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'REVENUE GENERATORS'

Capitol cites LGUs' contribution in tax collection



THE Iloilo Provincial Government through the Provincial Treasurer's Office awarded the Best Performing Municipalities in Real Property Tax Collection and other Treasury Services for the year 2023 on December 2, 2024 at Zuri Hotel, Iloilo City.

Provincial Administrator Raul Baniyas gave a message in behalf of Governor Arthur Defensor, Jr. who was in Metro Manila.

He thanked the Local Government Units (LGUs) for their important contribution to the tax collection efficiency of the province.

Efficient tax collection redounds to the benefit of the Ilonggos as it will mean more projects and social services, such as medical assistance, scholarships, etc.

Awarded were the following categories: Top 15 Performing Municipal Treasury Office in the Collection of Delinquent Real Property Taxes; Best Performing

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Balasan Mayor Filomeno Ganzon with Municipal Treasurer Rhey Laserna and E-SRE Focal Person Renz Marrion Dequito received the awards obtained by the Municipality of Balasan during the Awarding Ceremony of the Best Performing Municipalities in Real Property Tax Collection and other Treasury Services for Calendar Year 2023. Balasan received the following awards: Rank 5 – Top Ten Municipalities in the Collection of Annual fixed Tax for Delivery Trucks and Vans; Rank 7 - Top Fifteen Municipalities in the Early Submission of eSRE Reports for CY 2023; Rank 7 - Top Municipalities with Most Active eSRE Focal Persons for CY 2023 (Mr. Renz Marrion A. Dequito); and Rank 14 - Top Fifteen Municipalities in Real Property Tax Collection Efficiency (Category B).

Calinog's new municipal hall set to open in 2025

By MARY JOY CAVAÑAS

Calvo, the said project has an allotted fund of Ph30 million courtesy of 3rd District Representative Cong. Lorenz Defensor.

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THE new municipal hall of Calinog, Iloilo is expected to open in the first week of March 2025.

According to Calinog Municipal Mayor Francisco

The façade of the new Municipal Hall of the Municipality of Calinog. The four-storey edifice is a one-of-a-kind in terms of its design inspired by the tourist destinations in Calinog including waterfalls and other tourist attractions. (MJ Cavañas photo)



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RPT Focal Persons in the Collection of Delinquent Real Property Taxes; Top 15 Municipalities in Real Property Tax Collection Efficiency; Top 10 Municipalities in Fiscal Administration; Top 3 Municipalities in Year-on-year Revenue Growth Rate; Top 3 Municipalities in Fund Utilization; Top 3 Municipalities in the Collection of Amusement Tax; Top 3 Municipalities in the Collection of Professional Tax; Top 15 Municipalities in the Early Submission of E-SRE Reports; Top 15 Municipalities with Most Active E-SRE Focal Persons; Top Municipalities in Prompt Remittance of Provincial Tax Shares; and Top 10 Municipalities in the Collection of Annual Fixed Tax for Delivery Trucks and Vans.

The Municipality of Sara ranked No. 1 as Top Performing Municipal Treasury Office with its RPT Focal Person Arturo Ancuna as Best Performing Focal Person.

Sara also bagged Rank 1 as Top Municipality in RPT Collection Efficiency under Category A while the Municipality of Estancia bagged Rank 1 under Category B.

The Municipality of Mina was awarded Rank 1 in Fiscal Administration while the Municipality of Concepcion topped the Year-on-year Revenue Growth Rate.

The Municipality of Dueñas ranked No. 1 in Fund Utilization; Municipality of Oton ranked No. 1 in the Collection of Amusement Tax; and Municipality of Pavia ranked No. 1 in the Collection of Professional Tax.

For the Early Submission of E-SRE Reports, the Municipality of Calinog ranked No. 1 along with its Focal Person Mary Joy Castaños.

The Municipality of Banate ranked No. 1 in Prompt Remittance of Provincial Tax Shares while the Municipality of Zarraga ranked No. 1 in the Collection of Annual Fixed Tax for Delivery Trucks and Vans.

The awards were received by the mayors or representatives of the respective LGUs along with their municipal treasurers and assessors.

Provincial Treasurer Jean Maire Umadhay joined Baniyas and Nemias D. Segovia, representative from the Bureau of Local Government Finance (BLGF) Regional Office VI, in the distribution of awards. (*Capitol News*)

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The local government obtained a loan of Php196 million from Landbank for the completion of the infrastructure.

The new municipal hall was presented to the media on December 1, coinciding with the opening day of Calinog's annual fiesta.

According to Sangguniang Bayan (SB) Member Mayjohn Paul Hortada, the four-storey municipal hall is a one-of-a-kind in terms of its design inspired by the tourist destinations in Calinog including waterfalls and other tourist attractions.

He cited that the wide offices of the new municipal hall will also be able to cater the needs of people in their everyday transaction.

Different facilities will also be established within the said building such as Local Civil Registry Office (LCRO), Treasurer's Office, Office of the Sangguniang Bayan, Session Hall, and Liga ng mga Barangay (LNB) Office, Office of the Mayor, among others.

The roof deck area will serve as alfresco or outdoor area for employees and visitors to eat and unwind as it will be established with cafeterias and people will also get to experience the 360° view surrounding the municipal hall.

During its soft-opening, the municipal hall was also temporarily filled with breathtaking artworks and masterpieces by various Calinognon artists, aiming to attract visitors and art lovers from different places.

Meanwhile, Mayor Calvo also mentioned plans to use solar power in the new municipal building, costing around Php5 million to be proposed and included in the 2026 budget.

DSWD-6 records VAWC cases at 79.7% in WV

BY MARY JOY CAVANAS

The Department of Social and Welfare Development (DSWD) Field Office 6 has recorded about 2,878 gender-based violence (GBV) cases across Western

Visayas from January to September 2024.

The recorded cases per province / highly urbanized city (HUC) are:

- * Aklan - 214 cases
- * Antique - 420 cases
- * Capiz - 83 cases

Treñas: RPT 40% discount extended until 2026

BY MARY JOY CAVANAS

THE Iloilo City Government is set to extend the 40% discount on Real Property Tax (RPT) in the city until 2026.

The said extension was announced by Mayor Jerry Treñas during a press conference via Zoom, coinciding with his birthday on December 4.

"The Iloilo City Government is committed to fostering inclusive and responsive governance that prioritizes the welfare of our constituents. In line with this, I am pleased to announce that the 40% discount on Real Property Tax (RPT) for land will be extended until 2026," Treñas stated.

Treñas stressed that this decision shows the city government's efforts to address the concerns of taxpayers and property owners about the RPT changes based on updated market values.

Regarding the RPT discount extension, the city mayor is requesting that an amended ordinance be submitted to the City Council as soon as possible.

To recall, the city government reduced the RPT for land during the start of 2024 which will be initially availed until 2025.

Treñas also previously explained that the revenue collected from taxes is important for the city's work, especially since the local government now has more responsibilities because of the Mandanas-Garcia ruling. The revenue is also used to pay for projects including roads, school buildings, infrastructures, and other programs for the poor.

Treñas stressed the significance of taxes which serve as the lifeblood of operations within the government.

He also urged the public to pay their taxes on time, even with the RPT discount extension.



Guimaras Governor JC Rahman Nava and Vice Governor John Edward Gando led the ceremonial lighting of Christmas decorations at the Provincial Capitol Grounds on November 27, 2024. The event kicked off the island province's annual holiday festival dubbed 'Paskwa sa Isla.'

'Paskwa sa Isla 2024' ushers in holiday celebration in Guimaras

The provincial government of Guimaras has formally commenced the Yuletide celebration in the island province with the Paskwa sa Isla 2024.

This annual holiday festival highlights the rich culture, community spirit, and local industries in the island.

It also seeks to create avenues for family and community gathering as well as promotes Guimaras as a holiday destination.

Kicking off this year's festivities was a ceremonial lighting of Christmas decorations at the Provincial Capitol Grounds on November 27 in San Miguel, Jordan.

Guimarasnons will also be wrapped up in vibrant activities until December 20. These activities will include trade fairs showcasing Guimaras' signature products, sports events, live music and Zumba and fun run.

Moreover, there will be a cultural showcase and contests such as Christmas Carol and Christmas Dance Competition, Children Christmas Costume Contest, and Christmas Bazaar.

The festival is expected to continue its tradition of supporting micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) by providing a platform to boost local businesses during this most wonderful time of the year. (*PIA 6*)

- * Guimaras - 47 cases
- * Iloilo - 498 cases
- * Negros Occidental - 1,218 cases
- * Iloilo City - 86 cases
- * Bacolod City - 312 cases

Based on their data, the GBV with the highest number of cases was the

Violence against Women and Children (VAWC) reaching 2,294 cases and is equivalent to 79.7% out of the total GBV cases in the said region.

The number of VAWC cases were also categorized based on the type of abuse wherein physical abuse has

802 cases, psychological with 670 cases, economic with 478 cases, sexual with 86 cases, and mixed type abuse with 258 cases.

Following the largest number of GBV cases were Child Abuse with 294 which is equivalent to 10.2%;

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PHIC Antique to double effort in campaigning for 'Konsulta'

SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, Antique – The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PHIC) Antique provincial office will double its effort in campaigning for more Antiqueños to have their first patient encounter with the Konsulta package providers (KPPs).

PHIC Antique provincial head Junie Sabusap, during a press conference Tuesday, said they will conduct more caravans in the municipalities to register more members and for registered members to have their first patient encounter.

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Capitol's opening of lights, Christmas village moved to Dec. 13

By MARY JOY CAVANAS

THE Iloilo Provincial Government has reset the opening of lights at the Iloilo Provincial Capitol complex from December 6 to December 13, 2024.

According to Governor Arthur "Toto" Defensor Jr. the event was moved for another week as Department of Education (DepEd) Secretary Sonny Angara will be visiting the Provincial Capitol on December 13 to grace the launching of new programs such as Career Guidance and Counseling along with Voter's Education.

Defensor added that there will be also an event on December 6 which is the year-end assembly of the League of Provinces of the Philippines to be held at

Malacañang Palace which is considered to be very important as President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. will also be attending.

"If Iloilo Province has events or gatherings wherein the President is present, it's a time to talk and dialogue since he has policies and directional pronouncements every time he joins the League of Provinces and the event is important to us. That's the reason why we moved the dates," Defensor said.

Aside from the President, the League's assembly will also be joined by his cabinet members. Gov. Defensor considers this as a good time to talk in order to fully promote the Christmas Village.

The Christmas Village sa Bagong Pilipinas by the

provincial government aims to boost Iloilo's tourism with the whole country as the target audience.

"We want it to be a part of the tourism promotion of the Bagong Pilipinas program of the national government and also the province and by December 13 is the better day for it to be opened," Defensor emphasized.

Defensor assures everyone that the said event is worth the wait as it is also a good thing to be attended by cabinet members like Sec. Angara.

The said village is open for all visitors such as families and children, offering a view of the Iloilo Provincial Capitol filled with vibrant lights that capture the spirit of Christmas.



DOH-6 urges LGUs to ramp up immunization drive

The Department of Health (DOH)-6 has called on local government units to conduct their own community-based immunization campaigns to support the agency's goal to continuously increase the vaccination rate in the region and protect vulnerable groups from vaccine-preventable diseases.

The statement was echoed by Dr. Jose Martin Atienza, Immunization Program Medical Coordinator of DOH-6, during the conduct of the National Immunization Activity on Nov. 21, 2024 at Santa Barbara, Iloilo Municipal Gym.

Atienza stressed that all the vaccines under the agency's immunization

programs are available at local health centers, which LGUs can fully utilize through their own vaccination initiatives.

"The LGUs have the capacity to conduct activity such as this and we are really recommending them to conduct this activity because through this we will also be able to disseminate information about the importance of vaccination and to be able to correct misconceptions about vaccines," he added.

Meanwhile, the National Immunization Activity, gathered infants, students, pregnant women, and elderly, wherein they availed vaccines for Influenza, Pneumonia, Tetanus-Diphtheria, and

routine immunization.

Atienza said that they expected over 300 infants ages 0 to 12 months old; 100 students each from grades 1, 4, and 7; and 30 pregnant women to avail the immunization program; while also receiving lists of more than 100 individuals for Influenza and Pneumonia vaccines, respectively.

The agency, in partnership with the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Education (DepEd), Santa Barbara LGU, and other stakeholders, chose the town for the implementation of the National Immunization Program as it is one of the identified areas in Iloilo that still need improvement on

its vaccination coverage.

Some of the residents who availed the program, on the other hand, expressed gratitude for the government, citing the importance of vaccination to protect their health.

"I really want to avail myself of the vaccine so that I can be protected, especially that I am already old, and I thank the DOH for bringing this kind of health program," 63-year-old Claudio Serisola said in Hiligaynon.

"I availed the vaccine so that I will be protected against viruses and diseases. I also encouraged my fellow students and other people to avail the vaccines for their protection," student Angelyn Margarrette Somcio also

P63-M art exhibit showcases works of Iloilo artists

ILOILO CITY – The local government unit of Calinog in Iloilo province has provided a venue for its local artists to showcase their masterpieces at its new municipal building, currently hosting PHP63 million worth of art pieces.

In an interview on Tuesday, Calinog municipal administrator Rachel Nalangan said their municipal hall is full of art prices, from the floor to its stairs, highlighted by masterpieces of their adopted son, Tito Paris Nobleza, and other local artists.

"It only showcases the creativity of Calinogon artists, composing our very talented constituents. All the displayed artworks are works of Calinogons," she said in an interview.

