under the Ordinance; and
9. Perform such other duties and functions as may be set forth in the Policies and Procedures Manual.

SECTION 8. LIMITATIONS ON USE. CCTV Cameras, and any and all feeds, maybe solely used in the specific instances set forth in this Ordinance, and use of CCTV Cameras by such persons other than the owners and designated security personnel authorized to operate the same in any

manner or location, or for any other purpose, is expressly prohibited.

- LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIME PREVENTION.** CCTV Cameras, and any all feeds, may be used for the purpose of providing surveillance in the service of law enforcement and crime prevention within the Municipality where there is documented criminal activity.
- MAINLAND/ISLAND SECURITY.** CCTV Cameras, and any and all feeds, may be used for the purpose of providing surveillance in the service of mainland/island security, law enforcement and crime prevention, and disaster preparedness and recovery in areas identified as critical assets of the Municipality as may be set forth by any competent authority.
- TRAFFIC MONITORING.** CCTV Cameras, and any and all feeds, may be used for the purpose of traffic monitoring but are not intended to include enforcement of traffic violations. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Feeds from CCTV Cameras used for traffic monitoring may be used for lawful purpose in the event that such CCTV Cameras, while being used for their primary function, incidentally view behavior that has caused or is likely to cause danger to person or property.

SECTION 9. PROHIBITIONS. The feeds shall not be used for the following:

- BROADCASTING.** Broadcast by any of the authorized persons prescribed herein of any of the feeds or any of its parts or records on or through any medium other than the monitors;
- VIEWING.** Feeds shall not be viewed by any person/s other than those expressly authorized herein to view the records of feeds.
- TRANSFER.** Feeds shall not be transferred to any third party, whether for profit or not;
- REPRODUCTION.** No person shall be allowed to copy any or all parts of any records of the feeds.

SECTION 10. PRESERVATION OF FEEDS. Feeds shall be recorder or otherwise stored by owner or owners of institutions or establishments for future use for a period of not less than three (3) months. Until the expiry of such time, the records or tapes of such feeds may be recycled or destroyed unless otherwise a proper request for a specific log of any given feed shall have been made to the contrary as provided for in the proceeding section in which case the properly requested specific record/s of feeds must be turned over, in its original and unadulterated form and substance, to the proper requesting authority.

SECTION 11. PROPER REQUEST FOR FEEDS. Stored or preserved Feeds may be used anytime to satisfy the following:

Any authorized subpoena or any written order of any court of competent jurisdiction;

- Any written request from the chief officer of the investigating body or authority ensuing the advent of a criminality for proper disposition of crime investigation and report; and
- Any written request from the duly constituted legislative body or assembly for purposes in aid of legislation.

SECTION 12. PENALTIES. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Ordinance is punishable with the following:

ON SECTION 4:

- NEW BUSINESS ENTITIES** – withholding of permit to operate.
- OLD BUSINESS ENTITIES** – suspension or revocation of business permit and Php 2,500.00 fine

ON SECTION 9 -11:

Violation of any of the provisions set forth in Sections 9 to 11 of this ordinance shall be punishable by Php 2,500.00 fine

SECTION 13. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances and resolutions inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 14. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. In the event that any of the provisions of this ordinance is declared illegal, the validity of the other provisions shall not be affected by such declaration.

SECTION 15.EFFECTIVITY. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon compliance of posting and publication requirements. Provided, however, that the establishments herein covered are given until January of the year following the effectivity of this ordinance to fully comply with the provisions of Section 4. Provided, further, that the provisions of Section 5 for business applications and renewal are totally enforceable thereafter.

APPROVED.

**AYES – 10
NAYS – 0**

ADOPTED: JULY 22, 2020

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance which was duly adopted by the Sangguniang Bayan during its regular session held on July 22, 2020.

(SGD.) LORETO J. PON-AN, III
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

APPROVED:

(SGD.) GENEVIVE L. REYES
Municipal Vice-Mayor/Presiding Officer

(SGD.) RIGIL KENT G. LIM
Municipal Mayor



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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 46TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALUYA, PROVINCE OF ANTIQUE HELD AT SB SESSION HALL, POBLACION, CALUYA, ANTIQUE ON NOVEMBER 15, 2023

PRESENT:

Hon. Belfe S. Duran	Municipal Vice-Mayor/Presiding Officer
Hon. Ricky M. Lavega	SB Member
Hon. Nobel N. Balestramon	SB Member
Hon. Angelo B. Magtoto	SB Member
Hon. Sarah Jane Z. Janairo	SB Member
Hon. Rea C. Domingo	SB Member
Hon. William D. Pultino	SB Member
Hon. Brenda M. Jocson	SB Member
Hon. Lemuel B. Biloza	SK Municipal Federation President/Ex-Officio Member

ON LEAVE:

Hon. Efren S. Contreras, Jr.	SB Member
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ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

Hon. Catherine L. Tahum	Liga ng mga Barangay President/ Ex-Officio Member
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ABSENT: None

**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 245
SERIES OF 2023**

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATION OF VIDEO-KARAOKE BARS, BEERHOUSES, EATERIES AND RESTAURANTS WITH KARAOKES AND VIDEOKES, OTHER SIMILAR NIGHTSPOT AND ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALUYA, ANTIQUE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF

Authored by: Hon. Nobel N. Balestramon & Hon. Rea C. Domingo

Sponsored by: Committee on Ordinances and Legal Matters

Chairman:	Hon. Nobel N. Balestramon
Vice-Chairman:	Hon. Efren S. Contreras Jr.
Members:	Hon. Ricky M. Lavega
	Hon. Angelo B. Magtoto
	Hon. Catherine L. Tahum

WHEREAS, the Local Government Code of 1991 mandates that the Sangguniang Bayan may, among others, regulate the establishment, operation and maintenance of entertainment, or amusement facilities, xxx and such other events or activities, for amusement or entertainment, particularly those who tend to disturb the community, or annoy the inhabitants, or require the suspension or suppression of the same, xxx;

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Sangguniang Bayan to regulate certain activities in order to promote the general welfare of its constituents;

WHEREAS, in the furtherance of public safety, the present administration of this LGU has considered the enactment of a legislative measure that would ensure peaceful and orderly community in the Municipality of Caluya;

WHEREAS, series of public consultations and interviews with concerned residents, Barangay Official and other concerned sectors in the community had been conducted;

WHEREAS, it was learned that the influx of establishments offering various kinds of intoxicating substance and allowing the operation of video-karaoke machines, cause the residents to complain about the nuisance during nighttime;

WHEREAS, it was also reported that video-karaoke bars, beerhouses, eateries and restaurants with karaokes and videokes, similar night spots and establishments are allowing entertainers, guest relation workers to offer extra-services in exchange of financial consideration, thus, causing the deterioration of good moral values among customers;

WHEREAS, based on ocular inspection, video-karaoke machines and other similar equipment are being operated in full view of the public, with some obscene which are not suitable for minors.

NOW, THEREFORE, in view of the above premises, **BE IT ENACTED** by the Sangguniang Bayan of Caluya, Antique, in session duly assembled, that:

SECTION 1 – TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as “AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATION OF VIDEO-KARAOKE BARS, BEERHOUSES, EATERIES AND RESTAURANTS WITH KARAOKES AND VIDEOKES, OTHER SIMILAR NIGHTSPOT AND ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALUYA, ANTIQUE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.”

SECTION 2 – SHORT TITLE. The short title of this ordinance shall be known as “THE VIDEO-KARAOKE BAR ORDINANCE OF 2023”;

SECTION 3 – SCOPE AND COVERAGE. This ordinance shall cover all business establishments operating videoke and karaoke, videoke and karaoke bars, beerhouses, eateries and restaurants with videokes and karaokes and other similar establishments and night spots in the Municipality of Caluya, Antique.

SECTION 4 – DEFINITION OF TERMS. When used in this ordinance, the following terms are hereby defined as follows;

- **ESTABLISHMENTS** – a place of business with its possessions and staffs/personnel;
- **VIDEO AND KARAOKE BARS** – a place where the audio-visual systems are set for musical accompaniment to a song performed by following the words displayed in a video screen. It

is also a place where foods, beverages and other intoxicating substances are being offered to customers;

- **BEER HOUSES** – a place where beer is mainly served, although other forms of intoxicating substance, wine and liquor are also available for customers;
- **NIGHT SPOTS** – those establishments that are open late at night and provide foods, drinks, entertainment and music for dancing;
- **ENTERTAINERS** – include singers and guest relations officers (GRO) of videoke and karaoke bars, beerhouses, eateries and restaurants with videoke and karaoke bars, similar nightspots and establishments who entertain patrons or customers by sitting and conversing, dancing, singing, eating or drinking with them;
- **EGRESS** – an arrangement of facilities to assure a safe means of exit from the establishment;
- **MUNICIPAL MONITORING COMMITTEE.** The Committee duly constituted to monitor the implementation of this Ordinance;

SECTION 5 – PROHIBITIONS.

