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ILOILO CITY HOSTS 44TH CITYNET EXECOM MEETING ON NOVEMBER 18-20
By MARY JOY CAVANAS

The city of Iloilo successfully hosted the three-day 44th CityNet Executive Committee Meeting at Iloilo Convention Center at Iloilo Convention Center (ICC) in Mandurriao, Iloilo City on November 18-20.

It was attended by over 100 mayors and high-ranking officials from different cities of Asian countries.

Iloilo City was represented by Acting Mayor Jeffrey Ganson on behalf of Mayor Jerry Treñas.

Various topics were discussed in the said event including pressing urban issues tied to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including Urban Climate Change Financing and Solid Waste Management.

Secretary-General Vijay Jagannathan, CityNet Secretariat, expressed gratitude to Mayor Jerry Treñas for hosting the three-day event, as well as for the hospitality shown during the

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'INCLUSIVE MODERNIZATION'



Senatorial candidate Luis "Chavit" Singson with the transport leaders of Western Visayas during the Western Visayas Transport Summit in Iloilo City.

Singson pushes inclusive, financially accessible PUVMP

CHAVIT SINGSON, a seasoned public servant and senatorial candidate, is taking a hands-on approach to ensure the success of the government's Public Utility Vehicle Modernization Program (PUVMP) by making it more inclusive and financially accessible to Filipino jeepney operators.

Speaking at the recent Western Visayas Transport Summit in Iloilo, Singson launched his e-jeep and shared how his involvement in the modernization effort began even before he officially entered the Senate race.

While Singson acknowledged that the PUVMP was a well-intentioned initiative, he pointed out that its financial model was impractical for many drivers—particularly those without access to bank loans or the financial literacy to navigate the system.

"When I saw the challenges faced by drivers, I knew there had to be a better way. Many of them could not afford the loans or had limited access to banking services. That's when I decided I would personally

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Bombo Radyo Philippines Inc. Chairman Emeritus Dr. Rogelio Florete Sr. shakes hands with senatorial candidate Luis "Chavit" Singson who visited the Bombo Radyo flagship station in Iloilo City recently.



Iloilo City's esplanade recognized in 2024 Asian Townscape Awards



A section of the Iloilo City Esplanade on both sides of the bridge crossing Benigno Aquino, Jr. Avenue (Diversion Road). Iloilo City bagged an award for Iloilo River Esplanade during the 2024 Asian Townscape Awards (ATA) held at Fukuoka, Japan.

By MARY JOY CAVANAS

Iloilo City bagged an award for Iloilo River Esplanade during the 2024 Asian Townscape Awards (ATA) held at Fukuoka, Japan on November 18.

The said award was received by Mr. Ronald Cartagena, head of the City Planning and Development Office, on behalf of the city government.

Iloilo River Esplanade is marked as the longest linear park in the country, spanning nine kilometers. It consists of 13 sections connected by 11 bridges which traverse five of the city's seven districts as it continues for expansion.

In a Facebook post, Mayor Jerry Treñas expressed

heartfelt gratitude for the recognition, emphasizing the city's dedication to sustainable urban growth.

"This achievement is a testament to our unwavering vision and commitment

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Guimaras provincial board okays P1.1-B budget for 2025

The 10th Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Guimaras has approved the annual budget of the province for 2025 amounting to Php 1,125,494,431.00 and the budget for the operation of the local economic enterprise covering the operation of Dr. Catalino Gallego Nava Provincial Hospital in the amount of Php 292,145,000 during its regular session on November 19, 2024.

The approved budget is higher by 18.34% or Php 174,433,225 from 2024.

Of the approved budget for next year, Php 455,438,694 will go to the General Services Sector; Php 218,162,087 for the Development Fund; Php 197,352,813 for the Social Services; the Economic Sector has Php 135,180,253. An amount of Php 62,105,862 was allocated for debt servicing; Php 56,274,722 reserved for

calamity; and Php 980,000 for Aid to Barangays.

Vice Governor Atty. John Edward G. Gando said that the early approval of the 2025 budget will ensure that the Provincial Government has a fresh budget by January 1, 2025.

Governor JC Rahman A. Nava expressed gratitude to the members of the 10th Sangguniang Panlalawigan for its unanimous approval of the 2025 budget.

"Ginapasalamatan ko gid subong nga adlaw ang inyopag-aprubar sang atonnga 2025 budget sa Provincial Government kag operational budget sang Dr. Catalino Gallego Nava Provincial Hospital," Governor Nava said.

The projects and initiatives under the approved budget are aligned with the Kabataan FIRST development agenda of the governor.



The 10th Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Guimaras led by Vice Governor John Edward Gando in a posterity pose after the approval of the province's annual budget during its regular session on November 19, 2024. (Guimaras PIO)

Historic first: 714 LGUs will get seal of good governance award

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) announced on Tuesday, Nov. 19, a historic milestone for having 714 local government units (LGUs) across the country honored with the coveted 2024 Seal

of Good Local Governance (SGLG) award.

This is the highest number of recipients since the program's inception in 2014, indicating the growing commitment of LGUs to excellent and accountable governance, the DILG said in a statement.

The SGLG award, a hallmark of the DILG's efforts to promote institutional reform and effective governance, gives recognition to provinces, cities, and municipalities that excel across a range of critical performance areas.

This year's 714 awardees include 41 provinces, 96 cities, and 577 municipalities.

Twenty-two LGUs were recognized as 8-time awardees for their sustained excellence, while 135 were first-time winners, highlighting the widening impact of the program across the country.

Central Luzon is the top-performing region with 106 awardees, followed by Ilocos Region with 83, and

Western Visayas with 62.

In the statement, the DILG highlighted the significance of this year's achievement, emphasizing the enhancements made to the assessment criteria.

"The SGLG program is more than an award—it's a testament to how LGUs are meeting the challenges of governance and elevating the standards of public service," it said.

LGUs were evaluated in 10 governance areas, including financial administration,

disaster preparedness, social protection, health compliance, education, business competitiveness, peace and order, environmental management, cultural and tourism development, and youth engagement.

Each awardee will receive an SGLG marker, and access to the SGLG Incentive Fund, enabling them to invest in local development initiatives that align with national goals and priorities. (PIA DMD)

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stay of CityNet participants in the city.

Jagannathan set Iloilo City as a leading example globally in terms of applying best practices in terms of Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) as well as protecting its cultural heritage sites.

Additionally, delegates have shared the best practices from their respective cities, promoting urban development and sustainability.

During the event, the 3rd UNESCAP SDG City Awards recognized outstanding initiatives promoting sustainable urban development.

The winners were:

*1st Place: Busan City, South Korea, for DeullakNallak - Busan Children's Cultural Complex

*2nd Place: Baguio City, Philippines, for Mapping Urban Resilience: A Digital Twin to Baguio's Livability Index

*3rd Place: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, for I Community, I Recycle

Iloilo City received a special citation as a "Livable City" for its efforts in localizing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, while Makati City won the Audience Choice Award for its Public Service Caravan.

The awards highlighted

four thematic categories addressing urban challenges: Inclusive City, Smart City, Circular City, and Resilient City and these themes encourage cities to contribute innovative solutions to urban issues.

Meanwhile, Mayor Treñas, through a Facebook post, expressed pride in Iloilo City's recognition as a Livable City.

"This prestigious honor is a testament to our shared dedication, hard work, and unwavering commitment to making our metro a better place for everyone. Together, we continue to rise and create a city we can all be proud of!" Treñas stated.

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fund the transition," Singson said.

To address this, he pledged to provide zero-interest loans to jeepney operators, effectively removing the financial barrier that has kept many from participating in the program.

Singson's solution goes beyond just offering financial support. His commitment to modernization includes providing electric jeeps that are not only more affordable but also environmentally friendly.

The fleet features state-of-the-art technology, including air conditioning for passenger comfort and solar charging stations to promote energy efficiency.

To make the transition even more financially feasible, Singson negotiated discounted electricity rates at the solar charging stations, which will help reduce the operational costs for jeepney owners.

This move aligns with the Philippine government's broader environmental goals by cutting the carbon footprint of public transportation and promoting sustainable energy sources.

"Modernizing the fleet is not only about providing better vehicles, but also about contributing to a greener, more sustainable future," he explained.

In addition to providing the vehicles, Singson has also taken steps to address the challenge of financial

inclusion for both jeepney drivers and passengers.

Many drivers and commuters, especially in rural areas, still lack access to formal banking services, which makes it difficult for them to engage in the increasingly cashless society.

To solve this, Singson introduced VBank, a digital payment platform linked to his Vigan Rural Banco Incorporada.

The platform provides users with a preloaded card that has a P100,000 limit, which can be used to pay for jeepney fares and even send money to family members through the associated mobile banking app.

VBank offers an innovative solution for the unbanked Filipinos who

struggle with financial illiteracy and access to traditional banking services.

It allows jeepney passengers to pay their fares digitally, eliminating the need for cash, while providing an easy and accessible way for drivers to manage earnings and transactions.

A nationwide vision for inclusive development Singson's support for the PUV modernization effort is deeply rooted in his experience as a local government leader, having served as mayor and governor of Ilocos Sur.

These endorsements reflect the trust in Singson's ability to drive meaningful change both at the local and national levels.

Singson tells riders: 'I'm here for you'

Senatorial candidate Chavit Singson, renowned for his colorful career in both public service and business, has garnered widespread recognition for his unwavering advocacy for motorcycle riders' welfare and road safety in the Philippines. His deep empathy and hands-on approach to governance have made him a steadfast champion for a cause that has often been overlooked in the country's transportation policies.

On Sunday, Singson, a rider himself, graced a gathering of motorcycle riders from across the nation at the Iloilo Convention Centre to commemorate the victims of road traffic accidents. As the principal sponsor of the gathering, Singson was not only a guest of honor but also a unifying presence for the riders, underscoring his commitment to improving road safety.

The affair, organized by the Motorcycle Philippines Federation (MPF), called attention to the growing number of road traffic accidents involving motorcycle riders.

Arturo Sta. Cruz, the administrative director of MPF, highlighted the event as both a memorial for lives lost and a platform to recognize ongoing efforts to enhance road safety.

In his opening remarks, Sta. Cruz affectionately referred to Singson as "the ninong (godfather) of riders," emphasizing his vital role in supporting the motorcycle community. "Everything we needed, Manong Chavit provided it for us. One call away, he gets it done," Sta. Cruz said, reflecting on the generosity and dedication Singson has shown toward the riders.

In his address to the attendees, Manong Chavit expressed his solidarity with the victims of road traffic accidents and reaffirmed his commitment to improving road safety, especially for motorcycle riders.

"Nanditoako para sainyo," he told the gathering, which translates to "I am here for you." His simple but powerful message of support highlighted his genuine concern for the motorcycle community, which faces unique challenges on the road, particularly in the wake of rising accident rates.

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EJF Case No. 24-27

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

FIRST IMPERIAL BUSINESS BANK, INC.,
 represented in this instance by its
 general manager **Margaret B. Barce**
 Creditor-Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPOUSES JEANIFER C. LOSARIA and
SUNNY CATALOGO LOSARIA
 Borrower/s-
 Mortgagor/s

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 filed **FIRST IMPERIAL BUSINESS BANK, INC.,** against **SPS. JEANIFER C. LOSARIA and SUNNY CATALOGO LOSARIA** to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which, as of September 02, 2024 amounts to **FIVE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND SEVENTY-ONE PESOS and 02/100 CENTAVOS (P 540,071.02)** only, the undersigned Deputy Sheriff will sell at public auction on **December 10, 2024 at 9:30 AM**, or soon thereafter, at the main entrance of the Regional Trial Court Branch 76, Janiuay, Iloilo to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine Currency the following property with all its improvements, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO.
(T-172600) 090-2022016957

A parcel of land (LOT 1133-G-26, PSD-06-035737, being a portion of Lot 1133-G, PSD-06-0142729 (OLT), situated in the Poblacion Ilawod, Mun. of Lambunao, Province of Iloilo, Island of Panay. Bounded on the SE along line 1-2 by Lot 1133-G-25; on the SW., along line 2-3 by Lot 1133-G-33; a long line 3-4 by Lot 1133-G-24; on the NW., along line 4-5 by Lot 1133-F-PSD-06-014729 (OLT) (Road; on the NE., along line 5-1 by Lot 1133-G-28; beginning at a point marked "1" on plan, being N. 50-41 E., 1321.80 meters from BLLM No. 1, Lambunao Cad., 309-D, thence 47-55 W., 15.99 M. to point 2; N. 36-37 W., 2.77 M. to point 3; n. 43-00., 17.24 M. to point 4; n 47-55 E., 15.99m. to point 5; s. 42-07 E., 19.99 m. to point 1; point of beginning. Containing an area of **three hundred seventeen (317) square meters more or less.**

Owner: Jeanifer C. Losaria married to Sunny Catalogo Losaria, of legal age, Filipino.

Address: Municipality of Lambunao, Iloilo, Philippines.

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

In the event the public auction shall not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **January 21, 2025**, at 10:00 AM, without further notice.

Janiuay, Iloilo, Philippines, September 30, 2024.

(SGD.) ATTY. MA. JUANNA ESTER D. SENUPE
 Ex-Officio Sheriff
 Clerk of Court VI

(SGD.) CARLO M. YAP
 Sheriff IV

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FORECLOSURE NO. F-11144-24
(Branch 27, RTC-Iloilo City)

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

MAYBANK PHILIPPINES, INC.,
 Mortgagee,

-versus-

JEWEL ANN B. JARDINIANO and
JERYLL B. JARDINIANO,
 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, MAYBANK PHILIPPINES, INC.,** with principal office address at Maybank Corporate Center, 7th Avenue corner 28th Street, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City, Philippines, against the **mortgagors, JEWEL ANN B. JARDINIANO and JERYLL B. JARDINIANO** are persons of legal age, Filipino citizens and with address at 168 Osmeña Street, Arevalo, Iloilo City, Philippines, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **October 11, 2024**, amounted to **SIX HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY NINE PESOS AND 19/100 (P650,939.19)**, Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, service charge, penalty charge, up to the date of sale, foreclosure expenses and other bank charges and attorney's fees, the **Ex-Officio Provincial Sheriff of Iloilo** or his **lawful deputy** will sell at public auction on **January 8, 2025** 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 properties with all existing improvements if any, to wit:

TCT NO. 095-2015003086

"A PARCEL OF LAND (Lot 48, Block 1, PCS-06-006158), being a portion of the consolidation-subdivision of Lots 1 to 59, Block 8; Lots 1 to 61, Block 9; Lots 1 to 64, Block 10; Lots 1 to 67, Block 11; Lots 1 to 69, Block 12; Road Lots 8 TC 13; all of PCS-06-005336; situated in Brgy. Calumpang and Calaparan, District of Molo and Arevalo, Respectively, City of Iloilo, Island of Panay, x x x Containing an area of FORTY (40) 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 **January 15, 2025** at the same time and place aforementioned without further notice.

Iloilo City, Philippines, **November 8, 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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Singson, known for his straightforward approach to leadership, emphasized the importance of trust and action in his political career, encapsulated in his slogan, "May IsangSalita"—one word.

He recalled how this principle has guided his public service, ensuring that when he commits to something, it gets done. He spoke candidly about his own experiences as a public servant, emphasizing the critical need for greater awareness and action to address motorcycle-related accidents. Drawing on his tenure as governor of Ilocos Sur, Singson shared how his leadership shaped his resolve to advocate for policies that would protect riders and ensure their safety. He assured the gathering that, if elected as senator, he would continue to prioritize their needs and fight for measures to protect them on the road.

With decades of public service under his belt, Singson or ManongChavit has earned a reputation for being a hands-on leader committed to delivering on his promises. As governor of Ilocos Sur, ManongChavit was known for his direct involvement in local governance and for implementing initiatives that improved the lives of his constituents. His leadership was marked by pragmatism and a strong track record of making things happen.

"You know my track record," Singson reminded the crowd. "When I say I will do something, I get it done. I will continue to support you and your



Chavit Singson

advocacy for road safety and better protection for all riders."

This statement, rooted in his slogan "May IsangSalita," further reassured the attendees that his promises would translate into concrete action. Singson reiterated his commitment to enacting policies that would safeguard motorcycle riders. Recognizing the risks associated with motorcycle travel, he called on both the government and society to take proactive measures to prevent accidents and fatalities. His focus on infrastructure improvements, safety regulations, and healthcare support for accident victims underscores his comprehensive approach to addressing the issues facing the motorcycle community.

As the event concluded, Singson's final message was one of hope and solidarity. He assured the attendees that, if elected to the Senate, he would continue to work alongside them to drive the changes needed to protect motorcycle riders and reduce the risk of accidents.

"If I am given the opportunity to serve in the Senate, you will always have a champion in me," Singson said.

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to sustainable urban development—an ethos that Iloilo City has consistently pursued," Treñas stated.

Treñas also acknowledged Former Senator Franklin Drilon and his efforts to the development of the Iloilo River and its surroundings, symbolizing urban sustainability.

The city mayor also expressed gratitude towards the people who became part of the development of Iloilo City's remarkable esplanade project.

"This award reaffirms Iloilo City's position as a model of sustainability and urban excellence, inspiring other cities to pursue similar initiatives. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all stakeholders, past and present, who

have contributed to this remarkable project," he added.

Treñas also called for a steadfast commitment to preserve and enhance the Iloilo River Esplanade which serves as a source of pride for the Ilonggo community.

The ATA is a program that honors cities, regions, and projects which play a crucial role and exemplify excellence through urban transformation and sustainable development.

It was initiated by UN-HABITAT'S Regional Office for Asia and Pacific (UN-HABITAT ROAP), Asian Habitat Society (AHS), Fukuoka Asian Urban Research Center (URC), and Asia Townscape Design Society (ATDeS).



Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla, Jr. joins Gov. Arthur Defensor, Jr. and Provincial Population Office chief Atty. Ruel Von Superio in giving certificates of recognition to outstanding Barangay Service Point Officers (BSPO) during the Provincial BSPO Congress on Nov. 18, 2024. (MJ Cavañasphoto)

PPO conducts 2024 Provincial BSPO Congress

BY MARY JOY CAVAÑAS

The Iloilo Provincial Government through the Provincial Population Office (PPO) held its 2024 Provincial Barangay Service Point Officers (BSPO) Congress at the Iloilo Convention Center, Mandurriao, Iloilo City on November 18.

With the theme: "BSPO Sa Bagong Pilipinas: Mapisan, Tampad, Mabakod", the said event was attended by over 2,500 BSPOs from the 42 municipalities and one component city in the province of Iloilo.

The said event aims to address the significance of PPO's programs, projects,

and services in the province through the help of BSPOs in terms of data collection and statistics, planning services, and providing health and livelihood education in the community.

The event was led by Provincial Population Officer Atty. Ruel Von Superio, Iloilo Governor Arthur "Toto" Defensor Jr., Liga ng Barangay (LNB) President Iloilo Chapter Hon. Amalia Victoria Debuque, Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr., among others.

PPO Head Atty. Superio announced the increase in the honorarium of BSPOs from Php4,000 to Php5,000 while a new

set of Federation of Iloilo Provincial Service Point Officers (FIPSCO) Inc. were also introduced and took oath during the event.

On the other hand, Gov. Defensor, in his speech, expressed his gratitude and appreciation to BSPOs for their commitment in the programs implemented by the provincial government and its achievements.

Meanwhile, Sen. Revilla also showed his support to the Provincial Government by pledging a Php50-M project fund while the BSPOs will be included in the DOLE-Tupad Program and to other available programs.

A journey to health and hope

Good health is often considered one of life's greatest gifts, which made Buena Bariring's diagnosis at 18 all the more devastating. The 42-year-old from Cabuyao, Laguna, learned she had Hepatitis B while undergoing a medical exam for a job. The news shattered her hopes—not only did it prevent her from securing the job, but it also exposed her to stigma and discrimination.

Hepatitis B, a liver infection often transmitted from mother to child at birth, infected blood, and sexual activities, is a condition that many live with in silence. While some show no symptoms, others experience fatigue, yellowing of the skin, and abdominal pain. Buena suspects she inherited the illness from her mother, as several of her siblings were also later diagnosed.

Despite the emotional toll, Buena found

comfort in an online support group. There, she met people who shared her experiences and challenges, one of whom was Rowena Jordan, who would later become her close friend and business partner. This connection helped her regain her strength and courage to start over.

In 2013, drawing on a skill she learned from her mother, Buena decided to start a weaving business. She initially obtained a PHP 3,000 loan from CARD SME Bank to start crafting products using dried water lilies.