A total of 69 artworks by 10 artists are mounted from the first to the third floor of the municipal building, which had its soft opening on Sunday.

Manero said they don't have space for the artworks before the inauguration of the new municipal building, although some were already displayed in art galleries outside of Calinog.

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MASTERPIECE. The sculpture made by Ilonggo artist Tito Paris Nobleza out of vintage wood damaged by Super Typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan) in 2013 is currently on display at the municipal hall in Calinog, Iloilo. A total of 69 art pieces were put on display starting Dec. 1, 2024, showcasing the talent of Calinogon artists. (PNA photo by PGLena)

said in an interview.

The event was also attended by DOH undersecretary Dr. Mary Ann Palemo-Maestral, DOH-6 director Dr. Adriano P. Suba-an, DILG-6 director Juan Joviam F. Ingeniero,

Santa Barbara Mayor Dr. Dennis S. Superficial, and other representatives from different agencies and stakeholders who all expressed support for the immunization program. (PIA Iloilo)

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Comelec introduces ACM to Negrense voters ahead of 2025 polls

BACOLOD CITY—The Commission on Elections (Comelec) on Monday introduced to voters in Negros Occidental, including this highly urbanized city, the features of the automated counting machine (ACM), which will be used during the national and local elections on May 12 next year.

In each of the 32 local government units (LGUs) in the province, an ACM was deployed for in-person demonstration as part of the Comelec-Negros Island Region's roadshow.

At the Ayala Malls Capitol Central here, Comelec-Bacolod City, led by election officer Revo Sorbito, conducted a demonstration before various sectors, including local candidates.

"This is Comelec's way of bringing the voting experience closer to our voters here in Bacolod. As you know, we will use a new voting machine in the coming 2025 elections," Sorbito said.

The ACM has cutting-edge features such as a 14-inch touchscreen, sensor, scanner, printer, camera,

universal serial bus ports, external keypad and a voter's receipt receptacle.

Outside this highly urbanized city, roadshows were held in the city and municipal halls, government centers, public plazas, covered courts, gymnasiums and election offices of the 31 other LGUs in Negros Occidental.

For the 2025 midterm elections, Negros Occidental has 2.009 million registered voters.

South Korean joint venture firm Miru Systems was tapped by Comelec as the service provider of the new Full Automation System with Transparency and Audit/Count (FASTrAC) for the 2025 midterm elections.

The ACM, along with the consolidation and canvassing system and the election management system, as well as the online voting and counting system and the secure electronic transmission services, are the main components of the FASTrAC. (PNA)

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center with materials amounting to PHP500,000, which is part of the PHP1.1 million allotted by the DAR for the soap-making project.

The remaining PHP600,000 was allocated for seminars and training to equip members with skills in product development.

"The cooperative shouldered the expenses for labor and other materials. The construction of a processing center is a requirement of the FDA," Aluyen said.

GMARC's natural handmade soap variants include rice milk and charcoal, rice milk and honey vera, coconut oil and sea salt, coffee and molasses, and noni and moringa.

The cooperative recently started limited production of oatmeal soap and artisan glycerin soap, as well as natural liquid soap and therapeutic oil.

For those visiting the city, the products of GMARC are available at the newly-opened Hiyas Sipalay City Pasalubong Shop, managed by the Association of Sipalay Producers.

Located at the Sipalay City Multi-Purpose Center, the shop is part of the "Lakbay Sipalay Creative Tours" crafted by the city government with a grant from the 2024 Lunsod Lunsad of the Department of Trade and Industry. (PNA)

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"It's a temporary exhibit, but who knows since it's only a pilot test. Our tourism office will also have a small gallery. Since we are the home of Panay Bukidnon (textile), we want to showcase it," she said.

Among those in the exhibit are Nobleza's sculpture made from vintage wood damaged by Super Typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan) in 2013 and the portrait of National Living Treasure Tay Pedring Caballero by Darlene Lorilla.

Even the stairs have become a big canvas of a waterfall.

Sangguniang Bayan Member Mayjohn Paul Hortada said it is a one-of-a-kind design as it represents the majestic falls of Calinog.

He said Calinog is endowed with a lot of waterfalls but some are not accessible, so they are bringing it closer to people in the form of a painting.

Manero said they are also featuring the resources that are available in the mountains.

"We are gearing towards making it a tourism destination. We still have beautiful destinations with potential. This is the start of showing it," Manero said.

Meanwhile, Mayor Francisco Calvo said they look forward to transferring to the new municipal building in the first quarter of 2025.

Its construction was funded through a PHP30 million assistance from the Office of 3rd District Rep. Lorenz Defensor and a PHP96 million loan from the Land Bank of the Philippines.

The building, which is solar-power-ready, will house frontline offices on its ground floor, the Sangguniang Bayan (City Council) offices on the second floor and the mayor's office on the third floor.

It also has a rooftop that will give guests a 360-degree view of the población (town proper). (PNA)

PHIC... (from page 2)

"We will be coordinating with the doctors and nurses of our accredited KPPs so that the registered members can already have their first patient encounter," he said.

PHIC Regional Office Public Affairs Unit head Janimhe Jalbuna said Antique has 312,611 registered members, but only 44,090 had their first patient encounter as of Oct. 31, 2024.

The first patient encounter is important so KPPs get the baseline data on their health status.

The KPP, the PHIC flagship program, aims to prevent the members and their beneficiaries from being sick or suffering from low-risk diseases such as pneumonia because they can already avail of free consultation, medicines, and laboratory tests.

Jalbuna said all the 18 Municipal Health Offices and 10 government hospitals in Antique are accredited KPP providers.

"The health-seeking behavior of the people could also be the factor why there are only a few who have already had their first patient encounter," she said.

Jalbuna also asked the media to help disseminate the importance of finding time for their first patient encounter.

PHIC had already paid claims amounting to PHP33 million on the KPPs in Antique for their services and dispensed medicines. (PNA)

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Rape with 158 cases and is equivalent to 5.5%; and Acts of Lasciviousness with 45 cases which is equivalent to 1.6 percent.

Additionally, the remaining factors comprising the total GBV cases are:

- * Photo and video voyeurism - 22 cases
- * Sexual harrasment - 20 cases
- * GBSH (Safe Space Act Violation) - 16 cases
- * Violence against male - 14 cases
- * Trafficking in persons - eight cases
- * Violence against differently abled - four cases
- * Violence against older persons - two cases
- * Violence against Sogie-SC (LGBTQ+) - one case

In line with this, the DSWD-FO6 kicked off its 18-Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women which started last November 25 and will conclude on December 12.

The kick-off ceremony was held at the Guimaras Provincial Capitol and was led by the Department of Tourism (DOT). Orange help desks were also established in some areas within Iloilo such as Festive Walk Transport Hub in Mandurriao district, and in Dumangas RoRo Airport to cater the concerns of people regarding violence and abuse.

Several inter-agency activities were also conducted such as fun runs which served as a support to DSWD's initiative to end violence against women.

The advocacy campaign was created by the government through Proclamation 1172 in 2006. It aims to protect women's rights and fight all forms of gender-based violence in the country.

W. Visayas police office files terrorism financing cases vs. 5

ILOILO CITY – The Police Regional Office 6 (Western Visayas) has filed terrorism financing cases against five individuals affiliated with the Communist Party of the Philippines-New People's Army-National Democratic Front (CPP-NPA-NDF) and its allied front organizations in Negros Island

In a press conference on Tuesday, PRO6 Regional Operations Division chief Col. Gilbert Gorero identified the respondents as Clarisa Ramos, Felipe Levy Gelle, Dharyl Albañez, Federico Salvilla and Perla Pavillar for violations of Republic Act 10168, or the Terrorism and Financing Prevention and Suppression Act.

M/Sgt. Francisc John Dum Dumaya, the deputized Anti-Money Laundering Council Financial Investigator of PRO6, represented the Philippine National Police in the filing of cases in Iloilo City on Monday.

"These cases underwent preliminary investigation before the Department of Justice. All parties were given an opportunity to be heard pursuant to the rules on preliminary investigation," Gorero said.

He said they could not elaborate on the details since the cases are already in court.

"This case is new for everyone. The purpose why we are doing the investigation and filing charges is to cut the source of

funds," he said, adding that non-government organizations (NGOs) are usually used as fronts.

Gorero lauded the Regional Peace and Order Council for passing a resolution for NGOs to seek accreditation from local government units, noting that one of the requirements is they are not affiliated with the CPP-NPA-NDF.

Col. Erwin Rommel Lamzon, Assistant Division Commander for Administration of the 3rd Infantry Division of the Philippine Army, said the exceptional work of the Regional Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict, through its Joint Focused Legal Team, PRO6, Philippine Army, National Intelligence and Coordinating Agency and other security agencies, resulted in a significant victory in the anti-terrorism campaign.

"This achievement is a testament to their dedication in ending the decades-long insurgency by dismantling the financial network of the communist terrorist group in Panay and the whole Western Visayas," Lamzon said in the same press briefing.

In September this year, the region witnessed a landmark decision with the conviction of Ian Arevallo by the Regional Trial Court Branch 2 in Kalibo, Aklan, after he pleaded guilty to being an accomplice in terrorism financing. (PNA)



FIGHT VS. TERRORISM FINANCING. The Philippine National Police and the Philippine Army announce the filing of cases against five individuals for terrorism financing during a press conference in Iloilo City on Tuesday (Dec. 3, 2024). The filing of cases is the result of the efforts of the Regional Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict to end the decades-long insurgency by dismantling the financial network of the Communist Party of the Philippines-New People's Army-National Democratic Front in Western Visayas. (PNA photo by PGLena)

COOPERATIVISM. Cooperative Development Authority regional director Antonio Escobar (center) said involvement in cooperatives should be a way of life during the Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas on Tuesday (Dec. 3, 2024). He said cooperativism is not just doing business, but serving the needs of the members and the community above profit. (PNA photo by PGLena)

Sipalay City agrarian reform coop thrives in natural soap production

BACOLOD CITY – The Gil Montilla Agrarian Reform Cooperative (GMARC) in Sipalay City, Negros Occidental is producing natural soaps made of rice and other plant-based materials to boost their income with assistance from the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR).

The cooperative, composed of 95 farmer members, started making soaps, which they supply to users mainly in southern Negros city and to some government agencies, in 2022.

As of Monday, GMARC is using a new production facility in Barangay Gil Montilla, where the cooperative owns a 7,540-meter lot with space for its rice mill, solar dryer, warehouse, and demonstration garden.

Chairperson Arnold Aluyen said in an interview that they are stepping up efforts to improve production quality and get registered with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) through the support of the DAR Village Level Farm-Focused Enterprise Development (VLFED) program.

"With the assistance we receive, we are doing our part in managing the enterprise well," he added.

Last Oct. 31, GMARC received from the DAR Negros Occidental 2 (South) the facilities for a soap processing

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NATURAL SOAPS AND OIL. Handmade natural soaps and therapeutic oil produced by the Gil Montilla Agrarian Reform Cooperative in Sipalay City, Negros Occidental. The products of the cooperative, which is being assisted by the Department of Agrarian Reform, are available at the Hiyas Sipalay City Pasalubong Shop, managed by the Association of Sipalay Producers. (PNA photo by Nanette L. Guadalquiver)

CDA cites strong cooperativism in W. Visayas

ILOILO CITY – Western Visayas has two billionaire cooperatives based in Antique out of the 2,012 cooperatives registered in the region, proving that cooperativism is alive in Western Visayas, the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) said Tuesday.

During the Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas public briefing, CDA regional director Antonio Escobar said the Barbaza and Bugasong Multi-Purpose Cooperatives are billionaires in terms of assets.

"Barbaza Multi-Purpose Cooperative is number one in Region 6. I think it is PHP3 billion and counting. There's only a slight difference with Bugasong Multi-Purpose Cooperative," he said.

He said the two cooperatives have already exceeded the micro (PHP3 million and below), small (PHP3 million to PHP15 million), medium (PHP15 million to PHP100 million), and large (more than PHP100 million) categories.

Escobar noted that successful cooperatives in Antique started with



the church, the common denominator being the Mill Hill Missionaries, with some already in existence for around 50 years.

"They are church-based. The foundation is very strong because there is religious and value formation. Their officers are educated, in fact, mostly are from the teaching profession," he added.

He said around 72 percent fall within the micro and small categories.

Escobar said that involvement in a cooperative should be a way of life and not just because they are

earning or their needs are provided.

"We do not see this as a business model. We advocate that cooperative should be seen as a way of life. It's not just doing business but serving the needs primarily of the members. In cooperatives, it's service above profit," Escobar stressed.

CDA data showed, however, that out of the over 2,000 coops in the region, only 644 are compliant as of the end of 2023.

These cooperatives have 879,210 members, 537,486 of which are female. (PNA)

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Apolitical

Editorial

Defenders of Vice President Sara Duterte claim that efforts to make their idol accountable for her cavalier regard for public funds are a form of political persecution perpetuated by her enemies.

It's because she is so popular, they say. Duterte herself bragged that she had the presidency in the bag in 2022 had the so-called Unity ticket not prevailed upon her to seek, instead, the second-highest post.

Of course there is politics. This is why impeachment is on the table, even as the President said such an exercise would take too much of the country's time and attention, away from gut economic issues that require our focus.

Of course there is politics, because the people who will indict and try Duterte are democratically elected representatives of their respective constituencies.

Of course there is politics, because the possible outcome would be the removal of an elected official from office — a woman from an influential family that still holds sway,

albeit diminished, among millions of Filipino voters. We can imagine the resulting narrative, and the venom that would go with it, that their diehards would push should Duterte be removed through this constitutional means.