- a. No person, natural or juridical, shall operate videoke and karaoke bars, beerhouses, eateries and restaurants with videokes and karaokes, similar night spots and establishments for commercial purposes without first securing a Sanitary Permit issued by the Municipal Health Officer, Mayor’s Permit, Barangay Clearance and paying for other related corresponding fees provided for under Municipal Ordinance No. 163 otherwise known as the Municipal Revenue Code of Caluya, Antique, or any rules and laws that may hereinafter promulgated by the Sangguniang Bayan;
- b. For purposes of this Ordinance, no videoke and karaoke, videoke and karaoke bars, beer houses, eateries and restaurants with videoke and karaoke, similar night spots and establishments shall be established within one hundred (100) meters radius from any educational, religious or public institutions such as schools, colleges, universities, hospitals or clinics, churches or chapels;
- c. No videoke and karaoke, videoke and karaoke bars, beerhouses, eateries and restaurants with videoke and karaoke, similar night spots and establishments shall utilize gambling, prohibited under P.D. 519, such as “pinball machines” slot machines and other similar devices;
- d. The following requirement shall be strictly observed in the establishments:
 - i. Operating of karaoke and videoke music shall be allowed only form 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM ONLY, however, establishments with total enclosure of the premises to prevent the sound to escape may operate beyond 10:00 PM. The establishments shall provide and post in conspicuous places the opening and the closing time;
 - ii. Minors as customers or workers shall not be admitted. The operator/owner shall cause the posting of placards in conspicuous places indicating the words “MINORS BELOW 18 YEARS OLD ARE NOT ALLOWED.”
 - iii. Customers are prohibited to carry firearms, licensed or unlicensed, deadly weapons and explosive except those authorized by law and in the performance of their official function. The posting of placards indicating “ALL FORMS OF DEADLY WEAPONS ARE NOT ALLOWED INSIDE” shall be strictly complied;
 - iv. Adequate spaces and lighting, proper ventilation shall be maintained under satisfactory sanitary conditions at all times;
 - v. Adequate parking spaces for vehicles, dressing rooms for ladies, clean kitchen, regularly sanitized and separate lavatories for male and female, emergency lights, medical kits and communication adequate sound proofing shall be provided the owner/operator;
 - vi. The establishment shall be properly enclosed or fenced, provided with a single ingress or egress and shall have no direct or indirect communications whatsoever with any dwelling place, house or building except the single ingress or egress;
 - vii. Banning of prostitution and showing of lewd shows; and
 - viii. Banning the use and selling of prohibited drugs.

SECTION 6 - ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS. The following administrative provisions of this ordinance shall be observed for its effective implementation:

- a. Any person/s who are interested to establish business covered by this ordinance shall only be allowed after complying all requirements provide by Municipal Ordinance No. 163 also known as The Revenue Code of the Municipality of Caluya, Antique;
- b. The business as herein indicated shall be established only in an area/zone declared as commercial area, pursuant to the provisions of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of the Municipality of Caluya, Antique;
- c. Personnel such as waitress/waiter, food handlers, servers, guest relation workers, etc. shall undergo monthly examinations. Medical certificates duly signed by the Municipal Health Officer (MHO) shall be issued to him/her. Payments of Medical Examination and Certificates shall be in accordance with the provisions provided in the Revenue Code of the Municipality of Caluya, Antique. Failure of the above-cited personnel to secure the said medical certificate shall not be allowed to work and the manager or operator/owners are liable to answer any penalties under this Ordinance. All personnel of such business are strictly required to secure their working permit, medical certificates and birth certificates. Minors found working in the establishments covered by this Ordinance shall be immediately referred to the MSWDO, for appropriate legal actions against the owner or operator;
- d. Structural design of the building must be enclosed, to prevent unnecessary noise/nuisance during night time. Other materials that can minimize noise/nuisance should be used. The operation of business shall be confined only inside the building. In case the owner/operator shall construct a building for business covered by this Ordinance, he/she shall first submit

to the Office of the Municipal Engineer a copy of architectural design or its blue print and shall secure building permit, electrical permit and zoning clearance;

- e. Operators/owners shall by all means cooperate in upholding peace and order and shall report to the Caluya Police Station or any of its COMPAC station whenever circumstances so warrant;
- f. All operators and owners are required to comply all rules and regulations under any existing national laws and or Municipal Ordinances or any Ordinances that are hereinafter be promulgated by the Sangguniang Bayan of Caluya, Antique;

For the purpose of this Ordinance, a Municipal Monitoring Committee is hereby constituted as follows;

Chief of Police ----- Chairman

MEMBERS:

- Municipal Treasurer or his/her representatives
- Municipal Engineer or his/her representatives
- MSWDO or his/her representatives
- MHO or the Sanitary Inspector
- MPDO or his/her representative
- Sangguniang Bayan Secretary
- DILG Officer
- Representative from NGO

The Municipal Monitoring Committee is hereby authorized to conduct inspection and investigation whenever there are complaints or petitions from concerned parties. It shall be the duty and functions of the committee to endorse results and recommendations to the Local Chief Executive, copy furnished the Sangguniang Bayan, for appropriate actions.

SECTION 7 - PENALTIES

- a. Owners/operators, including personnel working of the business establishments found guilty of violating any provisions of this Ordinance are subject to the following penalties;
 - 1. **FIRST OFFENSE** – a fine of Php 1,000.00
 - 2. **SECONDE OFFENSE** – a fine of Php 2,000.00
 - 3. **THIRD OFFENSE** – a fine of Php 2,500.00 and revocation of their business permit or IMPRISONMENT of not more than ONE (1) month and totally banning their operation upon the discretion of the proper court.
- b. PUBLIC OFFICIALS tasked to implement and enforce this Ordinance and who failed or refused to implement or enforce this local ordinance shall be punished with a FINE of Php 2,000.00 and/or IMPRISONMENT OF NOT MORE THAN ONE (1) MONTH at the discretion of the proper court without prejudice to the filing of administrative cases in the proper government agency;

SECTION 8 - EXEMPTION. Operators of video-karaoke machines beyond 10:00 PM is hereby allowed one (1) week before and after any special holidays, to mention, Christmas, New Year and Town Fiesta. In case of special occasions, such as birthdays, wedding, baptismal and Barangay Fiesta, etc. and during funerals where the party opts to avail, the operation and use of video-karaoke machines may be allowed in any place within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Caluya, Antique.

SECTION 9 - SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid, null and void, the other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 10 - TRANSITORY PERIOD. All existing establishments prior to the enactment of this Ordinance not in accordance with Section 5(b) and Section 6(b) shall be given three (3) months to relocate their business.

SECTION 11 - REPEALING CLAUSE. All existing ordinance, rules and regulations or parts thereof in conflict with or inconsistent with any provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 12 - EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval and after due posting and publication as provided in the Local Government Code of 1991.

**AYES – 8
NAYS – 0**

APPROVED.

ADOPTED: NOVEMBER 15, 2023

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance which was duly adopted by the Sangguniang Bayan during its Regular Session held on November 15, 2023.

(SGD.) LORETO J. PON-AN, III
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

APPROVED:

(SGD.) BELFE S. DURAN
Municipal Vice-Mayor/
Presiding Officer

(SGD.) RIGIL KENT G. LIM
Municipal Mayor

3 siblings yield P1.36-M shabu in Bacolod sting op

BACOLOD CITY – Police operatives arrested three siblings, who yielded PHP1.36 million in shabu, in a buy-bust at Purok Kabugwason, Barangay Mansilingan here Wednesday morning, a report from the Bacolod City Police Office (BCPO) showed.

“The BCPO remains committed to its intensified efforts in the campaign against illegal drugs and urges the public to continue supporting the authorities to address the problem,” Col. Joeresty Coronica, police city director, said in a statement.

Police identified the suspects with their aliases as “Eron,” 35; “Irene,” 34; and “Ilyn,” 26.

At past 3 a.m., an undercover policeman bought two sachets of shabu worth PHP20,000 from the suspects during the operation conducted by the joint team of the City Drug Enforcement Unit and the Bacolod City Maritime Police Station.

Operatives also seized from their possession four sachets of the same prohibited substance weighing 200 grams with a standard price of PHP6,800 per gram or a total of PHP1.36 million.

Charges for violation of Section 5 (sale of dangerous drugs) and Section 11 (possession of dangerous drugs) of Republic Act 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002 are being readied against the suspects.

The Wednesday morning haul is the latest among the series of major anti-drug operations conducted by the BCPO to prevent further proliferation of shabu in the ongoing 45th MassKara Festival.

On Oct. 17, CDEU operatives seized a kilogram of shabu worth PHP6.8 million from a lone suspect during a buy-bust in Purok Masinadyahon, Barangay 12.

TESDA, DMW forge partnership to boost OFW employment and livelihood

Reinforcing its programs and services for Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) and their families, the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) and the Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) formalized a partnership to enhance OFWs' and their dependents' skills and employability.

Last October 15, TESDA Director General, Secretary Jose Francisco “Kiko” B. Benitez, and DMW Secretary Hans Leo J. Cacdac signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) during a ceremony held at the TESDA Women's Center in Taguig City.

“This is the contribution of TESDA to equip Filipinos with the necessary skills and knowledge while they are still in the country, when already in their host

country, and upon return to the Philippines,” Secretary Benitez said in his speech.

Under the agreement, TESDA shall conduct orientations on TESDA programs and services available for OFWs and their families; and, provide skills training, assessment, and certification to OFWs and their families endorsed by DMW based on the skills priorities.

TESDA shall also conduct language and culture training for the outbound OFWs; implement the Overseas Scholarship Program for OFWs while in their host country; conduct competency assessment for OFWs in the host country; and, conduct capability-building interventions for trainers and assessors endorsed by DMW.

For its part, the DMW shall advocate for training programs focused on

upskilling, re-skilling, and cross-skilling, including Competency Assessment and Certification; and, identify, pre-evaluate, and recommend to TESDA eligible OFWs and their family members.

It shall also endorse to TESDA returning OFWs qualified to become trainers and/or assessors; identify, assess, and recommend technical vocational courses and training centers abroad that have the potential for conducting skills training programs; and, provide TESDA with labor market information.

“Let us continue working together to strengthen the competence of our OFWs, build a robust, agile, globally competitive, and world-ready, workforce, and improve the quality of life of the OFWs and their families,” the TESDA chief said.