Inspired by her newfound purpose, she poured herself into her work, and by 2014, Rowena joined her as a business partner. Rowena handled the designs, while Buena brought them to life. Together, they decided to create unique slippers made from water lilies, setting themselves apart from other

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IN THE MATTER OF CORRECTION OF ENTRIES
IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF
JOSE RONALD S. PANIZAL, HIS DATE OF BIRTH
FROM "APRIL 10, 1969" to "APRIL 10, 1970",

Spl. Proc. Case No. **916**

JOSE RONALD S. PANIZAL,
Petitioner,

-versus-

**MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF TIGBAUAN,
ILOILO, THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS
AUTHORITY AND ALL PERSONS IN INTEREST
WHO MAY BE AFFECTED.**

Respondents

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AMENDED PETITION

COMES NOW, Petitioner, through the undersigned counsel and to this Honorable Court, most respectfully states that:

- Petitioner is of legal age, Filipino, married, a resident of Barangay Bagumbayan, Tigbauan, Iloilo;
- Respondent, Municipal Civil Registrar of Tigbauan, Iloilo is in-charge of the registration and correction of entries in the civil registry where the fact of birth, of the said petitioner was registered, its office is located at the Municipal Civil Registrar's Office, G/F, Municipal Hall, Tigbauan, Iloilo, where Orders and other processes of the Honorable Court may be sent therewith with notice to the Office of the Solicitor General, represented by the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor;
- Petitioner was born on "10 April 1970" in Tigbauan, Iloilo, which was registered on April 20, 1970, but erroneously entered as "10 April 1969" as petitioner's date of birth, before the Office of the Civil Registrar of the Municipality of Tigbauan, Iloilo, under Civil Registry No. 134, PSA BRn: 003045-A69GA02-4. A duly authenticated copy of the Certificate of Live Birth of **JOSE RONALD SANTUYO PANIZAL** is hereto attached as Annex "A" and made integral part hereof;
- Petitioner had been using April 10, 1970 as his date of birth, ever since, in all his official records, including petitioner's school records, Baptismal Certificate, Identification Cards and other important documents. Copies thereof are hereto attached as Annexes "B", "C", "D", "E", "F" and "G", and made integral parts hereof;
- A Joint Affidavit of his godmother and neighbor, was executed by **Evelyn Tilos Torres** and **Magdalena Tenefrancia Tumali**, in support to this petition. A copy of the joint affidavit is hereto attached as Annex "H" and made an integral part hereof;
- In order to correct the aforementioned erroneous entry in his Certificate of Live Birth, Petitioner files the instant Petition pursuant to Rule 108 of the Revised Rules of Court;
- That the name of the witness who will be presented to prove the Petitioners' claims to include the summary of his intended testimony are: **JOSE EDGAR S. PANIZAL** affirm and confirm the exact year of birth of his brother: **EVELYN TILOS TORRES**, the godmother of the petitioner, and **MAGDALENA TENEFRENCIA TUMALI**. A neighbor of the petitioner. BOTH Witnesses will testify that (a) they know the Petitioner Jose Ronald S. Panizal was born on April 10, 1970, in Tigbauan, Iloilo. They being long time neighbors and family friends, and live just next to the old house of the Panizals at Barangay 3, Tupan Street, Tigbauan, Iloilo, and (b) they have executed a joint affidavit testifying to that effect.
- In order to correct the afore-mentioned erroneous entry in his Certificate of Live Birth, Petitioner files this instant petition.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, premises considered, it is most respectfully prayed of this Honorable Court that after due notice and hearing, an Order be issued directing the herein Respondent Municipal Civil Registrar of Tigbauan, Iloilo to correct the information supplied in item "3. Date of Birth" from "10 April 1969" to "10 April 1970", in the Certificate of Live Birth, of **JOSE RONALD SANTUYO PANIZAL**, BRn: 003045-A69GA02-4, of Petitioner.

Other reliefs consistent in law and equity are also sought.

Iloilo City for Guimbal, Iloilo, **OCTOBER 18, 2024**

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VERIFICATION/CERTIFICATION OF NON-FORUM SHOPPING

I, **JOSE RONALD S. PANIZAL**, of legal age, Filipino citizen, married and a resident of Barangay Bagumbayan, Tigbauan, Iloilo, after having been duly sworn to in accordance with law do hereby depose and say that:

- I am the petitioner in the above-entitled case; that I have caused the preparation of the foregoing petition and have read the allegations contained therein; that the allegations in the said petition are true and correct of my own knowledge and authentic records in my possession; I hereby certify that I have not commenced any other action or proceeding involving the same issues in any court, tribunal or quasi-judicial agency and, to the best of my knowledge, no such other action or claim is pending therein;
- If I should learn thereafter that a similar action or proceeding has been filed or is pending, I hereby undertake to report that fact within five (5) days therefrom to the court or agency where the original pleading and sworn certification contemplated herein have been filed; that I executed this verification/certification to attest to the truth of the foregoing facts and to comply with the provisions of Adm. Circular No. 04-94 of the Honorable Supreme Court.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this **OCTOBER 18, 2024** in Iloilo City.

D. No. 15473094

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this **OCT. 18, 2024** affiant exhibited to me competent evidence of his identity, to me, known to be the same person who executed the foregoing Verification/Certification.

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Organic produce, 'slow food' draw huge sales in Negros farmers' fest



PARTNERSHIP. Negros Occidental Governor Eugenio Jose Lacson (3rd from left) with Ramon Uy Jr. (left), councilor for Southeast Asia of Slow Food International, and visiting members of the Pasil Slow Food Community from Kalinga province during the opening of the 2024 Negros Island Organic Farmers' Festival and Terra Madre Visayas at the Negrense Residences in Bacolod City on Tuesday (Nov. 19, 2024). Lacson said organic farming and the slow food movement hold immense significance in promoting sustainable agricultural practices and championing the preservation of biodiversity and the health of the communities. (PNA photo by Nanette L. Guadalquiver)

BACOLOD CITY – At least 101 exhibitors are selling organic produce and promoting slow food in this year's joint Negros Island Organic Farmers' Festival and Terra Madre Visayas which runs until Nov. 23 at the Provincial Capitol grounds in this city.

Data of the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist on Wednesday showed total sales on the event's first day on Tuesday has reached PHP314,507.

This is the second year

the Terra Madre Visayas is being held alongside the Negros Island Organic Farmers' Festival, which is now on its 17th year.

In his message, Negros Occidental Governor Eugenio Jose Lacson said that organic farming and the slow food movement hold immense significance as the province strives to meet the present needs without jeopardizing the ability of future generations to meet theirs.

"These initiatives not

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Honoring the sacrifices of our fallen, wounded heroes

Gov. Arthur Defensor Jr. joined First Lady Louise Araneta-Marcos and DILG Undersecretary for Peace and Order Jon Paulo Salvahan during the distribution of the assistance under the Comprehensive Social Benefits Program (CSBP) to the families of soldiers and police who have died or were wounded in the line of duty.

The "PBBM: Pagpupugay para sa mga Bayaning Bansang Makabayan" was held on November 20, 2024 at Diversion 21 Hotel, Iloilo City.

In his welcome message, Governor Defensor

recognized the bravery and heroism of our soldiers and cops who devoted their lives in maintaining peace and order in the country.

"This gathering is a profound reminder of the courage, resilience and unwavering patriotism of our uniformed personnel who have been wounded or have given their lives in the line of duty. Their sacrifices are etched in the heart of every Filipino who enjoys the peace and security they fought to uphold," he said.

The governor also stressed the "strength and sacrifices of their families who have stood steadfast behind them."

Defensor also acknowledged the presence of First Lady Marcos who made the event more meaningful.

"Your presence here today reflects the nation's heartfelt gratitude to our heroes and their families, a powerful gesture of reassurance that their sacrifices are not forgotten and that the government stands with them every step of the way," the Iloilo governor said.

The CSBP is being implemented by the Department of the Interior and Local Government Under and its partner national government agencies.

CSBP's offerings

include financial assistance, employment, scholarship, shelter assistance, 4Ps enrollment, rice subsidy, PHILHEALTH comprehensive coverage, and medical assistance.

More than 300 beneficiaries from Regions VI, VII, II, V, X, and XII received the assistance.

There are 71 beneficiaries from the Province of Iloilo ranging from personnel from the Armed Forces of the Philippines, Philippine National Police, Citizen Armed Force Geographical Unit, Bureau of Fire Protection, and the Philippine Coast Guard.

(Capitol news)

More lower priced rice sold in Negros Occidental

BACOLOD CITY – Irrigators associations in Negros Occidental continue to support the government efforts to sell lower priced rice, the latest beneficiaries of which were residents of Kabankalan City on Wednesday.

At the Negros Occidental Irrigation Management Office

(IMO) Satellite Office in Barangay Hila Monan, the National Irrigation Administration (NIA) disposed of 500 bags of rice, containing 10 kilograms (kgs.) each at PHP29 per kg.

The cheaper rice was sold to senior citizens, persons with disabilities, solo parents, and Pantawid Pamilyang

Pilipino Program beneficiaries.

Called the Bagong Bayaning Magsasaka (BBM) Rice, it is a product of the Farming Support Services Program, which is one of the pilot projects of NIA.

Pedro Limpangog, president of Federation of Irrigators' Association

of Central Negros-Bago River Irrigation System (FIACN-BRIS), said the rice farmers appreciated all the assistance provided by the provincial and national governments that enable them to boost their productivity.

"Today, the BBM Rice at PHP29 per kg. is in Kabankalan City. We

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Republic of the Philippines
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Regional Alternative Child Care Office
Region VI- Western Visayas
TIN 2000-137-390-000



DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATIVE ADOPTION
CASE NO:
RACCO VI-DAA-2024-0090-REL-027

DATE: November 7, 2024

IN RE: PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF SEAN BLAKE MANA-AY EVANGELISTA
TO BE KNOWN THEREAFTER AS
BLAKE ZACKARY MANA-AY NEBREJA

SPOUSES, JOEVANIE RICK BENESANO NEBREJA AND
ROTSEN MAE MANA-AY NEBREJA
Petitioners

ORDER

A verified petition for the adoption of Sean Blake Mana-ay Evangelista filed by the petitioners through the Regional Alternative Child Care Office (RACCO) praying that after due notice, publication, and appearances, a judgment be rendered to the effect that the adoptee Sean Blake Mana-ay Evangelista be declared for all legal intents and purposes the legitimate child of the petitioners and that the name of the adoptee be changed particularly to appear as Blake Zackary Mana-ay Nebreja.

Finding the said Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be set for Mandatory Appearance on January 24, 2025, 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 to 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/November 11, 18 & 25, 2024



Republic of the Philippines
National Authority for Child Care
Regional Alternative Child Care Office
Region VI- Western Visayas
TIN: 200-137-390-000



DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATIVE ADOPTION
CASE NO:
RACCO VI-DAA-2024-0085-REL-024

DATE: NOVEMBER 11, 2024

IN RE: PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF
FRANCIS ELIJAH EMPEDRADO SANTACERA
TO BE KNOWN THEREAFTER AS
FRANCIS ELIJAH BACABAC SANTACERA

FRAULEIN ROSARIO BACABAC SANTACERA
Petitioner

ORDER

A verified petition for the adoption of Francis Elijah Empedrado Santacera filed by the petitioner 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, **Francis Elijah Empedrado Santacera** be declared for all legal intents and purposes the legitimate child of the petitioner and that the name of the child be changed particularly to appear as **FRANCIS ELIJAH BACABAC SANTACERA**.

Finding the said Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be set for Mandatory Appearance on **January 24, 2025** 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 to verification and further investigation.

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Economic driver

Editorial

How do experts assess the prospects of the Philippine economy in the coming years?

HSBC Global Research believes that after two decades of comprehensive economic reforms, the Philippine economy is poised for take-off, with the country's hardworking people as its main source of growth.

The research firm says that among the members of the ASEAN, it is the Philippines, with a working-age population that will be the last to peak in 2035, that can enjoy the demographic dividend. This would, in turn, boost gross domestic product per capita and increase the absolute savings available for further investment. Between 2024 and 2029, average incremental savings in the economy are expected to increase by \$17.7 billion each year.

Government data indicate that gross national savings amounted to P6.6 trillion based on 2023 prices. This represents an increase of 35 percent from P4.89 trillion in 2022, as savings from households and the government bounced back from three straight years

of contraction.

Employment levels in the country have been higher than predicted, boosted by job creation focused on digitalization and the greater participation of women in the workforce.

And while many economies in the world have been experiencing rising public debt levels, the Philippines has strengthened its fiscal coffers to finance long-term investments needed to boost its overall potential.

While the Philippines may not have experienced the same boost in manufacturing as the rest of its regional peers, it has found its niche in exporting 'light-asset' services," or the digital, telecommunications and creative fields, including business process outsourcing and professional consulting.

From another direction, the International Monetary Fund predicts that the Philippine economy will rise to become the 28th largest economy in the world by 2029 from its current 33rd spot.

But the World Bank (WB) sets several conditions for such growth to take place. First, the government

must immediately boost investments in education, jobs and health to avoid ending up with an economy backed by a legion of young workers who are not productive enough to help fuel its growth. The WB said the country has only one generation left—about 20 to 25 years—before the window to harness the benefits of its relatively young population closes, as it is projected to see another demographic shift after that.

What should the government do in the meantime? The Washington-based multilateral lender urges the Philippines to ramp up investments in developing Filipinos' human capital—knowledge, skills and experiences that individuals accumulate throughout their lives. It is really important, it said, to invest now so that the younger generation poised to enter the labor market will have better capacity and better skills to be able to join the workforce in an effective manner. Sound advice, we think, that the administration should consider if we want the economy to grow in the years ahead. (*manilastandard.net*)

Sustainable animal welfare

In recent years, there has been a noticeable shift in the attitude towards animal welfare here in the Philippines, a movement that I hope will lead to lasting, systemic change.

This growing awareness on animal welfare was particularly evident during the onslaught of the series of typhoons that recently devastated parts of the country. Social media was flooded with calls for the inclusion of animals – pets and livestock – in disaster preparedness and response efforts, while news reports on the impact of the storms included updates on animal welfare.

These conversations signal a cultural shift in our relationship with animals and emphasize the urgent need for more strategic and comprehensive animal welfare programs. After all, with most Filipino households owning pets at 64 percent, I believe that animal welfare is a serious social issue that deserves greater attention – both from the government and the private sector.

Among the many inspiring and pioneering animal welfare advocates doing the good work here in the country is Rina Ortiz, founder of social enterprise Biyaya Animal Care, who has a strong understanding of the prevailing landscape here in the country.

While other animal welfare programs are dependent solely on donor funding or government support, Biyaya Animal Care serves as a model on sustainable animal welfare advocacy – operating a pet clinic and using

earnings to support over a thousand rescues housed in an animal sanctuary in Alfonso, Cavite.

This, of course, was made possible because Ortiz understands the challenges posed by limited resources – both from the government and the private sector – in supporting animal welfare, prompting her to find sustainable solutions to support this important cause.

The Biyaya Animal Care model is a testament to the importance of adaptability and resourcefulness. Through a self-sustaining mechanism, Biyaya Animal Care shows that animal welfare doesn't have to be a zero-sum game but rather a collaboration where the private sector can play a more active role in pushing for the cause.

I share in Ortiz's passion for sustainable animal welfare advocacy which is why I introduced the cause to my own workplace, Meralco, and went a step further by institutionalizing it with Catropa.

Through Catropa, Meralco employees are able to contribute to efforts to address the overpopulation problem of stray cats with spay and neutering programs. By doing so, it also contributes to improving public health conditions since controlling the growth of the stray animal population through neutering helps minimize the risk of rabies.

I, for one, have adopted two stray cats but the reality is we can only do so much in pushing for animal welfare if the growth of the stray population remains uncontrolled.

ESPRESSO MORNINGS

By JOE ZALDARRIAGA

This is why institutionalizing animal welfare is a significant step in addressing major challenges since it fosters collaborations between advocates and institutions capable and willing to support the cause. In this context, the private sector can play a huge role in promoting animal welfare with the help of their resources, infrastructure, and influence.

For example, the private sector can embrace and implement animal welfare programs as part of their corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives to raise greater awareness on the cause and provide much-needed resources. By pursuing collaborations with animal welfare groups, the private sector can help garner more community support and advocate for systemic change to ensure lasting success of this advocacy.

The private sector can drive meaningful change in animal welfare advocacy. If more companies integrate animal welfare initiatives in their CSR portfolios, we could foster an environment of systemic support and collaboration to find sustainable solutions to recurring problems and persisting challenges.

Doing so would not only benefit animals but also contribute to the improvement of community life, public health, and safety.

GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **DIOSDADO M. DOMINGO** with business address at Yapak, Boracay Island, Malay, Aklan has filed with MARINA Regional Office VI for re-issuance of Certificate of Ownership and Recreational Boat Certificate due to a Change of Ownership from **RUELITO RELATIVO** to **DIOSDADO M. DOMINGO** and Change of Vessel Name from **MBCA "ANGELICA JEAN 2"** to **MBCA "RYLVIN PHARK - 1"**. Any person or entity adversely affected by said claim may file their written opposition with Maritime Industry Authority Regional Office VI, MARINA Bldg., De La Rama St., Iloilo City within ten (10) days from the date of posting.

GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **RAMIL D. DELA CUEVA** with business address at Brgy. Agsanayan, Buenavista, Guimaras has filed with **MARINA Regional Office VI** for re-issuance of Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Philippine Registry due to a Change of Ownership from **RAMIL D. DELA CUEVA & CHARLIE S. SOLIS** to **RAMIL D. DELA CUEVA** of the vessel named: **MV "SHADY SLEHZ 2"**. Any person or entity adversely affected by said claim may file their written opposition with Maritime Industry Authority Regional Office VI, MARINA Bldg., De La Rama St., Iloilo City within ten (10) days from the date of posting.

GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **RONALDO A. SAUS** with business address at Manocmanoc, Boracay Island, Malay, Aklan has filed with **MARINA Regional Office VI** for re-issuance of Certificate of Ownership and Recreational Boat Certificate due to a Change of Ownership from **LUZVILLA E. BONDOC** to **RONALDO A. SAUS** and Change of Vessel Name from **SB "HORIZON"** to **SB "BORAAJAE"**. Any person or entity adversely affected by said claim may file their written opposition with Maritime Industry Authority Regional Office VI, MARINA Bldg., De La Rama St., Iloilo City within ten (10) days from the date of posting.

GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **EDUARD ESTIMADO** with business address at Yapak, Boracay Island, Malay, Aklan has filed with MARINA Regional Office VI for re-issuance of Certificate of Ownership and Recreational Boat Certificate due to a Change of Ownership from **GEY A. ENRIQUE** to **EDUARD ESTIMADO** and Change of Vessel Name from **MBCA "ADELIAH"** to **MBCA "JOEFLOR-ED"**. Any person or entity adversely affected by said claim may file their written opposition with Maritime Industry Authority Regional Office VI, MARINA Bldg., De La Rama St., Iloilo City within ten (10) days from the date of posting.

GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **HOME INVEST PARKS AND DEVELOPMENT, INC.** with business address at V Building, Burgos Extension, Brgy. Villamonte, Bacolod City, Negros Occidental has filed with **MARINA Regional Office VI** for re-issuance of Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Philippine Registry due to change of vessel name from **MBca "LAKAWON ISLAND RESORT & SPA 17"** to **MBca "LAQIQA"**. Any person or entity adversely affected by said claim may file their written opposition with Maritime Industry Authority Regional Office VI, MARINA Bldg., De La Rama St., Iloilo City within ten (10) days from date of publication.

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businesses that used the same material.

Their initial venture into trade fairs was a success. They sold out their products and were motivated to continue investing in their business. However, the pandemic in 2020 dealt a severe blow to their momentum.

The trade fair in March 2020 coincided with the lockdown, leading to significant losses and making it difficult for them to recover their funds. To make matters worse, both of them tested positive for COVID-19, further slowing their recovery.

Despite these setbacks, they pushed forward. At present, they employ five workers assisting them in the process of braiding water lilies. They considered

CARD SME Bank to be their lifesaver, especially when they needed extra capital for bulk orders. Rowena has also become a CARD SME Bank client in 2017, solidifying their partnership with the bank.

Their products have become popular among Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs), who buy them as unique souvenirs to bring abroad.

"Back then, I had no job; now, I am the one employing others. We used to search for opportunities, but now we are the ones creating opportunities for others," she said.

Her life has completely turned around. What began as a story of rejection and illness has turned into one of triumph and success. Buena turned the challenges



Based in Laguna, Buena Bariring and Rowena Jordas decided to restart their lives and focus on their weaving business, which specializes in crafting slippers and bags

of living with Hepatitis B into steppingstones toward a brighter future.

Her advice to others who live with and have overcome Hepatitis B just like them is to keep fighting and dreaming. "If you

want to pursue something, just go for it. What truly matters is the resilience in facing challenges and your commitment to dream big, knowing that better days will come," she concluded.

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are also discussing to bring the PHP25 per kg. to Binalbagan town," Limpangog said in an interview.

He added the FIACN-BRIS will schedule next

the sale of "Rice for All", which is open to all Negrenses at PHP35 per kg.

Since last year, the FIACN-BRIS, in collaboration with the

provincial government, has sold 14,675 kgs. of milled rice at PHP25 per kg. to priority beneficiaries, including senior citizens, persons with disability, and indigents, through

the "Bigasan ng Bayan" program.

Last month, the Negros Occidental IMO also sold 1,000 bags of lower priced rice in Bago City. (PNA)

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only promote sustainable agricultural practices but also champion the preservation of biodiversity and the health of our communities," he added.

Lacson noted that the slow food movement, which puts emphasis on clean and fair food, aligns well with the province's shared vision of a sustainable and equitable future for all.

The governor added that since Terra Madre is a movement of change through cooperation,

dialogue, sharing, responsibility, and food education, he hopes that through the ongoing event, stronger partnerships among stakeholders who share the same passion for sustainable practices will be fostered.

"By coming together, we strengthen our resolve for sustainable and fair agriculture and the protection of our environment," he said.

Aside from the exhibits, the Negros Island Organic

Farmers' Festival also features forums on various topics with experts while the Terra Madre Visayas is organizing food talks and taste workshops.

Negros Occidental, as the Philippines' national awardee for top performing organic agriculture province, is eyeing to host the 2027 Organic World Congress (OWC) spearheaded by the International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM), and

is vying for the hosting rights against Brisbane in Australia.