But it is not just politics.

Apolitical agencies of the government, specifically the Commission on Audit, the Office of the Ombudsman, independent bodies outside the ambit of the executive and legislative branches, are also looking into the matter — and there are numerous reasons to dig deeper.

The argument that “confidential” funds entitle an office or official to be secretive, deceitful, and evasive about the use of taxpayers' money does not fly. Accountability, after all, is the essence of public office.

Then, too, the cavalier way in which the Vice President and her allies approach the means of accountability required of their agencies —

fabricating names to put on acknowledgment receipts, malingering, inventing trips backed by travel documents that do not indicate the destination — shows a low regard for democratic checks and balance and a deplorable sense of entitlement and impunity.

The issue is not just that the Philippine Statistics Authority has said that Mary Grace Piattos is not in the national registry. It is that some so-called public servants believe they could get away with insulting our systems and our institutions.

So while the political spectacle has been set into motion, let us equally watch out for developments in the fraud audits and other investigations. These are guided by evidence that will be evaluated by entities that have no other mandate but to ferret out the truth and hold those responsible accountable for their abuses against the people. (*manilastandard.net*)

Electricity for progress

Last week, I had the privilege of speaking with Kapampangan media practitioners on accelerating growth in Central Luzon and how this can further contribute to national progress.

As someone with Kapampangan roots, it was a great opportunity to exchange valuable insights on how to spur greater economic activity outside of Metro Manila. A consensus during the Capampangan in Media, Inc. (CAMI) Forum in Clark, Pampanga is how electricity can make or break growth in the regions.

My key takeaway: reliable and stable electricity is not a luxury but rather an essential to support and sustain economic growth in the provinces.

And this is especially true in Pampanga, a fast-growing economic hub in Central Luzon that houses various industries — from manufacturing to tourism.

For example, the Pampanga Electric Cooperative II (PELCO II), which has been co-managed by the Manila Electric Company (Meralco) since 2014, has seen significant improvements in its service quality since the Manuel V. Pangilinan-led utility stepped in to help.

According to Joe-Mel S. Zaporteza, Chief Management Advisor of PELCO II, Meralco's investments in the cooperative have led to tangible benefits for many Kapampangans — residents and industries alike — such as more stable and reliable electricity, and enhanced customer service among others.

Just recently, PELCO II acquired a new mobile substation to meet the growing power demand in

Mabalacat City and other areas it services — proof of continuous economic growth in the area.

The electric cooperative is also set to energize a new 20-megavolt ampere (MVA) substation next year to support the expanding economic activity in the province. Meralco also promised to continue investing in PELCO II to further spur economic growth in Pampanga.

Truly, electricity is a game-changer. The quality of service can either accelerate or slow down economic growth. It can attract investors, drive business expansion, and improve the quality of life for communities.

Uninterrupted power supply can help companies ensure continuous operations, sparing them of costly downtime. This, in turn, translates to more jobs for Kapampangans, improved living standards such as better medical services, and overall progress in general.

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. himself testified to the importance of electricity service in his July State of the Nation Address — promising full household electrification by the end of his term.

While regional economic development entails many factors, electricity is perhaps one of the most crucial.

According to the Asian Development Bank (ADB), access to reliable electricity is a major driver of economic growth especially in emerging markets — such as many provinces in the Philippines.

It has been proven that areas with more stable

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By JOE ZALDARRIAGA

power service tend to see better quality of life for communities, faster industry expansions, and greater investment inflows. A 2017 report released by the World Bank shows that regions that have stable power supply have an annual gross domestic product (GDP) growth of 1.2 percent higher than those without.

This is why more and more areas are seeking partnerships with Meralco to help enhance electricity service in their areas. With Meralco's support, power infrastructure, not only in Pampanga but in other provinces as well, can benefit from better electricity service.

Moreover, this highlights how reliable electricity service is a major enabler of progress.

Numbers don't lie. To accelerate national economic growth, we should boost development at the local and regional levels. Fueling economic growth at the grassroots level will lead to equitable and sustainable progress that is felt by all.

As the Philippines aims to be an upper middle-income country in the coming years, the role of stable and reliable electricity service has become indispensable not only in driving progress but also in improving the overall quality of life of Filipinos.

Social enterprises: Businesses that put people and the planet first

I was deeply impressed by Quezon City Mayor Joy Belmonte's initiatives as she led the opening of the 2024 Philippine Social Enterprise Roadmap Conference at Seda Hotel. Coming from a background rooted in traditional business practices, I find social entrepreneurship both a refreshing and timely concept. It resonates strongly with the current generation's focus on addressing societal issues and environmental challenges, signaling a shift in how businesses can function as agents of positive change.

True to her words, Mayor Belmonte's administration has shown strong support for social enterprises by actively assisting cooperatives and people's organizations seeking to establish livelihood projects. Through various programs and partnerships, the city provides resources, training, and access to funding, enabling these groups to create sustainable businesses that benefit their communities. This commitment highlights her dedication to fostering inclusive economic growth and empowering its citizens to achieve financial independence while addressing social challenges.

Social entrepreneurship redefines the business paradigm, moving it away from a purely capitalist-driven model to one that centers on people – the very drivers of demand and supply. It places power back in the hands of communities, empowering them not just as consumers but as active contributors to sustainable solutions that uplift society and protect the planet. Social enterprises exemplify this ethos, prioritizing the well-being of people and the environment over shareholder profit. Guided by clear social or environmental missions, these enterprises reinvest their profits to create meaningful and lasting impact.

The concept of social entrepreneurship is not new. Its roots trace back to the cooperative movement of 19th-century Europe, where communities united to create ventures focused on collective welfare rather than individual gain. This idea evolved significantly in the 1980s and 1990s with the emergence of social innovation and the formalization of social enterprise as a practice. These movements highlighted the potential of entrepreneurial solutions to tackle systemic challenges, laying the foundation for today's social enterprise model that continues to inspire transformative change globally.

Social enterprises have emerged as a powerful force in the global economy, with an estimated 10 million such organizations worldwide, all united by the shared principle of prioritizing purpose over profit, as highlighted by the Global Alliance for Social Entrepreneurship. These businesses collectively generate approximately USD2 trillion in annual revenue, demonstrating their economic viability while delivering significant social and environmental impact. Although definitions of social enterprises vary

across countries and contexts, a widely accepted understanding describes them as "businesses that put people and the planet first." This guiding principle underscores their mission to address societal challenges sustainably, proving that meaningful impact and financial success can go hand in hand.

Globally, the demand for social enterprises continues to grow, driven by the need to address rising inequality, environmental crises, and other complex challenges. Consumers increasingly seek ethical and sustainable businesses, further fueling the sector's growth. However, the sector faces obstacles, including limited access to funding, insufficient awareness, and difficulties in scaling operations while maintaining a balance between social impact and financial sustainability.

In the Philippines, social enterprises take on a particularly critical role, addressing socio-economic challenges, such as poverty, unemployment, and inequality. These mission-driven businesses empower marginalized communities – farmers, fisherfolk, indigenous peoples, and urban poor groups – by providing sustainable livelihoods, fair trade opportunities, and access to essential services like education and health care. Rooted in the Filipino tradition of "bayanihan," Philippine social enterprises reinvest profits to amplify their impact, fostering inclusive growth and innovation.

In the realm of social enterprises, cooperatives hold a unique and vital place. As community-owned and operated organizations, cooperatives are a powerful example of how businesses can prioritize collective well-being over individual profit. Cooperatives have emerged as a practical and inclusive model of social entrepreneurship, fostering sustainable development and empowering marginalized communities.

Social enterprises closely align with the principles of cooperatives, which include democratic control, voluntary participation, and the equitable distribution of benefits. Members, regardless of their financial stake, own and manage cooperatives, unlike traditional businesses driven by shareholder gain. This model guarantees the reinvestment of profits into the community or their equitable distribution among members, thereby fostering a cycle of empowerment and development.

The history of cooperatives, which started in 19th-century Europe as a response to economic injustices faced by workers and small-scale producers, closely parallels the evolution of social entrepreneurship. This model, based on pooling resources and collective action, has since gained global recognition for its relevance and adaptability across various contexts. Philippine cooperatives have become a cornerstone of efforts to combat rural poverty, address financial exclusion, and improve access to essential services, demonstrating their enduring impact on community

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By Brian James Lu

development.

Agricultural cooperatives in the Philippines exemplify social enterprises operating at the grassroots level. They empower smallholder farmers by providing access to fair markets, affordable credit, and shared resources like equipment and technology. By working collectively, farmers can negotiate better prices for their produce, reduce costs, and enhance productivity. The cooperative structure also fosters knowledge sharing and mutual support, enabling communities to build resilience against economic shocks and natural disasters.

Cooperatives in the Philippines operate in various sectors, including housing, transportation, health, and microfinance.

One of the key advantages of cooperatives as a form of social enterprise is their ability to build social capital. As Robert Putnam describes, social capital is the value of trust, civic participation, and interpersonal cooperation within a community. Cooperatives thrive on these elements, fostering a sense of solidarity and collective responsibility among members. This not only strengthens the organization itself but also enhances the broader community's ability to work together toward common goals.

While many people celebrate cooperatives as vehicles for social good, not all of them operate in accordance with the principles of fairness and collective welfare. Some cooperatives have become profit-driven, prioritizing financial gains over the well-being of their members. In extreme cases, there have been instances where farmers have lost their land to the very cooperatives they joined for support. This often occurs when farmers, burdened by calamities or other unforeseen challenges, are unable to repay loans extended by the cooperative. Such practices not only undermine the foundational ethos of cooperatives but also exacerbate the vulnerabilities of marginalized groups, highlighting the need for stronger governance, ethical practices, and member protections within the cooperative sector.

Social enterprises represent a transformative approach to business, proving that profitability and social impact can go hand in hand. By fostering inclusive growth and addressing systemic challenges, they pave the way for a more equitable and sustainable future. The government plays a crucial role in fostering the growth and sustainability of social enterprises by providing a supportive legal framework, access to funding, and capacity-building programs. Policies that incentivize socially responsible business practices, coupled with initiatives like training and market access for marginalized groups, create an enabling environment for these enterprises to thrive.

Half-cup rice

Two days ago, the Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice) and the Department of Agriculture (DA) both pushed to renew the half cup rice initiative.

Citing the need to minimize waste, the initiative seeks to make half cup rice a standard serving option in food establishments. This measure would be paired with a campaign to encourage consumption of less rice.

The initiative also seeks to encourage the passage of a law to compel food establishments to offer the half cup rice option. There are even those that seek a ban on unlimited rice options in restaurants.

Studies have indicated that many Filipinos get a cup of rice but won't all consume all contents for various reasons, especially in food establishments.

PhilRice data specifically showed that we waste around 255,000 metric tons of rice per year.

This amount is equivalent to the amount of rice consumed by 2.79 million people.

The proposal seeks to lower this amount of wastage and to lower our country's annual rice consumption.

Lowering rice consumption would also help lower the need for importation of rice. This would benefit our rice farmers who are most affected by rice importation. If rice farmers are unduly affected, it would have a long-term negative effect on rice production and eventually food security.

Encouraging lower consumption of rice will also promote healthier lifestyle for many. Doctors have long warned about the connection of white rice consumption and diabetes and obesity.

Unfortunately, lessening consumption of rice may be difficult for a portion of our population due to financial considerations. Many of our countrymen cannot afford viands or "ulam" that much. It is common for many people to only have

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a smidge of a certain viand along with lots of rice or a carbo combination of rice and noodles for taste.

Proponents of the initiative suggest that consumption of sweet potato and corn rice be pushed as cheaper and healthier option.

There are those who insist that white rice consumption reduction requires a holistic approach that includes cultural, sociological and basic economic components.

Clearly, lessening the national rice consumption has many benefits. Perhaps it is time for a multi sectoral approach to make a lower consumption of rice feasible and practicable for the average Filipino. At the very least, let us all think twice before we eat more rice.

RISE ILOILO CITY



Esplanade
Along the Muelle Loney & Iloilo River

Iloilo City, situated in the southern coastal region of Panay Island in Western Visayas, Philippines, is a first-class highly urbanized city renowned for the visionary leadership of its captains of development. Chartered in 1937, it now serves as a regional center for trade and business, education, arts and culture, tourism, and a vibrant social and culinary scene.

These components, highlighted by its multi-awarded local government, reflect its dynamic nature, serving as a model for urban growth and a standard for leadership and sound governance, making it a desirable choice for residents, visitors, and investors.

In 2023, the city laid out its strategic roadmap known as “RISE, Iloilo City” incorporating the flagship programs for inclusive development under the pillars of Responsive Human Development, Innovative Economic Development, Sustainable Environment, and Essential Resilient Infrastructure. Its continuing effort for excellent governance and commitment to public service was met by major accolades both from government and public and private institutions underscoring business friendliness, competitiveness, disaster risk reduction, mobility and biking, low carbon transport, health services, sports programs for the youth, increased inclusivity with the LGBTQIA+, and outstanding government workers.

Likewise, last year, Iloilo City cemented its place on the global stage of gastronomy by becoming the first city in the Philippines declared as a Creative City of Gastronomy by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). This prestigious honor reflects the city’s ongoing commitment to integrating creativity and cultural industries into its development, highlighting its rich culinary heritage and innovative spirit.

The city also celebrates being named a Creative-Friendly Destination by the Creative Tourism Network, a popular tourist destination and a starting point for the natural attractions of Western Visayas: Heritage sites, growing number of museums and art spaces, and the array of festivities that celebrate its rich history, culture, and customs all year long.