Meanwhile, for his part, Secretary Cacdac emphasized that the partnership will facilitate the delivery of skills and livelihood training to OFWs and their families as instructed by President Ferdinand “Bongbong” Marcos.

“Skills are the highest form of protection. The more skills equipped our workers are entering the host country, the better suited they are to integrate and protect themselves in the process,” Secretary Cacdac said.

Also, in attendance during the signing ceremony were TESDA Deputy Directors General Rosanna Urdaneta, Vidal Villanueva III, Nelly Nita Dillera, and Felizardo Colambo, along with DMW Undersecretary Patricia Yvonne Caunan, Assistant Secretaries Francis Ron De Guzman and Venecio Legaspi.

Negros Occidental recovers control of official Facebook page

BACOLOD CITY – Negros Occidental's provincial government is strengthening the security protocol in its social media assets after recovering access to its official Facebook page on Wednesday, a day after it was hacked.

Charina Magallanes-Tan, head of the Public Information Office, said in an interview that losing access to the “Provincial Government of Negros Occidental” page was quite a scare and that she is glad they were able to regain control of it after sending a request to Meta, the owner

and operator of Facebook.

“Meta responded to our request and restored access to the PIO. We will change the entire security protocol of the page. After this scare, it's just good, and we're fortunate that we got the page back,” she added.

She said they have yet to know the identity of the hacker since another unit of Meta deals with the investigation.

Magallanes-Tan said they have also filed a complaint with the Department of Information and Communications Technology and the

Cybercrime Investigation and Coordinating Center to investigate the incident.

On Tuesday morning, the “Provincial Government of Negros Occidental” Facebook page was compromised with unauthorized access and showed photos of half-naked women on its stories.

The page, which posts updates on the activities of Governor Eugenio Jose Lacson and the province, has 183,000 followers.

“Our Facebook page is

very important, especially now that there is a typhoon. We regularly post updates on it. The hacking really caused disruption in public service,” Magallanes-Tan said.

A similar hacking incident was also experienced by the official Facebook page of former Negros Occidental 3rd District Rep. Jose Francisco Benitez last year, and the administrators were able to regain access to the page after two days. (PNA)



Provincial Government of Negros Occidental

RECOVERED. The Negros Occidental provincial government regains access to its official Facebook page on Wednesday (Oct. 23, 2024), a day after it was hacked, by requesting assistance from the social networking service's owner and operator, Meta. The page, which posts updates on the activities of Governor Eugenio Jose Lacson and the province, has 183,000 followers. (Screenshot of Provincial Government of Negros Occidental Facebook page)

ILOILO METRO PAWNSHOP, INC.

Simon Ledesma, St. Jaro, Iloilo City

NOTICE

This is to inform the public that on **NOVEMBER 8, 2024**, an AUCTION SALE will be held at **9:00 A.M.** for all unredeemed jewelries & articles, the conditions of which have expired.

THE MANAGEMENT

PAHIBALO

Ginapahibalo ang tanan nga sa **NOBYEMBRE 8, 2024 alas 9:00** sa aga pagahiwaton ang baligya-anay sang mga alahas kag pagkabutang nga wala magawad nga sa diin ang mga plasos nga ginkasugtanan natapos na.

ANG TAGDUMALAHAN

GCash Turns 20: Celebrate Natin ang Lahat with Up to P30 Million in Prizes up for Grabs

MANILA, Philippines – For 20 years, GCash, the country's leading super app, has been at the heart of Filipino lives, revolutionizing the way we pay, shop, save, and more. To mark this incredible milestone, GCash is pulling out all the stops with a grand raffle, giving away P30 Million worth of prizes to more than 300,000 lucky winners!

From October 10 to 31, GCash users have a chance to win exciting rewards—from the latest mobile phones and new motorcycles to grocery packages. It's GCash's way of saying thank you for being a part of its 20-year journey. Celebrate Natin Ang Lahat as we give back with prizes for everyone!

How to join?

In true GCash fashion, they are celebrating their 20 years with a Grand Giveaway, just Shake It, Win It! Participating is easy! Here's how:

Simply log in to your GCash account daily, and tap the 20 years icon, located at the top of the screen on the app's homepage

Shake your phone to get a raffle entry

Tap and shake daily for more entries

The more you shake, the more chances you have to win!

Raffle is open to all GCash users nationwide! Winners will be announced every 3-4 days. New and exciting prizes are up for grabs each week! So, keep shaking and make GCash part of your everyday routine!

What's up for grabs?

Here's what can you win when you Shake It, Win It:

P 100 GCash Credits for 73,000 winners

P 50 GCash Credits for 90,000 winners

PHP 20 GCash Credits for 150,000 winners

The fun and prizes do not stop there! GCash has more exciting major prizes that you can win:

PHP 50,000 Grocery Packages for 100 winners, perfect to kick-start your own sari-sari store business

YamahaMTXYTX125 Motorcycles for 100 winners, ideal for delivery or service transportation livelihood

Oppo A3 smartphones for 200 winners, because milestone celebrations call for new gadgets

Read more about the full promo mechanics here.

#CelebrateNatinAngLahat with #GCash20 this October!

Download the GCash app today, available on the Google Play Store or the App Store. Stay tuned for more #GCash20 announcements by following @gcashofficial on Instagram and Facebook.###

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(REF.) CAD. CASE NO. 2023-663

IN RE: Petition for Issuance of Order
 to Surrender the Owner's Duplicate
 Copy of Certificate of Transfer
 Certificate of Title No. T-176,250;
 and/or Cancellation Thereof,

**SPOUSES IRWIN H. CORTEZ AND
 SIGRID CORTEZ**, herein represented
 by their duly authorized representatives
Petitioners,

- versus-

**SPOUSES ANTONIO ROY A. BIONA
 AND CHELITA LOU G. BIONA**,
Respondents.

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ORDER

Petitioner, through counsel, filed a petition praying that after due notice and hearing, judgment by rendered ordering the defendants to deliver, produce and surrender the Owner's Duplicate Copy of Transfer Certificate of Title No. 176,250, issued by the Register of Deeds of the Province of Iloilo and directing the entry of a new certificate or memorandum upon such surrender; and/or in case the defendants refuse to [do] so, the issuance of order to surrender the owner's duplicate copy, and, in the event that the respondents fail or refuse to surrender TCT No. T-176,250, declaring the Owner's Duplicate Copy of Transfer Certificate of Title No. 176,250 issued by the Register of Deeds of the Province of Iloilo as null and void; and ordering the issuance of a new certificate of title in lieu thereof, should the defendants refuse to deliver the said title.

In the Order dated April 3, 2023 (Exhibit "B"), the Court set the petition for hearing on June 27, 2023 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning so that any person who may have an interest in the petition may appear and show adverse cause, if any, to the granting of the Petition. As directed, the Order was posted in three (3) conspicuous places as shown in the Certificate of Posting (Exh. "C") issued by the court sheriff. The order, together with a copy of the petition was furnished to the respondents- spouses and the Register of Deeds of the Province of Iloilo. However, copy of the petition and Order of the Honorable Court dated April 3, 2023 furnished to the private respondents through registered mail were unsuccessful, due to insufficient/no-existing address.

The court subsequently issued a resolution on February 26, 2024 granting the Motion for Leave of Court to Serve Summons by Publication. An Amended Order for Publication was thereafter issued setting the initial hearing to June 13, 2024 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning.

During the initial hearing, no opposition on record, as well as, in court was interposed, despite the posting and notice to the Register of Deeds for the Province of Iloilo. Petitioner, having introduced evidence to prove jurisdictional facts, was allowed to present evidence to prove the merits of this petition before the Branch Clerk of Court.

Witness Trixie Ann M. Quiambao, 42 years old, married and a resident of Rizal Estanzuela St., Iloilo City and Liaison Officer, testified that: she is the authorized representative of the petitioners in this case as evidenced by a Special Power of Attorney executed by the petitioners in her favour; the spouses asked her to help them regarding their Barotac Viejo property, known as Lot No. 7021, Barotac Viejo cadastre, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-170,250 as they could not personally attend to it at the moment because they are currently based in the United States of America, working as nurses, and they wanted to have the said lot registered in their name; respondents-spouses Antonio Biona and Chelita Lou Biona bought the Lot No. 7021 from the Rural Bank of Pavia (Iloilo), Inc. by virtue of the Deed of Absolute Sale on June 23, 2003 and afterwards, the petitioners bought the said lot from the respondents under a *pacto de retro* sale on April 7, 2004; spouses Biona failed to repurchase the same from the spouses-petitioners; petitioners-spouses filed a Petition for consolidation of title on November 17, 2004 before the Regional Trial Court of Iloilo Branch 31 which the court decided in their favor by directing the Register of Deeds to transfer the ownership of Lot No. 7021 in the name of spouses Cortez; the petitioners failed to transfer the registration of the property in their names because the respondents failed to surrender the original copy of the Owner's Duplicate Copy of the certificate of title to the petitioners; she tried to contact the respondents but was not able to reach them; and, petitioners are praying that the honourable court orders the respondents to deliver, produce and surrender the Owner's Duplicate Copy of Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-176,250 issued by the Register of Deeds of the Province of Iloilo and direct the entry of a new certificate or memorandum upon such surrender, and/or declare the Owner's Duplicate Copy of Transfer Certificate of Title T-176,250 issued by the Registry of Deeds of the Province of Iloilo as null and void, and direct the issuance of a new certificate of title should the respondents refuse to deliver the said title.

