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Paz, and Jaro public markets. Phase 1 of the La Paz and Jaro markets is scheduled for completion in April 2025, while Phase 1 of the Arevalo Market is already finished. Phase 2 construction for all three markets will begin in the second quarter of 2025 and is expected to be completed by the last quarter of the same year. Full operational capacity, contingent upon the completion of Phase 2, is a prerequisite for vendor relocation.

"The Iloilo City Government is committed to improving the livelihood of our market vendors while simultaneously modernizing our public markets to meet the evolving needs of our city," Mayor Treñas stated.

To support this commitment, approximately 324 market vendors from 14 batches have completed training programs focused on enhancing their business skills, customer service, and overall market operations, ensuring their success in the modernized market environment.

Accessibility improvements are a key feature of the market renovations. The La Paz, Arevalo, and Jaro markets, managed by the Iloilo City Government, will each be equipped with two passenger elevators. The Central and Terminal Markets, developed through a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) with SM, will also include elevators and other modern amenities to better serve vendors and the public.

"Through these combined efforts," Mayor Treñas concluded, "we are building a more inclusive, accessible, and thriving Iloilo City for all."

MORE POWER ... (from page 1)

their tireless dedication at work.

"Your batch has endured and has stayed with the company not because you just want work but because you believe in the company, you believe in the mission that's why you've stayed. I would like to sincerely congratulate the service awardees tonight that you make up almost half of our workforce," says the ecstatic Mr. Roel Z. Castro, President and Chief Executive Officer of MORE Power, during his speech.

Working in the power industry is not an easy task especially in Iloilo City, where they have to completely overhaul some of the facilities from the substation, the electric poles, lines and meter until the power reaches

Team 'Alyansa Para sa Bagong Pilipinas' holds grand rally in Iloilo City

By MARY JOY CAVANAS

THE team "Alyansa Para sa Bagong Pilipinas" held their grand rally at Gaisano ICC grounds in Mandurriao district on February 13.

The senatorial slate is composed of twelve candidates endorsed by President Ferdinand Marcos Jr., namely, Senator Imee Marcos, Senator Pia Cayetano, Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr., Senator Lito Lapid, Senator Francis Tolentino, Former Senator Panfilo "Ping" Lacson, Former Senate President Vicente "Tito" Sotto, Former Senator Manny Pacquiao, House of Rep. Deputy Speaker Camille Villar, Former DILG Secretary Benhur Abalos, ACT-CIS Partylist Representative Erwin Tulfo, and Makati Mayor Abigail Binay.

During the press conference, the candidates discussed their platforms and advocacies for the welfare of the country which include government officials' automatic waiving of their bank records for transparency.

Lacson stated that he will push for a bill which demands elected or designated government officials to surrender their bank records under the Bank Secrecy Act once they are being

investigated for corruption or plunder.

Sotto also supported Lacson's idea, stating that he will push the amendment in Statement of Assets, Liabilities, and Net Worth (SALN) law to ensure that no government official shall abuse people's funds.

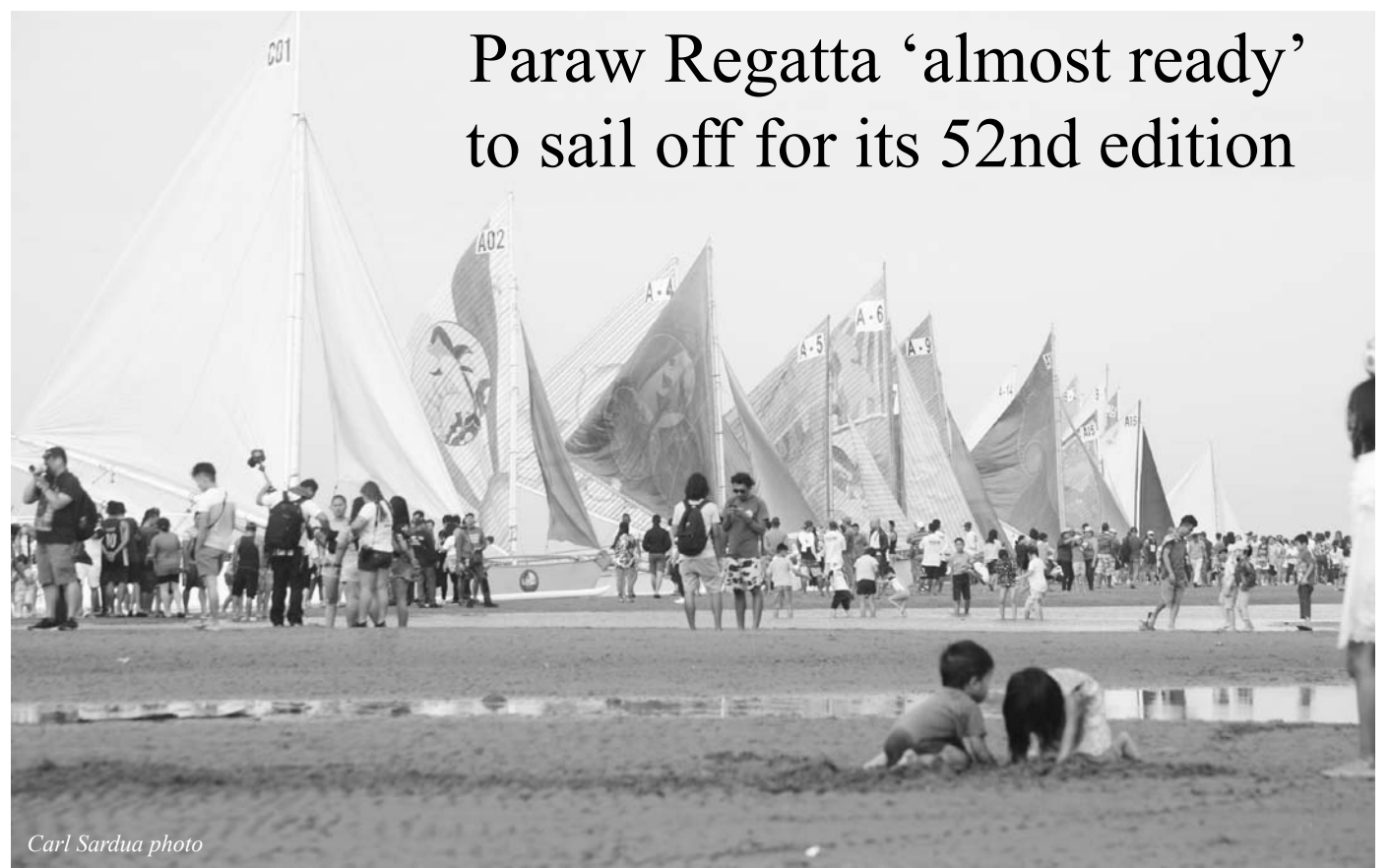
Moreover, Abalos also supported Lacson's advocacy, stressing that the SALN Law must be strictly implemented along with mandatory bank waivers of government officials.

Tulfo, on the other hand, will push the further publicizing of assets, liabilities, and bank accounts of government officials.

Other candidates also discussed their platforms for the people's welfare during the grand rally including prioritization of the Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Agriculture, health, education, and other significant concerns in the country.

The grand rally was graced by President Marcos who raised his hands along with the senatorial slate as a symbol for solidarity.

Meanwhile, the event was also attended by around 35,000 individuals from different areas of Iloilo, showing their support to their respective bets.



Paraw Regatta 'almost ready' to sail off for its 52nd edition

ILOILO CITY (PIA) – The Paraw Regatta will once again sail off from the shores of Iloilo City and Guimaras this year,

bringing more excitement to the public and economic opportunities for the city as it pays homage to the region's seafaring history.

John Lex Bayombong, chairman of the Paraw Regatta Festival, in a press conference on January 6, 2025, said that the

organization is now 70 percent ready for the festival, which will open on February 23.

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and Safety Management Office (PSMO) headed by Retired Col. Uldarico Garbanzos, and the local barangay officials to take immediate action against such crimes.

Treñas added that anyone who apprehends a perpetrator of "basag kotse" will be rewarded.

For security improvements, Treñas also coordinated with the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (CDRRMO) with its head, Ms. Donna Magno for additional CCTV cameras in order to prioritize and monitor areas in Iloilo City such as the Esplanade.

The city mayor emphasized the importance of having functional CCTV cameras not only in the establishments but also in front of banks and Automated Teller Machines

(ATMs).

He also reminded the public to remain vigilant against the presence of syndicates, despite Iloilo City being marked as one of the safest in Asia.

The city government, in addition to the CCTV expansion, has also provided 50 additional vehicles to the police and eyes to purchase six more in the near future.

Moreover, Treñas stressed the significance of police mobility including motorcycle procurement as way of quickly responding to incidents that disturb the peace and order of the city.

Treñas also noted that the city has made a significant progress in the anti-drug operations but stressed that petty crimes should also be addressed.

the houses of their consumers.

"I know that our work is not easy. Ulan, init umaga, gabi, overtime may mga problema may trials but you're still.... Again personally, I really congratulate all of you," Castro added.

One of the biggest contribution of MORE Power is its Underground Distribution System which made waves not just in Iloilo City but across the nation as well.

Aside from this, the DU was able to eradicate the illegal connection, fast tract the application of new consumers, and provide 24/7 assistance. Despite the modernization, MORE Power remains to have one of

the lowest power rate in Western Visayas.

"We give the consumers the best service and for me, dalawa lang iyon. One is we give them reliable, walang outages, mura na kuryente and we treat them as our best client that we could have," Castro added.

With the continued expansion of the power company in Iloilo City and Negros, Castro is positive that the company will just continue to improve its performance and provide exceptional service at a reasonable cost.