In recognition of the city’s dedication for continuous improvements in its governance system, CityNet, the biggest Asia-Pacific network of cities, elected Jerry P. Treñas, the mayor of Iloilo City, to its Executive Board for the 2023–2026 term. He has inspired fellow chief executives in this esteemed organization by sharing the city’s development issues, plans, strategies, and success stories at board meetings in South Korea and events hosted by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) in Vienna, Austria.

Iloilo City’s hosting of the CityNet 44th Executive Committee Meeting from November 17 to 22, 2024, stands as a testament to the idea that progress is an ongoing journey, as exemplified by the city’s versatility as an arts hub, a bike-friendly environment, a fitness-oriented community, and a model of good governance.

Model City of Sustainable Progress



Iloilo River Esplanade

The city comprises 78.34 square kilometers, or 7,834 hectares of land—a small yet dynamic metropolitan area. Its seven districts—Iloilo City Proper, Villa Arevalo, La Paz, Lapuz, Mandurriao, and Molo—are home to 180 barangays.

Equally, it stands out as a diverse regional center with a population of 457,626 (2020 Census), 104,313 households, and a population density of 5,842 people per square kilometer, along with 700,000 people during the day.

The city's population growth rate is at 0.45 percent (2015 to 2020), and gender distribution is relatively balanced, with male population constituting 49.28 percent and the female population representing 50.72 percent of the total population. Poverty statistics for Iloilo City is relatively low with 16.4 percent of the population below the poverty threshold and poverty incidence of families at 12 percent.

On the other hand, the city shares the regional employment rate of 96.50 percent and 62.71 percent labor force participation rate (DOLE VI, October 2023). Its employment landscape is propelled by major investors, large businesses, and micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) which occupy nearly 70 percent of the wholesale and retail market and are responsible for 40 percent of local jobs.

In 2023, Iloilo City contributed to Western Visayas as the second fastest-growing economy with a 7.2 percent growth rate in gross regional domestic product (GRDP), exceeding the national average of 5.5 percent. In the same year, the region's total GRDP reached P1 trillion.

Iloilo City leads the Metro-Iloilo Guimaras Growth Area (MIG), with the Iloilo City Chief Executive serving as the Chairperson of the Metro-Iloilo Guimaras Economic Development Council (MIGEDC), an inter-local government alliance of eight surrounding towns in the Metro Iloilo and Guimaras Province, and focusing on boosting capacities, addressing critical urbanization concerns, improving services, and undertaking large-scale infrastructure projects to enable progressiveness, self-reliance, and sustainability.

A Bright Economic Horizon



Visayas Container Terminal
Lapuz District

The government's investment to improve infrastructure like roads and bridges has enhanced Iloilo City's position as a dynamic economic center in the Philippines. Its economy is a robust mix of trade and commerce, real estate and construction, agriculture and fisheries, education and healthcare, tourism, and a formidable MSMEs sector. Iloilo City is a predominant service-based economy at 87 percent, followed by industry at 10.3 percent, and agriculture and forestry at 2.7 percent. Micro enterprises occupy the business landscape at 91.04 percent, followed by small (4.74 percent), medium (1 percent), and large (0.25 percent) enterprises. Major industries include wholesale and retail trade and accommodations and food service are at 40 percent each while other services are at 12 percent, real estate activities at 10 percent, and financial and insurance activities at 5 percent.

In terms of international trade, Iloilo's top three export commodities are coal in bulk, cut foliage, and instant herbal teas, while gas, coal, and cement are its top three imported commodities. Export-oriented industries are identified as one of the city's investment priority areas, followed by manufacturing and processing enterprises, tourism-oriented industries, utility services, information and communications technology enterprises, agro-fishery, social services facilities, commercial and industrial buildings, solid and water waste management systems, and green projects.

Significant investments have been put to support key priority areas, which include the Visayas Container Terminal, managed by International Container Terminal Services, Inc. This facility covers a 20.7-hectare terminal area and features a 627-meter berth length, along with state-of-the-art mobile harbor cranes and cargo handling equipment. Upgraded terminal facilities further enhance its capacity, positioning Iloilo as the vital gateway for international trade.

A Bright Economic Horizon



Iloilo City Economic Triangle
Aerial Shot

Iloilo benefits from a stable power supply, with the Panay sub-grid maintaining a reliable capacity of 550 megawatts for the next seven years. Future power supply will be augmented with the Integrated Solid Waste Management Facility (ISWMF) in partnership with MetPower / Metro Pacific Iloilo Water (MPIW) investing P2.3 billion. The facility will have the capacity to process 475 tons of solid waste per day, generate up to 3.5 megawatts of power, and supplement the 10-megawatt power required for a Water Desalination Plant. This aims to provide a cost-effective water supply for consumers, further adding to the city's potable water which is currently supplied by Metro Pacific Iloilo Water. In the coming years, the completion of the Jalaur River Multi-Purpose Project and MPIW's desalination plant will ensure that the city has more than enough water to meet its needs.

Major infrastructure investments are also in the pipeline: The Metro Iloilo Bus Rapid Transit study aims to improve inter-town public connectivity, and has received a grant agreement from the Swedish Government. Iloilo is likewise anticipating the expansion of the Iloilo International Airport, the completion of the Jalaur Dam Project (Phase 2), and the Panay-Guimaras-Negros Island Bridges Project with successful discussions between the Philippine Government and the Korea Export-Import (KEXIM) Bank further support this groundbreaking project in the region.

The strong economic prognosis for Iloilo City is fueled by an increase in demand for real estate brought on by the city's expanding population and new commercial establishments. Colliers Philippines' October 2024 report highlights the city's continuous urban transformation and states that it continues to be a desirable location for investors and real estate developers, especially in the residential, commercial, and hospitality sectors as well as international business process outsourcing firms.

Melding of Past and Present



Calle Real

Iloilo City is a melding of the past and the present with old heritage structures and modern commercial buildings and conveyances. A popular tourist destination in Western Visayas, with five main festivals that attract both domestic and foreign tourists, as well as year-round events related to MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, Conventions, and Exhibitions).

The city recorded a total of 886,283 visitors in 2023, generating total tourism receipts of P8.29 billion at an average spending of Php9,355. The majority were domestic travelers, at 96 percent, who took a glimpse of Iloilo's rich history, heritage, and culture, as well as culinary offerings by established native and seafood restaurants and cosmopolitan cafés.

Drawing large crowds from different places across the archipelago and abroad is the award-winning Dinagyang Festival every January. In 2023, it gathered around 1.5 million crowds across its different month-long events up to the highlight, generating an estimated revenue of Php500 million. Other festivals down the yearlong calendar are Paraw Regatta, Chinese New Year, Iloilo City Charter Day, the Bike Festival, the Arts Festival and fair, and the Iloilo Mega Book Fair.

The city has modernized access to tourism facilities, having an enhanced transport route and expanding public transportation services with options for metered taxis, Grab cars, and public modern buses, enabling visitors to conveniently explore the city's 54 cultural sites, more than 10 museums and contemporary art galleries, a heritage lane, and well preserved old houses, churches, culinary establishments, native and seafood restaurants, cosmopolitan cafés, souvenir shops, and five shopping malls. These attractions keep the city's 4,000-room capacity of its 47 hotels buzzing all year round.

MICE tourism has spurred economic development through trade fairs that showcased wide-ranging local products, indigenous textiles and materials, contemporary fashion, new innovations, and technology, and through investment forums, bilateral meetings, and cultural shows held in its 3,700-capacity Iloilo Convention Center.

The campaign to become the first Green MICE City was started last October 2024 by the Iloilo City MICE Center. It highlighted its 'Green Meets Great program,' which is part of its 2025 outlook and is focused on creating a sustainable environment. It includes guidelines for events to use cashless transactions, observance of no smoking ordinance, and no plastics or styrofoam during events.

Empowered by Education



Iloilo City is the center of quality education in Region VI with a 91.3 percent functional literacy rate and a 96.6 percent basic literacy rate.

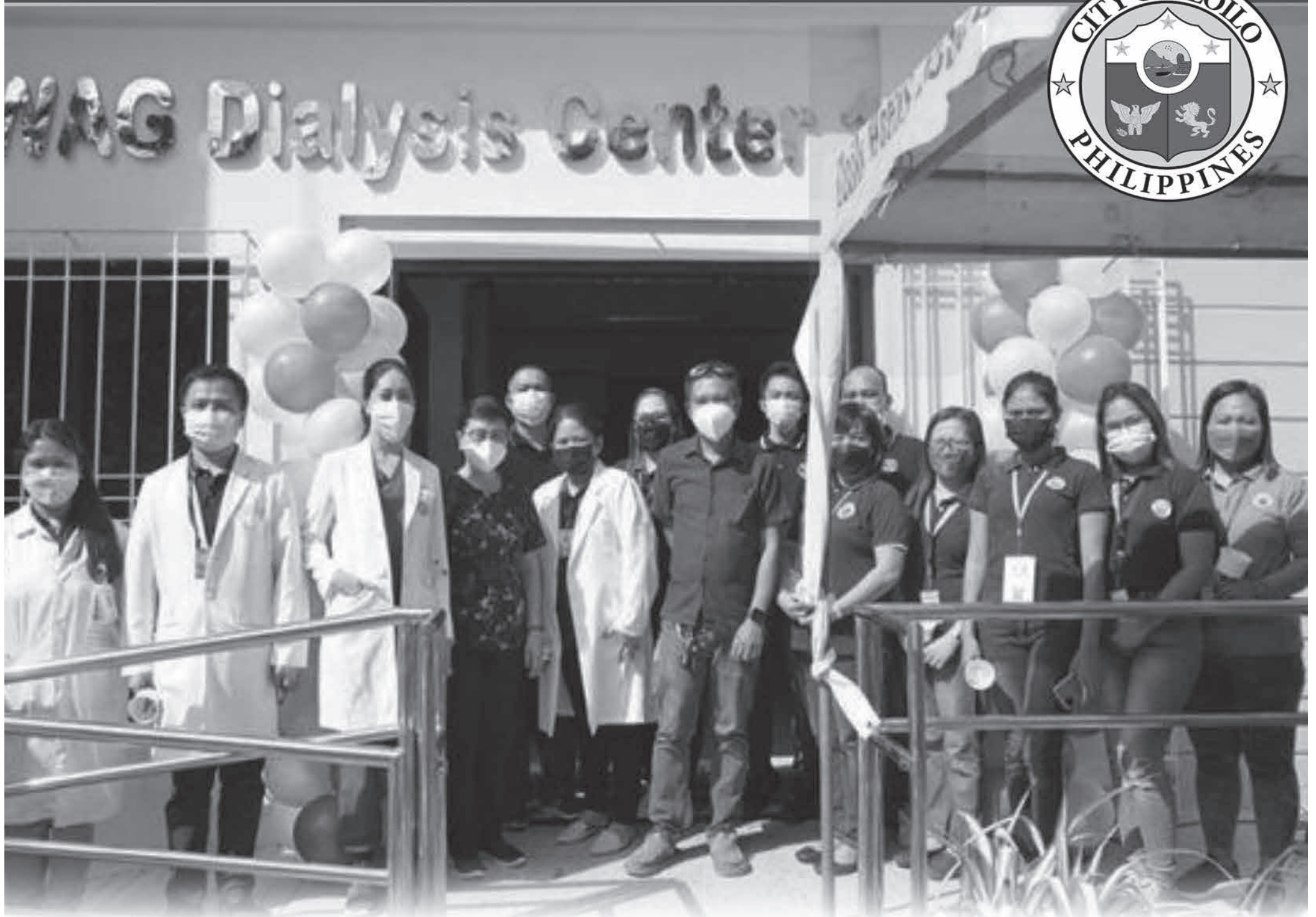
The city serves as an educational hub with 26 state universities and colleges offering technical, secondary, and tertiary education, producing more than 15,000 graduates annually. Courses with the most graduates are in the fields of medical and allied sciences, business administration, engineering and technology, education science and technology training, and maritime education.

In "Classrooms of the Future," writer and academic Dr. Hazel P. Villa (Iloilo City Rising, 2024), highlighted education as Iloilo City's indispensable asset, making the city as an investment hotspot, owing to the Top 10 rankings of its graduates on various licensure examinations and gaining a reputation as a city with universities that produces specialists in microbiology, robotics, computing, fabrication, packaging engineering, genomes, and renewable energy.

The city has a strong learning tradition with educational institutions established as early as 1872 and which steadily grew over five decades of the 19th century with the government, various Catholic Orders, and American Missionaries setting up schools and universities. Today, it has some of the country's top universities like University of Santo Tomas which assists the Angelicum School Iloilo; Ateneo which oversees the Ateneo de Iloilo, and De La Salle University is establishing a campus in Iloilo.

To make education accessible for all, the City Government has established the Iloilo City Community College and the Technical Institute of Iloilo, providing high quality education and serving as a technical skills school accredited by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA).

A Healthier and More Productive Future



Iloilo City has made notable advancements in healthcare services, both government and private hospitals, collectively offering a total bed capacity of 2,107. It has a substantial medical workforce with a total of 2,543 doctors, 2,649 nurses, 369 midwives, and 395 medical technologists across both public and private sectors, ensuring comprehensive medical care for the community.

Among the prominent institutions is the Western Visayas Medical Center (400 beds), followed by the West Visayas State University Medical Center (300 beds). Other notable facilities include Iloilo Doctor's Hospital, Inc. (261 beds), Iloilo Mission Hospital (250 beds), and St. Paul's Hospital (180 beds). Additional hospitals, such as Seamen's Hospital - Iloilo, The Medical City - Iloilo, Healthway QualiMed Hospital Iloilo, and Asia Pacific Medical Center - Iloilo, further enhanced the city's healthcare offerings.