Second and final witness, Ma. Eden C. Callosa, of legal age, married, and a resident of Lopez Jaena St., Lapaz, Iloilo City testified that: she is the authorized representative of the petitioners in this case as evidenced by a Special Power of Attorney executed by the petitioners in her favour; she is the sister of co-petitioner Irwin Cortez and the sister-in-law of co-petitioners Sigrid Cortez; they both asked her for help regarding their Barotac Viejo property, known as Lot No. 7021, Barotac Viejo cadastre, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-170,250 as they could not personally attend to it at the moment because they are currently based in the United States of America, working as nurses, and they wanted to have the said lot registered in their name; respondents-spouses Antonio Biona and Chelita Lou Biona bought the Lot No. 7021 from the Rural Bank of Pavia (Iloilo), Inc. virtue of Deed of Absolute Sale on June 23, 2003 and afterwards, the petitioners bought the said lot from the

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The government prosecutor actively participated in the proceedings and the Register of Deeds of the Province of Iloilo, despite notice, did not interpose any objection. The respondents did not participate in the proceedings nor surrender the title in the course of the hearings.

Sec. 107 of P.D. No. 1529 provides the proper remedy when an owner's duplicate certificate of title is being withheld by another person, viz.:

Sec. 107. Surrender of withheld duplicate certificates. Where it is necessary to issue a new certificate of title pursuant to any involuntary instrument which divests the title of the registered owner against his consent or **where a voluntary instrument cannot be registered by reason of the refusal or failure of the holder to surrender the owner's duplicate certificate of title**, the party in interest may file a petition in court to compel surrender of the same to the Register of Deeds. The court, after hearing, may order the registered owner or any person withholding the duplicate certificate to surrender the same, and direct the entry of a new certificate or memorandum upon such surrender. If the person withholding the duplicate certificate is not amenable to the process of the court, or if for any reason the outstanding owner's duplicate certificate cannot be delivered, **the court may order the annulment of the same as well as the issuance of a new certificate of title in lieu thereof**. Such new certificate and all duplicates thereof shall contain a memorandum of the annulment of the outstanding duplicate. (*emphasis supplied*)

In a similar case where the holder of the title defied the directive of the lower court requiring her to surrender the owner's duplicate certificate of title, the Supreme Court held that the owner's duplicate certificate of title in her possession should have no force and effect. The court emphasized that the person ordered by the court to surrender possession of the owner's duplicate certificate of title "cannot simply disregard the directive without any consequences under Sec. 107 of P.D. No. 1529.

In this case, there was a previous petition for consolidation of ownership in *pacto de retro*, Special Civil Action No. 04-28365 filed before Regional Trial Court Branch 31 filed by the same petitioners, spouses Irwin Cortez and Sigrid Cortez. In the Decision dated June 24, 2005, penned by Hon. Rene S. Hortillo, the validity and due execution of the Deed of Absolute Sale in favor of the spouses-petitioners and directed the Register of Deeds, Province of Iloilo to Transfer Ownership of Lot No. 7021 in the name of the spouses-petitioners and to issue a new Certificate of Title in their names after payment of the required legal fees.

Considering that despite the decision of RTC Branch 31 that was issued almost twenty (20) years ago, the respondents still refused or have not yet surrendered the title to the petitioners, this court must apply the provision in Section 107 of PD 1529.

WHEREFORE, the petition is hereby **GRANTED**, The Court orders:

² G.R. No. 24764. January 11, 2023. SERAFIN MANARIN, PETITIONER VS. LEONCIA MANARIN, et.al.

1. Respondents to produce, deliver and surrender the Owner's Duplicate Copy of Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-176,250 within thirty (30) days after the date of publication, and for the petitioner to publish this Order once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Iloilo accredited by this court at their expense;
2. The Register of Deeds of the Province of Iloilo to make an entry of a new certificate or memorandum upon such surrender; and
3. In the event that the respondents fail or refuse to produce, deliver and surrender the said owner's certificate within the period of thirty (30) days, the said Owner's Duplicate Copy of Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-176,250 is declared NULL and VOID and the Register of Deeds of the Province of Iloilo is ordered to issue a NEW Certificate of Title in lieu thereof. Such new certificate of title shall contain a Memorandum of the annulment of the outstanding certificate.

Furnish copies of the Order to the petitioners and their counsel, respondents and the Registry of Deeds of the Province of Iloilo.

The Clerk of Court of the Office of the Clerk of Court (OCC) of Barotac Viejo, Iloilo is hereby ordered to release the unspent amount in the Sheriff's Trust Fund (STF) account, if any, in compliance with the OCA Circular No. 63A-2022

SO ORDERED.

Barotac Viejo, Iloilo, September 18, 2024.

(SGD.) OSCAR LEO S. BILLENA
 Judge



Republic of the Philippines
CITY OF ILOILO

Iloilo City Hall, Plaza Libertad, Iloilo City

CONSOLIDATED QUARTERLY REPORT ON GOVERNMENT PROJECTS, PROGRAMS or ACTIVITIES

REGION: REGION VI - WESTERN VISAYAS **CALENDAR YEAR:** 2024
PROVINCE: ILOILO **QUARTER:** 2
CITY/MUNICIPALITY: CITY OF ILOILO

Program or Project	Location	Total Cost	Date Started	Target Completion Date	Project Status		No. of Extensions, if any	Remarks
					% of Completion	Total Cost Incurred to Date		
Financial Assistance - persons/families in crisis situation	Iloilo City	313,000.00	2007	continuing		313,000.00		
TIIC-TESDA	Iloilo City	97,800.00	2020	continuing		97,800.00		
DOH - Iloilo City Molecular Laboratory Operations	Iloilo City	101,584.00	2021	continuing		101,584.00		
Barangay Nutrition Scholars' Travel Allowance	Iloilo City	1,200.00	2023	continuing		1,200.00		
DOH - PREVENTS	Iloilo City	13,500.00	2015	continuing		13,500.00		
PhilHealth - USWAG Dialysis Center	Iloilo City	16,188.91	2022	continuing		16,188.91		
DOH - PCPN	Iloilo City	204,000.00	2023	continuing		204,000.00		
DOH- Health Emergency Allowance (HEA)	Iloilo City	121,186,068.74	2021	continuing		121,186,068.74		
Bureau of Fire Protection Support Program	Iloilo City	231,267.24	2007	continuing		231,267.24		
DOLE - Livelihood Program	Iloilo City	917,050.00	2023	continuing		917,050.00		
OFFICE OF THE BUILDING OFFICIALS OPERATIONS	Iloilo City	323,350.00	2020	continuing		323,350.00		
DSWD - Supplementary Feeding	Iloilo City	8,725,983.25	2023	continuing		8,725,983.25		
CHED - UNIFAST	Iloilo City	7,500.00	2023	continuing		7,500.00		

We hereby certify that we have reviewed the contents and hereby attest to the veracity and correctness of the data or information contained in this document.

(SGD) MICHELLE O. LOPEZ
Local Accountant

(SGD) JERRY P. TREÑAS
Local Chief Executive

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

REGION: REGION VI - WESTERN VISAYAS **CALENDAR YEAR:** 2024
PROVINCE: ILOILO **QUARTER:** 2
CITY/MUNICIPALITY: CITY OF ILOILO

Cash Flows From Operating Activities:			
Cash Inflows:			
	Collection from Taxpayers	566,956,469.00	
	Share from Internal Revenue Collections	363,297,510.00	
	Receipts from Sale of Goods or Services	86,776,937.81	
	Interest Income	630,265.47	
	Dividend Income	-	
	Other Receipts	76,294,011.94	
	Total Cash Inflow	1,093,955,194.22	
Cash Outflows:			
	Payments :		
	To Suppliers/Creditors	397,490,270.82	
	To Employees	190,672,474.69	
	Interest Expense	6,744,399.92	
	Other Disbursements	255,967,743.50	
	Total Cash Outflow	850,874,888.93	
	Net Cash from Operating Activities		243,080,305.29
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:			
Cash Inflows:			
	From Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment	894,575.00	
	From Sale of Dept Securities of Other Entities	-	
	From Collection of Principal on Loans to Other Entities	-	
	Other Receipts	-	
	Total Cash Inflow	894,575.00	
Cash Outflows:			
	To Purchase Property, Plant and Equipment	376,407,168.93	
	To Purchase Debt Securities of Other Entities	-	
	To Grant/Make Loans to Other Entities	-	
	Total Cash Outflow	376,407,168.93	
	Net Cash from Investing Activities		(375,512,593.93)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:			
Cash Inflows:			
	From Issuance of Debt Securities	-	
	From Acquisition of Loan	198,364,226.99	
	Total Cash Inflow	198,364,226.99	
Cash Outflows:			
	Retirement/Redemption of Debt Securities	-	
	Payment of Loan Amortization	30,380,401.69	
	Total Cash Outflow	30,380,401.69	
	Net Cash from Financing Activities		167,983,825.30
	Net Increase in Cash		35,551,536.66
	Cash at Beginning of the Period		4,166,461,839.90
	Cash at the End of the Period		4,202,013,376.56

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LOCAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT FUND UTILIZATION