The winner will be announced during the 21st OWC in Taiwan slated from Dec. 2 to 6 this year.

The triennial event and its related activities, which involves thousands of organic farmers, producers, researchers, advocates, and policy experts from around the world, aim to share experiences, innovations and knowledge about the organic world. (PNA)

Republic of the Philippines
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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 **CIRILA B. JORDAN** (complete name of petitioner) has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name from **MA. JOSEFINA** to **JOSEPHINE** in the birth certificate (First Name to be changed) (new first Name to be adopted) of **MA. JOSEFINA OBENA MONTAÑO** who was born on (complete name of document owner) **December 14, 1964** at **CALINOG, ILOILO** and whose (date of birth) (place of birth) parents are **LEONARDO MONTAÑO** and **LIBERTAD OBENA**. (name of father) (name of mother)

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

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

NE/Nov. 18, 2024 & Nov. 25, 2024

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Iloilo
Municipality of Barotac Nuevo

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In compliance with R.A. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **THELMA BELAN** has filed with this office a Petition for Change of First Name (CFN) from "**ANTONETE JOY**" to "**JEAN**" in the birth certificate of **ANTONETE JOY PELOPILLO BELAN** who was born on **June 1, 1983** at **Home- Brgy. Cabilauan, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo**.

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

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

NE/Nov. 25, 2024 & Dec. 2, 2024

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Iloilo
MUNICIPALITY OF MAASIN

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 7 of R.A. No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **ANTONIETA M. CLAMANO** (complete name of the petitioner) has filed with this Office a Petition for **Change of First Name** from **MARY ANTINETT** to **ANTONIETA** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **MARY ANTINETT MELANCIO** (complete name of document owner) who was born on **MARCH 13, 1956** at **MAASIN, ILOILO** and whose parents are **FELOMINO MELANCIO** and **MATILDE OÑATE**. (complete date of birth) (name of father) (name of mother)

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

(SGD.) **REENA MARIEL M. LIMOSO**
Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/Nov. 25, 2024 & Dec. 2, 2024

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **MARILOU A. CALAS** known as a parcel of land **Lot No. 4471-C-1**, Psd-06-051053, being a portion of Lot 4471-C, Psd-06-038901), situated in Brgy. of Dalid (now) Simsiman, Calinog, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-208434** with an area of **FIVE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE (549) SQUARE METERS, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **PERFECTO A. CALAS JR., EDITHA A. CALAS, MA. ROSA A. CALAS, SONIA C. CARO and BENJAMIN A. CALAS**. That, the heirs hereby **WAIVE, TRANSFER and CONVEY** all their rights, interest and participation in the above-said parcel of land in favor of **BENJAMIN A. CALAS**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. JUDE VINCENT D. FONTILON** per Doc. No. 451, Page No. 92, Book No. II, Series 2024.

NE/November 11, 18 & 25, 2024

DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses FLORENCIA VILLARUEL and RODRIGO OQUENDO SARCENO** known as a parcel of land **Lot 1258-J** of the subdivision plan Psd-27953 being a portion of Lot 1258 of the cadastral survey of Iloilo G.L.R.O. Cad. Record No. 9740, situated in Molo, Iloilo City covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-8405** with an area of **TWO HUNDRED AND THREE (203) square meters more or less** deducted by **sixty one (61) square meters for road widening** entered in Doc. No. 164, Page 34, Book 11960 under Notary Public **Cesar A. Vencer** of Iloilo is adjudicated to heirs **NELLY S. PEREZ, REX V. SARCENO, MARY JASMIN S. CALAS, NANCY S. CABRERA, ANA LIZA S. AMANTE, DANTE V. SARCENO, and FLORVILA S. CIPRIANO**. That, the heirs hereby waive all their rights, title and interest in the above-said property in favor of their co-heir **ANA LIZA S. AMANTE**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. PAUL ANDRE R. MARGARICO** per Doc. No. 55, Page No. 45, Book No. IV, series of 2018.

NE/November 11, 18 & 25, 2024

DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **NICOLAS P. TOGOTO** consisting of the following parcels of land, known as: 1.) **Lot 2181-B-3**, PSD-06-007207, being a portion of Lot 2181-B, PSD-06-006937, situated in Brgy. Hibao-an, Mandurriao, Iloilo City covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. 095-2011003016** with an area of **FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY SEVEN (577) SQUARE METERS, more or less**; 2.) **Lot No. 15-A**, PSD-06-092540, being a portion of Lot 15 (LRC) PCS-10557, situated in Brgy. Hibao-an, Mandurriao, Iloilo City covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. 095-2021002464** with an area of **ONE HUNDRED SIXTY (160) SQUARE METERS, more or less**; 3.) **Lot 5 Block 5**, PCS-06-003728, being a consolidation of Lots 7, 30 & 27, portion, BCS-06-000045 (OLT), situated in Brgy. Jibao-an, Pavia, Iloilo covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-230742** with an area of **ONE HUNDRED THREE (103) SQUARE METERS, more or less**; 4.) **Lot No. 2797**, situated in Poblacionllaya, Cuartero, Capiz covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) No. T-28073** with an area of **ONE THOUSAND AND FIFTY NINE (1,059) SQUARE METERS, more or less**; 5.) **Lot 5059**, situated at Malagabi, Cuartero, Capiz covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) No. 089-2024001164** with an area of **FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR (5,254) SQUARE METERS, more or less**; 6.) **A one-fifth (1/5) share** of parcel of land identified as **Lot No. 3318**, situated at Barangay Tugas, Makato, Aklan covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) No. 087-2024002640** with an area of **ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED (1,900) SQUARE METERS, more or less** are adjudicated to heirs **TERESITA AMALIA P. TOGOTO, DIVINA GRACIA TOGOTO NOBLE, DAVE NICO P. TOGOTO, KRISTINA SHUN TOGOTO GUELOS, VENUS P. TOGOTO, and MERCURY P. TOGOTO**. That, heirs **DIVINA GRACIA TOGOTO NOBLE, DAVE NICO P. TOGOTO, KRISTINA SHUN TOGOTO GUELOS, VENUS P. TOGOTO and MERCURY P. TOGOTO**, hereby waive, renounce, and quitclaim whatever rights, interests, and ownership they have in all the above-described parcels of land with its improvements in favor of co-heir **TERESITA AMALIA P. TOGOTO**. Entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. ELMER R. CAMARISTA** per Doc. No. 122, Page No. 26, Book No. III, Series of 2024.

NE/Nov. 25, Dec. 2 & 9, 2024

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **CLAUDIO R. VILLAR** known as a parcel of land **Lot 567-G-14-B-1-E**, Psd-06-019445, being a portion of Lot 567-G-14-B-1, Psd-06018101, situated in Brgy. Balabag, Pavia, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-196089** with an area of **TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY SIX (276) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS** is adjudicated to heirs **LUCIA DELA CRUZ VILLAR, WARREN DELA CRUZ VILLAR, and VERSIE VILLAR GAREZA**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. MARITES DELA PIEZA-LAYO** per Doc. No. 118, Page No. 25, Book No. XXI, Series of 2024.

NE/Nov. 18, 25 & Dec. 2, 2024

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF CLEMENTE M. ZULUETA

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **CLEMENTE M. ZULUETA** consisting of parcels of land known as **Lot 463-B**, of the subdivision plan Psd-17734, being a portion of Lot 463 of the Cadastral Survey of Iloilo GLRO Cad. Rec. No. 9739, situated at Iloilo City containing an area of **Seven Hundred Forty (740) square meters, more or less** and **Lot 581-B** of the subdivision plan Psd-17734, being a portion of Lot No. 581 of the Cadastral Survey of Iloilo, GLRO No. 9739, situated at Iloilo City containing an area of **Nine (9) square meters, more or less** and both covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-92752** are adjudicated to heirs **Ma. Regina E. Zulueta (widow), Timothy Kyle E. Zulueta, and Clement Christopher E. Zulueta** represented by their Attorney in Fact **Luis Anthony Francis H. Zulueta**, as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Ma. Sonnette V. Seville Daquita** per Doc. No. 51, Page No. 11, Book No. 19, Series 2024.

NE/Nov. 18, 25 & Dec. 2, 2024

EXTRA-JUDICIAL DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **RITCHEL DE ASIS GONZALES** consisting of a bank deposit at **Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI), Pavia, Iloilo** amounting to **SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVEN PESOS AND EIGHTY NINE CENTAVOS (P65,607.89)** is adjudicated to heirs **JIMMY M. GONZALES and PRINCESS ANGEL D. GONZALES**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. JON CLIFF A. GRABATO** per Doc. No. 197, Page No. 40, Book No. II, Series of 2024.

NE/Nov. 25, Dec. 2 & 9, 2024

DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **AGRIPINO GABATA** known as a parcel of land **Lot 1800-A, PSD-06-011817** being a portion of **Lot 1800**, situated in Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-123,476** with an area of **FIFTEEN THOUSAND (15,000) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS** is adjudicated to surviving heirs **Mercedes I. Gabata, Edwin I. Gabata, Lynnette I. Gabata, Nancy Gabata Dimzon, Rocedes I. Gabata, Noel I. Gabata, Aileen G. Piolo, Jovi G. Cercado, and Jane Rose G. Baldo and Marlene G. De Asis**. That, the heirs hereby **SELL, CEDE, TRANSFER and CONVEY** by way of Absolute Sale the above-said property in favor of their co-heir **MARLENE G. DE ASIS**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. IGMEDIO S. PRADO, JR.** per Doc. No. 21, Page No. 6, Book No. XVII, Series of 2024.

NE/Nov. 25, Dec. 2 & 9, 2024

ERRATUM

In the **NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE under FORECLOSURE NO. F-10929-24** of the **BDO UNIBANK, INC., Mortgagee versus RONA MARIE G. LOPEZ, Debtor/Mortgagor**, published in **News Express** on **May 20, 27 & June 3, 2024**, the correct **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2017008725** was inadvertently written as **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2022018672**.

Our apologies.

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **MAXIMA JORDAN SEVILLANO and JULIANA JORDAN** known as a parcel of land **Lot No. 2806** of the Cadastral Survey of Iloilo covered by **ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 14894** with an area of **FOUR HUNDRED NINETEEN (419) square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to compulsory heir **MARIA SEVILLANO LIBOSADA**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. CARL RUPERT CRISME MUELA** per Doc. No. 489, Page No. 99, Book No. 1, Series of 2024.

NE/November 11, 18 & 25, 2024

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF BANK DEPOSIT OF DECEASED PERSON

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **CONSOLACION F. OLIVARES** known as a bank deposit with **Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI)** located in **BPI Iloilo Main Branch, JM Basa Street, Iloilo City** under **Savings Account No. 1073-308-921** is adjudicated to heirs **MYRA F. OLIVARES and ROMEL F. OLIVARES**. That, **MYRA F. OLIVARES** hereby waives and renounces any and all her respective claims on said bank deposit in favor of her co-heir **ROMEL F. OLIVARES** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. MONIQUE ANGELIE L. BULACLAC** per Doc. No. 271, Page No. 56, Book No. I, Series of 2024.

NE/November 11, 18 & 25, 2024

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF FRANCISCA Q. MARAVILLA

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **FRANCISCA QUIDATO MARAVILLA** known as a parcel of land **Lot 441-A (RT 173, TCT 3801)** containing an area of **Three Hundred Forty Nine (349) square meters, more or less** situated at Iloilo City is adjudicated to heirs **Ma. Regina E. Zulueta (widow), Timothy Kyle E. Zulueta, Clement Christopher E. Zulueta, Francis Brendan Z. Pijuan, Michael Raymund Angel Z. Pijuan III, Sean Gerard Angel Z. Pijuan, Nicolo Andre Z. Pijuan, Dulce H. Zulueta, Charles Joseph Luis H. Zulueta, Luis Anthony Francis H. Zulueta, and Genevieve France January H. Zulueta** represented by their Attorney-in-fact **Luis Anthony Francis H. Zulueta**. That, all surviving heirs have agreed that **83 sq.m. of Lot No. 441-A** shall be adjudicated to **Francis Brendan Z. Pijuan, Michael Raymund Angel Z. Pijuan III, Sean Gerard Angel Z. Pijuan, and Nicolo Andre Z. Pijuan**. That, all surviving heirs have agreed that **266 sq.m.** shall be adjudicated to **Dulce H. Zulueta, Charles Joseph Luis H. Zulueta, Luis Anthony Francis H. Zulueta, and Genevieve France January H. Zulueta**. Entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Ma. Sonnette V. Seville Daquita** per Doc. No. 52, Page No. 11, Book No. 19, Series of 2024.

NE/Nov. 18, 25 & Dec. 2, 2024

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF THE LATE HERMINIA Q. MARAVILLA

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **HERMINIA Q. MARAVILLA** consisting of **two parcels of land** known as (**Lot 463-A** of the subdivision plan Psd-1773) being a portion of Lot 463 of the cadastral survey of Iloilo, GLRO No. Cad. Record No. 9739, situated at Iloilo City containing an area of **One Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy Two (1,272) square meters, more or less** and covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-91446-A and Lot 581-A** of the subdivision plan Psd-17734, being a portion of Lot No. 581 of the cadastral survey of Iloilo, GLRO Cad. Record No. 9739, situated at Iloilo City with an area of **Fifty Eight (58) square meters, more or less** and covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-91471** are adjudicated to heirs **Ma. Regina E. Zulueta (widow), Timothy Kyle E. Zulueta, Clement Christopher E. Zulueta, Francis Brendan Z. Pijuan, Michael Raymund Angel Z. Pijuan III, Sean Gerard Angel Z. Pijuan, Nicolo Andre Z. Pijuan, Dulce H. Zulueta, Charles Joseph Luis H. Zulueta, Luis Anthony Francis H. Zulueta, and Genevieve France January H. Zulueta** represented by their Attorney-in-fact **Luis Anthony Francis H. Zulueta**. That, all parties hereby agree that **Lot 463-A and Lot 581-A** shall be divided into **three (3) equal parts** among the heirs. Entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Ma. Sonnette V. Seville Daquita** per Doc. No. 50, Page No. 10, Book No. 19, Series of 2024.

NE/Nov. 18, 25 & Dec. 2, 2024



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ORDER

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
 Rep. by the RED, DENR RO VI, Iloilo City,
 Plaintiff,
 -versus-
CIVIL CASE NO. 2015-13

MELVIN AMION AND THE ROD OF THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO
 Defendants.
 X-----X

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
 Rep. by the RED, DENR RO VI, Iloilo City,
 Plaintiff,
 -versus-
CIVIL CASE NO. 2015-14

ANECITO MORALES AND THE ROD OF THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO
 Defendants.
 X-----X

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
 Rep. by the RED, DENR RO VI, Iloilo City,
 Plaintiff,
 -versus-
CIVIL CASE NO. 2015-15

AIAN SARROSA AND THE ROD OF THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO
 Defendants.
 X-----X

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
 Rep. by the RED, DENR RO VI, Iloilo City,
 Plaintiff,
 -versus-
CIVIL CASE NO. 2015-16

AMADO MORACA AND THE ROD OF THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO
 Defendants.
 X-----X

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
 Rep. by the RED, DENR RO VI, Iloilo City,
 Plaintiff,
CIVIL CASE NO. 2015-17

NELCRIS TILLO AND THE ROD OF THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO
 Defendants.
 X-----X

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
 Rep. by the RED, DENR RO VI, Iloilo City,
 Plaintiff,
CIVIL CASE NO. 2015-18

ELORDE MORACA AND THE ROD OF THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO
 Defendants.
 X-----X

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
 Rep. by the RED, DENR RO VI, Iloilo City,
 Plaintiff,
CIVIL CASE NO. 2015-19

JIC MORACA AND THE ROD OF THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO
 Defendants.
 X-----X

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
 Rep. by the RED, DENR RO VI, Iloilo City,
 Plaintiff,
CIVIL CASE NO. 2015-20

GERE SARROSA AND THE ROD OF THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO
 Defendants.
 X-----X

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
 Rep. by the RED, DENR RO VI, Iloilo City,
 Plaintiff,
CIVIL CASE NO. 2015-21

JOHNNY MORACA AND THE ROD OF THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO
 Defendants.
 X-----X

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
 Rep. by the RED, DENR RO VI, Iloilo City,
 Plaintiff,
CIVIL CASE NO. 2015-22

ROLANDO QUINTO AND THE ROD OF THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO
 Defendants.
 X-----X

On record is the Omnibus Motion for Revival of Case and For Leave of Court to Serve Summons by Publication that was received by this court on January 26, 2024, praying that the case be revived/reinstated and withdrawn from the archives and for leave of court to avail of the remedy provided for in Section 14, Rules 14 of the 1997 Rules of Civil Procedure by serving summons by publication upon defendants who have not been served or failed to receive the copy of the summons as mentioned in the returns of summons submitted by the acting sheriff.

Considering that these cases were filed on March 16, 2015, the applicable rules Section 14 of Rule 14 of the 1997 Rules of Civil Procedure, which provides that *service may, by leave of court, be effected upon the defendant whose whereabouts is unknown by publication in a newspaper of general circulation* in such places and for such time as the court may order and this should be supported by an affidavit of the plaintiff or some person on his behalf, setting forth the grounds for the application.

Further, OCA Circular 89-2004, which reiterates the Guidelines in the Archiving of Cases set forth in Administrative Circular No. 7-A-92, provides that the presiding judge shall order the reinstatement/revival of an archived case and its withdrawal upon the archives whenever the same is ready for trial or further proceedings.

Finding the Omnibus Motion to be with MERIT, the same is hereby GRANTED. Leave is hereby given to the plaintiff to cause the publication in a newspaper of general circulation of the Summons once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks to the following defendants:

1. Melvin Amion
2. Aniceto Morales
3. Aian Sarrosa
4. Amado Moraca
5. Nelcris Tillo
6. Elorde Moraca
7. Jic Moraca
8. Gere Sarrosa
9. Johnny Moraca, and
10. Rolando Quinto.

Issue Summons to the above-named defendants for publication.

SO ORDERED.

February 5, 2024, Barotac Viejo, Iloilo, Philippines.

(SGD.) OSCAR LEO S. BILLENA
 Judge

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CIVIL CASE NO. 2015-1017

FOR: ANNULMENT/CANCELLATION OF TITLE

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES,
 represented by the Regional Director
 of the Department of Environment
 and Natural Resources (DENR),
JIM O. SAMPULNA,
 Region VI, Iloilo City,
 Plaintiff,

-versus-

NELCRIS TILLO and the Register of Deeds of the Province of Iloilo,
 Respondents.
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S U M M O N S

TO: **NELCRIS TILLO**
BARANGAY ALIPATA,
SICOGON ISLAND, CARLES, ILOILO

GREETINGS:

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

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

WITNESS, the **Hon. OSCAR LEO S. BILLENA**, Judge of this Court this 12th day of February, 2024 at Barotac Viejo, Iloilo, Philippines.

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

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
 Sixth Judicial Region
BRANCH 66
 Barotac Viejo, Iloilo

CIVIL CASE NO. 2015-1017

For: Annulment/Cancellation of Title

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, represented by the Regional Director of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), JIM O SAMPULNA, Region VI, Iloilo City,
Plaintiff,

- versus -

NELCRIS TILLO and the REGISTER OF DEEDS OF THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO,
Respondents.

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COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, **REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES**, represented by the Regional Director of the **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR)**, **JIM O SAMPULNA**, by the undersigned counsels, respectfully aver:

1. Plaintiff is a sovereign entity to whom all lands of the public domain belong represented by the Regional Director of Department of Environment and Natural Resources (**DENR**), **JIM O. SAMPULNA**, where it may be served with judicial processes through the Office of the Regional Director, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Regional Office VI, Pepita Aquino Avenue, Port Area, Iloilo City, Philippines;

2. Defendant **NELCRIS TILLO** is of legal age, Filipino, single and a resident of Brgy. Alipata, Sicogon Island, Carles, Iloilo where he may be served with summons and other court processes;

3. Defendant Register of Deeds, Province of Iloilo holds office at the Office of the Registry of Deeds, Province of Iloilo, LRA Building, Iloilo City, where he/she may be served with summons and other court processes. He/She is impleaded herein as a nominal party, being the official charged with the duty of registering patents and issuing the corresponding certificate of title, over lands in the Province of Iloilo;

4. On September 20, 2010, defendant Nelcris Tillo filed with the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office, CENRO-Sara, Brgy. San Nicolas, San Dionisio, Iloilo, a Free Patent Application No. FPA- 063014-402, covering a parcel of land identified as Lot No. 4752, Cad. 478-D, identical to Lot 6, GSS-06-000247, containing an area of 4.9630 hectares more or less. A photocopy of the carpeta of the Free Patent Application is hereto attached and marked as **ANNEX "A"** together with its sub-markings and made an integral part hereof;

5. That, on the basis of the Free Patent Application of defendant Nelcris Tillo over a parcel of land surveyed as Lot No. 4752, Cad. 478-D, identical to Lot No. 6, GSS-06-000247 with an area of more or less 4.9630 hectares, situated in Barangay Alipata, Sicogon Island, Carles, Iloilo, and upon his representation that he is entitled to a free patent grant over the said lot, then Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer (PENRO) of Iloilo, Valentin P. Talabero, approved the said application and issued Free Patent No. 063014-10-18940 on December 29, 2010;

6. That the aforesaid patent was transmitted to the Register of Deeds of the Province of Iloilo for registration and issuance of certificate of title. Consequently, Original Certificate of Title (OCT) No. 2011000167 was issued in favor of defendant Nelcris Tillo. Photocopy of OCT No. 2011000167 is hereto attached and marked as **Annex "B"** and made an integral part hereof;

7. That upon subsequent investigation and conduct of verification survey by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), it was found out that the land covered by OCT No. 2011000296 overlapped with a titled parcel of land covered by Psu-5511 and was already issued a Decree No. 121734 on March 17, 1921 and pursuant thereto Original Certificate of

Title No. 21418 was issued which title was eventually transferred to Sicogon Development Corporation (SIDEKO) under Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-80191, thus, the subject land is already considered as private property over which the DENR-CENRO Office-Sara no longer has jurisdiction to issue a free patent title. Copy of the Verification Survey dated June 18, 2014 and Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-80191 are hereto attached and marked as **ANNEX "C"** and **"D"** and made an integral part hereof;

8. That the decree of registration withdraws the land from the mass of public domain and making it a private property of the person or entity that first caused the registration.