In 2023, Iloilo City made remarkable strides for healthcare improvement with facilities and programs aimed at enhancing the health and well-being of its residents through the WHEELS development roadmap, "RISE, Iloilo City" 2028 Roadmap, and initiatives from the City Health Office.

At the forefront is the Uswag Dialysis Center 2, a state-of-the-art facility nestled in Barangay San Isidro, Jaro, and the Uswag Dialysis Center in Barangay East Baluarte. These facilities provide access to vital renal care and free dialysis treatments, especially for indigent patients battling chronic kidney disease.

The Iloilo City Uswag Molecular Laboratory stands as a testament to the city's commitment to public health and quality healthcare. This Level 2 biosafety facility has become a hub for COVID-19 testing and has the capability to detect a variety of other diseases. The forthcoming Uswag Iloilo City Clinical Laboratory and Diagnostics Center is set to replace the temporary molecular lab, expanding its array of diagnostic services at significantly reduced fees for indigent residents. This makes essential diagnostics available to those who might otherwise go without.

A Healthier and More Productive Future



The city has also made significant progress in enhancing community healthcare. Five PhilHealth-accredited district health centers can now provide comprehensive primary healthcare packages, ensuring that essential services are within reach for all residents. The expansion of district Animal Bite Centers is also underway to cater to the growing health needs.

Plans are also in motion for the Mega Health Center in Arevalo to house various health services alongside an additional dialysis center, furthering the city's goal of accessible healthcare for all. As part of its commitment to comprehensive medical care, the five-story Iloilo City Hospital and Medical Arts Building is currently under construction and aims to provide a wide range of medical services to meet the community's diverse health needs.

Recognizing the importance of mental health, the Ginhawa 2.0 Program has been relaunched to address mental health issues proactively. This initiative has already benefited thousands of residents, emphasizing the city's holistic approach to healthcare.

The commitment to improving health services, public health infrastructure, and response through the City Health Office and its facilities have garnered multiple accolades for outstanding achievements in health program implementation. These recognitions for disease prevention efforts and community health improvements serve as a testament to Iloilo City's unwavering dedication to fostering a healthier, more resilient community.

Iloilo City Uswag Molecular Laboratory



Inaugurated on Oct. 14, 2022, the molecular laboratory is a level 2 biosafety facility with molecular testing machines and equipment, and one of the largest laboratories in the whole Philippines.

Accredited by the Department of Health (DOH) and recognized by the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) garnering 100% quality assurance rating, the facility initially focused on Covid-19 testing, but the same equipment can also be used to test for other diseases and ailments.

The Uswag Iloilo Molecular Laboratory was recognized in the 2024 Civil Service Commission Pagasa Award Group Category and was one of the Top 10 Best-Performing Organizations with Exemplary Best Practices Award during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Way Forward: A World Class Liveable, Sustainable, and Resilient Iloilo City



Iloilo City Hall
Plaza Libertad, Iloilo City Proper

Iloilo City's programs, projects, and initiatives have been recognized as best practices which receive multiple awards and recognitions. This is evident with the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry's award of the Most Business-Friendly Local Government Unit in 2023. In the Department of Trade and Industry's Cities and Municipalities Competitiveness Index Survey, the city is ranked the "5th Most Competitive Highly-Urbanized City" throughout the Philippines and the 1st outside the NCR. Iloilo City has been designated as UNESCO's Creative City of Gastronomy in 2023, making it the Philippines' first and only city of gastronomy.

Other notable accolades include the ASEAN Smoke-free Award, Creative Friendly Destination, Gawad Kalasag Seal of Excellence for Local Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council/Office, Best Public Employment Service Office (PESO) Award, Galing Pook Awards Finalist for Iloilo City Sports Academy, Gold Awardee Mobility Awards, and Most Progressive Low Carbon Transport City of UNDP's Capacity Building of National Government Agencies and Local Government Units on Low Carbon Transport Project.

All of these have contributed to bringing government services closer to the Ilonggos by building infrastructure and running services that promote an inclusive and livable city. The numerous awards, recognitions, and accolades received by the city serve as tangible proof of its commitment to creating a livable, resilient, and sustainable Iloilo City.

By fostering strong public-private partnerships and exemplifying good governance, the city not only enhances the quality of life for its residents but also promotes competitiveness with impactful results. These achievements underscore the city's strategic direction and dedication to continuous improvement, positioning Iloilo City as an icon for sustainable urban development.

A Liveable City for the People



Dedicated Bike Lanes
along the Diversion Road Highway

Iloilo City is known as the “most livable city in the country,” owing to its physical transformation with expanding bike lanes that enhanced mobility, open spaces, historical landmarks, heritage structures, tree parks, and urban gardens.

Famous for these developments is the rehabilitation of the Iloilo River and the establishment of the Iloilo River Esplanade, the longest linear park in the country, and the soon-to-be completed Iloilo Sunset Boulevard, which connects the southern part of Iloilo City through Oton town, providing ease of travel to next towns with its roads, bike lane, and walking areas.

The Iloilo River Esplanade bordered by 25 endemic mangrove species serves as a haven for fishing, paddling, dragon boating, walking, jogging, biking, and nature and bird photographers. The unprecedented transformation of the Iloilo River would earn Iloilo City two prestigious awards in 2018, the Galing Pook (Outstanding Place) Award and the Haligi ng Dangal (Pillar of Honor) Award from the National Commission for Culture and the Arts.

It is dubbed by renowned environmental planner and landscape architect Paulo Alcazaren as a “livable city for the people” for it enhanced the city’s connectivity with entrances and exits that link up the downtown area, where government offices are located, to the new Central Business District, where high-end condominiums, malls, commercial spaces, restaurants, medical centers, and hospitals by conglomerates and local corporations such as Megaworld, Ayala, Florete Group, Gaisano, Double Dragon, and SM are situated.

Connectivity to other regions and countries make Iloilo a suitable place to live. The Iloilo International Airport, the fifth busiest airport in the Philippines with more than 25 flights per day / 200 flights per week, now caters direct international flights to and from Hong Kong and, in the future, Singapore. New direct domestic routes are set to open this year to Dumaguete, Legazpi, Zamboanga, and Tacloban. The city has excellent access to roll-on/roll-off services (RORO) and fastcraft ferry, providing smooth travel to Guimaras and Negros. Iloilo’s extensive air and marine transportation system makes it accessible to both locals and tourists.

Significantly increasing Iloilo City’s livability is the cost of living when compared to the National Capital Region. The cost of real estate is two to three times lower, apartment leases are 40 to 60 percent less, and food is 10 to 30 percent cheaper in the city than in Manila, where living expenses are 25 percent higher.

The affordable cost of living is strengthened by stable peace and order. Iloilo is the 8th Safest City in Southeast Asia with a 58.9 score according to the 2023 Numbeo Safety Index, next to Singapore, Bangkok, and Bali, making Iloilo City an excellent place to travel, live, and work.

Indulge in a Culinary Journey



Iloilo City's livability is notable for its gastronomy, especially the freshest seafood and delicious local cuisines. Among popular restaurants to explore are Tatoy's Manokan with branches at the Atria Park District and at Villa Arevalo. It was started by Honorato "Tatoy" Espinosa and wife Consejo Abangan Espinosa in 1965 and is known for its grilled native chicken, squid, and kinilaw, among others.

Within the stretch of the Iloilo Villa Beach, there is Breakthrough Restaurant, a dining place with a stunning view of Guimaras Island and the afternoon sunset. Established by Raymundo "Munding" Robles and wife Daday Robles in 1986 and sought out for its variety of fresh seafood like prawns, crabs, clams, and grilled red snapper, or locally called *Managat*.

The blending of old and heritage structures into dining experiences has gained ground over the past years. Numerous heritage houses were repurposed to become restaurants that offer an ambiance of the city's rich past, like the *Camiña Balay na Bato* in Villa Arevalo; cafés at the Molo Mansion, *Pat Pat's Kansí House* at the Seminario Street, *Balay Sueño*, and *Agatona Museum Café* in Jaro. At the City Proper can be found *Balay Remedios* along Bonifacio Drive, *Casa Maruja* at Mabini Street, and the newly-opened *Amarillo* at General Luna Street.

Interestingly, no visitor leaves the city without tasting the famous *La Paz Batchoy*, a local noodle soup concoction of *meke* (local pancit noodle) with succulent meat innards like liver and intestines and broth from long simmering of bone marrow, and then served topped with scallions and fried garlic. Batchoy joints can be found around town, but visitors usually go to La Paz Public Market to taste the authentic cooking of *Deco's* and *Netong's*, and also *Ted's*, *Alicia's*, and *Popoy's*.

Another soup adored by travelers when in Iloilo City is *Pancit Molo*, known for its rich flavors and comforting qualities, a delightful combination of chicken and shrimp broth and dumplings, showing a unique take on traditional noodle dishes. It can be tasted at *Panaderia de Molo* and a more popular brand, *Kap Ising*, has branches at various malls.

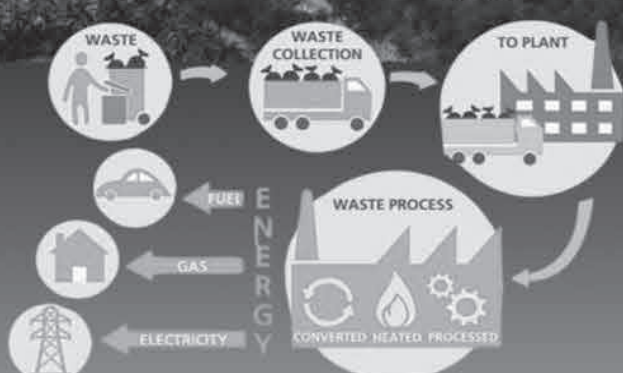
These days the queen of pasalubong items is also a food—the Queen Siopao of *Roberto's*, located in the city's downtown area. This extraordinary steamed bun is filled with delicious ingredients with Chinese sausage, chicken and pork adobo, and egg, which serves as a meal.

Iloilo City is dotted by new cafés and contemporary dining places that offer modern cuisines, intermingling with time-tested recipes that had become *pasalubong items*, a Filipino practice of bringing home mementos or food delicacies from the places they have visited. Iloilo City is known for plenty of these foods, like *Biscocho*, a twice-baked bread with coated varieties of either butter, sugar, or garlic; *Barquillos*, a crispy rolled wafer; or *Butterscotch*, a chewy with a sweet and nutty taste made famous by Biscocho House in Jaro, among others. Other well-known names are *RGies Delicacies*, *Carlo's Bakeshop*, *JD Bakeshop*, *Deocampo's*, and *Mama' Kitchen*.

Public-Private Partnership (PPP)



Integrated Solid Waste Management Facility (ISWMF)



The Iloilo City Integrated Solid Waste Management Facility (ISWMF) is a landmark project highlighting the city's dedication to environmental sustainability. It aims to reduce landfill waste, enhance the city's ecological footprint, and serve as a model for other cities.

Situated on a three-hectare property in Barangay Ingore, La Paz, the ISWMF will handle 475 tons of solid waste per day and generate up to 3.5 megawatts of power. The project received support from the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Center in January 2020.

The ISWMF will implement comprehensive waste management systems, including sorting, recycling, and composting, ensuring compliance with environmental regulations. The Calahunan landfill's closure emphasizes the need for this facility, which will transform waste into valuable resources, address environmental concerns, and secure a cleaner, healthier future for Iloilo.

This is set to be the first waste-to-energy project in the Philippines. The city government held a ceremonial contract exchange ceremony on March 1, 2024, with Metro Pacific Water (MPW), a wholly-owned subsidiary of MPWIC, for the construction of this state-of-the-art facility.

The project aims to address Iloilo City's garbage and water woes by shifting to a sustainable and efficient technology.

Markets



The city has launched a significant modernization project, redeveloping not only the Central Market (Tienda Mayor) and Super Market (Iloilo Terminal Market), but also Jaro (Big) Market, La Paz Market, Molo Market, and Mandurriao Market. These redevelopments aim to address years of neglect and patchwork repairs, enhancing functionality and boosting economic activities.

The project includes improved delivery points, better waste management, enhanced infrastructure, and modern amenities, all designed to create efficient and pleasant shopping experiences. These efforts ensure that the markets remain vital centers for commerce and culture, continuing to serve the Ilonggo community effectively.

Iloilo City Action and Resilience (ICARE) Centers

(Command Center in Gaisano City Center)



The Iloilo City Government is institutionalizing resiliency by localizing risk governance through Iloilo City Action and Resilience (ICARE) centers across the metropolis.

Currently, there are six operational ICARE Centers located in Brgy. Calumpang, Molo; Brgy. Balantang and Ungka, Jaro; Brgy. Sooc, Arevalo, and Brgy. Tanza Esperanza, City Proper.

The ICARE Command Center in Gaisano City Center, Mandurriao district, serves as the central unit connecting with each center.

Each ICARE Center caters to a certain area of responsibility, which decentralizes the emergency response, hazard and disaster monitoring and makes the emergency services closer, more available, and more accessible to people in the community.

Located in strategic areas across the city, ICARE Centers house emergency frontline offices under one roof. These include the Iloilo City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (CDRRMO), Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), and Public Order and Safety Management Office (Posmo).

The centers receive calls for emergency assistance for trauma cases, vehicular accidents, and other emergencies. Its presence can cut the response time by an average of 5-8 minutes from 10-15 minutes.