REGION: REGION VI - WESTERN VISAYAS CALENDAR YEAR: 2024
 PROVINCE: ILOILO QUARTER: 2
 CITY/MUNICIPALITY: CITY OF ILOILO

Particulars	LDRRM Fund		NDRRM Fund	From Other LGUs	From Other Sources	Total
	Quick Response Fund (QRF) 30%	Mitigation Fund 70%				
A. Sources of Funds						
Current Appropriations	53,959,666.00	118,872,551.33	-	-	-	172,832,217.33
Continuing Appropriations	-	93,961,454.52	-	-	-	93,961,454.52
Supplemental Budget No. 1	33,750.00	78,750.00	-	-	-	112,500.00
Previous Years' Appropriations Transferred to the Special Trust Fund						
2011-2019 Continuing	-	71,971,616.18	-	-	-	
2013 Fund	-	30,000.00	-	-	-	
2016 Fund	-	124,951.99	-	-	-	
2018 Fund	-	248,069.73	-	-	-	
2019 Fund	-	11,417,838.74	-	-	-	
2020 Fund	-	35,813,824.21	-	-	-	
2021 Fund	-	13,188,188.45	-	-	-	
2022 Fund	-	45,925,936.31	-	-	-	
2023 Fund	-	66,058,060.63	-	-	-	
Donation	-	5,161,030.00	-	-	-	249,939,516.24
Transfer/Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Funds Available	53,993,416.00	462,852,272.09	-	-	-	516,845,688.09
B. Utilization						
Personnel	-	5,638,858.60	-	-	-	5,638,858.60
Insurance	-	1,406,984.03	-	-	-	1,406,984.03
Taxes, Duties and Licences	-	83,777.24	-	-	-	83,777.24
Travel Expenses	-	53,103.08	-	-	-	53,103.08
Other Structures (Evacuation Center)-Cont. Appropriations		5,000,000.00				5,000,000.00
Technical and Scientific Equipment -Cont. Appropriations		886,205.00	-	-	-	886,205.00
Disaster Rescue Equipments-Cont. Appropriations		5,507,040.00	-	-	-	5,507,040.00
Special Trust Fund	-	418,525.00	-	-	-	418,525.00
Total Utilization	-	18,994,492.95	-	-	-	18,994,492.95
Unutilized Balance	53,993,416.00	443,857,779.14	-	-	-	497,851,195.14

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ILOILO CITY
LOCAL ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE
STATEMENT OF INCOME
FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1 TO JUNE 30, 2024

TAX REVENUE			
Local Taxes			
Fines and Penalties - Local Taxes	₱	838,112.84	
TOTAL TAX REVENUE	₱	838,112.84	
GENERAL INCOME			
Business Income			
Income from Markets			
Market Rental	₱	6,704,792.94	
Market Fee		2,532,093.98	
Cash Ticket		10,890,383.00	
Light Fee		6,647,839.91	
Adjustment		-	₱ 26,775,109.83
Income from Slaughterhouses			
Slaughterhouse Fee	₱	1,961,062.50	
Slaughterhouse Permit Fee		13,442,891.50	
Post / Ante Mortem		2,882,740.61	
Corral Fee		2,734,760.00	21,021,454.61
<i>sub-total</i>	₱		47,796,564.44
Other Income			
Interest Income	₱	22,674.73	
Miscellaneous Income		19,671.62	42,346.35
TOTAL INCOME	₱		48,677,023.63

Certified correct:

(SGD) MICHELLE O. LOPEZ
City Accountant

CITY OF ILOILO
STATEMENT OF EXPENSES
FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2024 to JUNE 30, 2024
LOCAL ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE

Salaries and Wages - Regular	9,119,628.62
Personnel Economic Relief Allowance (PERA)	846,636.80
Clothing/Uniform Allowance	490,000.00
Longevity Pay	10,000.00
Other Bonuses and Allowances	1,512,587.00
Retirement and Life Insurance Premiums	1,094,373.67
PAG-IBIG Contributions	77,600.00
PHILHEALTH Contributions	228,281.17
Employees Compensation Insurance Premiums	42,400.00
Terminal Leave Benefits	212,510.59
Travelling Expenses - Local	56,000.00
Office Supplies Expenses	175,775.00
Fuel, Oil and Lubricants Expenses	98,879.07
Chemical and Filtering Supplies Expenses	144,000.00
Other Supplies and Materials Expenses	1,969,465.20
Water Expenses	35,078.40
Electricity Expenses	4,917,521.23
Security Expenses	58,396.88
Taxes, Duties and Licenses	2,810.00
Fidelity Bond Premiums	7,200.00
Other Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	7,522,164.99
Loss of Assets	99,913.89
TOTAL	28,721,222.51

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ILOILO CITY
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF INCOME
FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1 TO JUNE 30, 2024

Tax Revenue			
Local Taxes			
Professional Tax	₱	1,756,061.00	
Adjustment		-	₱ 1,756,061.00
Amusement Tax			
Theater	₱	4,349,371.60	
Cockpit Operation		298,805.00	
Others		5,165,013.62	9,813,190.22
Business Taxes and Licenses			
Wholesalers	₱	67,255,123.88	
Essentials Commodities		39,256,802.15	
Retailers		125,053,833.56	
Contractors		40,555,183.42	
Financial Institutions		58,449,778.21	
Other Businesses			
Peddlers			
Services		148,348,880.34	
Refreshment		48,056,174.62	
Producers		396,172.49	
Manufacturer		22,101,233.46	
Real Estate Lessor		28,671,023.56	
Real Estate Developer/Dealer		37,247,377.27	
Private Cemetery		103,402.60	
Importer		902,016.96	
Exporter Essentials		-	616,397,002.52
Community Tax			23,230,444.31
Franchise Tax			32,035,866.19
Occupation Tax			614,700.00
Printing and Publication Tax			767,317.62
Property Transfer Tax			48,933,590.52
Real Property Tax			
Current	₱	853,202,677.31	
Preceding Year		39,847,814.23	
Penalty		13,874,469.67	
Sub-total			
Less: Discount on RPT	₱	906,924,961.21	
Tax on Delivery Trucks and Vans		100,216,748.59	806,708,212.62
Fines and Penalties - Local Taxes			5,685,020.00
			11,516,205.27
TOTAL TAX REVENUE			₱ 1,557,457,610.27

GENERAL INCOME			
Permits and Licenses			
Fees on Weights and Measures	₱		171,710.00
Fishery Rental Fees			149.40
Permit Fees			
Building Permit Fee	₱	1,419,491.34	
Tower		5,760.00	
Electrical Permit Fee		663,385.83	
Electronics Fee		316,395.60	
Plumbing Fee		130,171.70	
Mechanical Permit Fee		305,529.80	
RO 2012-402 Ambulant Permit Fee		113,600.00	
Temporary Electrical Permit Fee		303,671.00	
Occupancy Permit Fee		1,858,139.55	
Mayor's Permit		31,437,970.17	
Line & Grade Fee		20,360.84	
Pavement		540.00	
Fencing Fee		18,682.84	
Signage		9,911.54	
Storage Fee		589,884.65	
Demolition Fee		7,189.88	
Tricycle Permit Fee		741,000.00	
Excavation Fee		609,110.70	
Zoning Fee		285,274.00	
Sidewalk Permit Fee		4,507.62	
Trisikad Drivers License Fee		30,350.00	38,870,927.06
Registration Fees			
Business	₱	4,084,495.63	
Marriage Fee		268,280.00	
Solemnization Fee		71,700.00	
Civil Registrar Registration		1,358,607.55	
Registration of Large Cattle		325,327.64	
Transfer of Ownership of Large Cattle		312.00	
Motor Vehicle Registration		132,150.00	
Fees from Tourism		3,509,802.16	9,750,674.98
Reg'n, Plates, Tags & Stickers Fees			
Cost Plate	₱	14,307.40	
Sticker		2,284,360.00	
Bus. Reg. Plate		2,378,451.00	
Bus. Reg. Plate Sticker		2,881,893.99	
House Plate		-	7,559,012.39
sub-total			₱ 56,352,473.83
Service Income			
Clearance and Certification Fees			
Secretary Fees	₱	10,752,405.30	
Civil Registrar Certificate		1,491,290.00	
Zonal Location Clearance Fee		2,082,825.00	
Court Clearance Fee		94,873.75	
Special Zoning Fee		423,461.67	
Other Clearance & Certification Fees		1,382,200.00	16,227,055.72
Supervision and Regulation Enforcement Fees			
Garbage Fees			2,250,432.50
Inspection Fees			90,672,430.43
Fire Inspection Fee	₱	5,453,237.13	
Assessors Inspection Fee		1,243,150.00	
Annual Building Ins. Fee		2,754,246.00	
Annual Electrical Permit		4,470,845.56	
Annual Mechanical Fee		3,352,348.67	
Annual Electronics Fee		2,564,077.80	
Annual Plumbing Fee		930,765.56	
Shipping Fee of Aquatic Resources		1,859,898.00	22,628,568.72
Verification Fee and Authentication Fees			2,504,820.00
Processing Fees			1,334,746.00
Hospital Fees			4,675,455.00
Tuition Fees			4,600.00
Miscellaneous Fees			2,500.00

Other Service Income			
Sanitary Fees	₱	25,100,163.74	
Disinfection Fees		4,600.00	25,104,763.74
Fines and Penalties - Service Income			6,453,357.69
sub-total			₱ 171,858,729.80
Business Income			
Income from Cemetery Operations	₱		723,317.00
Rent Income			1,368,000.80
Transportation System Fees			40,800.00
Landing and Parking Fees			4,273,280.00
Other Business Income			
Tipping Fee	₱	9,173,129.00	9,173,129.00
Fines and Penalties - Business Income			316,450.25
sub-total			₱ 15,894,977.05
Other Income			
Interest Income	₱		9,311,690.78
Revenue Share from JV ICG & Iloilo Guimaras Ferry Terminal Corp.			-
National Tax Allocation			726,595,020.00
Share From Economic Zone			14,605,608.18
Income from Grants and Donations			
Miscellaneous Income			
Form	₱	102,181.30	
Over liquidation / Others		2,991.12	
Barangay Subsidy - Electricity		504,312.00	
Power Consumption Fee		162,117.75	
MIWD Excavation & Restoration Fee		104,375.30	
Lifting Warrant		16,901.00	
Liquidated Damages		760,757.85	
Unrecovered Properties		161,675.92	
Fish Coral			
Sale of Bid Docs			
Others		529.98	1,815,842.22
Other Fines and Penalties			
sub-total			₱ 752,328,161.18
TOTAL GENERAL INCOME			₱ 996,434,341.86
TOTAL INCOME			₱ 2,553,891,952.13