This will only be achieved through the dedication of its employees, marking MORE Power's legacy not just in the energy sector but also giving a huge contribution in the economy of Iloilo.

PIA Caravan kicks off bike ride and fun run in Iloilo City

By MARY JOY CAVAÑAS

The Pinay In Action (PIA) Caravan successfully kicked off its wellness activities—Iloilo Provincial Bike Caravan and Iloilo City Sundown Run that were joined by over 2,000 participants last February 16.

The Bike Caravan, held early in the morning, was a 23-kilometer community bike ride from the Iloilo Provincial Capitol that was joined by over 300 participants from cycling groups such as United Bikers in Iloilo, Leganes Bikers Club, and Team Halo-Halo.

Liliane, a cyclist from Jaro district, expressed her gratitude to PIA and the organizers for putting together the event.

“This initiative is good for health awareness and helps us to meet new friends from other cycling groups,” She said.

The Sundown Run, on the other hand, was joined by over 1,700 runners, taking on a scenic route along Iloilo Sunset Boulevard through fun run in three, six, and nine-kilometer categories.

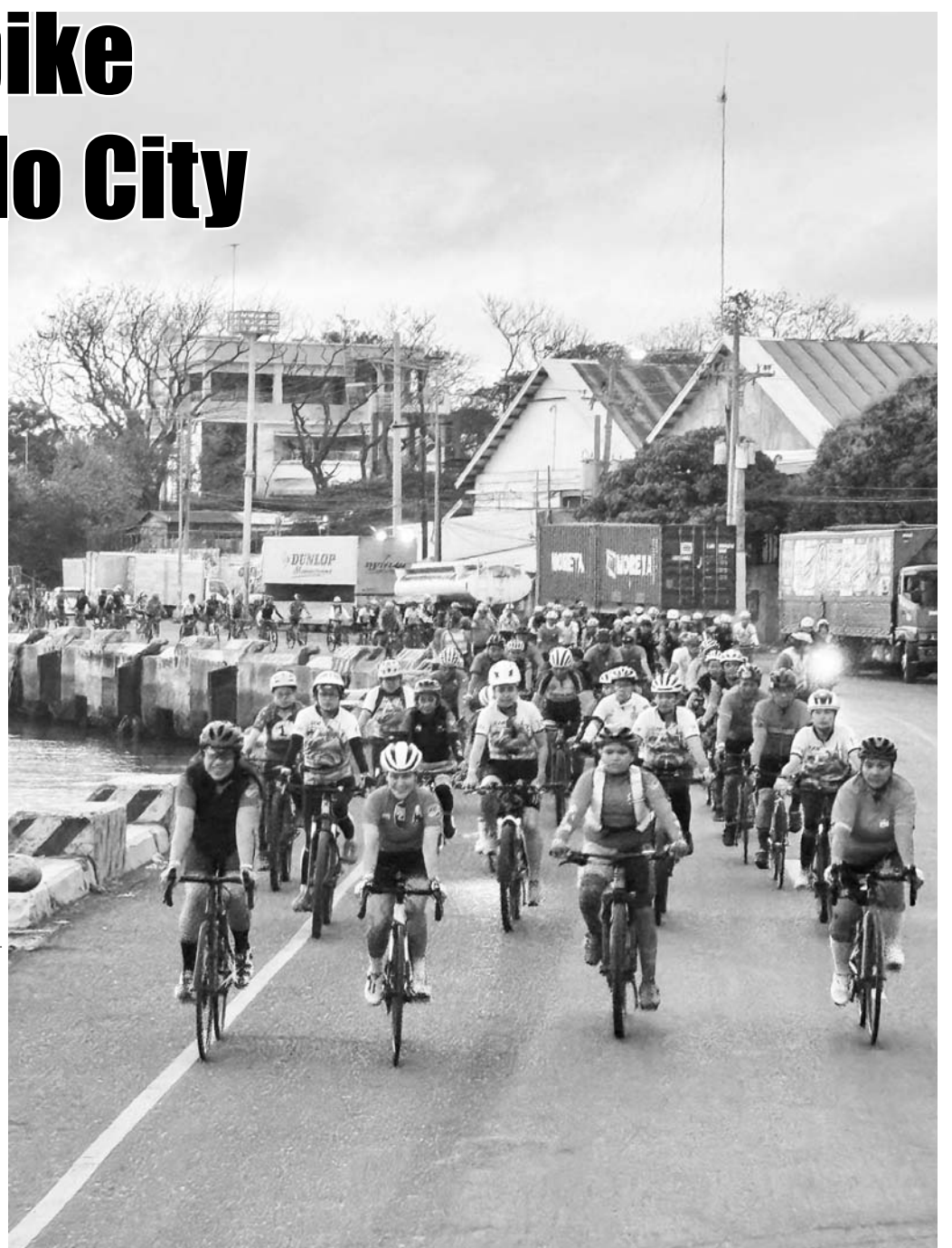
Nick, a three-kilometer route finisher said that the event not only encouraged fitness but also showed support for athletes.

“This event is fun as it really boosts our health and promotes camaraderie,” he said.

Through the PIA Caravan, these activities focus on the sports development, health programs, and women empowerment.

Meanwhile, Team PIA also aims to expand such activities to other areas in the country after successful runs in Pampanga, Tarlac, Davao del Norte, and Cebu.

This aims to encourage more Filipinos to embrace a healthy and sustainable lifestyle for their well-being.



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40 students receive academic and sports incentives in Antique

By MARY JOY CAVAÑAS

About 40 Antiqueño students were recognized by the Antique Provincial Government for their academic and athletic achievements wherein they given cash incentives at the Binirayan Sports Complex in San Jose de Buenavista, Antique on February 18.

Five graduates with Latin honors, along with a top scorer who secured the eighth spot in the Metallurgical Engineering Board Exam on October 2024, have received cash incentives.

Additionally, 14 individuals were given incentives for bagging first place in the LIKHA Science Investigatory Project Fair – Mathematics and Computational Sciences (Team) – Secondary Level at the Division

SciMathlympics 2024.

Several students were recognized for winning a total of 12 medals, including seven golds, three silvers, and two bronzes, in the Anyo Individual Single and Double Weapon categories at the Philippine Martial Arts Hall of Fame 2nd Iloilo Bladed Festival National Arnis Invitationals 2024 in Ajuy, Iloilo.

One athlete was also recognized for bagging first place in the 80-kilometer individual category at the 2024 Southeast Asian Trail Running Cup (SEATRC) in Bontoc, Mountain Province, while the team was named overall champion.

Adding to the list of Antiqueño pride is another student who won a gold medal in the 18-and-under Boys Category at the 2nd Mayor ICO Invitational Tennis Tournament in Calinog, Iloilo.

Moreover, the Antique athletics 4x400m Men's Relay Team won gold, while another athlete took bronze in Men's Sepak Takraw at the Philippine ROTC Games 2024 Visayas Regional Qualifiers in Bacolod City.

Meanwhile, some athletes also bagged several awards at the PRISAA National Games in Legazpi, Albay including:

- * Gold medal - Taekwondo (Women)
- * Silver medal - Athletics (Shot Put, Women)
- * Bronze medal - Taekwondo (Women)

The distribution of cash incentives with a total amount of Php181,000 was spearheaded by Antique Governor Rhodora Cadio. (via Antique Provincial Government PIO)

Repainting of historical buildings in Iloilo City eyed

By MARY JOY CAVAÑAS

Mayor Jerry Treñas urges the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) for the repainting of private buildings in historical areas of Iloilo City.

According to Treñas, the private buildings include those along Plaza Libertad and Calle Real or the Central Business District of the metropolis.

The city mayor noted that the city architect is already preparing a letter to start the initiative, highlighting how the building improvements will enhance the

area's appearance.

During his term in Congress, Treñas recognized both Plaza Libertad and Calle Real as Cultural Heritage Tourism Zones for their historical, cultural, and architectural importance through his legislation—Republic Act 10555, known as Cultural Heritage Tourism Zones Act of 2013.

Additionally, the city mayor also asked the help of NHCP with regard to the repair of San Jose Placer Parish Church which is one of Iloilo City's oldest churches. It was founded by the Jesuits in the 16th century.



Antique Governor Rhodora Cadio distribute cash incentives to about 40 students for their academic and athletic achievements at the Binirayan Sports Complex in San Jose de Buenavista, Antique on February 18. (Antique PIO)

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Dengue desperation

“Piso para sa lamok.” “Ibalik ang Kodak.”

After the Quezon City government declared a dengue outbreak alert, a barangay in Mandaluyong City, Barangay Addition Hills, launched their own anti-dengue campaign offering one peso for every mosquito – dead or alive!

Not to be outdone, another locality, Barangay Matandang Balara in Quezon City, renewed their “tried & tested” anti-dengue campaign by releasing 500 frogs in various creeks and esteros around the barangay.

Call it what you will but the desperation for solutions is evident among LGUs, and they are effective in terms of bringing attention to our nationwide problem with dengue.

The declaration of a dengue outbreak in Quezon City was just a matter of when and where. It could have happened in Baguio City, Cebu City or Iloilo City because the perfect storm was already brewing since 2024.

The problem was the Department of Health, which chose not to press the button because the leadership was concerned about reputation management. Instead of declaring an outbreak like experts suggested, they downplayed the threat, believing cases will go down by the last quarter and Christmas.

But by November 2024, there were already 831 dead from dengue, 900-plus by Dec. 31 and approximately 400,000 recorded cases, costing the PhilHealth anywhere between P2 billion to P4 billion for dengue treatments in 2024.

With the New Year 2025, the bureaucrats thought they could start fresh at zero casualties and lower cases. But the weather had not significantly changed from November to February, the environment and populations remained in place and the mosquitoes simply kept biting and infecting people.