The facilities are equipped with emergency communications equipment, including security surveillance cameras that will serve as the command center's and its satellites' "eyes on the ground."

Currently, the command center has 207 security monitors mostly installed in City Proper, Diverson Road, major thoroughfares, and waterways.

Meanwhile, more ICARE centers are being constructed - one in the Iloilo Business Park (Megaworld) in Mandurriao district and another in Barangay Nabitasan, La Paz district and future plans include ICARE Bo. Obrero and Banker's Village.

ICARE is one of Iloilo City's best practices in its disaster risk reduction and management (DRRM) efforts and has been subject to benchmarking by other local government units in the country.



Garden of Love



Iloilo City is a bustling metropolis welcoming infrastructure developments sprouting here and there. In contrast, we also protect and maintain green open spaces, bringing vitality to urban life.

This is why one of our well-known green, open spaces is named after it—the Garden of Love in Barangay Nabitasan, La Paz District. It does not only enhance the aesthetics of the city, but it also becomes a place where community spirit thrives. Brimming with various flowering plants, including an orchidarium, the Iloilo City Government spruced up the enchanting attraction with charming and whimsical decors such as concrete garden sets, a Koi pond, and a wishing well.

This is just part of a bigger initiative to transform unutilized spaces into tourist destinations that are free of charge under the local government's beautification program.

Molo Plaza



Molo Plaza is an urban park that is around a century old. It was built in the 1920s as a center of the then-municipality. Molo was consolidated as a city district later in 1937.

The plaza complex was built to surround its key component, the St. Anne Parish Church, which, according to historical records, was visited by Dr. Jose Rizal in 1886. Also known as Molo Church or "Feminist or Women's Church" due to its all-women saint statues, it is the sole Gothic-Renaissance church in the Philippines outside the capital city, Manila.

The church was designated as a national historical landmark in 1992 by the National Historical Institute (NHI), predecessor of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP).

Given its past, Molo Plaza is one of the six district plazas that underwent full rehabilitation, which NHCP helped fund. The plaza fully opened to the public after its major facelift in June 2022.

To add, just across the church and through the plaza is the Molo Mansion, or the YusayConsing Mansion, built in the 1920s. The ancestral home is now under adaptive reuse as a heritage museum featuring local products.

La Paz Plaza

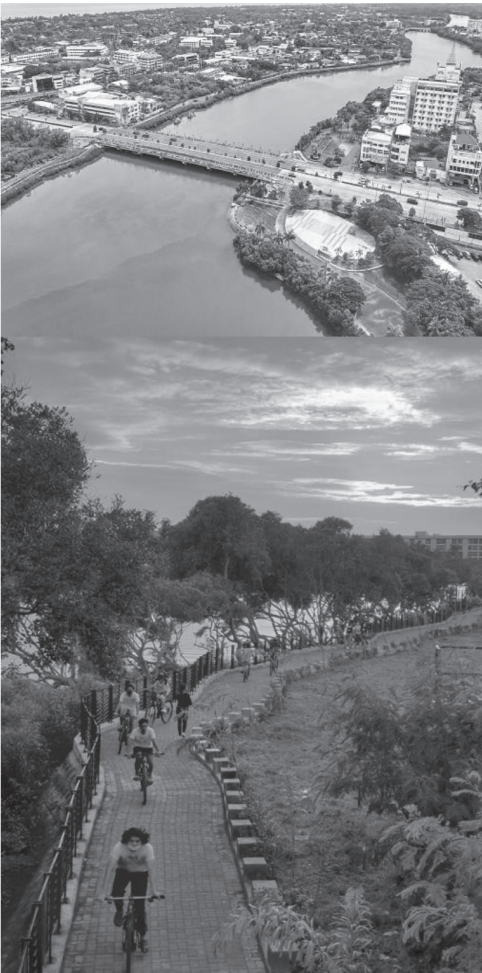


La Paz Plaza, or La Paz Park, holds a special place in Iloilo City for its historical significance and scenic beauty. Spanning about 3.5 hectares, it serves as the district's largest green space and a community hub. Renovated and reopened on March 18, 1998, by then-President Fidel V. Ramos, its lush gardens, scenic walkways, and historical monuments, including the statue of Dr. Jose Rizal, reflect Iloilo's pride and heritage.

To further enhance these features, the La Paz Plaza Development Project, a partnership between the Iloilo City Government and Global Business Power Corporation (GBP), has transformed the plaza into an eco-friendly space with a "blue koi lagoon" and a "green butterfly garden," promoting sustainability and enhancing the community's recreational experience. This P15 million public-private development project has ensured the plaza remains a vibrant and welcoming space for all.



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.

Spanning over 9 kilometers and stretching on both sides of the Iloilo River, the promenade 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.

This urban development, which first opened to the public in 2012, is a favorite spot for recreation, such as fishing, jogging, cycling, and skating, of locals and tourists of all ages.

Renowned Filipino architect and PGAA Creative Design founder Paulo Alcazaren came up with the layouts and designs of the Iloilo River Esplanade project. Now an indelible part of Iloilo City's identity, it has become a known active tourism destination benchmarked by other local governments in the country.

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 such as businesses, schools, and non-government institutions.

Initially a simple flood control measure, the Iloilo City Government reconsidered and finally decided to give the once murky body of water a complete facelift. Now it is teeming with marine life and biodiversity, providing sustenance and livelihood to locals.

Testament to its environmental and socio-economic impacts, Iloilo River Esplanade has been awarded the GantimPALA Excellence Award for Institutional Projects by the Philippine Association of Landscape Architects (2017), the Haligi ng Dangal Award for the Landscape Architecture category by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (2018), and the prestigious Galing Pook Award for Iloilo River Development by the Galing Pook Foundation (2018).

Bike Lanes



Iloilo City is known for putting prime in urban developments that foster and protect active lifestyles and sustainable transportation, such as the expansive bike lanes stretching across major streets and the scenic views along the Iloilo River, perfect for outdoor fitness sessions.

The city government, under Mayor Jerry Treñas, embarked on a bike lane linkage project named the Iloilo City Bike Lane Network, covering 11 kilometers of paved and protected road. It connects three major bike lanes on Sen. Benigno Aquino Jr. Avenue, the University Loop, and the bikeable section of Iloilo River Esplanade. We continuously find ways to expand this through collaborations with other government agencies.

Iloilo City is an awardee of the I-Bike Program by Galing Pook, a two-time Gold Awardee for the Most Bicycle-Friendly City Mobility Awards, also a two-time Gold Awardee at the Bike Lane Awards during the National Bicycle Day, and has been hailed as the Most Bike-Friendly City in the Philippines by the Phil-Bike Awards.

Just recently, Headline Bulletin cited Iloilo City as among the Top 18 Fitness-Friendly Cities in the World.

Iloilo City to ring in New Year with musical fireworks display

ILOILO CITY – Ilonggos can expect an exciting New Year countdown with a musical fireworks display at Drilon Bridge on Dec. 31.

The 12- to 15-minute show will be free for the public, with a view from the Freedom Grandstand.

The Dragon Fireworks, champions of the 2018 Montreal Fireworks Festival, will perform the show, offering a world-class spectacle.

The event is part of the city's effort to support the national "Iwas Papatok" campaign.

"We're bringing a different experience this year, similar to world-renowned

celebrations in Sydney, Hong Kong, and New York," said Leny Ledesma, Executive Assistant for Special Projects in an interview on Monday.

The event will begin at 9 p.m. with live music.

In addition, the city will hold its "Calle Real Night Market" from Dec. 13 to 16, featuring Christmas lights, a nativity story projection, and the unveiling of the Gastronomy Book at the City Hall.

The market will showcase over 100 vendors, local talents, and entertainment, including chorale competitions, folk dances, and performances by Teatro Sinag. (PNA)



CHRISTMAS STORY. The city government will feature the story of the nativity on the façade of the city hall this Christmas. The local government is also preparing for a musical fireworks display to usher in the New Year. (PNA file photo)

ACM roadshow in Iloilo City launches prep for 2025 polls

ILOILO CITY – The Commission on Elections (Comelec) gathered on Monday representatives from four villages in Iloilo City for the kickoff of the automated counting machine (ACM) roadshow and demonstration activity held simultaneously nationwide in preparation for the 2025 midterm elections.

The roadshow aims to familiarize voters with the ACM technology.

Regional Election Director lawyer Dennis Ausan, in his message during the event at Iloilo City National High School in Molo District here, explained that the roadshow is in response to the public's increasing interest and questions about the automation of the electoral process.

"We've been doing automated elections since 2010, and we'll be doing that again on May 12, 2025.

The Commission will be embarking on this first-ever nationwide simultaneous kickoff of this roadshow presentation of the machine we'll be using on May 12, and we will be doing this for the next two months," Ausan said.

By Jan. 31, 2025, Ausan said the machines will be returned to their warehouse in Laguna for reconfiguration.

A total of 101 ACMs are deployed across Western Visayas' local government units in Panay and Guimaras, and one for the regional office of Comelec.

"Though basically, it would still be the same machine. We'd be doing the shading and then feed it to the machine. But this time around, we came up with some enhancements with the machine," he added.

The Optical Mark Reader is one of two ACM technologies that will

be used during the 2025 elections.

The ACM is a standalone machine with a 14-inch adjustable touchscreen and a privacy screen. It has faster scanning speed, automatic receipt-cutting feature, built-in receipt compartment, accessibility options and capability to transmit results immediately after the voting process.

Iloilo City Election Officer IV Pinky Tentativa said a voter will receive a single ballot.

The machine can accurately read ballots even if the shading is only 15 percent complete.

After the briefing, attendees were given the chance to test the machine themselves.

Election observer Ruben Gamala, coordinator of the National Citizens Movement for Free Elections (NAMFREL), described the process as simple and fast.



ROADSHOW. Commission on Elections Iloilo City kicks off its machine roadshow and demonstration at Iloilo City National High School in Molo District on Monday (Dec. 2, 2024), in preparation for the 2025 midyear elections. The roadshow will last until Jan. 31, 2025. (PNA photo by PGLena)

'Panahon ng Pagkilos' targets 13 Western Visayas LGUs

ILOILO CITY – Thirteen local government units (LGUs) from Western Visayas are included in the target of "Panahon ng Pagkilos" (Time to Act), a follow-up program of the Kapitbisig Laban sa Kahirapan-Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services (KALAHI-CDSS)-National Community-Driven Development Program Additional Financing (NCDDP-AF) modality.

NCDDP-AF, the biggest financing portfolio of KALAHI-CDSS, will culminate by the end of 2024.

"Panahon ng Pagkilos, the focus is more on

"We are always happy that our Comelec officials in the region and Iloilo have been doing their job earnestly to ensure that the public is well-informed about the new features of the voting process," he said.

Susanne Mates, a councilor from Barangay Poblacion Molo, said the machine was easy to use.

"It's more comfortable than in the previous elections," she said.

Ausan also shared that Comelec is introducing new policies for the upcoming elections, including early voting from 5 a.m. to 7 a.m. and mall voting for the vulnerable sectors as part of efforts to make the process more accessible. (PNA)

building or strengthening community resilience with the impacts of climate change or catastrophic disasters that we are facing. We want to improve or strengthen the resilience of our communities, especially those vulnerable to different types of disasters and other environmental risks," Director Arwin Razo of the Department of Social Welfare and Development-Western Visayas said on Friday.

The program will be financed by the World Bank and is anticipated to begin initial interactions with the target communities by 2025.

He also noted preliminary engagement with the Regional Development Council to secure an endorsement for the proposal, which will be submitted to the National Economic and Development

Authority via the Investment Coordination Committee.

"Technically, the proposal is moving. Hopefully, before the end of the year, it will be approved by the World Bank," he added.

The program centers on addressing environmental hazards within the community-driven development framework.

The recipients were chosen based on factors such as poverty rates, potential environmental hazards, stunted growth in children under five and the presence of indigenous families.

According to DSWD data, KALAHI-CIDSS has invested over PHP10.43 billion through various approaches, completing 9,313 sub-projects from 2003 to 2024.

The program has engaged 61,154 community volunteers and benefitted 3.7 million households. (PNA)

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FORECLOSURE NO. F-11097-24

For: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage Under Act No. 3135, as amended by Act 4118

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

-versus-

SPOUSES RODRIGO S. SALPID, SR., and SALVACION E. SALPID, JEANETTE L. SALPID, RHODA S. SENOSA and NELIDA S. PEÑALBER
Mortgagor/s.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage under Act 3135, as amended, filed by **FIRST IMPERIAL BUSINESS BANK, INC. (A RURAL BANK)**, duly organized under Republic Act No. 720 as amended, with principal office at BCB Building, Simon Ledesma St., Jaro, Iloilo City herein referred to as *Mortgagee* against **SPOUSES RODRIGO SALPID SR., and SALVACION E. SALPID, JEANETTE L. SALPID, RHODA S. SENOSA and NELIDA S. PEÑALBER**, all of legal age, Filipinos and residents of *Brgy. II, RV Sanchez St., San Miguel, Iloilo, Philippines*, herein referred to as *Mortgagors* to satisfy the mortgaged indebtedness which as of **September 02, 2024**, amounted to, **ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED NINETY FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS & 54/100 (Php1,394,500.54)** Philippine Currency, including interests, and penalty, per Statement of Account hereto attached besides attorney's fees and incidental expenses incurred for the foreclosure, the Ex-Officio Provincial Sheriff of Iloilo or his duly authorized deputy will sell at Public Auction on **January 23, 2025** at TEN (10:00) o'clock in the morning at the Ground Floor, Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, CJ Ramon Avanceña Hall of Justice Building, Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City, for **CASH** or **MANAGER'S CHECK** to the highest bidder and in Philippine Currency the mortgaged real properties with all the improvements found thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2015000367

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 406-A, PSD-06-014834, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 406, AGONOA CAD.), SITUATED IN THE POBLACION, MUN. OF SAN MIGUEL, ISLAND OF PANAY, BOUNDED ON THE X X X X X X X X X X CONTAINING AN AREA OF THREE HUNDRED FORTY ONE (341) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS."