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City Accountant

CITY OF ILOILO
STATEMENT OF EXPENSES

FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2024 to JUNE 30, 2024
GENERAL FUND

Salaries and Wages - Regular	331,654,326.75
Salaries and Wages - Contractual	1,006,471.90
Personnel Economic Relief Allowance (PERA)	22,673,976.90
Representation Allowance (RA)	3,100,500.00
Transportation Allowance (TA)	2,980,500.00
Clothing/Uniform Allowance	12,854,000.00
Subsistence Allowance	876,456.12
Laundry Allowance	121,730.37
Honoraria	120,000.00
Hazard Pay	6,654,009.58
Longevity Pay	835,000.00
Overtime and Night Pay	8,295,529.74
Year End Bonus	7,339.00
Cash Gift	2,500.00
Other Bonuses and Allowances	54,667,098.00
Retirement and Life Insurance Premiums	39,142,628.04
Pag-IBIG Contributions	2,063,701.43
PhilHealth Contributions	8,200,199.24
Employees Compensation Insurance Premiums	1,129,204.48
Terminal Leave Benefits	5,164,858.00
Traveling Expenses - Local	2,545,110.62
Traveling Expenses - Foreign	161,820.26
Training Expenses	1,798,779.68
Office Supplies Expenses	5,360,417.19

Accountable Forms Expenses	1,053,740.00	Repairs and Maintenance - Transportation Equipment	172,073.00
Animal/Zoological Supplies Expenses	1,276,950.00	Subsidy to Other Local Government Units	5,000.00
Food Supplies Expenses	2,775,000.00	Subsidy to Other Funds	66,058,060.63
Welfare Goods Expenses	11,863,652.00	Taxes, Duties and Licenses	384,866.44
Drugs and Medicines Expenses	32,517,461.65	Fidelity Bond Premiums	491,353.77
Medical, Dental and Laboratory Supplies Expenses	4,424,884.78	Advertising Expenses	154,009.34
Fuel, Oil and Lubricants Expenses	7,724,061.18	Printing and Publication Expenses	682,850.00
Agricultural and Marine Supplies Expenses	127,045.00	Representation Expenses	2,307,866.24
Chemical and Filtering Supplies Expenses	446,250.00	Rent Expenses	21,463,007.92
Other Supplies and Materials Expenses	96,037,054.43	Membership Dues and Contributions to Organizations	446,731.60
Water Expenses	1,618,356.87	Subscription Expenses	14,260.00
Electricity Expenses	31,845,535.73	Other Maintenance and Operating Expenses	268,886,932.96
Postage and Courier Services	207,038.35	Interest Expenses	14,688,403.51
Telephone Expenses	1,625,020.32	Loss on Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment	1,268,374.22
Internet Subscription Expenses	1,500.00	Loss of Assets	10,691,726.24
Awards/Rewards Expenses	110,000.00		
Prizes	105,000.00	TOTAL	1,221,335,846.30
Demolition and Relocation Expenses	5,730,000.00		
Confidential Expenses	5,000,000.00	Certified Correct:	
Other Professional Services	29,027,868.43		
Environment/Sanitary Services	85,098,715.50	(SGD) MICHELLE O. LOPEZ	
Security Services	3,589,038.89	City Accountant	

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND UTILIZATION

REGION: REGION VI WESTERN VISAYAS CALENDAR YEAR: 2024
 CITY/MUNICIPALITY: CITY OF ILOILO QUARTER: 2

Balance forwarded from 1st Quarter	269,440,125.41
Receipt from SEF- 2nd Quarter	297,028,296.19
Total Receipt	566,468,421.60

Less: **DISBURSEMENTS** (broken down by expense class and by object of expenditure)

PERSONNEL SERVICES

Salaries and Wages	2,599,808.68
Other Compensation	588,578.44
Personnel Benefit Contributions	412,658.07

MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES

Supplies and Materials Expenses	8,168,707.50
Utility Expenses	8,867,017.98
Communication Expenses	525,475.58
Professional Services	26,418.99
Repairs and Maintenance	25,900.00
Other Maintenance and Operating Expenses	17,326,212.20

CAPITAL OUTLAY

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Sub-total 38,540,777.44

Balance Php 527,927,644.16

We hereby certify that we have reviewed the contents and hereby attest to the veracity and correctness of the data or information contained in this document.

(SGD.) MICHELLE O. LOPEZ
CITY ACCOUNTANT

(SGD.) HON. JERRY P. TREÑAS
CITY MAYOR

UNLIQUIDATED CASH ADVANCES

REGION:
PROVINCE:
CITY/MUNICIPALITY:

REGION VI - WESTERN VISAYAS
ILOILO
CITY OF ILOILO

CALENDAR YEAR: **2024**
QUARTER: **2**

Name of Debtor	Amount Balance	Date Granted	Purpose	Amount Due						Remarks
				Current			Past Due			
				Less than 30 days	31-90 days	91-365 days	Over 1 year	Over 2 years	3 years and above	
AGUIRRE, CECILIO C.	29,824.00	6/13/2024	Cash advance of his traveling expenses in connection with his attendance to the 15th National Convention of the Philippine Association of Municipal Assessors (PAMAS), Inc. on June 18-21, 2024 at Mtero Center Hotel, Tagbilaran City, Bohol	√						Not yet due; Liquidation due on July 21, 2024
ALAVA, JANET G.	21,793.50	5/21/2024	Cash advance of traveling expenses in attendace to the Philippine League of Local Budget Officers (PHILLBO) Visayas, Inc. Annual Convention on June 5-7, 2024 at the Metro Centre Hotel, Grand Ballroom, CPG North Avenue, Tagbilaran City, Bohol :Empowering Fiscal Leadership; Navigating Challenges, Embracing Opportunities towards LGUs Public Financial Management	√						Not yet due; Liquidation due on July 7, 2024
ARQUISOLA, ROSANNA E.	22,879.00	04/30/24	Cash advance for the travelling expenses to attend the Government Records Officers Association of the Philippines, Inc. "Policy-Guided Strategies for Developing Effective Records Disposition in Public Offices" on May 8-10, 2024 to be held at the Crown Legacy Hotel, at corner Montinola Street, Kisad Road, Baguio City							Liquidation in process; Liquidation Report No. 2024-06-160 dated June 10, 2024
BALIDIONG, MADELYN	30,280.00	04/15/24	Cash advance to attend the 13th National Criminalistics Specialization Training on April 21-28, 2024 at Brentwood Appartelle, Leonard Wood Road, Baguio City							Liquidation in process; Liquidation Report No. 2024-05-138 dated May 15, 2024
BARONDAY, MARITES S.	6,000.00	06/21/24	Cash advance for registration fee in attendance to the Associatio of Local Budget Officers Region VI "Trainors' Training on Philippine Barangay Budgeting Manual on June 26-28, 2024 at Iloilo Grand Hotel, Iloilo City	√						Not yet due; Liquidation due on July 28, 2024
BORCE, MICHELLE MARIE C.	30,280.00	04/15/24	Cash advance to attend the 13th National Criminalistics Specialization Training on April 21-28, 2024 at Brentwood Appartelle, Leonard Wood Road, Baguio City							Liquidation in process; Liquidation Report No. 2024-05-136 dated May 15, 2024
CAPISTRANO, JINKY C.	31,300.00	06/26/24	Cash advance of traveling expenses in attendance to the 2024 Palarong Pambansa to be held in Cebu City on July 5-16, 2024							Not yet due; Travel ends on July 16, 2024
CAPULSO, VIMINALE A.	6,000.00	06/21/24	Cash advance for registration fee in attendance to the Associatio of Local Budget Officers Region VI "Trainors' Training on Philippine Barangay Budgeting Manual on June 26-28, 2024 at Iloilo Grand Hotel, Iloilo City	√						Not yet due; Liquidation due on July 28, 2024
CATAHAY, JUVY C,	21,793.50	05/21/24	Cash advance of traveling expenses in attendace to the Philippine League of Local Budget Officers (PHILLBO) Visayas, Inc. Annual Convention on June 5-7, 2024 at the Metro Centre Hotel, Grand Ballroom, CPG North Avenue, Tagbilaran City, Bohol :Empowering Fiscal Leadership; Navigating Challenges, Embracing Opportunities towards LGUs Public Financial Management	√						Not yet due; Liquidation due on July 7, 2024
CUÑADA, GV EUTIQUIO	16,700.00	06/03/24	Cash advance to travel to Manila on June 6, 2024 to represent the City Government before the Land Registration Activity (LRA) and such government offices and agencies he may deem necessary in furtherance of the processing of the properties of the City Government of Iloilo for titling	√						Not yet due; Liquidation due on July 6, 2024
DAYOT, REIN VICENT	31,300.00	06/26/24	Cash advance of traveling expenses in attendance to the 2024 Palarong Pambansa to be held in Cebu City on July 5-16, 2024							Not yet due; Travel ends on July 16, 2024
HERNANDEZ, ERLO A.	26,300.00	06/28/24	Cash advance for travel expenses to attend the training workshop on implementation of RA No. 9262 "two Decades After" on July 1-3, 2024 at Acacia Hotel, 71 J.P. Laurel, Lanang, Davao City							Not yet due; Travel ends on July 3, 2024
JERDELEZA, VAREN PERCIOS	5,000.00	05/28/24	Cash advance for Registration Fee to attend the PSIM 3rd Visayas Regional Conference to be hosted by the Pambansang Samahan ng Inhenyero Mekanikal, Inc. (PSIM) Iloilo Chapter on June 5-7, 2024 at the Iloilo Grand Hotel, Iznart St., Iloilo City	√						Not yet due; Liquidation due on July 7, 2024
JOVER, SHEEN KAY A.	6,000.00	06/21/24	Cash advance for registration fee in attendance to the Associatio of Local Budget Officers Region VI "Trainors' Training on Philippine Barangay Budgeting Manual on June 26-28, 2024 at Iloilo Grand Hotel, Iloilo City	√						Not yet due; Liquidation due on July 28, 2024
JUNGCO, RUDIVER SR.	31,300.00	06/26/24	Cash advance of Traveling Expenses in his attendance to the 2024 Palarong Pambansa to be held at Cebu City on July 5-16, 2024							Not yet due; Travel ends on July 16, 2024
LAGAÑA, MELVIN G.	33,500.00	06/28/24	Cash advance of traveling expenses to attend the Forensic Science Specialization Training, FILE Academy, Naga City, Cebu, Philippines on July 1-7, 2024							Not yet due; Travel ends on July 7, 2024
LARUPAY, PERPETOU	1,208.00	03/23/2012	Cash advance for travelling expenses , IIEE Western Vis Reg'l Conf on 3/30-31/12 in Boracay						√	Refund OR No. 8058240 dated 12/27/2022 : Demand Letter dated November 10, 2022
LEDESMA, RONADLO D.	4,500.00	06/04/24	Cash advance for registration fee for the PSIM 3rd Visayas Regional Conference on June 5-7, 2024 at Iloilop Grand Hotel, Iznart St., Iloilo City	√						Not yet due; Liquidation due on July 7, 2024