The attitudes of Secretary Ted Herbosa and FDA DG Samuel Zacate remained unchanged, living in denial of the potential dengue outbreak. The DOH continues to promote their multimillion-peso fogging and insect repellent promos, in spite of knowing how temporary and expensive these are.

The FDA keeps flaunting their political will, new

building and rigorous and intentional review of all products while ignoring the increasing number of complaints filed against them with the Anti-Red Tape Authority or ARTA.

For the longest time many anti-dengue advocates have criticized the DOH for intentionally not providing the number of dengue cases and deaths in various regions, provinces, cities and towns.

Comms experts have noticed the pattern of selective messaging by the DOH, mixed messaging that tones down alarming rise in cases, and the timing of health alerts on other diseases just when dengue goes on the rise.

One could label it as diversionary messaging aimed at the media that effectively denied Filipinos access to important information or warnings about dengue in their areas, as well as the opportunity to defend themselves from the threat.

Only when Mayor Joy Belmonte declared a “Dengue Outbreak in Quezon City” did many QC residents realize how serious the dengue situation was. Before Belmonte’s declaration, most of them were unaware or took the matter for granted. Now they are concerned.

So, why did Mayor Joy Belmonte have to declare a dengue outbreak and why did she have to qualify the announcement by saying “It is not our intention to scare the public but rather to alert them?”

First of all, Quezon City is very invested in public health, the city has for many years been collecting statistics and data on diseases, particularly dengue, and has trained thousands of personnel, especially health workers, about dengue.

Safe to say, they have had their eyes on dengue cases for several years. January and February quickly showed the rapid rise of cases and sadly, the death of 10 residents, eight of them children.

Officials of the city were familiar with the hesitance or resistance of Secretary Ted Herbosa to declaring a dengue outbreak in 2024 and left many LGUs waiting and wondering if Herbosa was going to call it or not. He did not.

In order to facilitate rapid response, the city officials

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did the right thing by declaring the outbreak. Lo and behold, the next day when media started beating the drums about the outbreak, DOH Assistant Secretary Albert Domingo generously shared info that was previously hard to obtain.

In his radio interviews last Monday, Domingo revealed that three regions were affected by the year-on-year 40 percent increase in cases – namely NCR, Regions 3 and IV-A, with nine localities on the verge of declaring dengue outbreaks. So now we know!

Mayor Joy Belmonte’s statement that “their intention was not to scare the public but to alert them” was probably in preparation for a push back from the DOH that defends their resistance to share data and declare outbreaks by saying they don’t want to panic people.

The fact that Quezon City officials declared a dengue outbreak instead of the DOH paints a very clear picture that local government officials are no longer going to sit around and wait for Herbosa or the DOH to decide.

In terms of solving the dengue outbreak, Secretary Herbosa knows that the permanent solution is a new vaccine that has been under review by the FDA for nearly two years (by April). But the secretary merely gives lip service to the vaccine.

For his part, FDA director general Samuel Zacate has not sat down face to face with various representatives of global and regional drug manufacturers seeking updates and clarifications on extreme delays at the FDA.

Rumor is that Herbosa and Zacate may be at odds after the DOH secretary visited the FDA several weeks ago, only to be told that the director general had left for a meeting outside the premises.

If PBBM managed to find an executive for PhilHealth, perhaps it is time to conduct an executive search for a scientist-administrator to head the FDA and a veteran public health administrator to head the DOH.

The negative list

With candidates and parties opting for negative campaigning, there are now people who are also dwelling on the negative, swapping notes on who they will NOT vote for in May.

The items on such “negative lists” aren’t the usual turnoffs – the corrupt, untrustworthy liars, buffoons and human rights violators – which could eliminate a large chunk of election aspirants.

Also not included are the undereducated, since there is no educational requirement for the highest public offices in the land, and idiocy has become relative.

Instead the list of voter turnoffs contains less generalized stuff.

A common item on the list: no votes for the most brazen violators of rules (when they still existed) on the display of campaign materials, who post their posters on lampposts, trees, walls and fences of government facilities and hang the materials from utility wires.

Instead of exchanging notes on the latest binge-worthy K-dramas, photos of these illegally displayed materials are being swapped online, like the memes at the height of the onion crisis in 2022.

Any candidate who takes credit for state-funded ayuda programs is also high on the negative list.

Then there are the candidates or parties that release survey results showing them leading, but with no details on whether the survey was commissioned or not, who commissioned it, and the methodology used.

Also on the negative list are those who have figured in “wang-wang” cases – meaning not just the literal unauthorized use of sirens, blinkers and police motorcycle escorts to part traffic, but any incident wherein the candidate or his/her relatives tried jumping the line, so to speak, such as entering the EDSA busway, or using vehicles without license plates.

Politicians who tool around with a convoy of back-up vehicles full of bodyguards also raise alarm bells. Is the country so unsafe that they need a battalion of security escorts? Or do they want a wall of goons

to keep out the hoi polloi? Are those security escorts on the public payroll?

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These turnoffs are on top of politicians’ abuses that keep plumbing new depths with each electoral exercise, such as the shameless dynasty-building.

On the negative list are those who want their entire clan to sit in the Senate and the party-list, and to occupy every available position in their turfs.

Borrowing an admonition from the scandal-plagued Arroyo presidency, “moderate your greed” should be a battle cry of voters in the upcoming elections. But moderate greed is an oxymoron.

Then there is the institutionalized misappropriation of public funds for personal purposes through the crafting of the national budget.

The 2025 General Appropriations Act is a watershed in congressional misuse of people’s money for personal, dynastic and partisan priorities. Obviously, those behind this mangling of the GAA believe they can get away with it. The scariest part? They might.

It says a lot about the nature of politics in this country that certain candidates who are vowing to put an end to this budget butchery by the super majority in Congress – and who might actually be able to deliver on their campaign promise – are in the administration slate.

Their mindset I guess is that in running for elective office, the end justifies the means.

This sorry situation has triggered serious discussions in various sectors about what can be done, from the mildest to the most drastic measures, to save the country from becoming Asia’s basket case.

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Among the indispensable measures is to stop sending the greedy, venal and incompetent to high public office. But these folks have tightened their

stranglehold on power by ensuring the perpetuation of poverty, undereducation and dependence on state dole-outs.

Ordinary Filipinos should wonder why it’s so tough to move up in the income ladder within one lifetime in this country, while people who enter government see their wealth surge in the blink of an eye. Voters should ask such candidates: why are you so rich while we’re so poor?

And with all sorts of taxes and fees being collected for nearly all commodities and services, why is the delivery of so many basic services being turned over to the private sector? Private businessmen of course need a return on investment – the bigger the ROI and the quicker to collect, the better, before a new administration comes in and scraps or rewrites the contract.

How does the government utilize the VAT that we all pay on everything from water to medicine and food, plus the income and corporate taxes, fuel excise taxes, tariffs and a wide range of fees?

Surely the country has more urgent needs than brand-new five-star accommodations for 25 senators, or billions in additional maintenance and operating expenses for senators and congressmen.

Where do our taxes go? Partly to the upkeep of public officials’ armies of gofers and bodyguards, and partly to the election campaigns of politicians, including those posters stuck on electric poles and hanging from utility cables.

The way an election campaign is waged reflects the type of service we can expect from a candidate in case of victory. Abusive campaigners become abusive government officials.

It is said that we get the government we deserve.

Maybe we deserve the mess the country is in, for all the wrong choices that we keep making. But do your children, and your children’s children, deserve it?

Sketches

Ana Marie Pamintuan



PSA-RSSO VI records 3.6 inflation in WV for January 2025

By MARY JOY CAVANAS

The Philippine Statistics Authority-Regional Statistical Services Office (PSA-RSSO) VI headed by its OIC and Chief Statistical Specialist Ms. Nelida Amolar, reported an inflation rate of Western Visayas reaching 3.6 for the month of January 2025, which is higher than the 2.0 inflation rate of January 2024.

Major contributors that led to the high inflation rate for the said month include Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages with 3.4 percent inflation rate; Transportation with 2.2 percent, and Restaurants and Accommodation Services with 6.0 percent inflation rate.

In addition, other commodity groups also contributed in the increase of inflation including Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco at 4.1 %; Furnishings, Household Equipment, and Routine Household Maintenance at 4.3 %; Recreation, Sport, and Culture at 3.1 %; and Personal Care and Miscellaneous Goods and Services at 2.9 percent inflation rate.

Lower inflation rates were also recorded for January 2025 which include Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels at 3.6 percent inflation rate and Information and Communication at 0.6 percent.

In addition, some commodity groups have inflation rates that are similar or constant on December 2024 and January 2025 include Clothing and Footwear with inflation rate of 4.4 percent; Health with 2.4 percent; and Education Services at 8.1 percent inflation rate.

PSA-RSSO VI has also recorded the inflation rates of provinces and highly urbanized cities (HUCs) in the region in January including Aklan at 2.3; Antique at 2.3; Guimaras at 2.7; Negros Occidental at 2.7; Bacolod City at 3.3; Capiz at 2.5; Iloilo province with 5.4; and Iloilo City with 5.1 inflation rate.

Moreover, the inflation rate for the bottom 30% income households in the region for January has reached 3.4 which is higher compared to January 2024 with 2.6 inflation rate.

The top contributors in the downtrend of January 2025 inflation for bottom 30% income households include Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels with 5.1 percent inflation followed by Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages with 3.2 percent inflation rate.

Meanwhile, the Province of Iloilo holds the highest inflation in Western Visayas while Aklan and Antique had the same lowest inflation rates in the said region for January 2025.

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He added that the organization already started to coordinate with various concerned agencies, including the Philippine Coast Guard, to ensure the smooth and safe conduct of the festival.

This year's celebration, which will culminate on March 2, is anchored to the theme "Sailing Blue Waters on this Green Earth," as the festival aims to promote environmental sustainability while celebrating the region's rich maritime history.