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **February 20, 2025**, at the same time and place without further notice.

Iloilo City, Philippines, October 30, 2024.

(SGD.) LENY GEMMA P. CASTILLO
Sheriff-in-Charge
 09283358725

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

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

NE/December 2, 9 & 16, 2024

Republic of the Philippines
 Province of Iloilo
Municipality of Janiuay

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR
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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of Republic Act Number 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **REX P. CANTRE** has filed with this Office a petition for Change of First Name from **"REY"** to **"REX"** in the birth certificate of **REY PALIZADA CANTRE** who was born on **October 26, 1969** at **JANIUAY, ILOILO** and whose parents are **LEONIDO CANTRE** and **PERPETUA PALIZADA**.

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

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

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

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

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In Compliance with Section 5 of R.A. No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **BELLA J. MARAÑON** has filed with this Office a petition for Change of First Name from **"MARIA VILLA"** to **"BELLA"** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **MARIA VILLA S. JACOLINA** who was born on **November 16, 1968** at **Leganes, Iloilo** and whose parents are **MATEO JACOLINA** and **MILAGROS SERRA**.

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

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

NE/Dec. 2, 2024 & Dec. 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, Rodedes 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

GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **SHINGLEY D. ZAMORA** with business address at Caticlan, Malay, Aklan 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 **MARY CRYSTAL R. CABULAR** to **SHINGLEY D. ZAMORA** and Change of Vessel Name from **MBCA "ISLA CRYSTALAH"** to **MBCA "RAYMARK 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.

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.) **Aone-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

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 EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF FEB. A. HONORARIO

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **FEB A. HONORARIO** consisting of the following personal properties: 1) **Aggregate of 12,000 SHARES OF STOCKS** in **FFL Lending, Inc.** at Brgy. Mojon, San Jose, Antique covered by **Certificate of Stock Nos. 001 and 006**; 2) **Mitsubishi Montero Sport** with **MV File No. 0601-00000331599, Engine No. 4N15UBX0960, Chassis No. MMBGUKR10HH027009, Body Type SUV, Year Model 2017** under **Certificate of Registration No. 284478806**; 3) **Motorcycle** with **MV File No. 0601-00001362280, Engine No. KF51E7013891, Chassis No. MH1KF5172PK013745, Series ADV160AP, Body Type Motorcycle, Make Honda**, under **Certificate of Registration No. 47841224-4**; 4) **Motorcycle** with **MV File No. 0601-00000120266, Engine No. G3E6E-0163172, Chassis No. MH3UG0740G0008960, Series Sniper150MXI, Make Yamaha, Body Type Motorcycle**, under **Certificate of Registration No. 246304984**; 5) **MOTORCYCLE** with **MV File No. 0601-0000002137, Engine No.50C-932184, Chassis No. MH350C006FK932176, Series Sniper MX 1RPS, Make Yamaha, Body Type Motorcycle**, under **Certificate of Registration No. 225557080** are adjudicated to heirs **LILIAN R. HONORARIO, JULES PHILIP R. HONORARIO, FRITZ MICHAEL R. HONORARIO, KENT EDUARD R. HONORARIO and VAN TRISTAN R. HONORARIO**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. JENALYN T. ALAGOS-TRAI FALGAR** per Doc. No. 311, Page No. 64, Book No. 345, Series of 2024.

NE/December 2, 9 & 16, 2024



Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT OF ANTIQUE
 Sixth Judicial Region
 San Jose
 Email: rtc1sjaocc@judiciary.gov.ph
 Landline No. (036) 641-5847

Office of the Clerk of Court & Ex-Office Sheriff

FILE NO. 2024-16

**PETITION EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
 OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE
 UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED,**

PHILIPPINE SAVINGS BANK,
Mortgagee/Creditor

-versus-

MA. CHARLENE A. ACUPAN
Mortgagee/Borrower

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NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE SALE

Upon filing of **PETITION** for **EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE** of Real Estate Mortgage under Act No. 3135, as amended, filed by Mortgagee/Creditor, **PHILIPPINE SAVINGS BANK**, a thrift bank with principal business at PS Bank Center, 777 Paseo de Roxas corner Sedeño Street, Makati City AGAINST, **MA. CHARLENE A. ACUPAN**, of Salazar St., San Jose, Antique, to secure payment of loan, which as of November 5, 2024 amounts to **EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT PESOS & 31/100 (P894,328.31)**, Philippine Currency, in connection with **FORECLOSURE** proceedings, the **Officer-in-Charge, OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT & EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF** through her undersigned Deputy Sheriff will **SELL** at **PUBLIC AUCTION** on **February 4, 2025** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the Regional Trial Court, Office of the Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of Justice Calixto O. Zaldivar, Hall of Justice, Binirayan Hills, San Jose, Antique, to the highest bidder for cash or manager's check and in Philippine currency, the mortgaged property with all its improvements thereon, to wit;

Transfer Certificate of Title
No. (T-5401) 088-2024000007

"A parcel of Land (Lot 8, Block 3, Psd-06-048635, being a portion of Lot 1328-B, Psd-06- 039061), situated in the Brgy. Poblacion, Municipality of San Jose, Province of Antique, Island of Panay...xxx... containing an area of Two Hundred Ninety Seven (297) square meters, more or less.

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

In the event the public auction will not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **February 7, 2025** at the same time and place above-mentioned without further notice.

San Jose, Antique, Philippines, December 2, 2024

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

By:

(SGD.) LYNDON M. PERLAS
Sheriff IV
 Deputy Sheriff
 RTC, Branch 10, San Jose, Antique

WARNING:

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

Note:

Award of publication hereof
 In the News Express drawn
 by lot in accordance with law.

Republic of the Philippines
 Municipal Civil Registry Office
 Province: **Iloilo**
 Municipality: **Mina**

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In Compliance with Section 5 of R.A. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **MERILYN ENRIQUEZ LUSTRACION** has filed with this Office a petition for Change of First Name from "**MARIE**" to "**MERILYN**" in the Certificate of Live Birth of **MARIE DE JESUS ENRIQUEZ** who was born on **January 11, 1961** at **Malolos, Bulacan** whose parents are **AQUILINO V. ENRIQUEZ** and **CORNELIA DE JESUS**.

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

(SGD.) MARIA C. TOMO
 Municipal Civil Registrar

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

Republic of the Philippines
 Province of Iloilo
 Municipality of Janiuay

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR
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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of Republic Act Number 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **FANNY EMBOLTORIO NOTORIO** has filed with this Office a petition for Change of First Name from **MA.FANNY** to **FANNY** in the birth certificate of **MA.FANNY SAMENTAR EMBOLTORIO** who was born on **January 16, 1965** at **JANIUAY, ILOILO** and whose parents are **Teodorico Emboltorio** and **Lucia Samentar**.

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

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

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

**Gemmary Pawnshop
 & Jewellery, Inc.**

AUCTION SALE

This is to inform the public that we will be conducting an **AUCTION SALE** on **DEC. 19, 2024** at 9:00 a.m. for all overdue pledges pawned on **JULY 2024** and prior dates in the following branches. Patrons are enjoined to verify their receipts.

- **MAPA:** C.K. Bldg. Mapa St., Brgy. Ortiz Iloilo City
 - Tel # (033) 509-8188
- **LAPAZ:** Cor.Dicen Luna St., Lapaz Iloilo City
 -Tel. # (033) 508-6283
- **JARO 1:** Sommerset Bldg. Lopez Jaena St., Jaro Iloilo City
 - Tel. # (033) 508-1582

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FORECLOSURE NO. **F-11107-24**

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

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

-versus-

ROVIE SALAZAR GAILO rep. by
Attorney-In-Fact, Rose Ann S. Gailo,
Debtor/Mortgagor.

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act No. 3135 as amended by Act No. 4118 filed by the **mortgagee BDO UNIBANK, INC., (formerly BANCO DE ORO UNIBANK, INC.)**, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal office address at BDO Corporate Center, 7899 Makati Avenue, Makati City, Metro Manila, Philippines against **debtor/mortgagor ROVIE SALAZAR GAILO**, single, of legal age, Filipino, with postal addresses at (1) Jesena St., Brgy. Guzman, Mandurriao, Iloilo City (2) Lot 52, Block 11, Montecillo Villas II, Brgy. Balabag, Pavia, Iloilo represented by her Attorney-In-Fact, Rose Ann S. Gailo to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of August 30, 2024, amounted to **ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY ONE PESOS & 78/100 (P1,452,481.78)**, Philippine Currency, exclusive of interest, penalties and other charges, plus attorney's fees, publication cost, Sheriff's legal expenses and other incidental expenses of foreclosure and auction sale, the **Ex-Officio Sheriff of Iloilo or any of his lawful deputies** will sell at public auction on **JANUARY 7, 2025** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the **Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, G/F Chief Justice Ramon Q. Avanceña Hall of Justice, Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City**, to the **HIGHEST BIDDER**, for **CASH** or **MANAGER'S CHECK** and in Philippine Currency, the following real property, including buildings and all improvements found thereon, to wit:

Registry of Deeds for Iloilo, Iloilo
Transfer Certificate of Title
No. 090-2022005190

"IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BARANGAY OF BALABAG, MUNICIPALITY OF PAVIA, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY, bounded and described as follows;

LOT NO: 52 BLOCK NO: 11 PLAN NO: PCS-06-006280
PORTION OF: LOTS 1914-A; 1914-B, PSD-29731; LOT 2054-C (LRC) PSD-7937 & LOT 1730; 1919; 1920, AGONOA CADASTRE 8;

LOCATION: BARANGAY BALABAG, MUNICIPALITY OF PAVIA, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY is registered in accordance with the provision of the Property Registration Decree in the name of **Owner: ROVIE S. GAILO, SINGLE, FILIPINO, OF LEGAL AGE**
Address: BRGY. GUZMAN, JESENA ST., MANDURRIAO, ILOILO CITY

AREA: FIFTY SQUARE METERS (50), 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 14, 2025** at the same time and place aforementioned without further notice.

Prospective buyers and/or bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of the above- described property and encumbrances existing thereon, if any there be. Let this Notice of Sale be published and posted in accordance with the provisions of law.

Iloilo City Philippines, **October 30, 2024.**

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

(SGD.) RITO RUEL A. CASTEN
 Sheriff IV/Sheriff-In-Charge

WARNING:

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

Republic of the Philippines
Sixth Judicial Region
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
Iloilo City
OFFICE OF THE EX OFFICIO SHERIFF

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND,
Petitioner/Mortgagee,

-versus-

FORECLOSURE
FILE NO.
F-11162-24

AURELIO L. DELMO,
Mortgagor.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon verified request/application for extra judicial foreclosure of mortgage [under Act 3135 As Amended], filed by Home Development Mutual Fund (Pag-IBIG Fund), petitioner/mortgagee, a government financial institution existing under R.A. 9679 with principal office at Petron Mega Plaza Building, 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against AURELIO L. DELMO, single, of legal age, Filipino citizen, with postal address at Abanilla St., Lapuz, Iloilo City, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of August 30, 2024, has amounted to Six Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Eighty-Five Pesos & 84/100 (Php 644,085.84), Philippine Currency, the undersigned Ex Officio Sheriff of Iloilo and/or ANY of his duly authorized deputy sheriff will sell at public auction on January 27, 2025 at 10:00 AM at the Office of the Clerk of Court and Ex Officio Sheriff, Regional Trial Court, Hall of Justice Building, Iloilo City, to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine Currency, the mortgaged property covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 090-2019006393, bounded and described, including all the improvements thereon, as follows:

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 090-2019006393

"LOT NO: 25; BLOCK NO: 4 PLAN NO: PSD-06-084955
PORTION OF: LOT 4164-B-2 OF PSD-06-072772;
LOCATION: BARANGAY OF ABILAY NORTE,
MUNICIPALITY OF OTON, PROVINCE
OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY

BOUNDARIES:

Table with 3 columns: LINE, DIRECTION, ADJOINING LOT(S). Rows include 1-2 SW ROAD 8 (6.50 M. WIDE), 2-3 NW LOT 24, BLOCK 4, 3-4 NE LOT 2, BLOCK 4, 4-5 NE LOT 1, BLOCK 4, 5-1 SE LOT 26, BLOCK 4.

AREA: THIRTY SIX SQUARE METERS (36), MORE OR LESS"

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it will be held instead on February 27, 2025 at the same time and venue without further notice and re-publication.

Iloilo City, Philippines, November 27, 2024.