MALIMBAG, CODY	14,267.00	4/2/2012	2012 NSPC on 04/09-13/12 in Palawan						√	For Write Off ; Necessary documents are being collected ;Need PSA Death Certificate ; Letter of inquiry for mailing address to DepEd dated 6/16/21 ; Demand Letter dated 06/24/2022 and November 10, 2022; Obtained a Certification of Death from PSA dated May 27, 2024
MINERVA, JOY	26,004.12	04/18/24	Cash advance relative to her attendance to the "Effective Procedures and Best Practices for Electronic Records Protection for Government Offices and Implementing a Comprehensive Electronic Records Security Program on April 23-25, 2024 @ Bohol Plaza Resort Hotel, Dayo Hill Brgy. Mayacabac, Dausi, Bohol		√					Liquidation in process; Liquidation Report No. 24-05-107 dated May 6, 2024
MORALES, CHYRIL G	20,665.00	04/30/24	Cash advance for the travelling expenses to attend the Government Records Officers Association of the Philippines, Inc. "Policy-Guided Strategies for Developing Effective Records Disposition in Public Offices" on May 8-10, 2024 to be held at the Crown Legacy Hotel, at corner Montinola Street, Kisad Road, Baguio City							Liquidation in process; Liquidation Report No. 2024-06-161 dated June 10, 2024
PAGUNTALAN, LANNETTE	26,004.12	04/18/24	Cash advance relative to her attendance to the "Effective Procedures and Best Practices for Electronic Records Protection for Government Offices and Implementing a Comprehensive Electronic Records Security Program on April 23-25, 2024 @ Bohol Plaza Resort Hotel, Dayo Hill Brgy. Mayacabac, Dausi, Bohol		√					Liquidation in process; Liquidation Report No. 24-05-109 dated May 6, 2024
PERONILLA, BOBBY S.	5,365.00	07/10/97	Cash advance for travel expenses to attend the PHALTRA National Workshop at PICC , Metro Manila						√	For Write off: Letter of Request for Death Certificate dated 10/14/19 and 7/22/2020; Obtained a Certification of Death from PSA dated May 27, 2024
PLUMES, GINA	21,793.50	05/21/24	Cash advance of traveling expenses in attendace to the Philippine League of Local Budget Officers (PHILLBO) Visayas, Inc. Annual Convention on June 5-7, 2024 at the Metro Centre Hotel, Grand Ballroom, CPG North Avenue, Tagbilaran City, Bohol :Empowering Fiscal Leadership; Navigating Challenges, Embracing Opportunities towards LGUs Public Financial Management		√					Not yet due; Liquidation due on July 7, 2024
PORRAS, RONNIE H.	4,500.00	06/04/24	Cash advance for registration fee for the PSIM 3rd Visayas Regional Conference on June 5-7, 2024 at Iloilo Grand Hotel, Iznart St., Iloilo City		√					Not yet due; Liquidation due on July 7, 2024
PORRAS, RONNIE H.	6,000.00	06/19/24	Cash advance for registration fee for the 34th Annual Consultative Convention and Election of Officers of the Local Government Mechanical Engineers Association of the Philippines (LOGOMEAP) on June 19-21, 2024 at L'Fisher Hotel, Bacolod City, Negros Occidental		√					Not yet due; Liquidation due on July 21, 2024
RAGO, FRENCH JOHN C.	30,280.00	04/15/24	Cash advance to attend the 13th National Criminalistics Specialization Training on April 21-28, 2024 at Brentwood Appartelle, Leonard Wood Road, Baguio City							Liquidation in process; Liquidation Report No. 2024-05-137 dated May 15, 2024
RAMOS, MARY ANN	26,300.00	06/28/24	Cash advance for travel expenses to attend the training workshop on implementation of RA No. 9262 "two Decades After" on July 1-3, 2024 at Acacia Hotel, 71 J.P. Laurel, Lanang, Davao City							Not yet due; Travel ends on July 3, 2024
SOMO, ROGELIO	8,138.00	02/27/98	Cash advance for travelling expenses to Subic, Olongapo City.						√	For Write Off ; Sent Letter of Inquiry to Hall of Justice dated 7/22/2020 ; Need PSA Death Certificate ; Demand Letter to Heirs dated 03/17/21 ; Demand Letter dated 2/15/2022 ;Demand Letter dated 06/24/2022 and 11/10/2022; Obtained a Certification of Death from PSA dated May 27, 2024
TANG, ANNABELLE S.	15,767.00	06/24/24	Cash advance for travelling exoenses in attendance to the Department of Socail Welfare Development Central Office, Batasang Pambansa Complex, Quezon City on June 25-26, 2024 for Final Presentation & Awarding Ceremonies of Walang Gutom Award		√					Not yet due; Liquidation due on July 26, 2024
TOLEDO, JOY ANN	6,000.00	06/21/24	Cash advance for registration fee in attendance to the Associatio of Local Budget Officers Region VI "Trainers' Training on Philippine Barangay Budgeting Manual on June 26-28, 2024 at Iloilo Grand Hotel, Iloilo City		√					Not yet due; Liquidation due on July 28, 2024
TUARES, MARISSA	26,004.12	04/18/24	Cash advance relative to her attendance to the "Effective Procedures and Best Practices for Electronic Records Protection for Government Offices and Implementing a Comprehensive Electronic Records Security Program on April 23-25, 2024 @ Bohol Plaza Resort Hotel, Dayo Hill Brgy. Mayacabac, Dausi, Bohol			√				Liquidation in process; Liquidation Report No. 24-05-108 dated May 6, 2024
VELONERO, JACQUELINE V.	20,981.36	05/21/24	Cash advance of traveling expenses in attendace to the Philippine League of Local Budget Officers (PHILLBO) Visayas, Inc. Annual Convention on June 5-7, 2024 at the Metro Centre Hotel, Grand Ballroom, CPG North Avenue, Tagbilaran City, Bohol :Empowering Fiscal Leadership; Navigating Challenges, Embracing Opportunities towards LGUs Public Financial Management		√					Not yet due; Liquidation due on July 7, 2024
VITERBO, LLONIL	16,700.00	06/03/24	Cash advance to travel to Manila on June 6, 2024 to represent the City Government before the Land Registration Activity (LRA) and such government offices and agencies he may deem necessary in furtherance of the processing of the properties of the City Government of Iloilo for titling		√					Not yet due; Liquidation due on July 6, 2024

TOTAL 630,727.22

We hereby certify that we have reviewed the contents and hereby attest to the veracity and correctness of the data or information contained in this document.

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City Accountant

(SGD.) JERRY P. TREÑAS
City Mayor

Electronics exports to rebound in 2025: SEIPI



Semiconductor and Electronics Industries in the Philippines Foundation president Dan Lachica. (Courtesy of SEIPI Facebook page)

MANILA – The export of electronic products is expected to rebound in 2025, the Semiconductor and Electronics Industries in the Philippines Foundation, Inc. (SEIPI) said on Thursday.

SEIPI President Dan Lachica told reporters at the sidelines of the 13th Arangkada Philippines Forum in Pasay that SEIPI is projecting a 5-percent growth in electronics exports next year.

This will be a turnaround from the projected 10-percent contraction in electronics exports this year.

Last year, exports of electronic products amounted to USD41.91 billion.

Lachica said inventory correction and new expansion will help boost exports growth next year.

"Well, like I said before, the inventory correction, we're working on that and hopefully again with the initiatives of the government to promote investments, we're looking for new products, new expansions for the coming year," he said.

Preliminary data from the Philippine Statistics Authority showed that exports of electronic products amounted to USD27.4 billion in January to August this year, up by 1 percent from the USD27.18 billion in the same period last year. (PNA)

Jan.-Sept. budget deficit narrows by 1.35%

MANILA – The national government's budget deficit narrowed from January to September this year, data from the Bureau of the Treasury (BTr) showed.