Dr. Roberto Samosa, chairman of the Paraw Sailing Event, on the other hand, said the festival will highlight the Paraw Main Race that will start from the shoreline of Arevalo district and cover over a 30-kilometer stretch going to Guimaras and back to Arevalo.

Samosa said that the total number of participants for the major sailing events, which will come from Boracay Island and nearby coastal towns in Iloilo, has yet to be confirmed.

He also encouraged the Paraw operators to teach young people how to sail the Paraws (outrigger boats) for the festival to further thrive and the tradition to continue despite the challenges of modernization.

To boost the call, this year's festival will introduce the Juniors Slalom Competition that is open to participants aged 12 to 16. All interested participants must secure parental consent and a medical certificate to compete.

Samosa, however, explained that if the number of participants is below the required minimum of five, the competition may be converted into a demo presentation, which he still believed to be an opportunity for young people to discover and learn the tradition of sailing the paraws.

The Iloilo Festivals Foundation Inc. (IFFI) also approved the purchase of three paraws to boost the city's tourism and preserve the legacy of the festival that is considered Asia's largest and oldest sailing event.

Meanwhile, other exciting events for this year's Paraw Regatta Festival include the Sinamba sa Regatta, Paraw Lechon Contest, Pinta Layag, Pinta Tawo, Slalom Race, and food festival, among others.

There will be 10 to 12 entries for the Lechon contest with the dishes to be offered free to the public after the judging, while there are already six confirmed groups that will participate in the Sinamba sa Regatta. (AAL/JNH/PIA Iloilo)

48 hired on the spot in Iloilo job fair

ILOILO CITY (PIA) — Some 48 applicants were hired on the spot (HOTS), directly benefiting from the 1,768 job vacancies offered by 21 companies in the Nationwide Job Fair held at the SM City Iloilo.

Through the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) 6, in collaboration with the Public Employment Service Office- Iloilo City and other government agencies, several activities were conducted, on top of the job fair's primary goal of providing employment opportunities.

Held alongside the activity is the releasing of livelihood assistance under the DOLE Integrated Livelihood Program (DILP), DOLE Adjustments Measure Program (AMP), and contract signing with the Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating

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Red Cross collects 34 drums of blood in Capiz

ROXAS CITY, Capiz (PIA) — The provincewide voluntary blood donation campaign in 2024 has collected 15,926 blood units based on records from the Philippine Red Cross – Capiz chapter.

The figure translates into 34 drums of blood with each blood unit equivalent to 450 cubic centimeters.

PRC Capiz chapter administrator Raymundo Martinez said that the blood collection represents nearly two percent of the province's 804,952 total population based on the Philippine Statistics Authority's 2020 Census of Population and Housing.

"Our sources of our blood donors are mostly coming from local government units, Red Cross Youth, professional groups and hospitals," he noted during the recently concluded 7th Chapter

Assembly and Election in Roxas City.

Based on data, all the 17 local government units in Capiz have reached their blood donation target last year.

The chapter has dispensed 14,865 from the total blood units collected to accommodate the blood needs of patients in the province and through augmentation to the PRC's blood centers in various parts of the country.

Specifically, the chapter has shipped blood units to National Blood Center in Mandaluyong, Western Visayas Regional Blood Center, Eastern Visayas Regional Blood Center, Mindanao Regional Blood Center and to the provinces of Aklan, Antique, Guimaras, Cagayan, Catanduanes, Palawan, Rizal, Masbate, Bohol and Sorsogon, among others.

Martinez also emphasized that some LGUs in the province have passed local legislations which boosted the voluntary blood donation campaign in 2024.

These include the Provincial Ordinance No. 377 which grants any official or employee of the Capiz provincial government a one day leave of absence with pay for donating blood and local legislations establishing voluntary blood service program in Roxas City and in the municipalities of Maayon and Pontevedra.

PRC chapter has sustained the upward trend of the campaign from about 10,301 blood units collected in 2021 to 11,006 blood units in 2022.

The year-long blood campaign in 2023 has also collected 13,502 blood bags. (AGP/AAL/PIA Capiz)





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The Year II findings of the Second Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM II) are both grim and urgent.

EDCOM II is a national commission tasked to undertake a comprehensive national assessment and evaluation of the Philippine education sector. It was created by virtue of Republic Act 11899, which became law in July 2022.

The second report, aptly called *Fixing the Foundations: A Matter of National Survival*, underscores the roots of the educational challenges that the country is facing.

It's not a mere tagline but a call to action, the commission says. It is a call to "to realign priorities toward the foundational stages of learning: on early childhood education and nutrition, and on primary education during which critical competencies are built. Second, to strengthen the foundations of our education system, foremost, ensuring the adequacy of classrooms so that students can properly learn, prioritizing that all schools have principals and non-teaching personnel, and empowering them with the resources and support to effect change," according to the report.

The report, released in January, builds on the findings of the first report – *The Failed System of Philippine Education* — that exposed the deep fractures in the education system, from underinvestment to

disjointed governance to inequitable access, all of which have hounded the country for decades,

"It was an act of truth-telling, where data illuminated systemic failures, from the stunted growth of early learners to foundational deficits in literacy and numeracy that cascade across lifetimes. These revelations demanded the acknowledgment of a crisis and the clarity of purpose required to confront such a crisis," the commission said of its first report.

The second installment breaks down the factors that have made learning difficult at various stages, from early childhood care and development, basic education, and higher education.

Specifically, the problems identified in the first stage of ECCD have remained unaddressed, setting into motion a chain of problems that have their roots at the beginning of children's lives. Problems in nutrition and health are compounded by a mix of logical issues in classrooms and textbook delivery, for instance, to lower actual competency levels, the effect of loss of class days, bullying, and so on until the alarming attrition rates in higher education.

Education's shaky ground

Editorial

This campaign period, let us look past candidates' usual grand declarations of making education accessible to all. This is a facile statement with which nobody will disagree, and is, unfortunately, a magnet for faux-champions who do not really attempt to know the issue. They barely graze the surface when they talk about education and resort to oversimplifications that deny the nuances and the deep roots of the problem.

The next time we hear candidates present themselves as education advocates, we should not simply accept and applaud. Follow this up with pressing questions on how well they know the situation and what measures they are willing to propose or implement to concretely address the problem.

Let us reject the thinking that education is valuable because it reaches millions of teachers, students, and parents who are voters. The state of education determines the state of our nation, today and in the future. It demands more than sweeping generalizations or band-aid solutions. For education to launch us to where we need to be, the shaky foundations first need to be made firm and sturdy. (*manilastandard.net*)

The private sector and animal welfare

Animal welfare here in the Philippines is gaining momentum with the bill pushing for stronger penalties for animal cruelty progressing in the Senate — a step closer to a more inclusive and humane society.

The bill, which seeks to amend the 1998 Animal Welfare Act to introduce stricter standards and tougher penalties for violators, came following the reported rise in animal abuse cases in recent years — some of which have even become viral on social media.

But while stronger legislation is a welcome development in the push for better treatment of animals, it alone cannot guarantee their well-being. Animal welfare after all is a multi-sectoral issue that requires the collective effort of various stakeholders — government, the private sector, and the community — to actually turn policies into consistent practice.

The importance of this issue cannot be sidelined with majority of Filipino households at 64 percent owning pets, and with around 13 million stray cats and dogs in the country based on a 2024 report of the Mars Petcare Pet Homelessness Project.

This figure is alarming and highlights the need for more proactive involvement of the private sector and the community in developing and implementing more strategic and comprehensive animal welfare programs. Beyond improving the living conditions of these strays, animal welfare programs also protect the health and safety of Filipinos from the threat of rabies.

Admittedly, huge strides have been made in raising awareness for better treatment of animals in recent

years, but the fact remains that much more can still be done especially on the part of the private sector and the community.

This realization dawned upon me following the recent recognition of Meralco by the Philippine Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) for the distribution utility's contributions to promoting animal welfare.

Meralco's animal welfare program "Catropa", which I personally champion, was recognized for working towards creating a safe space for community animals specifically stray cats. This is being achieved through the Spay It Forward campaign that involves the implementation of Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate, Return (TNVR) activities to control the stray population.

Spearheaded by Meralco's Advocacy Communication Management Head Michelle Caguioa, this program does not only promote animal welfare by helping address the threat of rabies but also promotes the overall well-being of various communities.

Since its launch, Catropa has become a model on how companies can integrate animal welfare in their respective corporate social responsibility (CSR) programs — an initiative that can be mirrored within the private sector.

The good news is companies can leverage their respective expertise to promote animal welfare. Property developers for example can consider pets in designing real estate developments to ensure that these are community animal-friendly, while cosmetic companies can do away with animal testing of their products. Food and beverage companies, meanwhile, can promote sustainable sourcing

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of animal-based products while pharmaceutical firms can commit to cruelty-free testing or develop products that avoid animal exploitation.

Companies can also pursue collaborations with animal welfare groups and local shelters to promote adoption drives to garner community support and raise awareness. I, for one, have adopted two stray cats — pets that I now consider part of my family.

In summary, the private sector can drive meaningful change in animal welfare advocacy.

If more companies integrate animal welfare initiatives in their CSR portfolios, we can foster an environment of systemic support and collaboration to find sustainable solutions to recurring problems and persisting challenges.

I have said before that our treatment of animals mirrors our soul as a nation. It is high time that we realize that investing in animal welfare is not only a charitable act but rather a demonstration of commitment toward creating a more compassionate, healthy, and sustainable society.

On a side note, I would like to thank two animal welfare champions, Rina Ortiz of Biyaya Animal Care and lawyer Anna Cabrera of PAWS. Both epitomize what animal care and welfare is all about. May the universe continue to shower them with blessings and gratitude.