Second paragraph of Section 31 of PD 1529 provides:

"The decree of registration shall bind the land and quite title thereto, subject only to such exceptions or liens as may be provided by law. It shall be conclusive upon and against all persons, including the National Government and all branches thereof, whether mentioned by name in the application or notice, the same being included in the general description "To all whom it may concern".

Likewise, jurisprudence dictates:

"Private ownership of land is not affected by issuance of the Free Patent over the same land because the Public Land Law applies only to lands of public domain. Only public land may be disposed by the Director. Since as early as 1920, the land in dispute was already under the private ownership of herein petitioner and no longer part of the lands of the public domain, the same could not have been the subject of the patent. The patentee and his successors-in-interest acquired no right to title the lands." Xxx¹

The Supreme Court further ruled:

"The Director of Lands has no authority to grant free patent for land that has ceased to be a public land and has passed to private ownership and a title so issued is null and void"xxx²

9. That defendant did not have an absolute title to the property nor any imperfect or incomplete title which can be registered under Act 496 and C.A. 141, otherwise known as the Land Registration Act and the Public Land Act, respectively, in as much as the subject land has already been issued a title and the same has been a private property as early as 1921;

10. The foregoing findings show that OCT No. 2011000167 was erroneously issued in favour of defendant Nelcris Tillo as the land covered by his title can no longer be disposed of by Free Patent mode under the Public Land Act (CA 141);

11. All told, Free Patent No. 063014-10-18940 and OCT No. 2011000167 as well as any and all titles derived therefrom are, therefore, **NULL AND VOID AB INITIO**;

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully prayed that after trial, judgment be rendered by this Honourable Court in favour of herein plaintiff as follows:

1. Declare Free Patent No. 063014-10-18940 and OCT No. 2011000167 in the name of Nelcris Tillo and all subsequent certificates of title emanating therefrom, *null and void ab initio*;

2. Order defendant Nelcris Tillo to surrender the owner's duplicate copy of OCT No. 2011000167 to defendant Register of Deeds of the Province of Iloilo;

3. Direct defendant Register of Deeds of the Province of Iloilo to cancel said free patent and titles;

4. Grant plaintiff such other reliefs as are just and proper under the premises.

Iloilo City for Barotac Viejo, Iloilo, Philippines, **MARCH 13 2015.**

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By:

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Counsel for DENR

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES
 DENR Legal Division, Region VI, Iloilo City
 IBP Lifetime No. 05873
 PTR No.4759315 Jan. 06, 2015; Iloilo City
 MCLE Compliance No. III-0013022; Pasig City
 ROLL No. 43437

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Counsel for DENR

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 DENR Legal Division, Region VI, Iloilo City
 IBP No. 944465; Jan. 06, 2014; Iloilo City
 PTR No. 4401604; Jan. 06, 2014; Iloilo City
 MCLE Compliance No. III-0009377; Mar. 08, 2010; Pasig City
 MCLE Compliance No. IV-0021292; July 15, 2013; Pasig City
 ROLI No. 49816

(SGD.) FRANCIS GLENN S. ARCETA
Counsel for DENR

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES
 DENR Legal Division, Region VI, Iloilo City
 IBP No. 973116; Jan. 05, 2015; Iloilo City
 PTR No. 3219761; Jan. 05, 2015; Leganes, Iloilo
 MCLE Compliance No. IV-0012645; Feb. 18, 2013; Pasig City
 ROLL No. 48871

VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION OF NON-FORUM SHOPPING

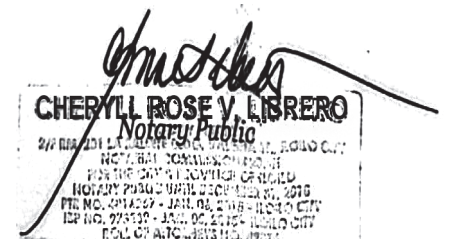
I, **JIM O SAMPULNA**, Regional Director of DENR, Region VI, Iloilo City, after having been sworn to in accordance with law, hereby depose and say:

1. That I have caused the preparation of the foregoing complaint;
2. That I have read and understood the contents thereof, and the allegations contained therein are true and correct of my own knowledge and belief based on records;
3. That I have not commenced any other action or proceeding involving the same issues and parties in the Supreme Court of Appeals, or any other tribunal or agency;
4. That no such action or proceeding is pending in the Supreme Court, or different divisions thereof or of the Court of Appeals, or any other tribunal or agency.
5. That I hereby undertake to notify this Honorable Court within five (5) days from notice should I learn that a similar action or proceedings has been filed or is pending before this Honorable Court or different divisions thereof or any other tribunal or agency.

(SGD.) JIM O SAMPULNA, CESO III
 Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this **MARCH 13 2015** at Iloilo City, Philippines. Affiant exhibited to me his Identification Card issued by **DENR** with Number and valid until **142367667**.

Doc. No. 230;
 Page No. 46;
 Book No. VI;
 Series of 2015.





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

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

PRESENT:

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

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

ABSENT:

Hon. Candice Magdalane A. Tupas (on Maternity Leave)	Member
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REGULATION ORDINANCE NO. 2024-170

AN ORDINANCE CREATING ONE (1) POSITION – ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER V, SALARY GRADE 18, UNDER ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION OF THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICER (OCSWDO), ENUMERATING ITS FUNCTIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF

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

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

A. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER V – SG 18

- Shall assist in the supervision of the activities and performance of the personnel under the assigned division;
- Shall assist in the supervision of the operations of the assigned division;
- Shall be responsible in the management and maintenance of the division's data;
- Shall provide necessary recommendation/s to the head of division;
- Shall prepare and submit required reports;
- Shall perform other tasks that may be assigned by the head of office from time to time;

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

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

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

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

ENACTED, September 4, 2024.

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Office of the City Social Worker and Welfare Development Officer (OCSWDO) is entrusted with the crucial responsibility of promoting social welfare and safeguarding the rights and well-being of the City's residents, particularly those belonging to the marginalized and vulnerable sectors. The Office is tasked with the implementation of social welfare programs, the provision of essential services, and the coordination of community development initiatives aimed at alleviating poverty, enhancing social protection, and empowering local communities, ensuring the efficient delivery of social services within Iloilo City;

WHEREAS, there is a necessity for a supervisory position, namely Administrative Officer V – SG 18, to serve the role as a dedicated Records Officer, responsible for collating data on all OCSWDO programs and services implemented to benefit the individuals, families, and communities in the City of Iloilo;

WHEREAS, the workload of OCSWDO is expected to increase significantly as the Office is responsible for managing and implementing the projects and programs of the Iloilo City Government, as well as the devolved projects and programs from the National Government due to the Mandanas Ruling;

WHEREAS, the creation of an Administrative Office V position under the OCSWDO is deemed crucial to manage the substantial volume of data and information, as well as strengthen the administrative division of the said Office, and safeguard and ensure that the collated data and information on all initiatives and activities be managed with integrity and accountability;

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

SECTION 1. CREATION OF NEW POSITION: There is hereby created one (1) position under the Administrative Division of the Office of the City Social Welfare and Development Officer (OCSWDO) namely:

A. Administrative Officer V – SG 18

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED
 TO BE DULY ENACTED:

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

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

APPROVED:

(SGD.) JERRY P. TREÑAS
 City Mayor



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City of Iloilo
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 36th REGULAR SESSION OF THE 11th SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF ILOILO, PHILIPPINES, HELD AT THE SESSION HALL, 6th FLOOR CITY HALL BUILDING, PLAZA LIBERTAD, ILOILO CITY, ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

PRESENT:

HON. JOSE MARIA MIGUEL S. TREÑAS
Acting Presiding Officer

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

ABSENT:

Hon. Jeffrey P. Ganzon (on Leave)	City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer
Hon. Candice Magdalane A. Tupas (on Maternity Leave)	Member

REGULATION ORDINANCE NO. 2024-183

AN ORDINANCE RENAMING THE PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT INVENTORY DIVISION (PPEID) TO PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT OFFICE (PPEMO), THE ABOLITION OF TWO (2) VACANT POSITIONS, NAMELY SUPERVISING ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER – SG 22, CMO-PPEID, ITEM NO. 64, AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IV – SG 15, CMO-PPEID, ITEM NO. 67, AND THE CREATION OF ONE (1) CITY GOVERNMENT ASSISTANT DEPARTMENT HEAD II - SG 24, UNDER THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S OFFICE (CMO), ENUMERATING ITS FUNCTIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF

Sponsored by Hon. Rex Marcus B. Sarabia, seconded by Hon. Sedfrey L. Cabaluna and Hon. Frances Grace V. Parcon-Torres;

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

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

WHEREAS, the Property, Plant, and Equipment Inventory Division (PPEID) was established under Regulation Ordinance No. 2022-087. The management of property accountability and PPE inventory are key components of the Iloilo City Government's asset management strategy, essential for ensuring the efficient and effective use of public resources;

WHEREAS, the renaming of the Property and Plant Management Office (PPEMO) is deemed necessary as it entails additional responsibilities, including the management and assurance of accountability for Iloilo City Government's Property, Plant, and Equipment (PPE);

WHEREAS, the primary objectives of the PPEMO are to maintain accurate records, ensure proper reporting, and implement efficient inventory management systems to safeguard assets and improve public service delivery. Core functions include tracking PPE data, verifying Property Acknowledgment Receipts (PAR) and Property Return Slips (PRS), and conducting regular audits to ensure inventory accuracy;

WHEREAS, the establishment of PPEMO is in line with the requirements of Presidential Decree 1445, mandating an annual physical inventory of government assets. The consolidation of these functions under the PPEMO is intended to address issues in asset management, reduce budget constraints, and optimize service delivery for Iloilo City;

WHEREAS, the creation of a new supervisory position is critical for enhancing management and accountability of PPE within the City Government. Additionally, the abolition of two (2) vacant positions ensures that no current personnel will be affected by this organizational restructuring;

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

SECTION 1. RENAMING OF THE DIVISION: The Property, Plant, and Equipment Inventory Division (PPEID), as created under Regulation Ordinance o. 2022-087, is hereby renamed to Property, Plant and Equipment Management Office (PPEMO).

SECTION 2. ABOLITION OF POSITIONS: The following (2) vacant positions under the City Administrator's Office – City Mayor's Office are hereby abolished:

- A. SUPERVISING ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER – SG 22
CMO-PPEID Item No. 64
- B. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IV – SG 15
CMO-PPEID Item No. 67

SECTION 3. CREATION OF NEW POSITION: There is hereby created one (1) position under the City Administrator's Office – City Mayor's Office namely:

- A. City Government Assistant Department Head II - SG 24

SECTION 4. RESPONSIBILITIES: The main functions of the newly created position are as follows:

A. CITY GOVERNMENT ASSISTANT DEPARTMENT HEAD II - SG 24

- Shall supervise the operations and personnel of the PPEMO;
- Shall be responsible in the formulation of PPEMO plans;
- Shall ensure that PPEMO plans, programs, and projects are properly and well implemented;
- Shall formulate and recommend to the City Administrator and/or Chief Executive measures and strategies necessary for the effective and efficient property accountability and inventory management;
- Shall be responsible for the proper management of all Iloilo City Government's (ICG) property, plant, and equipment (PPE) database;
- Shall be responsible in the effective inventory taking of all ICG's property, plant and equipment (PPE) and proper maintenance of the accounts;
- Shall be responsible in the transfer, reissuance, and reconstitution of ICG land titles;
- Shall prepare and submit PPEMO's accomplishment report and other required report/s;
- Shall perform other duties that may be assigned by the City Administrator and/or Chief Executive from time to time.

SECTION 5. The Sangguniang Panlungsod shall appropriate a budget for the implementation of this ordinance through a subsequent appropriations ordinance.

SECTION 6. Repealing Clause. – All ordinances contrary to or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. Separability Clause. – If any part of provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other parts or provisions hereof.

SECTION 8. Effectively Clause. – This ordinance shall take effect after its publication and posting in two conspicuous places within the City.

ENACTED, September 18, 2024.

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

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

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED
TO BE DULY ENACTED:

APPROVED:

(SGD.) JOSE MARIA MIGUEL S. TREÑAS
Acting Presiding Officer

(SGD.) JERRY P. TREÑAS
City Mayor



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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 42nd REGULAR SESSION OF THE 11TH SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF ILOILO, PHILIPPINES, HELD AT THE SESSION HALL, 6TH FLOOR CITY HALL BUILDING, PLAZA LIBERTAD, ILOILO CITY, ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2024

PRESENT

HON. SEDFREY L. CABALUNA
Acting City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

Hon. Romel D. Duron	Member
Hon. Ely A. Estante, Jr.	Member
Hon. Rudolph Jeffrey O. Ganzon	Member
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ABSENT:

Hon. Jeffrey P. Ganzon (Acting City Mayor)	City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer
Hon. Urminico M. Baronda, Jr. (on Leave)	Member
Hon. Candice Magdalane A. Tupas (on Leave)	Member

REGULATION ORDINANCE NO. 2024-223

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE MEETINGS INCENTIVES CONFERENCES AND EXHIBITIONS (MICE) COUNCIL OF ILOILO CITY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Sponsored by Hon. Rudolph Jeffrey O. Ganzon, seconded by Hon. Ely A. Estante, Jr. and Hon. Rex Marcus B. Sarabia;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9593, Chapter I, Section 2-e provides that “the State shall seek to: (e) Develop the country as a prime tourist hub in Asia, as well as a center of world congresses and conventions, by promoting sustainable tourism anchored principal on the country’s history, culture and natural endowments, and ensuring the protection, preservation and promotion of these resources”;

WHEREAS, The Iloilo City Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, Exhibitions Center (ICMC) was created on July 29, 2019 through an Executive Order No. 034 issued by Hon. Jerry P. Treñas, Mayor of Iloilo City. ICMC by creation is to market and promote the City of Iloilo locally, national and globally as the major MICE tourism destination with primary role to highlights the uniqueness of the city destination and assists in developing local products and services for achieving increase of tourist arrivals and tourism investment in the City of Iloilo.

WHEREAS, The Meetings Incentives Conferencing Exhibitions (MICE) is responsible to oversee, create and implement marketing campaigns and promotions to inspire travelers to visit Iloilo City; Advocate for increased investment to enhance visitor experience; Formulate campaigns to attract conversations, meetings and events to Iloilo City; To work closely with meeting planners to plan events that display destination and its attractions in the most favorable enticing manner; Interact with leisure, vacation and MICE travelers, meeting professionals, conventioners, business travelers, tour operators and travel agents with both FIT and group travel clientele; Ensure the regular local and international advertisements of the City’s major tourism destinations; Provide incentives to travel agencies, tour operators, wholesalers and investors, local and foreign, capable of drawing a sizeable number of tourists and tourism investments to the City; and Market Iloilo City as a major MICE destination in the country and in Asia.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Iloilo, in session duly assembled:

ARTICLE 1. TITLE. – This ordinance shall be known as, “*AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE MEETINGS INCENTIVES CONFERENCES AND EXHIBITIONS COUNCIL AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES*”.

ARTICLE 2. DECLARATION OF POLICIES. It shall be the declared policy of the Iloilo City government to declare tourism as an indispensable element of local and national economy. It is a recognized industry of national interest and importance which must be harnessed as an engine of socioeconomic growth and cultural affirmation to generate investment, foreign exchange and employment. It continues to mold and enhanced sense of national and local pride for all Filipinos.

ARTICLE 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. – For this ordinance, the following terms shall be defined:

- BOI** – The Philippine Board of Investments, is an attached agency of the Department of Trade and Industry. It is tasked with assisting Filipino and foreign investors to venture and prosper economically.
- COMPANIES** – shall mean any commercial business establishments and corporation involved in land, sea and air transportation and conveyance.
- CONVENTIONS** – shall mean a large meeting, conference, discussion, consultation especially of members of a particular profession, business, corporate, commercial, and related group, and sectors of society usually done within a particular area or activity.
- EXHIBITS** – shall mean an organized presentation and display of a selection of items or objects of general interest for showing, and for public display, as of work of artists or artisans and the skills of performers as it allows to reach a large audience and promote product and services depending on the industry, exhibitors to gather business feedback before introducing their products to the public.
- EXHIBITIONS** – shall mean a community engagement, dialogue, and education, providing visitors with opportunities to explore diverse perspective, historical contexts, and contemporary issues. It frequently contributes to the promotion of

artists, innovators, and industries, acting as conduit for the exchange of ideas and the celebration of human creativity and achievement.

- INCENTIVES** – shall mean a reduction in taxes that encourages companies or people to do something that will help the city’s economy. It involves business group tourism, including accommodation, transportation, company dining opportunities, and excursions, as part of the complete incentive package.
- DOT** – Department of Tourism, is the executive department of the Philippine government responsible for the regulation of the Philippine tourism industry and the promotion of the Philippines as a tourist destination.
- DTI** – Department of Trade and Industry, is the executive department of the Philippine government responsible for the advancement, promotion, governance, regulation, management and growth of industry and trade.
- ICMC** – shall mean the Iloilo City MICE Center
- MICE** – shall mean Meetings, Investments, Conferences, and Exhibitions.
- MEETINGS** – shall mean a venue when two or more people come together to discuss one or more topics, often in a formal or business setting that occurs in a variety of other environments forming a group of decision-making.
- DOT** – Department of Tourism, is the executive department of the Philippine government responsible for the regulation of the Philippine tourism industry and the promotion of the Philippines as a tourist destination.
- DTI** – Department of Trade and Industry, is the executive department of the Philippine government responsible for the advancement, promotion, governance, regulation, management and growth of industry and trade.
- ICMC** – Iloilo City MICE Center
- TPB** – Tourism Promotions Board, means the organization purchasing the Goods as named in the Special Conditions of Contracts (SCC). It exists to market and promote the Philippines domestically and internationally as a world-class tourism and MICE destination in strategic partnership with private and public stakeholders to deliver a unique high value experience for visitors, significantly contributing to increased arrivals, receipts, and investments to the country.

ARTICLE 4. OBJECTIVE AND PURPOSE: The Iloilo City MICE is designed to promote Iloilo City domestically and internationally as a major tourism destination. It aims to increase tourism arrivals and tourism investments in Iloilo City. This will be done by highlighting the uniqueness of Iloilo through the development of tourism products and tourism services.

ARTICLE 5. CONDUCT OF MICE EVENTS: Entities and organizers with the intention to hold MICE events in Iloilo City will fill up an online application form. Printed application form will also be available in all MICE venues and MICE office at the Iloilo City Hall including the MICE Center. Registration and filing shall be with the Mice office including the submission of all supporting documents as a requirement for the approval and holding a MICE activity.

The application form will generate information such as but not limited to the following: date, time, venue, and nature of the event; information regarding the entities/organizers and/or sponsors; the list of activities that will be conducted in relation to the event; the number of participants; and other relevant information in relation to the event.

Entities and organizers may also opt to submit a letter intent addressed to the Mayor’s Office through the Iloilo City MICE Center.

ARTICLE 6. ASSISTANCE TO MICE EVENTS: The Iloilo City Government through the ICMC will offer a set of privileges given to various preferred entities and/or organizers from local, national, and foreign sectors that can bring meeting, incentive travel, conventions and exhibitions in Iloilo City;

6.1. Assistance and support services of ICMC to meetings, conventions, virtual and other special events may be in the form of the following applicable privileges:

- Technical assistance on planning
- Provision of brochures and other printed materials
- Complimentary tokens/giveaways for VIPs/participants
- Digital promotion of event/activity
- Coordination assistance to local hotels
- Coordination with tourism industry partners
- Government liaison and contact assistance
- Audio visual presentation of Philippine Tourism
- Complimentary half day city tour (*subject to availability*)
- Cultural entertainment (*subject to availability*)

6.2. The following are eligible for assistance:

- Private Corporations/Entities
- Meetings, Incentive Travel, Conventions, Exhibitions (MICE) or Business Events Organizers
- Associations
- National Government Agencies (NGAs)
- Government Owned and Controlled Corporations (GOCCs)
- Government Financial Institutions (GFIs)
- Local Government Units (LGUs)
- Institutions from Academe
- Other non-eligible events but having a conference or exhibition components may be considered for assistance

6.3. **Minimum Criteria.** Any activity considered under MICE will be provided with assistance so long as it meets the following minimum criteria:

- a. The activity will involve more than fifty (50) local and international participants;
- b. The event will be conducted in any local hotel or any MICE venue;
- c. The event will utilize local suppliers for products and services related to the event;
- d. The event will highlight Iloilo's local tours and sites in the activity.