In its latest cash operations report released on Thursday, the BTr said the budget deficit during the period went down by 1.35 percent to PHP970.2 billion from the PHP983.5 billion logged in January to September last year.

The government incurs a budget deficit when spending exceeds its revenues.

"The total deficit for the first three quarters was 9.08 percent short of the PHP1.1 trillion program for the nine-month period and is at 65.36 percent of the PHP1.5 trillion revised full-year program," the BTr said.

Revenue collection went

up to PHP3.3 trillion, 16.04 percent higher than the PHP2.8 trillion collection in 2023.

The revenue collection during the period was also PHP142.8 billion ahead of the January to September program.

Of the total collection, taxes collected by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), Bureau of Customs (BOC), and other offices accounted for about 85.39 percent or PHP2.8 trillion, up by 10.62 percent year on year.

The remaining 14.61 percent or PHP481.1 billion, were non-tax revenues, which grew by 62.54 percent.

Spending, meanwhile, reached PHP4.3 trillion, higher by 11.56 percent, leading to a PHP46 billion overperformance compared

DTI readies relief for biz affected by 'Kristine'

MANILA – The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) on Thursday said it is ready to assist local businesses impacted by Severe Tropical Storm Kristine (Trami).

In response to President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s directive, DTI Acting Secretary Cristina Roque emphasized the agency's

commitment to support recovery efforts for affected businesses, especially micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs).

"We have been actively discussing with our partners in the private sector, including industry associations, to mobilize resources and provide immediate assistance to

affected businesses," Roque said.

The DTI is coordinating with various agencies and private sector partners to ensure affected businesses receive necessary resources like financial aid and advisory services.

Additionally, a price freeze on essential goods is in effect in areas declared

under a state of calamity.

Affected businesses are encouraged to contact their nearest Negosyo Centers or DTI regional offices for assistance.

Last August, DTI mobilized loan program for Typhoon Carina-hit MSMEs through its financing arm, the Small Business Corp. (PNA)

Local EV firm gets nearly 1K orders from PUV modernization

MANILA — Tojo Motors Corp., a local electric vehicle (EV) "fabricator", has received close to 1,000 orders of EV units for public utility vehicle (PUV) modernization.

On the sidelines of the 12th Philippine Electric Vehicle Summit (PEVS) in Pasay City on Thursday, Tojo Motors chief executive officer Ralph Legaspi said the company would need additional capital to boost its capacity to meet the growing demand driven by the government's PUV Modernization Program.

A Laguna-based EV fabricator, which designs, fabricates, manufactures, and assembles the EV unit, Tojo Motors is expected to deliver 576 units for the transport cooperative servicing Makati-Manila area, 150 units for Novaliches-Malinta route, 120 units for Blumentritt-Baclaran route, and 120 units in Calamba area.

Legaspi said these orders are Class 2 four-wheeler EVs.

with the nine-month program of PHP4.2 trillion.

Sept. budget deficit

For September alone, the budget deficit rose 8.9 percent to PHP273.3 billion from PHP250.9 billion last year.

Revenue collection for September climbed to PHP299.7 billion, outperforming the previous year's outturn by 17.32 percent.

BIR collections for September improved to PHP174.7 billion, 14.79 percent higher than last year.



LOCAL EV. Tojo Motors Corp.'s four- and three-wheeler vehicles are showcased at the 12th Philippine Electric Vehicle Summit at the SMX Convention Center, Pasay City on Oct. 24, 2024. Laguna-based Tojo Motors designs, fabricates, and manufactures pure EVs, supporting the PUV Modernization Program of the government. (PNA photo by Ben Briones)

"We target to deliver them within two years—maximum," he said.

"I have to increase the production. We are always looking for funders to invest because our target is to produce more than 150 (units) per month," the executive said.

Its Laguna facility, which has 70 employees, can produce 150 EV units a month.

The three-wheeler e-tricycles plying the roads

of Boracay Island are made by Tojo Motors.

It also deployed EVs in Naga and General Santos.

Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Undersecretary Ceferino Rodolfo said the government's PUV Modernization Program will stimulate the local assembly and manufacturing of EVs.

"If we are to provide support under the PUV Modernization, it should create

jobs in the Philippines and not directed to imports. So we are finding and developing the manufacturing solution," Rodolfo said in a Viber message.

"Recognizing that we are the nascent stage of the industry, and the fast pace of technology advancement, partnerships with other companies who have the technology and who are willing to support localization is important," he added. (PNA)

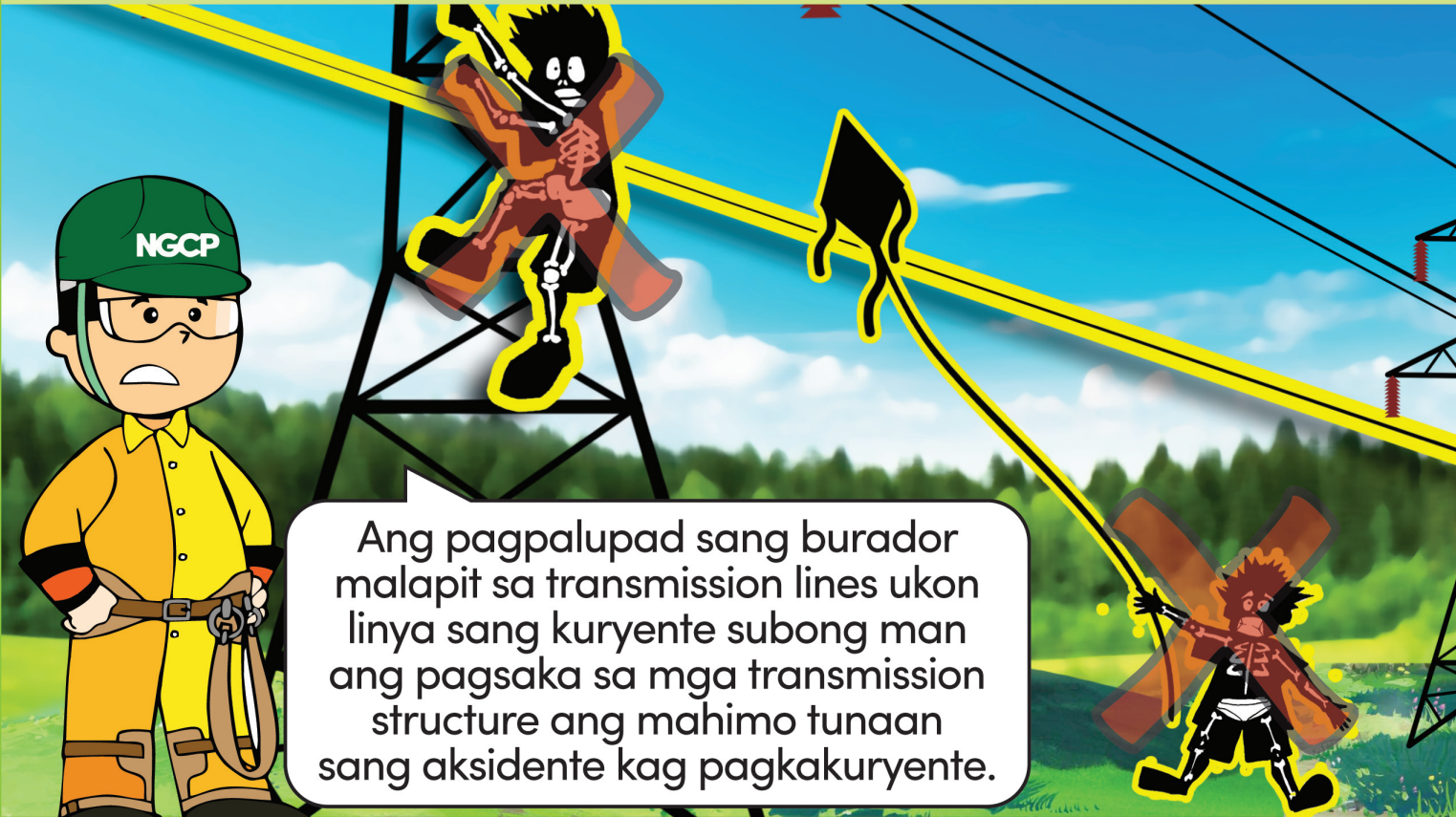
In September due to double-digit negative growth in import duties, partly due to tariff reduction of some commodities.

"Also, the decline is due to an alarming increase in smuggling activities within the year, as the current amount of the BOC's seized goods has already surpassed their total haul in 2023," the bureau said.

Total expenditures for September, on the other hand, grew by 13.15 percent to PHP572.9 billion from PHP506.3 billion a year ago.

The BTr said the increase was due to non-interest expenses, particularly due to the implementation of capital outlay projects of the Department of Public Works and Highways, larger personnel services expenditures due to the implementation of the first tranche of salary adjustments of qualified civilian government employees, as well as the payments for health emergency allowance claims of health care workers. (PNA)

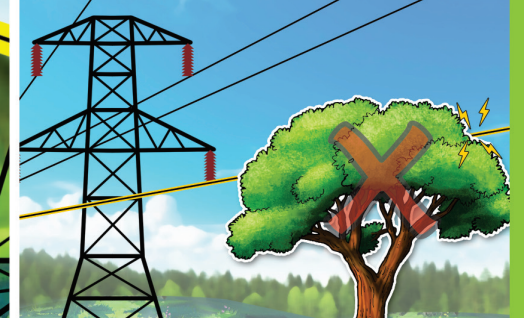
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