Fake PWD IDs

A few days ago, police authorities apprehended six manufacturers of fake identification cards for persons with disabilities (PWDs) in separate raids. The police operations were conducted after the authorities received reports of fake PWD IDs being used to exploit businesses and illegally getting the 20 percent discount on products and services.

A few months ago, the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) launched a crackdown on the sale and use of fake PWD IDs. The BIR has called the production and use of fake PWD IDs a form of tax evasion that had cost the government billions of pesos in revenues. The Department of Social Welfare and Development joined the government's campaign against fake PWD IDs by announcing that it will create a unified ID system that can be used by

business establishments for real time updating and verification of the said PWD IDs. The Department of Social Welfare and Development has also urged the public to report incidents involving the sale of fake PWD IDs to the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA).

All of these government initiatives are because of the proliferation of fake PWD IDs. One unfortunate side effect of these actions is that legitimate PWDs whose disability is not apparent are now subjected to scrutiny whenever they use their IDs.

As a parent of a child with a disability, I am saddened and angered by the fact several people are using fake disabilities to commit a crime. Several contrarians argue that people are now so desperate to save money that they are compelled to use schemes such as using fake PWD IDs. This is hogwash.

OBLIQUE OBSERVATIONS

By Atty. Gilberto Lauengco, J.D.

First, financial difficulty cannot excuse any crime. Second, there have been many instances where well to do individuals were caught using fake PWD IDs. People with real disabilities have no choice. Everyone else has a choice. Posing as an individual with disability to illegally get discounts is not only illegal but also immoral. Personally, I believe that the penalties for producing, using and facilitating the use of such IDs should be made heavier.

Perhaps, it is time for more sectors of our society to join the fight against the production and use of these fake PWD IDs.

This is my oblique observation.

Strengthening education: Gov't reforms in light of EDCOM II findings

The EDCOM II Year Two Report, titled "Fixing the Foundations," sheds light on the challenges in Philippine education but also presents an opportunity to recognize and strengthen ongoing government initiatives aimed at improving the system. The EDCOM II is the Second Congressional Commission on Education, a national commission tasked with undertaking a comprehensive national assessment and evaluation of the performance of the Philippine education sector. Several senators and members of the House of Representatives compose EDCOM II.

The report reveals that only 25 percent of Filipino children receive the recommended energy intake in their first 1,000 days, leading to stunting in one out of four children under five years old. According to UNICEF, stunting is impaired growth and development caused by poor nutrition. The World Health Organization (WHO) states that inadequate nutrition often results in delayed mental development, poor school performance, and reduced intellectual capacity. Recognizing the gravity of this issue, the government has been proactive in addressing child malnutrition through the Department of Education's (DepEd) School-Based Feeding Program (SBFP). This initiative provides nutritious meals to undernourished students to combat malnutrition and enhance learning capacity. According to DepEd, the SBFP has benefited millions of children, significantly improving their attendance and classroom performance.

In response to concerns about early-grade literacy and numeracy, the government has intensified its efforts to address learning gaps. The National Learning Recovery Program (NLRP) was introduced to help students catch up on lost learning opportunities caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. The program includes targeted interventions such as Catch-Up Fridays, enhanced remedial instruction, and increased support

for teachers. The integration of digital learning platforms also makes education more accessible, especially in remote areas.

Higher education has also seen significant government support. The Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act (RA 10931) ensures free tuition in state universities and colleges (SUCs) and local universities and colleges (LUCs), making higher education more accessible to financially disadvantaged students. Additionally, the Tertiary Education Subsidy (TES) program provides financial aid to underprivileged students to cover expenses such as books, transportation, and boarding costs. While challenges persist in the implementation of these programs, they continue to play a crucial role in expanding access to higher education.

To address the shortage of educational resources, the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) has allocated substantial funds for the production and delivery of textbooks, the construction of new classrooms, and the hiring of additional teachers. Efforts are also underway to integrate technology into education, with the rollout of smart classrooms and digital learning materials to enhance teaching and learning experiences.

The Alternative Learning System (ALS), a flexible education program designed to reach out-of-school youth and adults, has also been a priority. Recognizing its importance, the government institutionalized ALS through Republic Act 11510, strengthening its implementation nationwide. ALS offers a second chance for learners to complete their basic education, equipping them with skills necessary for employment and further studies.

Collaboration with local government units (LGUs) and civil society organizations (CSOs) remains a key strategy in improving education

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outcomes. The strong partnership between DepEd and LGUs has led to the construction of more learning facilities, provision of school supplies, and implementation of community-based literacy programs. One notable success story is the implementation of ALS in marginalized communities. In Oriental Mindoro, the Paaralang Bayan Alumni Association—Mindoro (PBAA-M) played a pivotal role in delivering ALS to indigenous peoples and disadvantaged youth. From 2005 to 2022, PBAA-M facilitated ALS sessions, successfully helping thousands of learners gain basic literacy and life skills. Their approach—combining community engagement with education—demonstrates the power of grassroots participation in national programs.

Although recent policy changes have limited the direct involvement of CSOs in ALS, their contributions remain invaluable. The government continues to explore ways to harness community support while ensuring that ALS is delivered by trained educators. Strengthening teacher training programs and expanding scholarship opportunities for aspiring educators are among the steps being taken to enhance the quality of ALS instruction.

While the EDCOM II report underscores persistent challenges in Philippine education, it also highlights areas where reforms are making a difference. The Marcos administration remains committed to uplifting the education sector through strategic reforms and increased investment. By building on these successes and continuously improving implementation strategies, the country can work towards a brighter future for its learners.

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Spl. Civil Action No. 24-35580

For:

Expropriation with Urgent Prayer for Issuance of Writ of Possession

National Grid Corporation of the Philippines,
 Plaintiff,

-versus-

Rosa J. Yenko, Rosemarie J. Yenko, Victorino Yenko, Jr., Sps. Esther J. Yenko and Romulo Manlapig, Delfin J. Yenko; and

All Other Persons who may have any Claim or Interest over Lot No. 3799-B, located in Brgy. Incore, La Paz, Iloilo City,

Defendants.

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ORDER

The Explanation/Manifestation filed by the plaintiff is noted.

Acting on the Ex-Parte Motion filed by the plaintiff, in view of the Affidavit of Gayle U. Sobusa, stating that despite diligent and exhaustive efforts of his team they could not ascertain the exact whereabouts of the registered and declared owners of Lot No. 3799-B located in Brgy. Incore, Lapaz, Iloilo City, and finding the reasons stated therein to be well-taken, the relief prayed for is **GRANTED**.

Plaintiff is granted leave to serve summons for: (a) Rosa J. Yenko; (b) Victorino Yenko, Jr.; (c) Rosemarie J. Yenko; (d) Esther J. Yenko; (e) Romulo Manlapig; (f) Delfin J. Yenko; and (g) all other persons who may have a claim or interest over Lot No. 3799-B located in Brgy. Incore, Lapaz, Iloilo City, together with a copy of the Complaint, Notice to Take Possession, and this Order, by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines, and to submit proof of compliance thereof **within thirty (30) days from publication**.

Pursuant to Sec. 22, Rule 14 of the Rules of Court, the plaintiff is further directed that copies of the summons and the Complaint, as well as this Order, be sent by registered mail to the last known address of the above-mentioned defendants, and to submit proof of compliance thereof.

Further, it would appear that in the motion for the publication of summons, the name Victorino Yenko, Jr. appeared, however, a careful review of the complaint shows that this person is not among the defendants in this case. The plaintiff is reminded to review its motion, to ensure the accuracy of its pleadings, before filing in Court.

SO ORDERED.

Iloilo City, Philippines January 6, 2025.

(SGD.) HON. NESTLE A. GO
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SUMMONS

TO:

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and All Other Persons who may have any Claim or Interest over Lot No. 3799- B, Located in Brgy. Incore, Lapaz, Iloilo City.

GREETINGS:

You are hereby required, within sixty (60) days after publication, exclusive of the day of service, to file with this Court, and serve on the plaintiff's your **ANSWER** to the Complaint and its annexes, copy of which is hereto attached. You are reminded of the provision in the IBP-OCA Memorandum on Policy Guidelines dated March 12, 2002, to **observe restraint in filing a motion to dismiss and instead alleged grounds thereof as defenses in the Answer**. If you fail to answer within the time fixed, the plaintiff will take judgment by default against you and this Court may grant the relief applied for in the complaint.

WITNESS MY HAND under the seal of this Court, this 9th day of January, 2025.

(SGD.) ATTY. ZAREMELLE D. ADAME-GUMBAN
 Clerk of Court V

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NATIONAL GRID CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES,

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ALL OTHER PERSONS WHO MAY HAVE ANY CLAIM OR INTEREST OVER LOT NO. 3799-B, LOCATED IN BRGY. INCORE, LAPAZ, ILOILO CITY,

Defendants.

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COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP), by counsel, respectfully states:

1. NGCP is a private corporation created and existing under Philippine laws, with principal office address at NGCP Building, Quezon Avenue corner BIR Road, Diliman, Quezon City. It may be served with notices and other court processes through its Right-of-Way Department – Visayas Division, Banilad Power Complex, Nasipit, Talamban, Cebu City, and copy furnished the afore-mentioned principal office.

2. Pursuant to Republic Act (R.A.) No. 9511, NGCP was granted a franchise to operate, manage and maintain, and in connection therewith, to engage in the business of conveying or transmitting electricity through a high-voltage back-bone system of interconnected transmission lines, substations and related facilities, systems operations, and other activities that are necessary to support the safe and reliable operation of a transmission system and to construct, install, finance, manage, improve, expand, operate, maintain, rehabilitate, repair and refurbish the present nationwide transmission system of the Republic of the Philippines.