All events under the MICE Center must be conducted preferably on DOT's accredited hotels, travel and tours and venues and must comply with the standards and guidelines set forth by the DOT.

ARTICLE 7. DATA COLLECTION. All hotels are required to submit data in relation to MICE events to the Iloilo City Government.

7.1. An online MICE Event Monitoring form will be utilized by the Iloilo City Government and will be posted in all MICE venues.

ICMC are tasked to inform the entities and/or organizers of MICE events regarding the required MICE Event Monitoring form. Entities and/or organizers will be required to post the link or QR Code within the MICE venue for visibility and compliance.

7.2. All residential condominium buildings with units being utilized as short stay accommodation facilities booked under online platforms (e.g. AirBnB, Agoda, Booking.com, and the likes) for the purpose of attending MICE events are likewise required to submit data to the Iloilo City Government.

Property managers will submit information on the total number of rooms enrolled under online platforms and the number of participants attending the MICE events.

These venues will also post the link or QR Code of the MICE Event Monitoring form within the unit for visibility and compliance.

7.3 **Data Privacy.** – Subject to existing laws, rules and regulations, the Iloilo City Government shall collect necessary data from partner private hospitality establishments.

The data collection shall necessary to support and enhance Iloilo City tourism, economic development, and public service initiatives.

All activities relative to the data collection shall be conducted in compliance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 10173, also known as the Data Privacy Act of 2012, its Internal Rules and Regulations, and other issuances.

To streamline the data collection, a data sharing agreement shall be required between the disclosing private entity and the Iloilo City Government. The **Iloilo City MICE Council** shall be empowered to issue guidelines regarding all data collection procedures relative to the implementation of this Ordinance's objectives, including the execution of and all data sharing agreements related thereto.

ARTICLE 8. OFFICIAL WEBSITE. – The Iloilo City MICE Official Website shall be utilized as the primary source of information on statistics, events, programs, and benefits for all guests, visitors, participants, partakers, investors, and related enterprises in the locality.

The features of the website shall include an online database of meetings, exhibits, conventions, and MICE clients indicating basic information and documented information, reports, and other studies pertinent to the implementation of this measure, and such other content in line with the goals and objectives of this ordinance.

ARTICLE 9. CREATION AND COMPOSITION OF MICE COUNCIL. – It is hereby created the Iloilo City MICE Council to be composed of the following:

Chairman	City Mayor
Vice Chairman	MICE Director
Members	LEDIPO
	Chairman, Committee on Tourism, Culture and Historical Affairs
	Dept. Head, City Planning & Development Office
	Dept. Head, City Tourism Office
	Department of Tourism 6 Representative
	Public Information Office
	Iloilo City Health Office
	Traffic and Management Office
	Iloilo City Police Office (PNP)
	Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)
	City Disaster Risk and Reduction Office (CDRRMO)
	Iloilo Hotels, Restaurants, Resorts Association
	Representatives from accredited Travel and Tours Companies
	Private and Business Sectors
	Two (2) Accredited NGO

At any time, the City Mayor may add to or vary the composition of the Council. The City Mayor may designate his/her own alternate Council Chairperson but must still be a member of the above Council. The representatives from the Private and Business Sector shall be named and appointed by the City Mayor, as may be suggested by the members above-mentioned.

ARTICLE 10. FUNCTIONS AND POWERS. – The Iloilo City MICE Council shall have the following functions and powers:

1. To formulate policies and identify, collect measures from all partakers and stakeholders of Iloilo City, including but not limited to hotels and hospitality establishments, festival coordinators, business clubs and government organizations, tourism and development hubs and other such relevant bodies and offices which will promote Iloilo City as the next MICE destination.
2. Conduct consultative meetings with Iloilo City tourism stakeholders, the DOT, TPB, DTI-BOI and other such relevant government offices to promote efforts making Iloilo City as the next MICE destination in line with the MICE Roadmap 2030;
3. Formulate campaigns to attract conversations, meetings and events to Iloilo City; To work closely with meeting planners to plan events that display destination and its attractions in the most favorable enticing manner; Interact with leisure, vacation and MICE travelers, meeting professionals, conventioners, business travelers, tour operators and travel agents with both FIT and group travel clientele
4. Suggest and recommend to the City Mayor measures and updates in MICE endeavors and programs of the DOTC, TPB, DTI-BOI, PACEOS, and other such relevant government offices in connection with the MICE Roadmap 2030;
5. Ensure the regular local and international advertisements of the City's major tourism destinations; Provide incentives to travel agencies, tour operators, wholesalers and investors, local and foreign, capable of drawing a sizeable number of tourists and tourism investments to the city;
6. Submit to the Sangguniang Panlungsod recommendations for measures, ordinances, and resolutions that increase and promote Iloilo City as the next MICE destination in line with the MICE Roadmap 2030.

ARTICLE 11. MEETINGS. – One (1) month after the assumption of office by members, the City Mayor as the Chairperson, shall convene for meeting.

The Iloilo City MICE Council shall meet at least once every month on the date and place agreed upon by the members present.

The Iloilo City MICE Center shall serve as secretariat of the Iloilo City MICE Council.

ARTICLE 12. MONITORING. – The MICE Center is tasked to monitor the events, programs, the arrivals and departures of all guests, visitors, participants and related enterprises in the city. In connection with this, the MICE Center and those members of the committee shall coordinate with hotels, convention centers and appropriate offices in conducting physical and site/venue visits to check on the status of the incoming visitors and guests.

ARTICLE 13. QUORUM. – For meetings in the Council, the attendance of 50% plus one of the members of the Executive Officers, as the case may be, shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE 14. APPROPRIATIONS OF BUDGET. – The Sangguniang Panlungsod through the Committee on Appropriation and a subsequent Appropriation Ordinance shall appropriate a budget in an item designated for the implementation of this ordinance under the Office of the City Mayor.

ARTICLE 15. SPECIAL PERMIT. – Whenever applicable, entities, organizers, and/or sponsors must secure a special permit at least two (2) months prior to the date of the MICE Event.

ARTICLE 16. PENALTY. – In event that the entities, organizers and/or sponsors shall fail to secure a business permit mentioned in Article 15, a Fine amounting to P1,000.00 shall be imposed and the entities, organizers and/or sponsors will be issued a warning. Failure to secure a business permit for two (2) MICE Events by the same entities, organizers and/or sponsors will cause the blacklisting of the organizers and/or sponsors to hold any MICE Event in Iloilo City.

ARTICLE 17. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – In the event that any provision of this ordinance is declared invalid, the other provision thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

ARTICLE 18. REPEALING CLAUSE. - All local laws, rules and regulations which is inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

ARTICLE 19. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This ordinance shall take effect Fifteen (15) days after publication..

ENACTED, October 30, 2024.

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

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

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED
TO BE DULY ADOPTED

APPROVED:

(SGD.) SEDFREY L. CABALUNA
Acting City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

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1st Class Highly Urbanized City (HUC)



One of the HUCs in Western Visayas (Region 6)



Located in the southern coastal part of Panay Island



Has a land area of 7,834 has. or 78.34 sq. km.



Clustered into seven (7) districts



Comprised of one hundred eighty (180) barangays



Total Population of 457,626 as of 2020
**Iloilo Province - 2,051,899*



Number of Households
104,313



Population Density
5,842 per square kilometer



Population Growth Rate
0.45 (2015-2020)



Sex Ratio
Male 49.28% Female: 50.72 %

Population	2000	2010	2015	2020
(Region VI)	6,211,038	7,102,438	7,536,383	7,954,723
Aklan	451,314	535,725	574,823	615,475
Antique	472,822	546,031	582,012	612,974
Capiz	654,156	719,685	761,384	804,952
Guimaras	141,450	162,943	174,613	187,842
Iloilo	1,559,182	1,805,576	1,936,423	2,051,899
City of Iloilo	366,391	424,619	447,992	457,626
Negros Occidental	2,136,647	2,396,039	2,497,261	2,623,172
City of Bacolod	429,076	511,820	561,875	600,783

Source: PSA

District	Land Area (Has.)	No. of Barangays	Population	No. of Households
TOTAL	7,739.73	180	447,992	95,100
AREVALO	664.17	13	56,878	12,023
CITY PROPER	439.77	45	51,155	11,062
JARO	3,040.37	42	121,241	25,596
MANDURRIAO	1,522.95	18	58,762	11,829
MOLO	613.71	25	75,966	16,447
LA PAZ	1,134.41	25	53,606	11,256
LAPUZ	324.35	12	30,384	6,887

Source: 2015 Census, PSA



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DEMOGRAPHY

FAMILY INCOME

Region VI (2018)

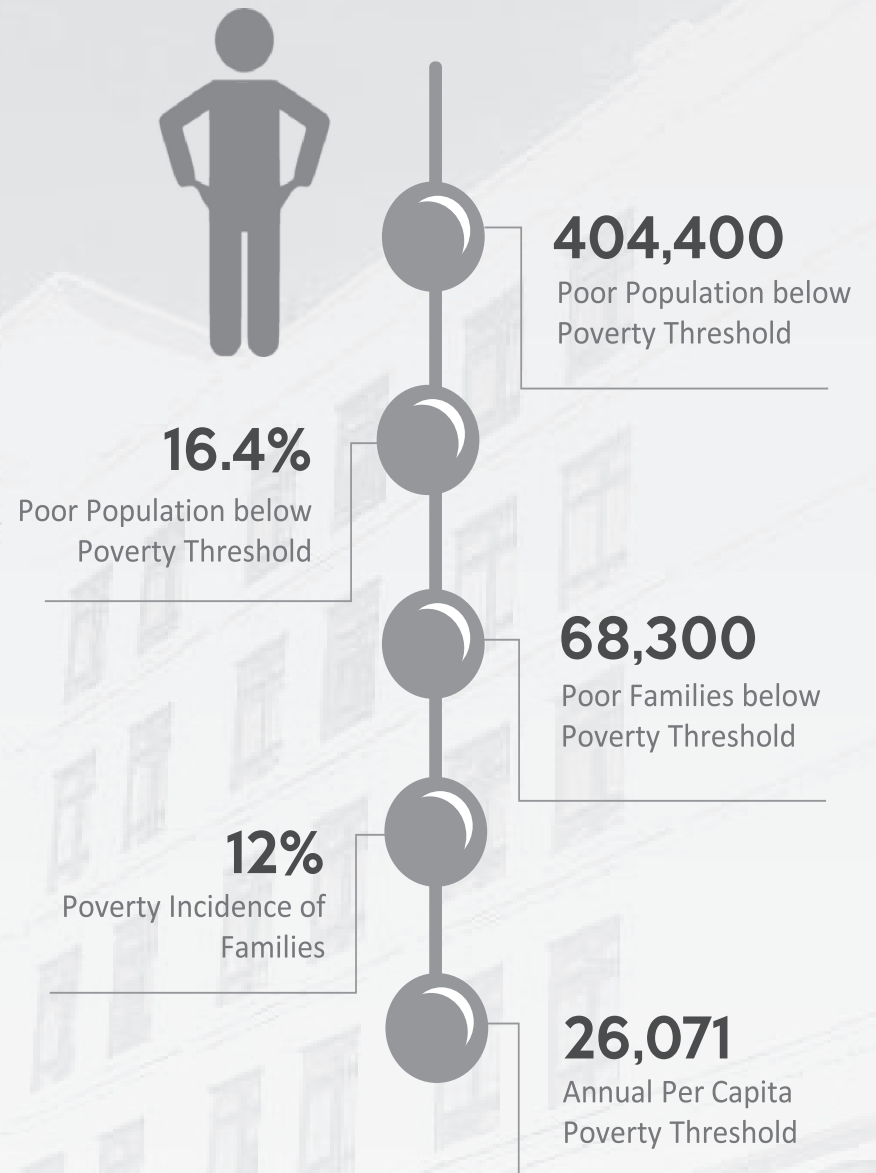


INCOME CLASS	INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
	TOTAL*	AVE**	TOTAL*	AVE**
REGION VI	486,534	266	370,758	202
Under 40,000	387	32	369	30
40,000 – 59,999	2,240	51	2,055	47
60,000 – 99,999	16,275	83	14,780	75
100,000 – 249,999	161,097	164	139,188	141
250,000 – 499,99	138,453	342	107,923	267
500,000 and over	168,082	885	106,443	561

*in Millions ** in Billions
Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

POVERTY STATISTICS

Iloilo (2018)



AGE GROUP	Both sexes	Male nr	Male %	Female nr	Female %	Sex ratio
School Going population	163,639	83,144	51%	80,495	49%	1.03
Pre-school (3-6)	32,787	16,917	52%	15,870	48%	1.07
Elementary (7-12)	45,565	23,463	51%	22,102	49%	1.06
Secondary (13-18)	50,212	25,479	51%	24,733	49%	1.03
Tertiary (19-22)	35,075	17,285	49%	17,790	51%	0.97
Working age (15-64)	303,222	150,039	49%	153,183	51%	0.98
Labor Force (15 & over)	328,578	159,443	49%	169,135	51%	0.94
Dependent Population	144,770	70,729	49%	74,041	51%	0.96
Young (under 15)	119,414	61,325	51%	58,089	49%	1.06
Old (65 & over)	25,356	9,404	37%	15,952	63%	0.59

Source: 2015 Census, PSA

LABOR FORCE

LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE

LFPR

REGION VI
(OCTOBER 2023)



49%

MALE



51%

FEMALE

Source: PSA, Labor Force Survey

62.71%

IN THE LABOR FORCE

96.59%

EMPLOYMENT RATE

3.41%

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority



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ECONOMY

Consumer Price Index (CPI) (All items)*

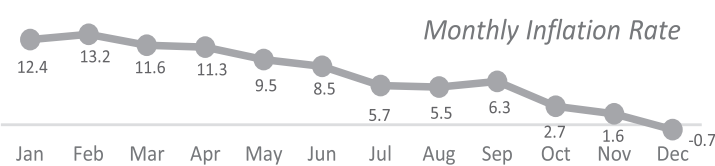
123.48

an indicator of the changes in the average retail prices of a fixed basket of goods and services
*Ave. Year 2023

Inflation Rate (Ave. Year 2023)

7.30

rate of change of the CPI expressed in percent. Inflation is interpreted in terms of declining Purchasing Power of Peso.



Purchasing Power (Ave. Year 2023)

0.81

shows how much the peso in the base period is worth in the current period. It is computed as the reciprocal of the CPI for the period under review multiplied by 100.

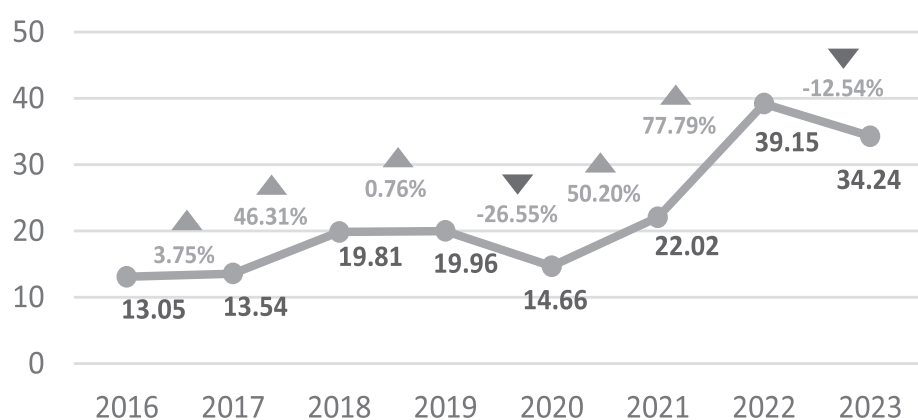
GROSS REGIONAL DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GRDP) In Thousand Pesos

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Growth Rates (2021-2022)
At Current Prices	860,107,768	919,163,055	850,797,186	937,244,700	1,133,925,246	21.0
At constant 2018 prices	860,107,768	913,909,365	825,369,599	874,079,838	955,016,701	9.3

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

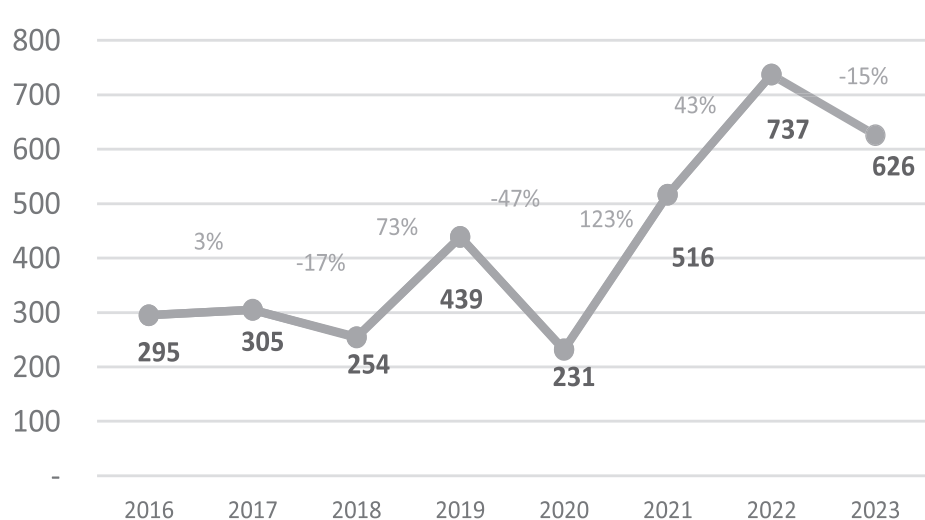
IMPORTATION

IN BILLION PESOS (2016-2023)



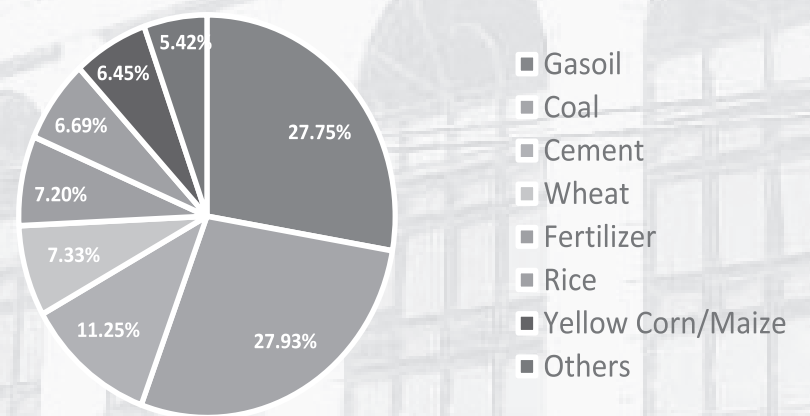
EXPORTATION

FOB VALUE (IN MILLION US\$) (2016-2023)

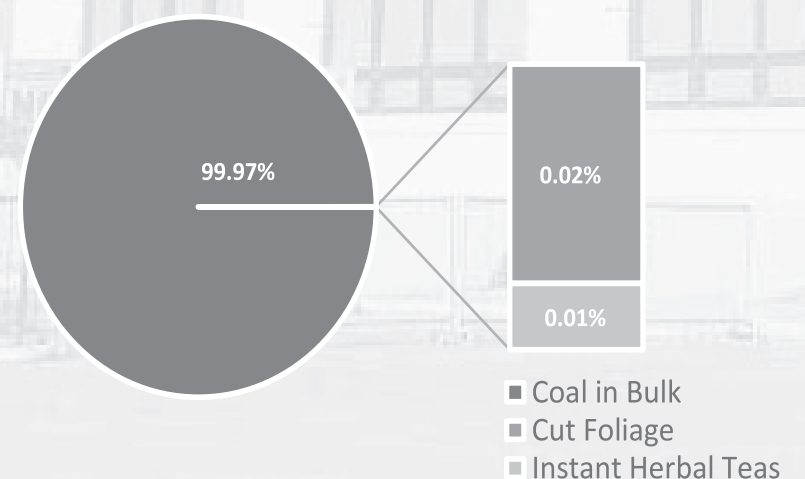


Source: Iloilo City Investment Incentive Ordinance, Regulation Ordinance 2021-406

Imported Commodities (2022)



Exported Commodities (2022)



Source: Bureau of Customs



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EDUCATION

LITERACY RATE

Region VI: 2021

FUNTIONAL LITERACY RATE: 91.3% MALE: 89.2% FEMALE: 93.6%

BASIC LITERACY RATE: 96.6% MALE: 95.6% FEMALE: 97.6%

Source: PSA, FLEMMS

SECONDARY EDUCATION

(SY 2021-2022)	Public	Private*	Total
Enrolment	36,157	17,782	53,939
Graduates <small>(SHS)</small>	5,455	3,866	9,321

*SY-2020-2021 data Source: DepEd-Iloilo City Division

TERTIARY EDUCATION

(SY 2021-2022)	Public	Private	Total
Enrolment	19,063	57,724	76,787
Graduates	3,177	8,287	11,464

Source: CHED VI

TECHNICAL EDUCATION

(C.Y. 2022)	Public	Private	Total
Enrolment	868	2,247	3,115
Graduates	805	2,209	3,014

Source: TESDA VI



(SY 2021-2022)

TOP 5 ENROLLMENT

By Discipline Group

1. Medical and Allied	18.89%
2. Business Administration and Related	18.71%
3. Education Science and Teacher Training	12.19%
4. Engineering	11.14%
5. Maritime	8.05%
Others	31.02%
TOTAL	100%



(SY 2021-2022)