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

Prepared by:

(SGD.) RAMIL G. FACURIB
Authorized Deputy Sheriff

NE/December 2, 9 & 16, 2024

Republic of the Philippines
Sixth Judicial Region
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
Iloilo City
OFFICE OF THE EX OFFICIO SHERIFF

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND,
Petitioner/Mortgagee,

-versus-

FORECLOSURE
FILE NO.
F-11111-24

MICHEL G. AMIGABLE,
Mortgagor.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon verified request/application for extra judicial foreclosure of mortgage [under Act 3135 As Amended], filed by Home Development Mutual Fund (Pag-IBIG Fund), petitioner/mortgagee, a government financial institution existing under R.A. 9679 with principal office at Petron Mega Plaza Building, 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against MICHEL G. AMIGABLE, single, of legal age, Filipino citizen, with postal address at Brgy. Tina, Badiangan, Iloilo, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of July 31, 2024, has amounted to Four Hundred Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Six Pesos & 95/100 (Php 409,846.95), Philippine Currency, the undersigned Ex Officio Sheriff of Iloilo and/or ANY of his duly authorized deputy sheriff will sell at public auction on January 03, 2025 at 10:00 AM at the Office of the Clerk of Court and Ex Officio Sheriff, Regional Trial Court, Hall of Justice Building, Iloilo City, to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine Currency, the mortgaged property covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 090-2023005204, bounded and described, including all the improvements thereon, as follows:

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 090-2023005204

"LOT NO. 33; BLOCK NO. 1 PLAN NO: PSD-06-006816 PORTION OF: LOT 4161-A, LOT 4161-B BOTH OF (LRC) PSD-263395, LOT 4162, LOT 4158 BOTH OF AGONOA CAD. 8, LOT 4159-C, PSD-063034-023734, LOT 4496-A, LOT 4496-C BOTH OF THE PSD-06-088067 AND LOT 4497-A-1, PSD-06-009415; LOCATION: BARANGAY OF ABILAY NORTE, MUNICIPALITY OF OTON, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY

BOUNDARIES:

Table with 3 columns: LINE, DIRECTION, ADJOINING LOT(S). Rows include 1-2 SW ROAD LOT 7 (6.50 M. WIDE), 2-3 NW LOT 34, BLOCK 1, 3-4 NE LOT 13, BLOCK 1, 4-5 NE LOT 14, BLOCK 1, 5-1 SE LOT 32, BLOCK 1.

AREA: THIRTY SIX SQUARE METERS (36), MORE OR LESS"

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it will be held instead on February 03, 2025 at the same time and venue without further notice and re-publication.

Iloilo City, Philippines, October 30, 2024.

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

Prepared by:

(SGD.) RAMIL G. FACURIB
Authorized Deputy Sheriff

NE/December 2, 9 & 16, 2024

Republic of the Philippines
Sixth Judicial Region
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
Iloilo City
OFFICE OF THE EX OFFICIO SHERIFF

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND,
Petitioner/Mortgagee,

-versus-

FORECLOSURE
FILE NO.
F-11138-24

CESAR M. AMIANES, married to
CONIE A. AMIANES,
Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon verified request/application for extra judicial foreclosure of mortgage [under Act 3135 As Amended], filed by Home Development Mutual Fund (Pag-IBIG Fund), petitioner/mortgagee, a government financial institution existing under R.A. 9679 with principal office at Petron Mega Plaza Building, 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against CESAR M. AMIANES, married to CONIE A. AMIANES, of legal age, Filipino citizen, with postal address at Mambawi, Alimodian, Iloilo, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of August 30, 2024, has amounted to Four Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Five Pesos & 38/100 (Php 426,255.38), Philippine Currency, the undersigned Ex Officio Sheriff of Iloilo and/or ANY of his duly authorized deputy sheriff will sell at public auction on January 03, 2025 at 10:00 AM at the Office of the Clerk of Court and Ex Officio Sheriff, Regional Trial Court, Hall of Justice Building, Iloilo City, to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine Currency, the mortgaged property covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 090-2018015841, bounded and described, including all the improvements thereon, as follows:

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 090-2018015841

"LOT NO. 6; BLOCK NO. 16 PLAN NO: PSD-06-084955
PORTION OF: LOT 4164-B-2 OF PSD-06-072772;
LOCATION: BARANGAY OF ABILAY NORTE,
MUNICIPALITY OF OTON, PROVINCE
OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY

BOUNDARIES:

Table with 3 columns: LINE, DIRECTION, ADJOINING LOT(S). Rows include 1-2 SW LOT 7, BLOCK 16, 2-3 NW LOT 23, BLOCK 16, 3-4 NE LOT 5, BLOCK 16, 4-1 SE ROAD 3 (8.00 M. WIDE).

AREA: THIRTY SIX SQUARE METERS (36), MORE OR LESS"

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it will be held instead on February 03, 2025 at the same time and venue without further notice and re-publication.

Iloilo City, Philippines, October 30, 2024.

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

Prepared by:

(SGD.) RAMIL G. FACURIB
Authorized Deputy Sheriff

NE/December 2, 9 & 16, 2024

DEED OF ADJUDICATION AND SALE
OF A PARCEL OF LAND

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late JACINTO ARTIEDA married to Socorro Artieda known as (Lot 3973 of the Cadastral Survey of Cabatuan), with the improvements thereon, covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-61712 situated in Brgy. Ayong, Cabatuan, Iloilo with an area of FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SIX SQUARE METERS (4,176) more or less is adjudicated to sole heir REDEMPTION ARTIEDA-MONTUYA. That, REDEMPTION ARTIEDA-MONTUYA HEREBY SELL, CEDE, TRANSFER and CONVEY the above-said property by way of Absolute Sale unto MA. YBON N. RESANO, as entered in the notarial registry of ATTY. CRISTINE CLEA BUENAVISTA CUADRAS per Doc. No. 331, Page No. 68, Book No. II, Series of 2024.

NE/December 9, 16 & 23, 2024

AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS

Notice is hereby given that LEMUEL S. JUCABAN, of legal age, married, Filipino, and a resident of 148 A. Lopez Subd., Mapa St., Mandurriao, Iloilo City executed an Affidavit of Loss stating that he is the owner of one (1) Iloilo Golf & Country Club, Inc. Share of Stock Certificate Number 2370 issued on JUNE 5, 2002 which was misplaced and lost and was not recovered despite diligent efforts to locate it, entered in the notarial registry of ATTY. CARL RUPERT CRISME MUELA per Doc. No. 357, Page No. 73, Book No. 2, Series of 2024.

NE/December 9, 16 & 23, 2024

DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late JORGE JAVELLANA DAMASO and AZUCENA PACHICA DAMASO consisting of bank deposits with Land Bank of the Philippines, Jaro, Iloilo Branch under Savings Account No. 3296-1561-40 and Account No. 3291-0951-34 as well as with the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) Pototan Branch under Savings Account No. 00-5-02641-716-6 are adjudicated to heirs NED PACHICA DAMASO, JHOZINE PACHICA DAMASO, MARCH PACHICA DAMASO, ROSE FRANCES DAMASO DE LA CRUZ, and APRIL PACHICA DAMASO. That, the said heirs WAIVE, RENOUNCE ALL THEIR RIGHTS, CLAIMS, SHARES AND INTEREST in the said bank deposits in favor of NED PACHICA DAMASO. Entered in the notarial registry of ATTY. RICA MARIE L. PADRONES per Doc. No. 216, Page No. 45, Book No. III, Series of 2024.

NE/December 9, 16 & 23, 2024



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ANDRESITO SOMBILLA, JR.
Owner



Terrorism Financing Charges Filed Against Negros-Based CTG Allies

CAMP PERALTA, Jamindan, Capiz – The Department of Justice filed six counts of terrorism financing charges against five Negros-based allies of the Communist Terrorist Group (CTG) on Tuesday, December 3, 2024.

These cases were filed before Iloilo Regional Trial Court (RTC) Branch 31, the designated terrorism court in Western Visayas, against five members of Paghidaet sa Kauswagan Development Group (PDG). The individuals' real names were withheld for security purposes. They were charged with violating Section 8 of Republic Act No. 10168, also known as "The Terrorism Financing Prevention and Suppression Act of 2012."

PDG is based in Sitio Mohon, Barangay Binicuil, Kabankalan City, Negros Occidental.

The terrorism financing charges stem from an investigation and case build-up conducted by Police Regional Office 6, 3rd Infantry Division, and the Joint Focused Legal Action Team (JFLAT) of the Legal Cooperation and Peace, Law Enforcement and Development Support (PLEDS) Clusters of the Regional Task Force in Ending Local Communist Armed Conflict 6 (RTF-ELCAC 6). The investigation uncovered financial support provided by these individuals to the CTG.

Section 8 of the Act prohibits dealing with the property or funds of individuals or groups officially designated as involved in terrorist or other illegal activities, specifically those who provide any property, money, or financial services to these terror groups or people. Those found guilty may face a prison sentence of up to 40 years or even life imprisonment, along with a fine of at least 500,000 pesos and up to 1 million pesos.

Police Regional Director Brigadier General Jack Wanky,

in a statement delivered by PRO6 Regional Operations Division Chief Colonel Gilbert Gorero, said that these cases underwent preliminary investigation before the Department of Justice, all parties were given an opportunity to be heard pursuant to the rules on preliminary investigation, and due process was observed.

Acknowledging terrorism financing as the most utilized strategy by the CTG in their desperate bid to overthrow the democratic government, Brigadier General Jack Wanky, Police Regional Director of PRO6, reiterated their commitment to continue dismantling the remaining terrorism financing network of the group in Western Visayas.

Meanwhile, Major General Marion R. Sison, Commander of the 3ID, in a statement delivered by 3ID Assistant Division Commander for Administration Colonel Erwin Rommel Lamzon, pledged a similar commitment to cutting off the source and generation of funds for the CTG. He highlighted the 3ID's unwavering commitment to supporting the campaign against terrorism financing and assured to work alongside PNP counterparts and other agencies to ensure that those who seek to fund terrorism are brought to justice.

Moreover, he commended the exceptional work of the involved government forces for their tireless efforts that resulted in the successful case build-up and subsequent filing of six counts of terrorism financing charges against the CTG allies.

"This achievement is a testament to your dedication in ending the decades-long insurgency by dismantling the financial network of the CTG in Western Visayas," he concluded.

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FILE NO. 2024-17

PETITION EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED.

FIRST STANDARD FINANCE CORP.,
 Mortgagee/Creditor

-versus-

JOCELYN S. ACOSTA
 Mortgagor/Debtor

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NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE SALE

Upon filing of **PETITION** for **EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE** of Real Estate Mortgage under Act No. 3135, as amended, filed by Mortgagee/Creditor, **FIRST STANDARD FINANCE CORPORATION (formerly FIRST STANDARD LENDING CORPORATION)**, a domestic corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Philippines with branch office located at Unit 3 & 4, ACCE Bldg., Ledesma-Mabini Sts., Iloilo City, Philippines, AGAINST, **JOCELYN S. ACOSTA**, of Funda-Dalipe, San Jose, Antique, Philippines, to secure payment of loan, which as of October 31, 2024 amounts to **EIGHT MILLION SEVENTY SEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED NINETY EIGHT PESOS & 08/100 (Php 8,077,398.08)**, Philippine Currency, in connection with **FORECLOSURE** proceedings, the **Officer-in-Charge, OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT & EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF** through her undersigned Deputy Sheriff will **SELL** at **PUBLIC AUCTION** on **January 7, 2025** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter of the Regional Trial Court, Office of the Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of Justice Calixto O. Zaldivar, Hall of Justice, Binirayan Hills, San Jose, Antique, so the highest bidder for cash or manager's check and in Philippine currency, the mortgaged property with all its improvements thereon, to wit;

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San Jose, Antique, Philippines, December 2, 2024.

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NE/December 9, 16, & 23, 2024

DSWD to put up warehouses in W. Visayas



ILOILO CITY – The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) is planning to set up a warehouse in every local government units (LGU) in Western Visayas.

The initiative aims to ensure prompt assistance to communities impacted by

disasters, DSWD Regional Director Arwin Razo said at a press conference on Friday.

"If they have a storage facility, we can sign an agreement for us to store family food packs and even other non-food items that they need," Razo said.

They currently have partnerships with over 80 LGUs in the region, which have been provided with standby supplies for deployment during emergencies.

"For those with regional evacuation centers, it is automatic that we place standby goods in their facilities depending on their capacity. What we will do is monitor," he added.

As items near expiration, they can be utilized in food-for-work programs, he said. LGUs simply need to submit proposals to the DSWD.

At present, DSWD has relief supplies prepositioned in its regional warehouses located in Oton, Iloilo and in Bacolod City, along with 69 key sites throughout the region.

This year, DSWD has allocated more than PHP365.2 million to support families affected by various disasters. (PNA)

NOTICE

This is to notify that the heirs of the late **JOHN S. CEMBRANO**, namely: **Janet P. Cembrano, Jennily Jasmin P. Cembrano, Jeremy Jasper P. Cembrano, Jennifer Jeanette P. Cembrano, Jansen John P. Cembrano and Justin Joule P. Cembrano**, have executed a **Deed of Adjudication and Sale** dated **April 23, 2024**, Notarized by Notary Public **Joanel T. Alipao**, docketed under Doc. No. 501; Page No. 101; Book No. 1; Series of 2024, involving all the buildings covered by the following Tax Declarations, to wit,

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Area - 300 square meters
 Location Valeria St., Brgy. Danao, City Proper, Iloilo City
 Standing on **Lot No. 152-B-2**
- TAX DECLARATION NO. 24-01-006-00447**
Area - 210 square meters
 Location - Valeria St., Brgy. Danao, City Proper, Iloilo City
 Standing on **Lot No. 152-B-3**
- TAX DECLARATION NO. 24-01-006-00462**
Area - 800 square meters
 Location Valeria St., Brgy. Danao, City Proper, Iloilo City
 Standing on **Lot No. 152-B-5**
- TAX DECLARATION NO. 24-01-006-00467**
Area - 121.50 square meters
 Location - Quezon St., Brgy. Danao, City Proper, Iloilo City
 Standing on **Lot No. 152-B-9**
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