3. Under Section 4 of the same law, NGCP was granted the power of eminent domain, subject to the requirements of the Constitution and existing laws, viz:

“SEC. 4. *Right of Eminent Domain.* — Subject to the limitations and procedures prescribed by law, the Grantee is authorized to exercise the right of eminent domain insofar as it may be reasonably necessary for the construction, expansion, and efficient maintenance and operation of the transmission system and grid and the efficient operation and maintenance of the subtransmission systems which have not yet been disposed by TRANSCO. The Grantee may acquire such private property as is actually necessary for the realization of the purposes for which this franchise is granted: *Provided,* That the applicable law on eminent domain shall be observed, particularly, the prerequisites of taking of possession and the determination and payment of just compensation.”

4. NGCP's basic critical mandate is to transmit high voltage electricity generated by the generating plants of power producers to the various distribution companies and electric cooperatives across the country. This crucial mandate plays a vital role in ensuring the steady and reliable delivery of electricity to the public. Given the indispensable nature of its operations, NGCP's mandate is imbued with public interest.

5. NGCP cannot ascertain the exact whereabouts of **Rosa J. Yenko, Rosemarie J. Yenko, Victorino Yenko, Jr., Spouses Esther J. Yenko and Romulo Manlapig, and Delfin J. Yenko**, despite diligent and exhaustive efforts.

6. NGCP likewise cannot ascertain the existence, identities, and whereabouts of all other persons who may have any rightful claim or interest over the property subject of this Complaint, despite diligent and exhaustive efforts.

7. The above-mentioned unknown claimants and interest-holders are impleaded herein pursuant to Section 1,¹ Rule 67 of the Rules of Court and Section 14,² Rule 3 of the Revised Rules of Civil Procedure, because NGCP cannot determine with certainty the identities of all persons who have the exclusive ownership of the property herein sought to be expropriated, despite diligent and exhaustive efforts. NGCP undertakes to cause, by way of motion for leave of court, the service of summons to them, as well as to the named defendants above whose whereabouts are unknown, by publication pursuant to Section 16,³ Rule 14 of the Revised Rules of Civil Procedure.

¹ Section 1. *The complaint.* — The right of eminent domain shall be exercised by the filing of a verified complaint which shall state with certainty the right and purpose of expropriation, describe the real or personal property sought to be expropriated, and **join as defendants all persons owning or claiming to own, or occupying, any part thereof or interest therein**, showing, so far as practicable, the separate interest of each defendant. If the title to any property sought to be expropriated appears to be in the Republic of the Philippines, although occupied by private individuals, or if the title is otherwise obscure or doubtful so that the plaintiff cannot with accuracy or certainty specify who are the real owners, averment to that effect shall be made in the complaint.

8. In order to meet the increasing demand for electricity in the cities, municipalities and provinces in the Islands of Panay and Guimaras and to support the continuing growth and development in the area, there is a need for NGCP to construct a new transmission system that will suit the present and future power requirements therein. Without this new transmission system, the power requirements in the aforementioned region will not be supplied, leading to power outages

9. Owing to this necessity, NGCP must immediately construct the transmission line, substations and other facilities that will transmit uninterrupted power to the distributors of electricity in the aforesaid area. This undertaking is for the use and benefit of the public and is known as the Panay-Guimaras 138kV Interconnection Project (the Project).

10. The Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) approved the Application filed by NGCP for the approval of the Panay-Guimaras 138kV Interconnection Project, docketed as ERC Case No. 2017-110RC in a

Notice of Resolution,⁴ promulgated on 6 February 2024, a pertinent portion of which provides:

“Notice is hereby given that the Commission, after due deliberation and evaluation, in a Regular Commission Meeting held on 17 April 2024, **RESOLVED** the following matters:

“1. NGCP's proposed Panay-Guimaras 138kV Interconnection Project in the instant *Application* amounting to Two Billion Three Hundred Twenty Million Six Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Five Pesos and Seventy-Six Centavos (Php2,320,645,725.76) is hereby **APPROVED**, subject to optimization based on its actual use and verified expenses incurred during the reset process for the subsequent regulatory period, following the procedures stated in the Rules in Setting the Transmission Wheeling Rates (RTWR), as amended, and other relevant issuances of the Commission. The project cost indicated herein is solely for the purpose of determining the permit fee;

² Section 14. *Unknown identity or name of defendant.* — Whenever the identity or name of a defendant is unknown, he may be sued as the unknown owner, heir, devisee, or by such other designation as the case may require; when his identity or true name is discovered, the pleading must be amended accordingly.

³ Section 16. *Service upon defendant whose identity or whereabouts are unknown.* — In any action where the defendant is designated as an unknown owner, or the like, or whenever his or her whereabouts are unknown and cannot be ascertained by diligent inquiry, within ninety (90) calendar days from the commencement of the action, service may, by leave of court, be effected upon him or her by publication in a newspaper of general circulation and in such places and for such time as the court may order.

⁴ **ANNEX “A”** – ERC Notice of Resolution.

“x x x”

11. Given the foregoing, there is genuine necessity and urgency to immediately construct and implement the Project which is intended to accommodate the entry of the 40 MW Sibunag Wind Power Plant which will result in increased power supply and transmission towards Panay and reliability and flexibility of the grid in the area. Hence, the immediate completion and energization of the said project are critically important.

12. The Project's route commences at NGCP's existing Iloilo Substation in Brgy. Incore, La Paz, Iloilo City, and stretches via overhead transmission line towards the Incore Cable Terminal Station in the same barangay. It then proceeds via submarine cables towards the Sawang Cable Terminal Station in Brgy. Sawang, Buenavista, Guimaras, and continues via overhead transmission line towards the projected Zaldivar Substation in Brgy. Zaldivar, Buenavista, Guimaras, where it terminates.

13. The determination of the areas to be affected by the construction of the Project, which includes the property subject of this Complaint, was the result of an in-depth study by the engineering group of the NGCP. It included the survey and re-survey of the areas to be affected and spot mapping thereof to determine the terrain, suitability of the soil, tower deflections, and other technical and social factors. The choice of the areas to be affected as well as of the path of the transmission lines is neither arbitrary nor whimsical. Varying factors are always considered, such as, but not limited to the integrity of the line and the grid, the cost, and the ease of maintenance of the transmission lines.

14. The route of the Project was established by NGCP in good faith, taking into account all the mentioned paramount technical considerations, to cause the least possible damage to the affected localities, avoiding as far as practicable urbanized, commercial and public areas, thereby making it the least burdensome to the general public and all the landowners in the area, taken as a whole. The selection of the route and the taking of the properties affected by it, including the property subject of this Complaint, are in accordance with the ruling of the Supreme Court in the case of **Sumulong vs. Guerrero, G.R. No. 48685, September 30, 1987**, wherein it was held:

“x x x Absent a clear showing of fraud, bad faith, or gross abuse of discretion, which petitioners herein failed to demonstrate, the Court will give due weight to and leave undisturbed the [expropriator]'s choice and the size of the site for the project. The property owner may not interpose objections merely because in their judgment some other property would have been more suitable, or just as suitable, for the purpose. The right to the use, enjoyment and disposal of private property is tempered by and has to yield to the demands of the common good. x x x.” (Bracketing and replacement supplied.)

15. To fully implement and complete the project, NGCP needs to immediately take, by voluntary acquisition or expropriation, properties, or portions thereof, that are affected or traversed by the Project. It is genuinely necessary to take the properties traversed by the transmission line project because the transmission line would physically occupy the affected properties, through its construction and through its operation and maintenance after it is energized. The high voltage of electricity that would be transmitted by the transmission line requires that its transmission/power line corridor be cleared of occupants and of both natural and man-made obstacles for its proper operation and maintenance, and for the safety of people, properties and the transmission line itself. This public use of the affected properties necessitates their taking.

16. The genuine necessity and public use for which the taking of properties for the transmission line project of NGCP are in accordance with the rulings of the Supreme Court, particularly in the cases of **The Manila Railroad Company vs. Mitchell, G.R. No. 19280, March 16, 1923 (En Banc)**,⁵ and **MORE Electric and Power Corporation vs. Panay Electric Company, Inc., G.R. No. 248061, September 15, 2020 (En Banc)**,⁶ and **National Power Corporation vs. Benjamin Ong Co, G.R. No. 166973, February 10, 2009**.⁷

17. In the exercise of its right of eminent domain, NGCP intends to expropriate a portion of a parcel of land denominated as **Lot No. 3799-B**, a private property located in Brgy. Incore, La Paz, Iloilo City. As indicated in the pertinent portion of the Index Map,⁸ the said portion of Lot No. 3799-B is within the route and site of the project.

⁵ “When the law says that private property may be taken for public use only when it is necessary for such use, it means a reasonable, not an absolute necessity. x x x”

⁶ “x x x Without a doubt, the provision of uninterrupted supply of electricity is a public purpose which is distinct from the general purpose of electricity distribution. Such distinct purpose is both public and genuine.”

⁷ “x x x there is no doubt that the installation of transmission lines is important to the continued growth of the country. Electricity moves our economy; it is a national concern.”