TOP 5 GRADUATES

By Discipline Group

1. Business Administration and Related	23.87 %
2. Medical and Allied	18.69 %
3. Education Science and Teacher Training	12.96 %
4. Engineering and Technology	10.59 %
5. IT-Related Disciplines	6.83 %
Others	27.06%
TOTAL	100%

Source: CHED VI



STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

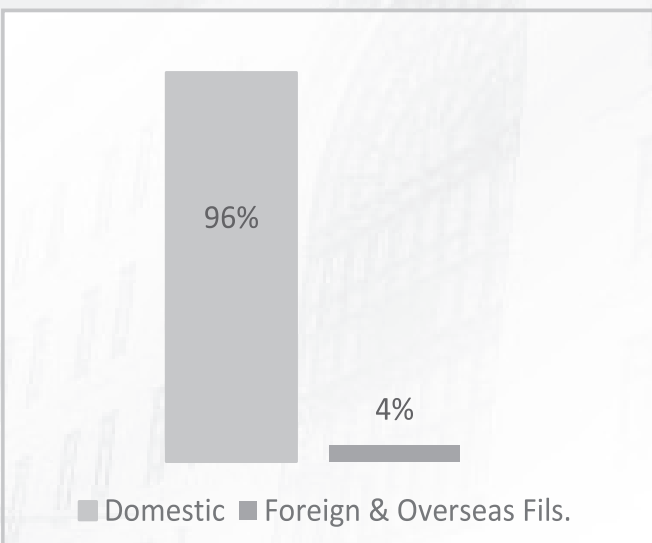
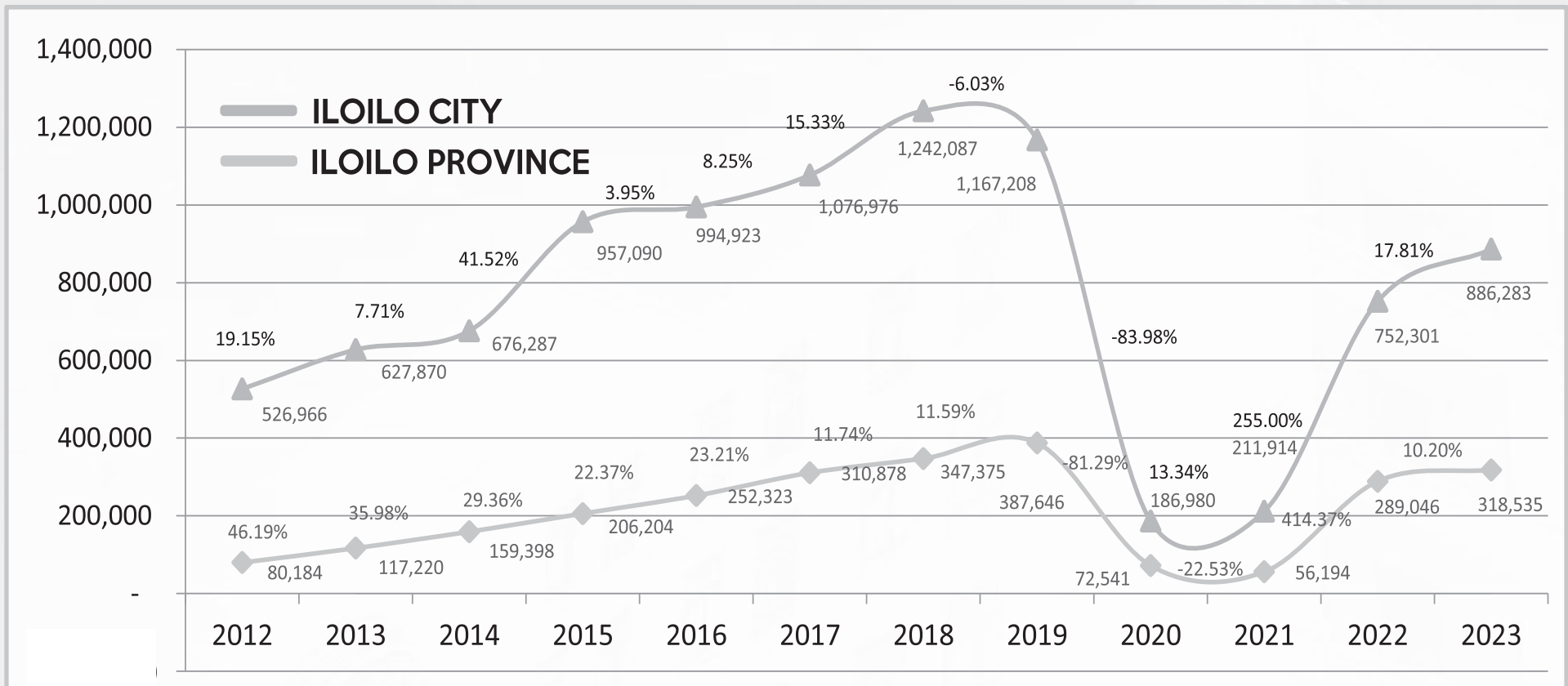
1. Central Philippine University
2. John B. Lacson Foundation Maritime University-Arevalo
3. John B. Lacson Foundation Maritime University-Molo
4. St. Paul University of Iloilo
5. University of Iloilo
6. University of San Agustin
7. Iloilo Science and Technology University-Main
8. West Visayas State University-Main
9. University of the Philippines- Visayas
10. ABE International Business College-Iloilo
11. ACLC College of Iloilo
12. ACSI College Iloilo
13. AMA Computer College-Iloilo
14. Cabalum Western College
15. Colegio De San Jose-Jaro
16. Colegio Del Sagrado Corazon De Jesus
17. Hua Siong College of Iloilo
18. Iloilo Doctors' College
19. Iloilo Doctors' College of Medicine
20. Integrated Midwives Association of the Philippines Foundation School of Midwifery
21. Interface Computer College-Iloilo
22. Santa Isabel College of Iloilo City
23. St. Therese-MTC Colleges-La Fiesta
24. St. Therese-MTC Colleges-Magdalo
25. St. Vincent Ferrer Seminary
26. Western Institute of Technology
27. Iloilo City Community College

Source: Commission on Higher Education VI



TOURISM

TOURIST ARRIVALS (2012-2023)



Icon	Year 2023	Total Receipts	Average Spending	No. Hotel Rooms
	ILOILO CITY	Php 8.29B	Php 9,355.90	3,836
	ILOILO PROVINCE	Php 2.70B	Php 7,125.48	771

Source: Department of Tourism VI

ILOILO CITY FESTIVALS



Dinagyang Festival

Held every 4th weekend of January. A religious and cultural festival held both to honor the Santo Niño and to celebrate the arrival on Panay of Malay settlers and the subsequent selling of the island to them by the Atis.



Paraw Regatta Festival

An annual festival held in February in the Villa de Arevalo district. A sailboat race in Iloilo Strait that features the Paraw, a Visayan double outrigger sail boat. It is the oldest traditional craft event in Asia and the largest sailing event in the Philippines.



Chinese New Year

A yearly celebration has been held since 2003 as a way of recognizing the significant contributions of the Chinese Filipino community to the city's booming economy, and celebrating the cultural diversity of the Chinese Ilonggos.



Iloilo Bike Festival

An annual event that promotes Iloilo City as a bikeable and walkable city, as well as a branding campaign to name the city the Bike Capital of the Philippines. Meanwhile, Iloilo City is the Most Bike-Friendly City in the country.



Iloilo Arts Festival

An annual event that showcases the masterpieces of the local artists and encourages young aspiring artists to hone their skills and delve into creative industries.



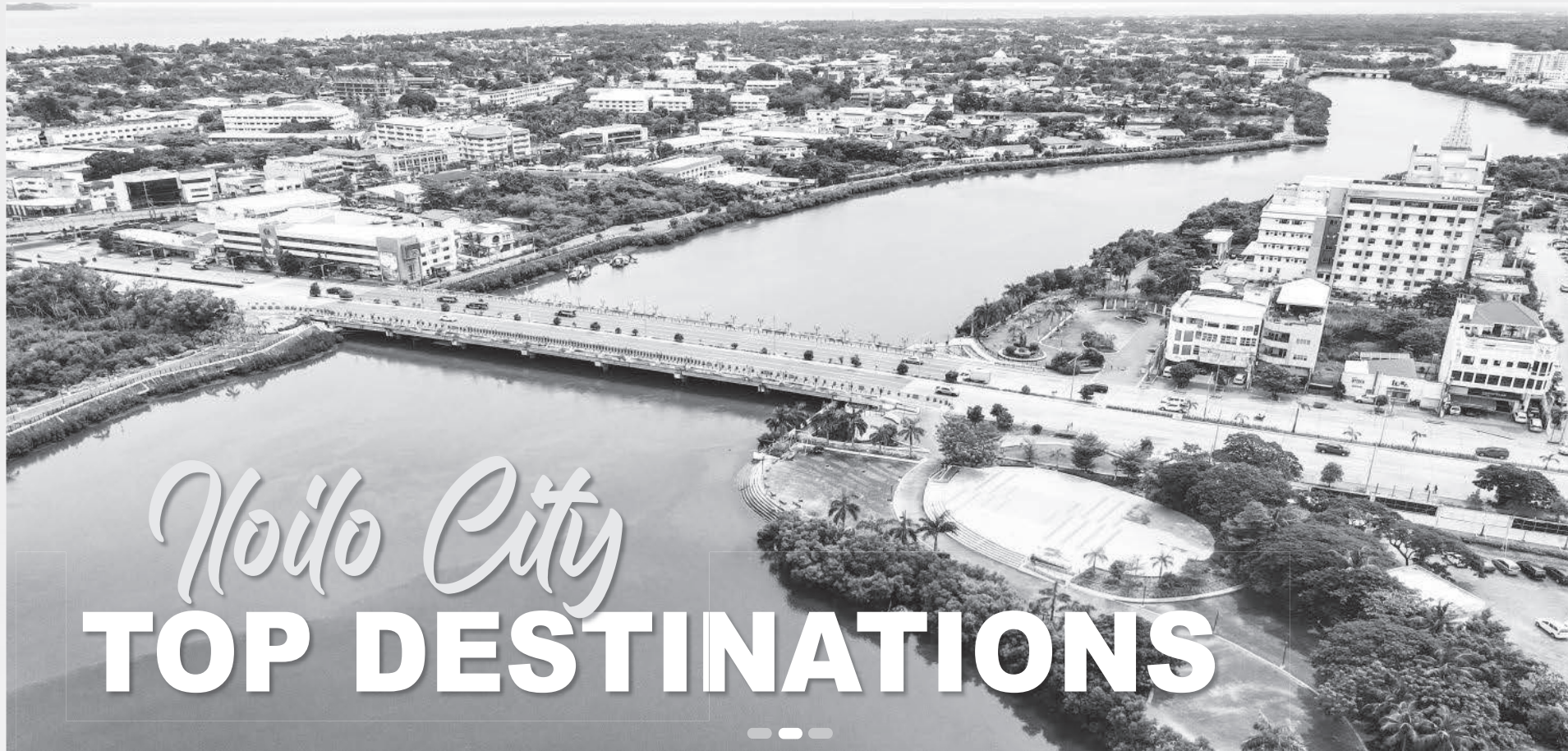
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ILOILO RIVER ESPLANADE



ILOILO MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART (ILOMOCA)
Megaworld, Mandurriao



ILOILO CONVENTION CENTER
Megaworld, Mandurriao



MOLO CHURCH
132 San Pedro St., Molo



MOLO MANSION
132 San Pedro St., Molo



CAMIÑA BALAY NA BATO
Villa Arevalo District



SINAMAY HOUSE
Osmeña St, Villa Arevalo District,



LIZARES MANSION
Tabuc Suba, Jaro



CASA MARIQUIT
Santa Isabel St., Jaro



JARO METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL
Plaza Rizal Jaro



ANTILLAN HOUSE
E Lopez Ext, Jaro



MUSEUM OF THE PHILIPPINES ECONOMIC HISTORY
JM Basa St, Iloilo City Proper



NELLY GARDEN
E. Lopes Street, Jaro



NM REGIONAL MUSEUM OF WESTERN VISAYAS
Bonifacio Dr, Iloilo City Proper



CALLE REAL
J.M. Basa Street, Iloilo City Proper



ARROYO FOUNTAIN
Iznart St, Iloilo City Proper

MUST TRY, MUST EAT IN THE CITY



LA PAZ BATCHOY



PANCIT MOLO



KBL
Kadyos (pigeon beans), Baboy (pork), Langka (jackfruit)



NATIVE LECHON MANOK



BISCOCHO & TABLEA

Source: Photos CTTO



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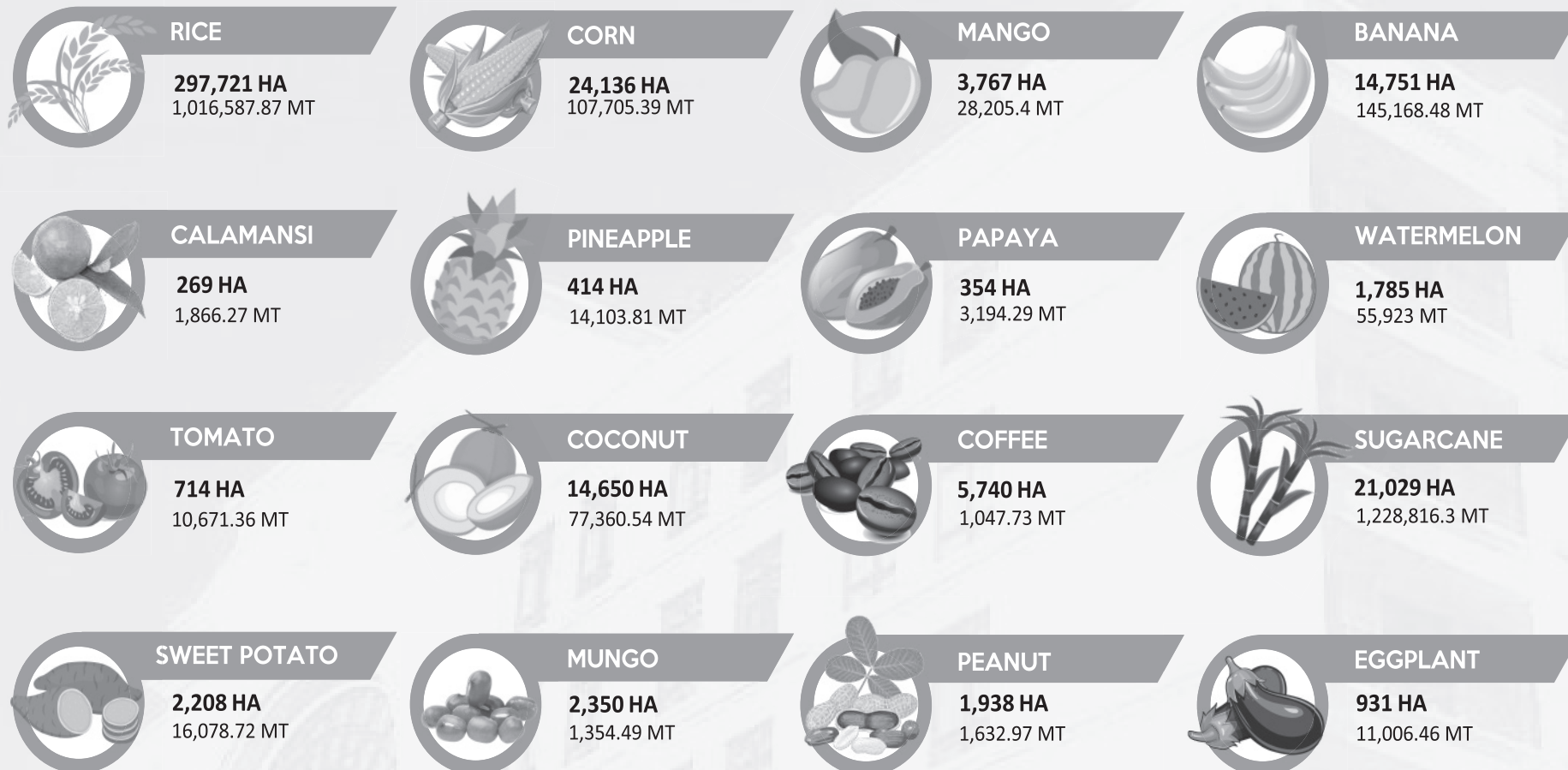
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AGRI-AQUA CULTURE

CROP PRODUCTION *(as of 2022)* (Iloilo Province)

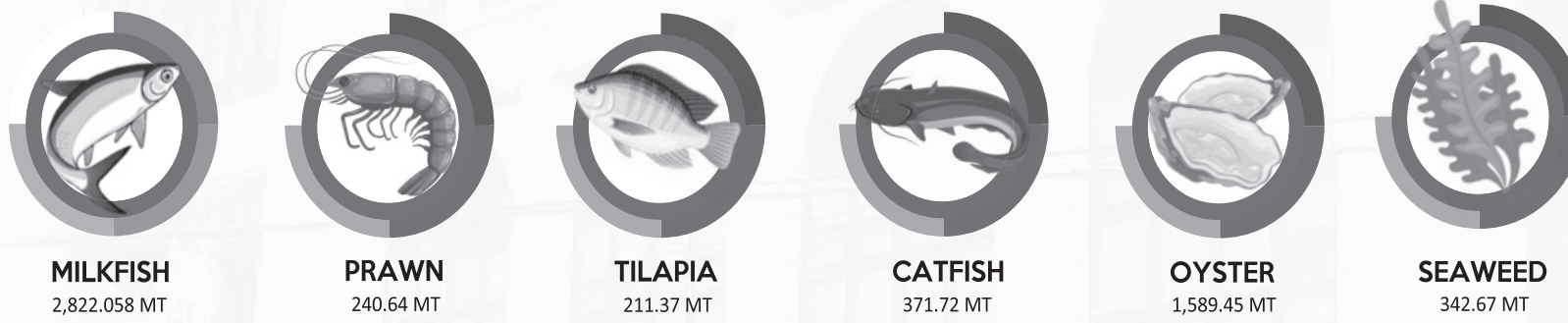


FISH & AQUACULTURE PRODUCTION

(as of 2022)

COMMERCIAL	MUNICIPAL	AQUACULTURE
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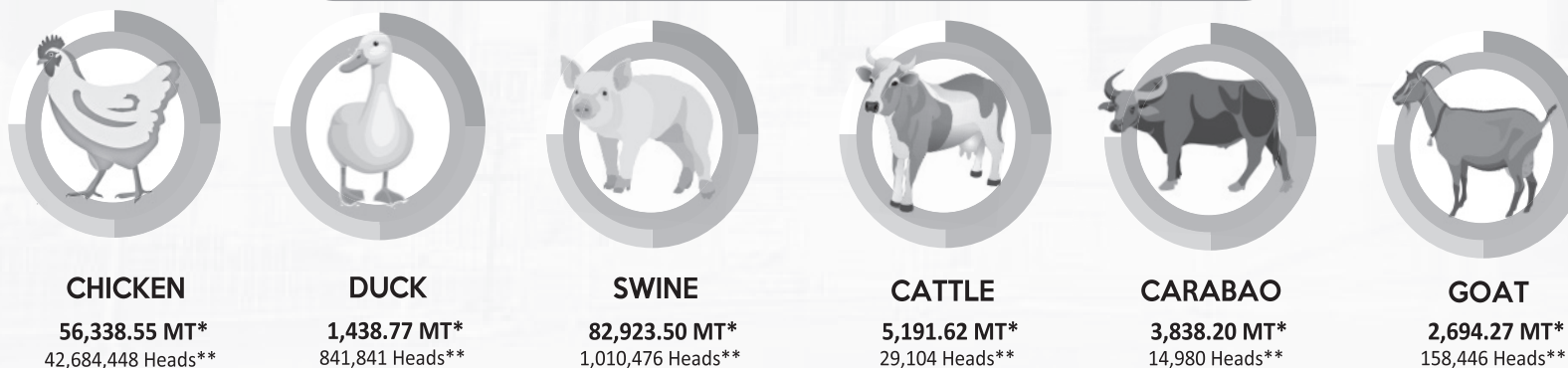
17,449.07 MT	39,665.46 MT	5,612.05 MT
P 2,443,996.35*	P 5,478,507.81*	P 547,445.32*



*Value in Thousand Pesos

LIVESTOCKS & POULTRY

(as of 2022)



*Volume of Animals Slaughtered / Birds Dressed | ** Quarterly Average Inventory by Animal Type

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)



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HEALTH CARE

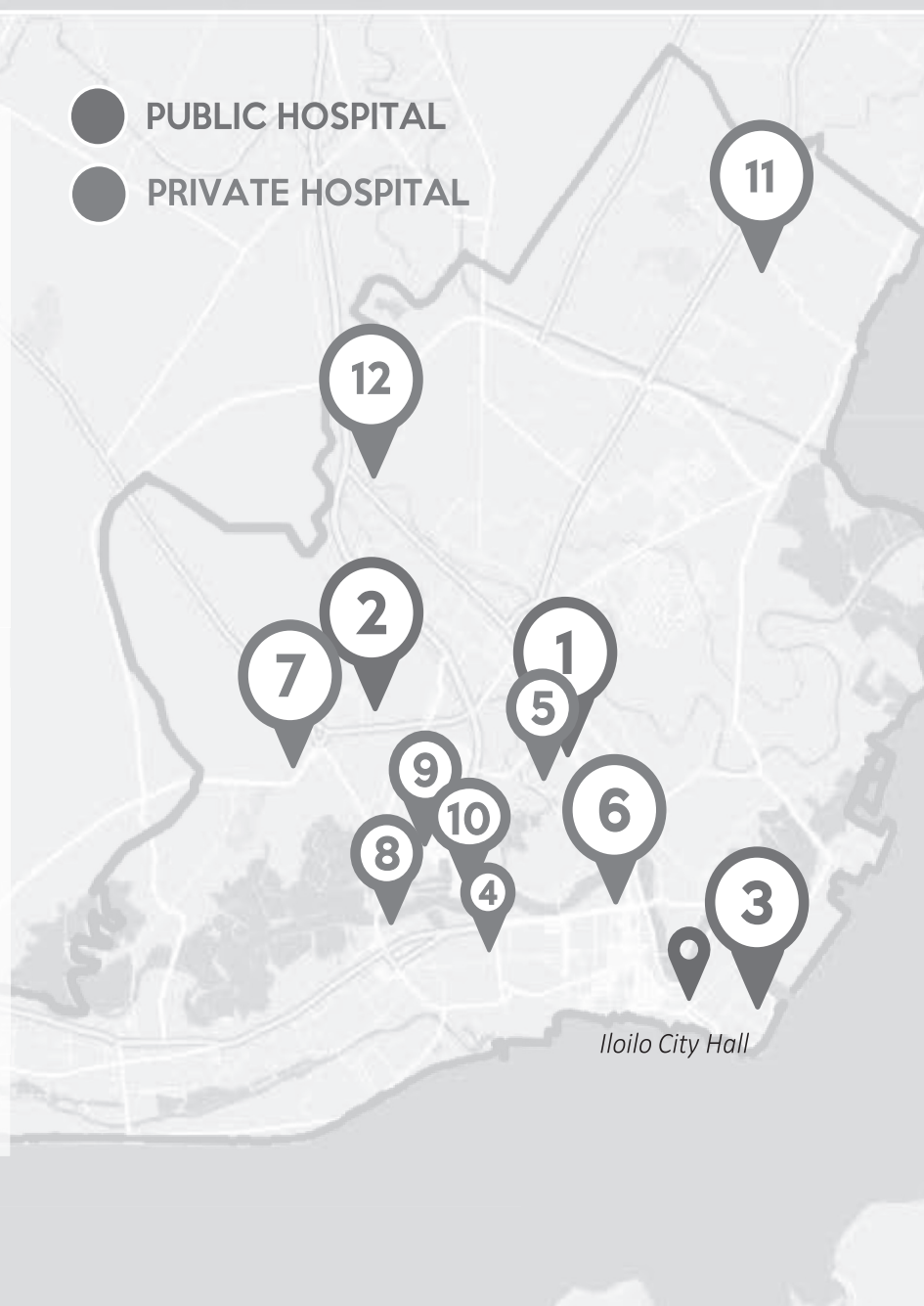
GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE HOSPITALS IN ILOILO CITY

BED CAPACITY

- 1. Western Visayas Medical Center 400
- 2. West Visayas State University Medical Center 300
- 3. PRO VI Primary Health Care Hospital 10
- 4. Iloilo Doctor's Hospital, Inc. 261
- 5. Iloilo Mission Hospital 250
- 6. St. Pauls Hospital 180
- 7. Seamen's Hospital – Iloilo 43
- 8. The Medical City – Iloilo 108
- 9. Healthway QualiMed Hospital Iloilo 100
- 10. Medicus Medical Center Corporation 100
- 11. Metro Iloilo Hospital and Medical Center 110
- 12. Asia Pacific Medical Center - Iloilo 245

Total Bed Capacity 2,107

- PUBLIC HOSPITAL
- PRIVATE HOSPITAL



3 Public Hospitals

8 Private Hospitals

9 District Health Centers

	Public	Private	Total
Doctors	901	1,642	2,543
Nurses	1,199	1,450	2,649
Midwives	233	136	369
Medical Technologist	236	159	395

Source: City Health Office (CHO), Department of Health (DOH) VI, Public & Private Hospitals



USWAG Molecular Laboratory
Molo, Iloilo City

Offers the Gold Standard in COVID-19 testing, the Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR). It has been accredited by the Department of Health, and recognized by the agency's Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM), garnering 100% quality assurance rating.



Quarantine / Isolation Facility
Brgy. Sooc, Arevalo, Iloilo City

Provides healthcare facilities to COVID-19 related cases and medical frontliners



USWAG Dialysis Centers
Brgy. East Baluarte, Molo, Iloilo City

Offers free services to residents of the metro who are battling both chronic kidney disease and costly clinic or hospital fees. The San Isidro dialysis center will have 14 units to cater to more patients.



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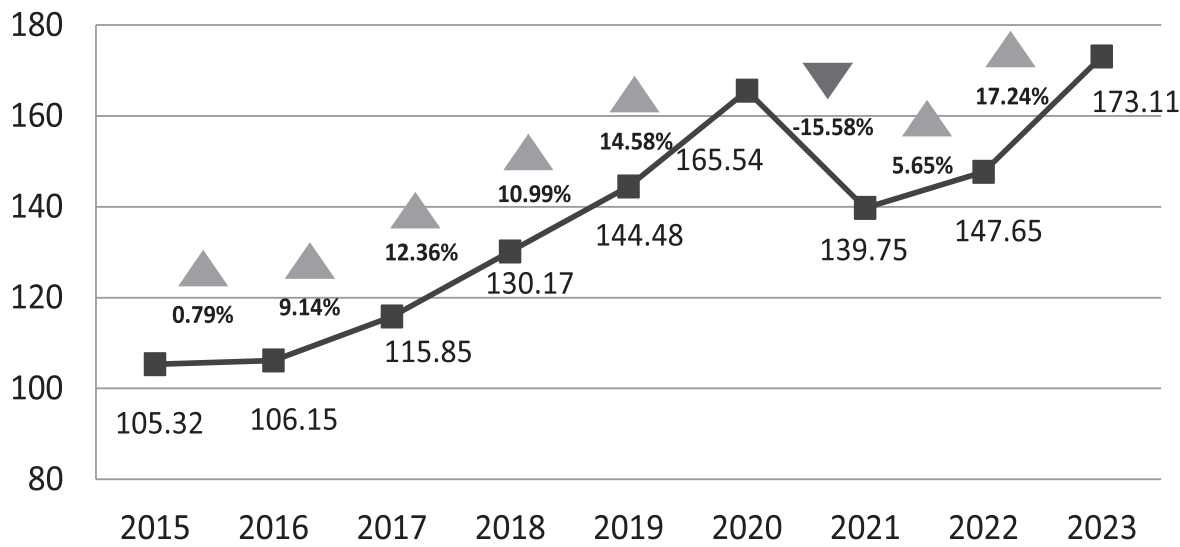
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BUSINESS

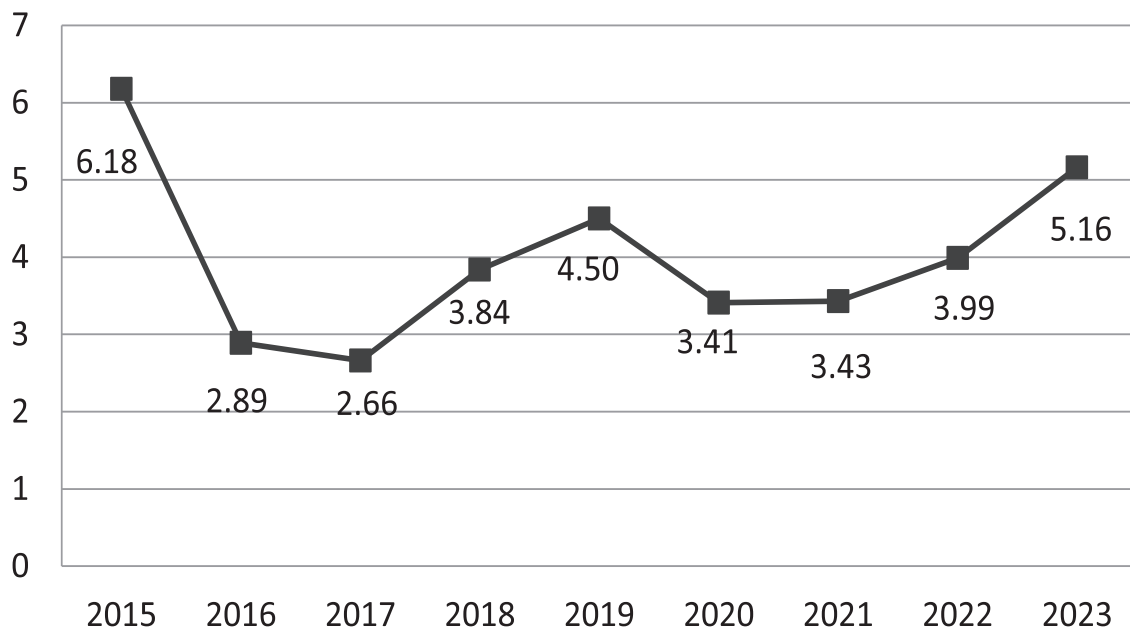
GROSS SALES OF REGISTERED FIRMS

(In Billion Pesos)



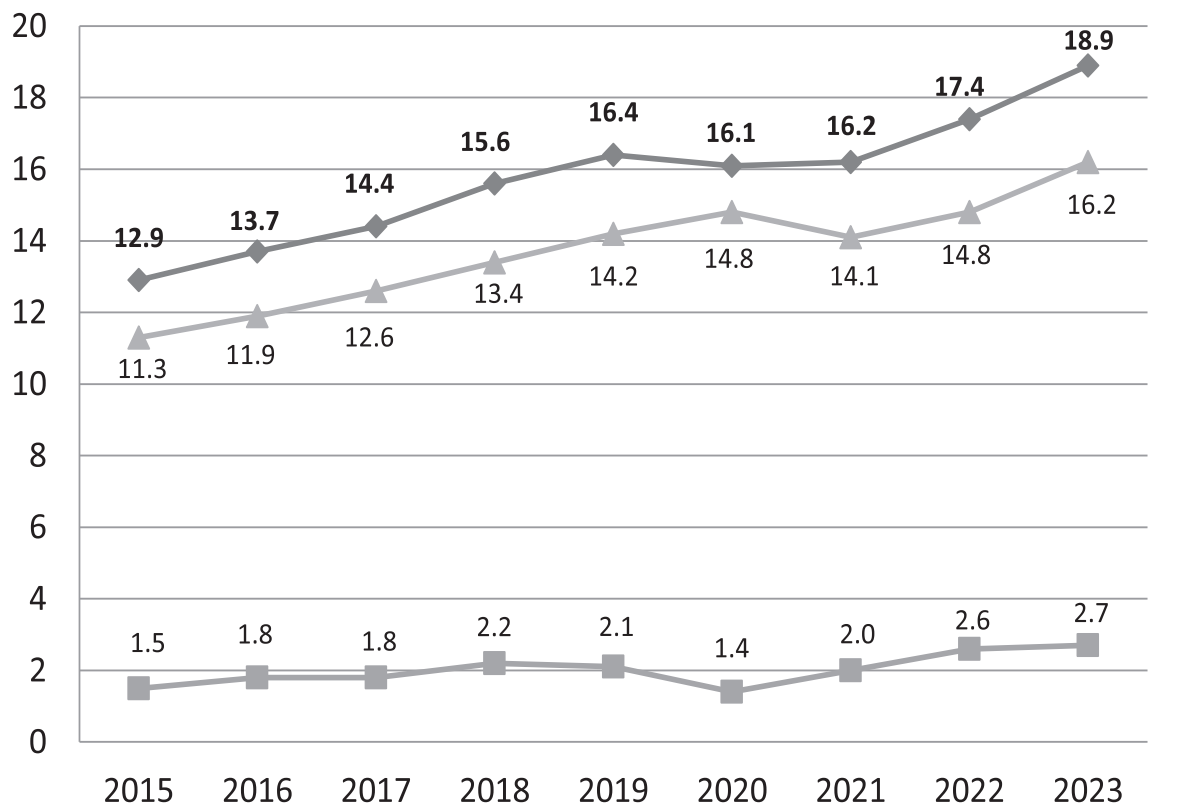
TOTAL CAPITALIZATION OF NEW BUSINESSES

(In Billion Pesos)

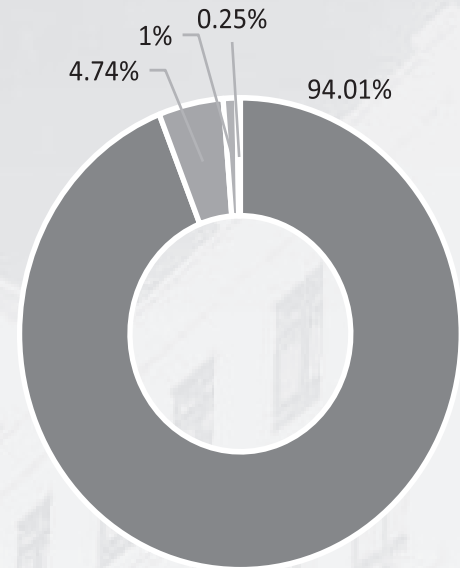


BUSINESS REGISTRATION

(In Thousands)

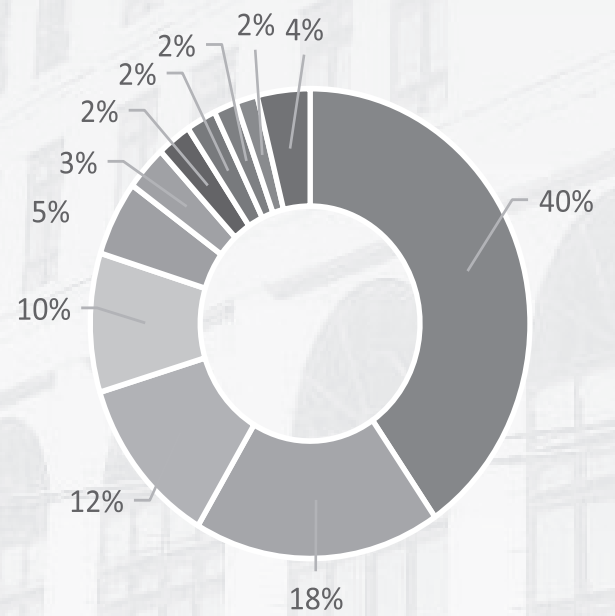


BUSINESS SIZE CLASSIFICATION



■ MICRO ■ SMALL
■ MEDIUM ■ LARGE

BUSINESS INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION



- Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles
- Accommodation and Food Service Activities
- Other Service Activities
- Real Estate Activities
- Financial and Insurance Activities
- Manufacturing
- Transportation and Storage
- Administrative and Support Service Activities
- Education
- Human Health and Social Work Activities
- Others

Source: City BPLD



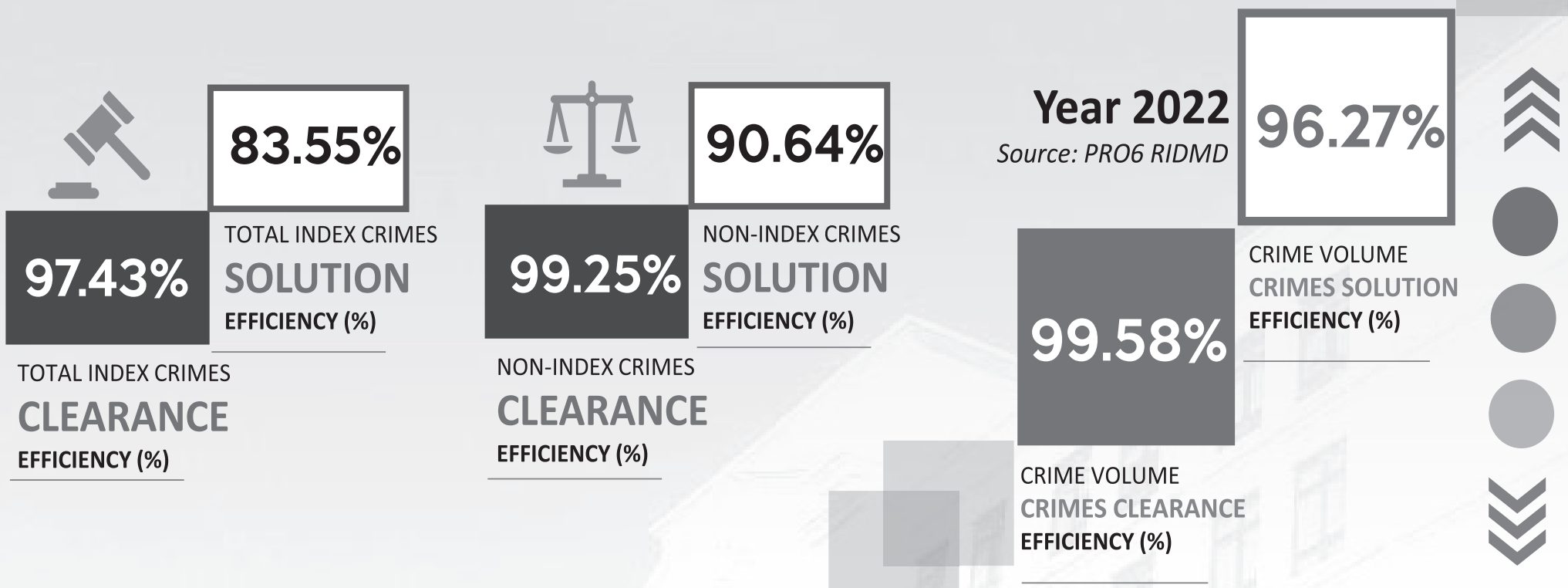
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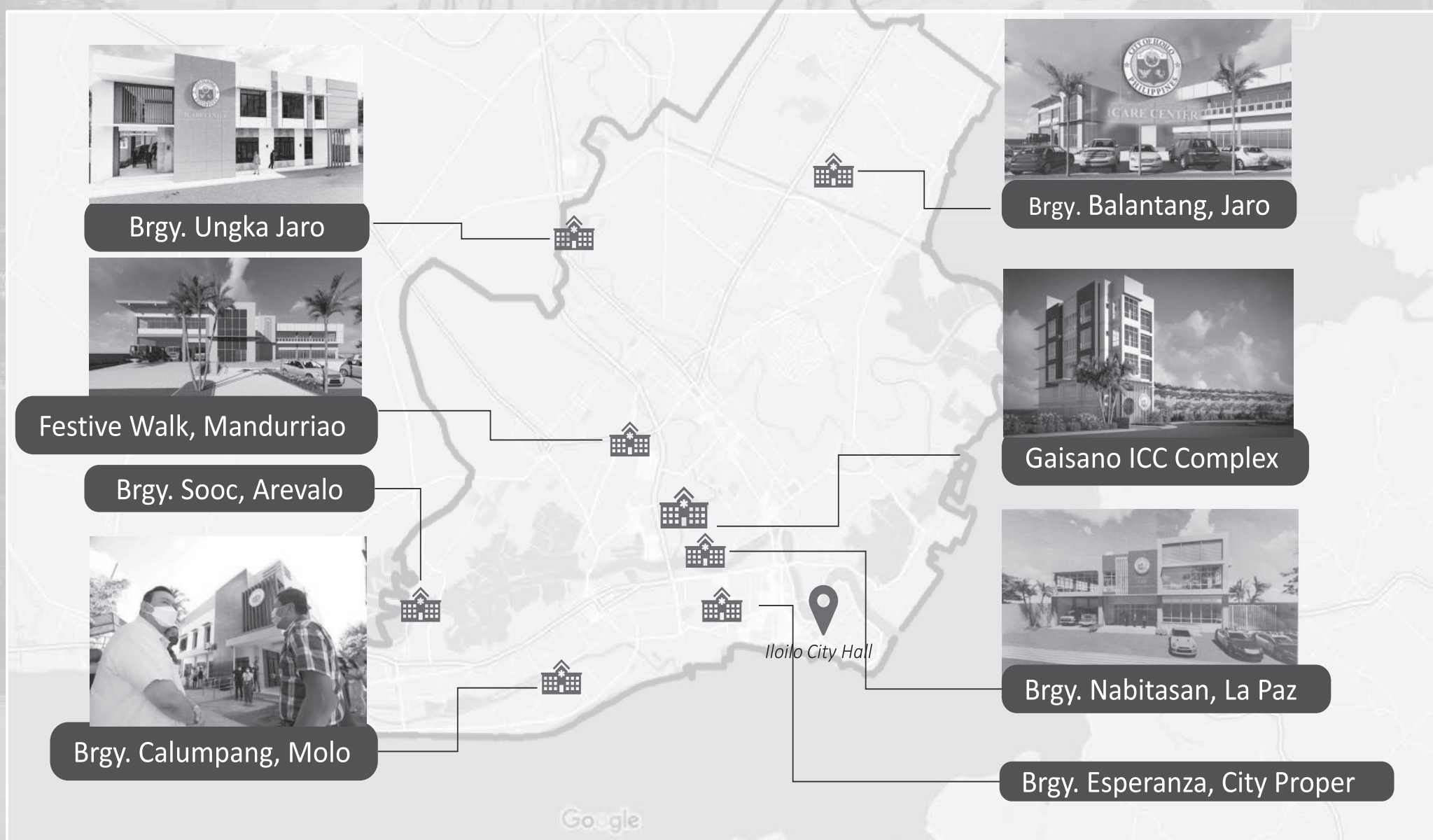
PEACE AND ORDER



DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT

ICARE SATELLITE CENTERS

Iloilo City Action and Response (ICARE) Command Centers were established in various districts in the metro that will house the City DRRMO, Public Safety and Transportation Mgt. Office (PSTMO) and Police and Fire stations.





REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
ILOILO CITY GOVERNMENT



ILOILO CITY RISE



USWAG ILOILO



LEVEL UP ILOILO



MY HEART BEATS IN ILOILO



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ABOUT THE ILOILO CITY LEDIP OFFICE

The Iloilo City LEDIP office plays a crucial role in creating a conducive business environment for economic growth, job creation, and increased investment in Iloilo City.

Its functions include Business Permitting, Licensing, Facilitation and Servicing which encompasses business retention and expansion, Investment Promotion, Strategy Management and Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) & Industry Development.

INVESTORS KIT



- Iloilo City Economic Profile
- Writeups about Iloilo City
- Cost of Doing Business
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- Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP)
- Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP)

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ILOILO CITY WINS 2024 ASIAN TOWNSCAPE AWARDS

Iloilo River Esplanade of Iloilo City has been recognized at the Asian Townscape Awards (ATA), which honor cities, regions, and projects that have played a significant role as models in landscape construction.

City Planning and Development Office head Ronald Cartagena received the award in Fukuoka, Japan on November 18, 2024.

Spanning over 9 kilometers and stretching on both sides of the Iloilo River, the Iloilo River Esplanade is considered the longest linear park in the Philippines. It currently consists of 13 sections connected by 11 bridges, traversing five of the city's seven districts, and continues to expand.

Key points for criteria are the project's harmonious coexistence with the regional environment; safety, convenience, and sustainability; respect for regional culture and history; high artistic quality; contributions to local development; and capabilities of becoming models for other cities.

ATA aimed to honor cities, regions, and projects that facilitate and materialize the enhancement of the living environment through urban transformation in Asian cities. This and other exchange activities contributed towards more Asian cities realizing sustainable urban landscapes for the betterment of the environment and people.

ATA is an initiative of UN-HABITAT's Regional Office for Asia and Pacific (UN-HABITAT ROAP), Asian Habitat Society (AHS), Fukuoka Asian Urban Research Center (URC), and Asia Townscape Design Society (ATDeS).



“ We are incredibly proud and deeply honored that the Iloilo River Esplanade has been recognized with the prestigious 2024 Asian Townscape Award.

This recognition comes at a fitting time, as we host the 44th CityNet Executive Committee Meeting, where the Iloilo River Esplanade is showcased as one of the best practices of Iloilo City.

This achievement is a testament to our unwavering vision and commitment to sustainable urban development—an ethos that Iloilo City has consistently pursued.

The success of this iconic project is also a result of the leadership and vision of former Ilonggo Senator Franklin Drilon. His dedication to the development of the Iloilo River and its surroundings as a centerpiece for progress has been instrumental. His tireless efforts have transformed the Iloilo River into a symbol of urban sustainability and Ilonggo pride, laying the groundwork for the progress we continue to build upon today.

This award reaffirms Iloilo City's position as a model of sustainability and urban excellence, inspiring other cities to pursue similar initiatives. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all stakeholders, past and present, who have contributed to this remarkable project.

As we celebrate this recognition, let us remain steadfast in our commitment to preserving and enhancing the legacy of the Iloilo River Esplanade, ensuring it continues to be a source of pride and inspiration for all Ilonggos.

— Mayor Jerry P. Treñas



CPDO / CENRO photos



Iloilo City Museums Tour →



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For Your Information

National Museum of the Philippines-Iloilo

- Bonifacio Dr, Iloilo City Proper
- Open from Tuesday-Sunday, 9 AM-4 PM
- No entrance Fee

Museo Iloilo

- Bonifacio Drive in Iloilo City Proper
- Open from Tuesday to Sunday, 10 AM-4:30 PM
- Admission fee is between P20 to P50

Museum of Philippine Maritime History

- Ground Floor, Iloilo Customs House, Muelle Loney St, Iloilo City
- Open from Tuesday to Sunday, 9 AM-4 PM
- No Entrance Fee

Museum of Philippine Economic History

- MHVF+72R, JM Basa St, Iloilo City Proper, Iloilo City
- Open from Tuesday to Sunday, 9 AM-4 PM
- No Entrance Fee

Brandy Museum

- Festive Walk Parade right beside the Iloilo Museum of Contemporary Art (ILOMOCA), Iloilo Business Park
- Open from Monday to Sunday, 10 AM-7 PM
- No Entrance Fee

Iloilo Museum of Contemporary Art (ILOMOCA)

- Casa de Emperador, Festive Walk Parade, Mandurriao, Iloilo City
- Open from Tuesday to Sunday, 10 AM-6 PM
- Entrance Fee : Adults: P 150.00
 Senior Citizen and PWD (With Valid ID) P120.00
 Students: (With Valid ID) P100.00
 Children (4 and Under) Free

Camiña Balay nga Bato

- Villa Arevalo District, Iloilo City
- Open from Monday to Sunday, 8:30 AM-5 PM
- Entrance Fee
 P200.00 with hot chocolate drink
 P280.00 with pancit molo and hot chocolate drink
 Heritage Buffet (Min. of 18 pax)
 P753.00 Buffet Lunch
 P808.00 Buffet Dinner
 *Must be booked in Advance

Musée d' Arsie

- Metro Iloilo Modern Arts Park Building(MIMA), Beside San Agustin Church, Northern Diversion Road, Sambag, Jaro, Iloilo City
- Museum Hours: 9 AM-6 PM Daily
- Entrance Fee: P100.00

UPV Museum of Art and Cultural Heritage

- University of The Philippines Visayas, Ybiernas St., Iloilo City (950 meters from USA Archives and Museum)
- Open from Monday to Friday, 8:30 AM-4:30 PM
- No Entrance Fee or Donation



Musée d'Arsie



The Musée d'Arsie is named after Arsenio P. Rafael III, a well-known art collector whose extensive collections are on show here. Beginning on the seventh floor, visitors will notice an interesting design in which artwork is methodically grouped throughout elevator lobbies, hallways, and stairwells that extend from the top floor to the basement. This distinctive display contains paintings, sculptures, and mixed media collections, showcasing the collector's numerous artistic interests.

UPV Museum of Art and Cultural Heritage



An art gallery displaying modern and contemporary works by local and visiting artists. The museum features seven galleries containing textiles and woven objects, old jars, ancient weaponry, traditional portrayals, and other interesting items for the public to enjoy and learn from.

HIBAO-AN SUR

National Museum of the Philippines-Iloilo



The Western Visayas National Museum of the Philippines is a valuable cultural institution that exhibits the varied heritage of the region. It occupies a converted old prison building, now serving as a museum.



Museo Iloilo



Discover the past in the vast collection of antiques, textiles, and archeological discoveries kept at Museo Iloilo. Offering a view of Iloilo's history from prehistoric origins to the colonial era.

Museum of Philippine Maritime History



Serves as a tribute to the province's enduring bond with the sea. This intriguing museum takes visitors on a journey through time, recalling Iloilo's maritime legacy that has influenced the city's identity.

Museum of the Philippine Economic History



This museum is a wealth of information regarding the economic progression of the region. From the sugar industry, which propelled the local economy, to contemporary advancements in trade and commerce, visitors can delve into the vibrant narrative of Iloilo's economic development. Interactive displays, historic artifacts, and captivating exhibits ensure that this museum is an essential destination for both history aficionados and inquisitive individuals.

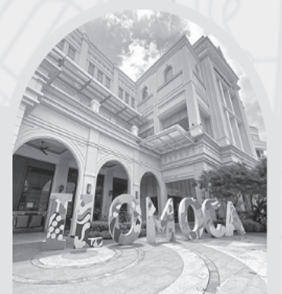
Brandy Museum



The first Brandy Museum in the Philippines. Visitors are guided through the production of brandy, showcasing the machinery and tools involved in crafting this potent spirit. Additionally, guests have the opportunity to discover the offerings of esteemed Spanish brandy producers such as Bodegas Fundador, Bodegas Terry, Bodegas Garvey, and Bodega San Bruno.



Iloilo Museum of Contemporary Art (ILOMOCA)



The Iloilo Museum of Contemporary Art (ILOMOCA) is the Visayas region's first modern and contemporary art museum. It strives to enrich Iloilo province's community life through exhibitions and outreach programs. ILOMOCA envisions itself as a space where ideas are developed and addressed through art. The museum provides art as a means and method for facilitating debates about social life by leveraging the transformative power of exhibitions and public programming.

Camiña Balay nga Bato



The house is a visual treat for anyone who like anything antique. There's ancient furniture, relics, altars, pottery, and vintage photographs. The ground floor contains looms where weavers work on fabrics for sale in the house. A variety of handcrafted items such as shawls, patadyongs, and slippers are also on offer for those interested in purchasing.



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Molo



The travel time is approximately 20-30 minutes by jeepney and 20-25 minutes by taxi/car.

Pancit Molo is a soup-based dish of meat-filled dumplings, shredded chicken, some diced spring onions, a bit of oily broth, and fried garlic essences. It is a spicy soup that is said to have originated from the town of Molo.

AREVALO



The travel time is approximately 30-45 minutes by jeepney. The travel time is approximately 30 minutes by taxi

known for their live seafood and patrons have the option to have live seafood like crabs and fishes cooked according to what they want. This was a treat from my friend so she was the one who ordered for us. While waiting for our food, I decided to check out the place.

AREVALO



Tatoy's Manokan and Seafoods known for their seafood, and patrons have the option to have seafood like crabs and fishes cooked according to their preference.

Their specialty is the "daraag" or native "lechon manok," a barbecued chicken dish that is prepared by marinating the meat in vinegar and calamansi, then stuffed with lemongrass and sampalok leaves.

The travel time is approximately 30-45 minutes by jeepney. The travel time is approximately 25-30 minutes by taxi.



Iloilo City Proper



The travel time is approximately 20 minutes by jeepney and 15-20 minutes via taxi/car.

Roberto's has been known as the Filipino-Chinese snack—siopao because of its tasty and heavy delicious filling tucked in a firm steamed bun. Since 1978, Roberto's has been dubbed as the oldest, famous, largest, and best tasting siopao in Iloilo. Aside from siopao, they also have bihon, sotanghon, canton, meatballs, camaron relleno, morcon, and lumpiang shanghai.

La Paz



The travel time is approximately 20-30 minutes by jeepney and 20-25 minutes by taxi/car.

A trip to the "City of Love" is not complete without having a taste of its signature and heartwarming noodle soup, best known as La Paz Batchoy.

La Paz Batchoy also referred to as batchoy or batsoy, is a famous noodle soup from La Paz, Iloilo City, made with pork offal, crushed chicharon, meat stock, and fresh egg noodles.



Original Biscocho Haus began in 1975 as a cottage industry of specialty food products in the Jaro, Iloilo City. Biscocho has been the Ilonggos' favorite pasalubong and it was the store's specialty. They offer variety of delicious delicacies like biscocho, piaya, barquillos, butterscotch, merengue, toasted mamon and many more.

The travel time is approximately 25 minutes by jeepney and 15-20 minutes by taxi/car.

Mandurriao



A must-visit spot located in the Boardwalk/Esplanade area in Iloilo. Known for their array of restaurants with Filipino cuisine, especially the local dishes. It has the perfect ambiance to dine in. Imagine sipping classic brewed coffee whilst looking at the Ilonggo skyline or witnessing a breathtaking sunset.

The travel time is approximately 20 minutes by jeepney and 15-20 minutes via taxi/car.



Mandurriao BUKO BATCHOY & EATERY

La Paz Lapuz

Molo

Iloilo City Proper

Villa Arevalo





ILOILO CITY HERITAGE HOUSE TOUR



CASA MARUJA

Casa Maruja is a mansion built in 1920 by Dr. Eugenio Kilayko and was later purchased by Doña Maria Pacheco-Yulo after World War II. Today, it has been repurposed as a vibrant resto bar named Casa Maruja in honor of Doña Maria Pacheco-Yulo. It is open for dine-in, take-out, and catering, and also features Montejo's antique collections and fine craftsmanship.



CASA GAMBOA

Casa Gamboa is named after Patrocino Gamboa, a revolutionary heroine from Jaro. She was one of the first to join the revolution against Spain in Panay Island and helped form the Comité Central Revolucionario Visayas.



TINUKIB

Tinukib is a unique spot that offers a wide range of experiences, from indulging in delicious Ilonggo delicacies to browsing through a variety of unique souvenirs. You can also sip on some locally brewed coffee while admiring the intricate handcrafted bags, shirts, and hablon products that are on display.



BALAY REMEDIOS

Known as Eusebio Villanueva Mansion, it was built in 1917 by Julio Ledesma, and later gifted to a Spaniard, Remedios Sian-Villanueva and Eusebio C. Villanueva bought the house in 1928, which was used as an office by the Japanese military during the war. It now houses Balay Remedios, a restaurant that features classic Filipino, Native Ilonggo, and Spanish dishes.



LOPEZ BOAT HOUSE

The Boat House in La Paz, Iloilo City owned by Don Eugenio Hofileña Lopez Sr. was designed by Architect Fernando H. Ocampo and built in 1935, is known for its nautical Art Moderne style with round, porthole-style windows and an expansive upper story deck. It was recently refurbished by Pandot, son of the original architect.

Iloilo City is a treasure trove of rich history and breathtaking architecture that echoes the grandeur of its affluent past. The city's robust economy once earned it the prestigious title of Royal City, paving the way for the construction of awe-inspiring schools, majestic churches, numerous banks, and bustling commercial establishments. But what truly sets Iloilo apart are its magnificent heritage houses, each one a masterpiece that exudes elegance and charm. These timeless structures are a testament to the city's fascinating legacy and are a must-see for anyone who wants to experience the grandeur of the past!

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HERITAGE HOUSES LOCATIONS



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MOLO MANSION

The Molo Mansion, also known as the Yusay-Cosing Mansion, is a heritage house located in Molo District, Iloilo City. It has high ceilings, Neoclassical balustrades, and decorative carvings. Constructed in the 1920s, it was first occupied by Doña Petra Lacson and her husband.



CAMIÑA BALAY NGA BATO

Camiña Balay nga Bato (Stone House), formerly known as Avanceña House is a famous tourist spot in Iloilo City. Built in the 1865, it was once the home of Fernando Avanceña and his wife Eulalia Abaja. The ground floor has looms and the second floor is a dining area serving local delicacies like Pancit Molo and Tsokolate de Batirol.



AGATONA 1927 MUSEUM CAFE

Iloilo City is famous for its heritage houses from the World War II era. One of the notable examples is the Jalandoni-Montinola Ancestral Home, constructed in 1927. Partially destroyed in 1944, it was later reconstructed and now it has been transformed into the Agatona 1927 Museum Cafe, which also offers guided tours.



NELLY GARDEN

The Lopez Heritage House, also known as Mansion de Lopez, is a heritage house in Jaro, Iloilo City. Built in 1928 by Don Vicente Lopez and Doña Elena Hofileña, it is regarded as the "Queen of Heritage Houses in Iloilo". The mansion and its 4-hectare property are open for public tours and events.



LIZARES MANSION

The Lizares Mansion in Iloilo City is a beautiful heritage mansion that was founded in 1937 by sugar baron Don Emiliano Lizares. It has a combination of American and Spanish architectural designs and is a testament to Iloilo's thriving sugar industry at the time. The mansion was sold to the Dominicans in 1962 and has been used as the school chapel of Angelicum School Iloilo since 1978.



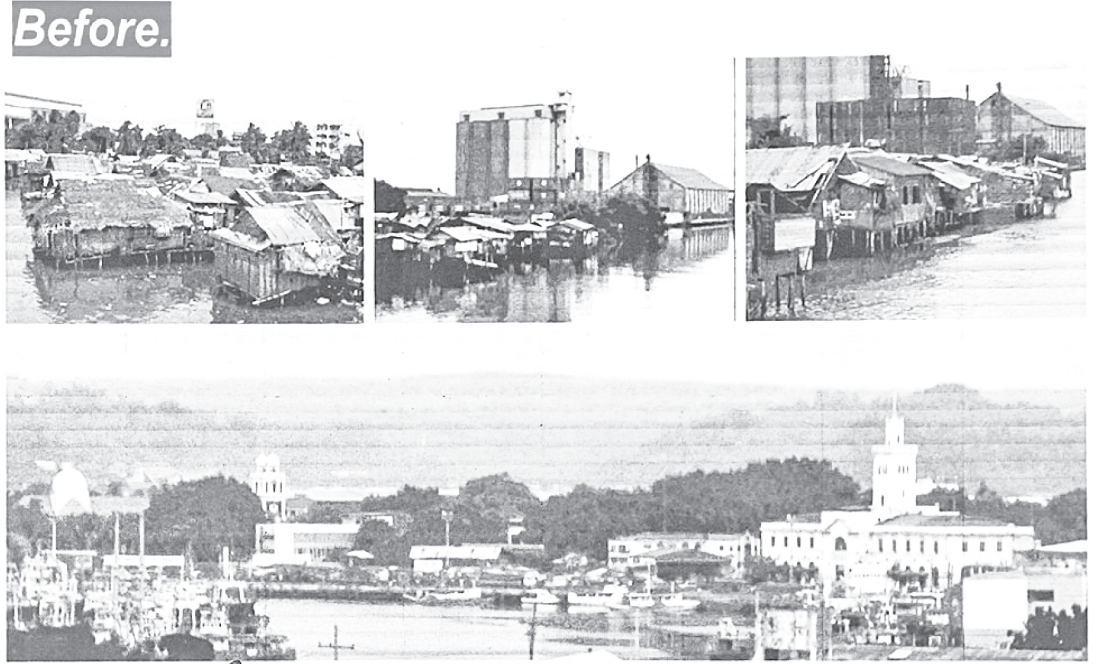
CASA MARIQUIT

Considered as the "oldest heritage house in Iloilo City", Casa Mariquit is a two-story ancestral house built in 1803 by Ramon Javellana as a bank and residence. It was later occupied by his granddaughter, Maria "Mariquit" Javellana, and her husband, Fernando Lopez, Sr., who served as Vice President of the Philippines from 1949 - 1953.

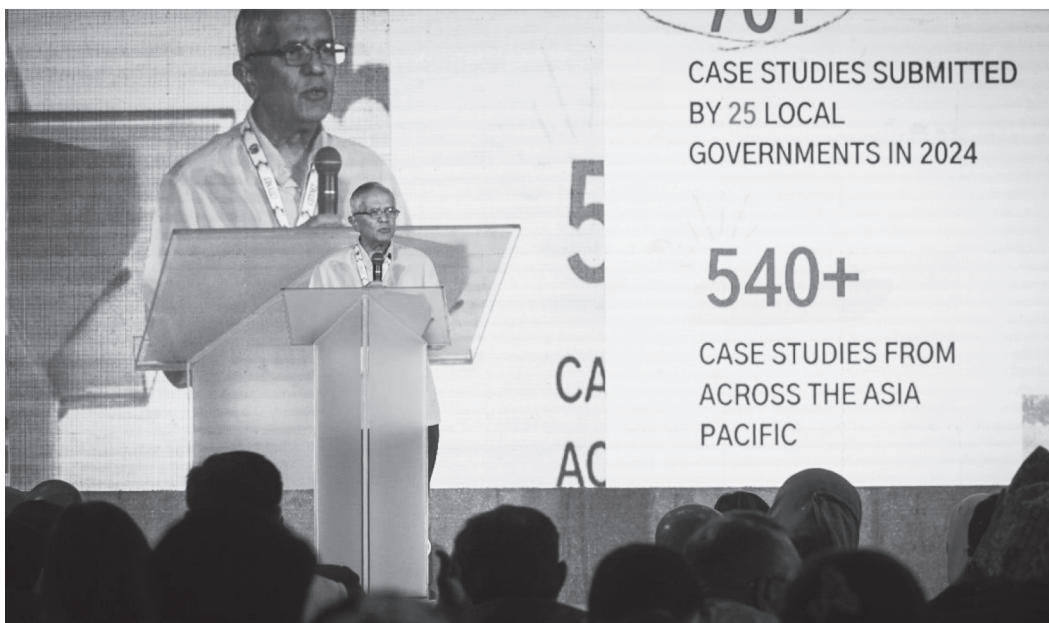


BALAY SUEÑO

Another ancestral and heritage house in Iloilo City turned into cafe and cookie shop is the Balay Sueño. It was built by Don Modesto Ledesma who served as mayor of Jaro, Iloilo from 1920 to 1931. Guests can dine in any wide spot - in the living room or sala and by the patio or the back terrace bringing a unique nostalgia to anyone who wants to dine here.



ILOILO CITY IS A 'LIVABLE CITY'



Iloilo City received the Livable City Award at the 3rd CityNet United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) City Awards.

The citation was for Iloilo City's significant contributions in localizing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Engr. Neil Ravena, head of the City General Services Office, presented to the Asia and the Pacific regional leaders one of Iloilo City's best practices, the Iloilo River Esplanade.

The Iloilo River Esplanade is one of Iloilo City's prides when it comes to green, sustainable developments, as it has successfully linked urban living with an active lifestyle. The esplanade is a key component of the city's river rehabilitation project, which also involved relocating informal settlers and removing the stilt houses, initiating massive mangrove planting initiatives, releasing juvenile fish into the river for stock enhancement, and sustained river cleanups involving various sectors.

This year's CityNet UNESCAP SDG City Awards were held at the Iloilo Convention Center November 19.



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