18. **Lot No. 3799-B** is registered under **Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) No. T-113385**⁹ in the names of Rosa J. Yenko, Rosemarie J. Yenko, Victorino Yenko, Jr., Esther J. Yenko, married to Romulo Manlapig, and

Delfin Yenko. It is declared for taxation purposes under **Tax Declaration (TD) No. 15-04-011-00147**¹⁰ in the name of Rosa J. Yenko, married to Victorino Yenko. The affected area sought to be expropriated consists of **1,953 square meters**, more or less, as shown in the Sketch Plan¹¹ and Narrative Technical Description,¹² and is more particularly described below, to wit:

Lot No.	3799-B
TCT No.	T-113385
Registered Owner	Rosa J. Yenko, Rosemarie J. Yenko, Victorino Yenko, Jr., Esther J. Yenko, married to Romulo Manlapig, and Delfin Yenko
TD No.	15-04-011-00147
Declared Owner	Rosa J. Yenko, married to Victorino Yenko
Total Area	3,510 sq.m.
Affected Area	1,953 sq.m.
Classification	Residential
BIR Zonal Value of Affected Area (Php5,000.00/sq.m.) ¹³	Php9,765,000.00
Total Amount of Compensation	Php9,765,000.00

19. To enable NGCP to construct and maintain the Panay-Guimaras 138kV Interconnection Project, it is both genuinely necessary and urgent to acquire, upon payment of just compensation, the above-described portion of Lot No. 3799-B, to ensure stability and reliability of power supply in the cities, municipalities and provinces in the Islands of Panay and Guimaras, as well as other parts of the country.

8 ANNEX "B" – Portion of Index Map of the project as traversing Lot No. 3799-B.
 9 ANNEX "C" – Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-113385.
 10 ANNEX "D" – Tax Declaration No. 15-04-011-00147.
 11 ANNEX "E" – Sketch Plan for Lot No. 3799-B.
 12 ANNEX "F" – Narrative Technical Description for Lot No. 3799-B.
 13 ANNEX "G" – BIR Certification.

20. NGCP's personnel endeavored to locate the defendants in order to negotiate with them for the acquisition of the above-described portion of Lot No. 3799-B for the implementation of the project. On October 13, 2021, NGCP's personnel went to the site of the affected area of the subject property and made inquiries with neighboring landowners and barangay officials regarding the identities of its owners. They further posted a tarpaulin on the site, stating NGCP's intent to take the affected portion of the property for its project and inviting any person with interest over the property to contact them. However, none of the defendants could be located despite diligent and exhaustive efforts. Hence, no negotiations could be conducted. Considering the urgency involved in the construction of the project, NGCP has no other recourse but to file the instant case.

21. NGCP is willing and able to pay the just compensation for the above-described portion of Lot No. 3799-B, subject to deductions for capital gains and documentary stamp taxes for the transfer of the property in the name of NGCP, any other applicable estate taxes, all other outstanding taxes under the National Internal Revenue Code (NIRC), and other outstanding realty taxes and dues under the Local Government Code, which NGCP shall directly pay to the Government.

22. Recognizing further the urgency of the resolution of expropriation cases involving transmission lines, in OCA Circular No. 127-2021 dated 13 October 2021, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court enjoined judges to give primacy to cases that involve, among others, government expropriation, and infrastructure projects (including energy transmission projects), commercial - and economic-impact cases.

23. Moreover, an expropriation proceeding being an action *quasi in rem*,¹⁴ jurisdiction over the defendants is not required. It is only required that there is jurisdiction over the *res*. Concomitantly, prior service of summons upon the defendants is not required for the issuance of the Writ of Possession.

24. In **NM Rothschild & Sons (Australia) Ltd. vs. Lepanto Consolidated Mining Company**,¹⁵ the Supreme Court held that:

¹⁴ Ramos vs. Philippine Tourism Authority, G.R. Nos. 52449-50, 09 June 1980, cited in paragraph 1, page 4 of OCA Circular No. 113-2019.
¹⁵ G.R. No. 175799, November 28, 2011

"[W]hen the case instituted is an action *in rem* or *quasi in rem*, Philippine courts already have jurisdiction to hear and decide the case because, in actions *in rem* and *quasi in rem*, jurisdiction over the person of the defendant is not a prerequisite to confer jurisdiction on the court, provided that the court acquires jurisdiction over the *res*."

25. Again, in **Macasaet vs. Co, Jr.**,¹⁶ the Supreme Court held:

"Jurisdiction over the person, or jurisdiction *in personam*—the power of the court to render a personal judgment or to subject the parties in a particular action to the judgment and other rulings rendered in the action—is an element of due process that is essential in all actions, civil as well as criminal, except in actions *in rem* or *quasi in rem*. Jurisdiction over the defendant in an action *in rem* or *quasi in rem* is not required, and the court acquires jurisdiction over an action as long as it acquires jurisdiction over the *res* that is the subject matter of the action. The purpose of summons in such action is not the acquisition of jurisdiction over the defendant but mainly to satisfy the constitutional requirement of due process."

ALLEGATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE ISSUANCE OF A WRIT OF POSSESSION

26. Section 13 of R.A. 11361¹⁷ provides that Rule 67 of the Rules of Court governs NGCP's expropriation cases. Under Section 2 of Rule 67 of the Rules of Court, NGCP may already enter and possess the subject property during the pendency of the expropriation case,¹⁸ thus:

"SEC. 2. Entry of plaintiff upon depositing value with authorized government depositary. — Upon the filing of the complaint or at any

time thereafter and after due notice to the defendant, the plaintiff shall have the right to take or enter upon the possession of the real property involved if he deposits with the authorized government depositary an amount equivalent to the assessed value of the property for purposes of taxation to be held by such bank subject to the orders of the court. Such deposit shall be in money, unless in lieu thereof the court authorizes the deposit of a certificate of deposit of a government bank of the Republic of the Philippines payable on demand to the authorized government depositary."

27. Pursuant to the above Rule, NGCP shall cause to be served, among other means, together with the summons and the instant Complaint, a Notice to Take Possession¹⁹ upon the defendants.

¹⁶ G. R. No. 156759, June 5, 2013
¹⁷ Section 13, R.A. 11361 provides that "Subject to the limitations and procedures prescribed by the law, the power to exercise the right of eminent domain granted to any person with a franchise to operate, manage, or maintain the electric power lines shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of the Rules of Court."
¹⁸ National Power Corporation vs. Posada, et. al., G.R. No. 191945, March 11, 2015.

28. In the interest of immediate project implementation within established timelines, NGCP shall deposit with the Clerk of Court of this Honorable Court, in favor of the defendants, **100% of the BIR zonal value** of the portion of the subject property sought to be expropriated, in the total amount of **Nine Million Seven Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Pesos (Php9,765,000.00)**, thereby placing it in *custodia legis*, pursuant to OCA Circular No. 113-2019.

29. Upon deposit of the provisional amount, which is higher than the assessed value of the affected portion of the subject property, NGCP will have fully complied with the requirements for the issuance of a writ of possession as mandated by law.

30. In a long line of cases²⁰ and in accordance with OCA Circular No. 113-2019, once the above requirements are complied with, it becomes the ministerial duty of the trial court to issue the writ of possession in favor of the NGCP, without need of any further hearing. Therefore, this Honorable Court can already immediately issue to the NGCP an order to take possession of the subject property and start the implementation of the Project.

31. In the case of **Municipality of Cordova v. Pathfinder Development Corporation**,²¹ the Supreme Court emphasizes the mandatory issuance of the writ of possession upon the receipt of the required deposit. "*No hearing is actually required for the issuance of a writ of possession, which demands only two (2) requirements: (a) the sufficiency in form and substance of the complaint; and, (b) the required provisional deposit x x x. Upon compliance with these requirements, the petitioner in an expropriation case is entitled to a writ of possession as a matter of right and the issuance of the writ becomes ministerial.*"

32. Corollary to the successful and complete implementation of the Writ of Possession, and for the orderly and peaceful entry of the NGCP into the subject property for project implementation, the assistance of the Philippine National Police (PNP) and temporary access through the subject property to the area being expropriated are necessary. In view of the requirement under Section 28.2, Rule 28²² of the Revised Philippine National Police Operational Procedures, the Order for issuance of a writ of possession needs to specifically direct the PNP to render assistance in order for the PNP to have basis to act. As such, NGCP prays that this Honorable Court also direct the PNP Officers to assist in the implementation of the Writ of Possession that will be issued.

¹⁹ ANNEX "H" – Notice to Take Possession.
²⁰ Robern Development Corporation vs. Quiatain, G.R. No. 135042, September 23, 1999; SMI Development Corporation vs. Republic of the Philippines, G.R. No. 137537, January 28, 2000; Biglang-awa vs. Bacalla, G.R. Nos. 139927 and 139938, November 22, 2000; City of Manila vs. Serrano, G.R. No. 142304, June 20, 2001; Bardillon vs. Brgy. Masili, G.R. No. 146886, April 30, 2003; City of Iloilo vs. Legaspi, G.R. No. 154614, November 25, 2004.
²¹ Municipality of Cordova v. Pathfinder Development Corporation, G.R. No. 205544, June 29, 2016

TESTIMONIAL AND DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

33. NGCP intends to present at least three (3) witnesses, namely:

a) **Jesse L. Asuga**, Construction Project Manager, whose testimony is being presented to establish the propriety of expropriation for NGCP's project, the necessity and public use for which the instant expropriation case is instituted, and other facts of the case. A copy of his Judicial Affidavit is attached herein as **Annex "I,"**

b) **Asterio B. Tubera**, Regional Survey and Geotechnical Supervisor, whose testimony is being presented to establish the areas and transmission line route necessary for the construction of NGCP's project pertinent to the subject property, the consequent necessity of the taking of the subject property, and other facts of the case. A copy of his Judicial Affidavit is attached herein as **Annex "J;"** and

c) **Jun A. Celoso**, Regional Right-of-Way Senior Associate, whose testimony is being presented to establish the bases for the determination of the just compensation and the activities relating to negotiations, among others. A copy of his Judicial Affidavit is attached herein as **Annex "K."**

34. NGCP intends to introduce the following as documentary evidence:

²² "28.2 – Requirements for Police Assistance. Request for police assistance in the implementation of final decisions/orders/writs shall be acted only, upon compliance of the following conditions:
 a. The request for police assistance is based on an order of the court, quasi-judicial or administrative bodies;
 b. The written request for police assistance shall be signed by the Sheriff or equivalent officer in quasi-judicial or administrative bodies;
 c. The request is filed at least five (5) working days prior to the actual implementation; and
 d. The original document of the final decision/order/resolution must be presented. In the absence of the same, a copy duly authenticated by the Clerk of Court or other authorized representative of the court, quasi-judicial or administrative body will suffice."

Exhibit No.	Description
"A"	ERC Notice of Resolution
"B"	Portion of Index Map
"C"	Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-113385
"D"	Tax Declaration No. 15-04-011-00147
"E"	Sketch Plan
"F"	Narrative Technical Description
"G"	BIR Certification

NGCP reserves its right to present additional testimonial and

documentary as circumstances may require during trial.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, premises considered, NGCP most respectfully prays for this Honorable Court to:

- ISSUE a **Writ of Possession** in NGCP's favor:
 - Authorizing it to enter and take possession of the portion of Lot No. 3799-B, subject of this Complaint, that will be affected by the construction and implementation of the **Panay-Guimaras 138kV Interconnection Project**, as described in paragraphs 17 and 18 hereof;
 - Ordering the demolition of affected houses/structures standing thereon, if any;
 - Ordering all defendants to vacate the same;
 - Directing the PNP to assist the NGCP in the implementation of the said writ of possession so that project construction can immediately commence even during the pendency of the case; and
 - If necessary, allowing NGCP to have temporary access in going to the area subject of the Complaint while the construction of the Project is on-going;
- ISSUE an **Order of Expropriation** declaring that NGCP has a lawful right to take possession and condemn to public use the subject portion of Lot No. 3799-B sought to be expropriated, consisting of 1,953 square meters, more or less, as specified in paragraphs 17 and 18 of this Complaint;
- After the determination of just compensation, ISSUE a **Judgment**:
 - Authorizing NGCP to pay to the defendants the amount of just compensation fixed after deducting the provisional deposit, capital gains and documentary stamp taxes for the transfer of the property in the name of NGCP, the applicable estate taxes, all other outstanding taxes under the National Internal Revenue Code, and all outstanding realty taxes and dues under the Local Government Code, which NGCP shall pay to the Government;
 - Declaring NGCP as the lawful owner of the portion of Lot No. 3799-B, sought to be expropriated, consisting of 1,953square meters, more or less, specified in paragraphs 17 and 18 hereof;
 - Directing the Registry of Deeds for City of Iloilo, to register and annotate the Writ of Possession, Order of Expropriation and Judgment on Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-113385, and, upon application by NGCP, to issue a new and separate certificate of title in the name of NGCP over the portion of Lot No. 3799-B, sought to be expropriated herein, free of all liens, encumbrances and other matters annotated on TCT No. T-113385, and without the need for the presentation of the owner's duplicate copy of the said certificate of title; and
 - Directing the City Assessor of Iloilo, to cancel Tax Declaration No. 15-04-011-00147, and to issue a new and separate tax declaration in the name of NGCP over the portion of Lot No. 3799-Bsought to be expropriated herein.

- NGCP prays for other relief just and equitable under the premises.
- Quezon City for Iloilo City, **18 November, 2024.**
- NATIONAL GRID CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES**
 NGCP Bldg., Quezon Avenue cor. BIR Road
 Diliman, Quezon City
- By:
- LUIS MANUEL U. BUGAYONG**
 PTR No. 5545099 – 01/03/2024 - Quezon City
 IBP Lifetime No. 010191/Rizal Chapter
 MCLE Compliance No. VII-001833 – 03/02/2022
 Roll of Attorneys No. 38002
 Email address: lubugayong@ngcp.ph
- RIGHT OF WAY DEPARTMENT - VISAYAS DIVISION**
NATIONAL GRID CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES
 Visayas Operations and Maintenance, Baniad Power Complex,
 Nasipit, Talamban, Cebu City
- By:
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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
 Cebu City) S. S.

VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION

I, **ELENA MARIE MADARANG-CAPANAS**, after having been duly sworn to in accordance with law, hereby state:

1. I am the Regional ROW Manager, Visayas Right-of-Way Division (VROWD), of the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP);

2. I am authorized to sign the Verification and Certification of Non-Forum Shopping in the expropriation cases for and in behalf of NGCP with respect to the projects and areas under my supervision pursuant to the authority granted by the NGCP Board of Directors as evidenced by a Secretary's Certificate dated 22 July 2021 hereto attached as **Annex "L,"**

3. I caused the preparation of the foregoing Complaint. I have read the foregoing Complaint and I attest that the allegations therein are true and correct of my personal knowledge or based on authentic records on file. It is not filed to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation. The factual allegations therein have evidentiary support or, if specifically so identified, will likewise have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for discovery;

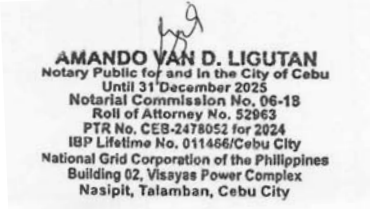
4. I further attest that the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines has not commenced any action or filed any claim involving the same issues in any court, tribunal or quasi-judicial agency and, to the best of my knowledge, no such other action or claim is pending therein. If I should thereafter learn that the same or similar action or claim has been filed or is pending, I shall report that fact to this Court within five (5) calendar days therefrom.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this **18th** day of **November, 2024**, in Cebu City, Philippines.

(SGD.) ELENA MARIE MADARANG-CAPANAS
 Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this **18th** day of **November, 2024**, affiant exhibited to me her Driver's License bearing No. G01-90-123324 issued by the Land Transportation Office of Cebu, as her competent proof of identity.

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 Series of 2024.



Republic of the Philippines
 Regional Trial Court
 6th Judicial Region
 Branch 33
 Iloilo City

NATIONAL GRID CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES,
 Plaintiff,

-versus-

ROSA J. YENKO, ET AL.,
 Defendants.
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Special Civil
 Action
 No. 24-35580
 For: Expropriation
 With Urgent Prayer
 for Issuance of Writ
 of Possession

NOTICE TO TAKE POSSESSION

Rosa J. Yenko
 Rosemarie J. Yenko
 Victorino Yenko, Jr.
 Spouses Esther J. Yenko and
 Romulo Manlapig
 Delfin J. Yenko
 Brgy. Ingore, La Paz, Iloilo City

All other persons who may have any claim or interest over Lot No. 3799-B, located in Brgy. Ingore, Lapaz, Iloilo City

Please be informed that the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP), by virtue of Section 2 of Rule 67 of the Rules of Court and of other related laws, will take possession and control over specific areas of the property subject of the above-captioned expropriation case, denominated as **Lot No. 3799-B**, situated in Brgy. Ingore, La Paz, Iloilo City. The property is registered under **Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-113385** in the names of Rosa J. Yenko, Rosemarie J. Yenko, Victorino Yenko, Jr., Esther J. Yenko, married to Romulo Manlapig, and Delfin Yenko and declared for taxation purposes under **Tax Declaration No. 15-04-011-00147**, in the name of Rosa J. Yenko, married to Victorino Yenko.

The affected area of the subject property, which NGCP will take possession and control over, is more specifically described and identified in the Complaint, and will be for the use and benefit of the public through NGCP's **Panay-Guimaras 138kV Interconnection Project**.

NGCP shall deposit with the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC, Kalibo, Aklan, the provisional amount of **Nine Million Seven Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Pesos (Php9,765,000.00)**, equivalent to the current BIR zonal value of the affected area of the subject property.

Further, please be informed that the plaintiff and/or its representatives shall enter and take possession of the subject property immediately after the Honorable Court issues the Writ of Possession in compliance with the law and Rules. Likewise, NGCP will no longer pay any improvements that will be introduced in the subject property after receipt of this Notice.

18 November, 2024, Cebu City for Iloilo City.

(SGD.) JAMES A. HUPP III
 PTR No. 1235408 - 01/05/2024 - Cebu Province
 IBP Lifetime No. 08194 /1-08-09/ Cebu City
 MCLE Compliance No. VII-0014197 - 03/31/2022
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Disadvantaged/Displaced Workers (TUPAD) emergency employment program beneficiaries.

It also featured the Kadiwa ng Pangulo, a market of local farmers and producers.

Completing the array of services was the Help Desk composed of representatives from 16 government agencies that assisted clients on their needs.

DOLE 6 is also constantly monitoring the status of 45 near hired applicants who just need to comply with some requirements from their prospective employers.

Meanwhile, a total of P2.8 million livelihood assistance was released to five partner local government units that will benefit 128 members of various associations.

The local government units with corresponding projects were Tobias Fornier, Antique Cattle Fattening Project; Brgy. Sua and Brgy. Tabas, San Dionisio, Iloilo Fishing Gears and Accessories; Brgy. San Roque, Estancia, Iloilo Oyster Culture Project; and Brgy. Zamora- Melliza, Iloilo City-Rice Retailing and Carinderia.

Ten identified medium enterprises beneficiaries under the DOLE Adjustment Measures Program (DOLE-AMP) were also awarded a total assistance of P4.6 million for product development and innovation, capacity building, and business enhancement application.

TUPAD orientation and contract signing were also conducted in the municipality of Leganes, Iloilo for 120 informal workers. The allocated package for the salaries, personal protective equipment, and group personal accident insurance summed up to P667,080.

The Kadiwa ng Pangulo (KNP) Fair also was participated by six Kabuhayan partners that offered quality products such as bags made of pandan and buri leaves, woven products from hablon, fresh farm products and preserves, sold at low prices.

The 31 associations assisted by the Department of Agriculture, Department of Trade and Industry, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, and National Irrigation Administration also participated as resellers.

The KNP further highlighted rice sold by the NIA at P29 per kilo or at P290 per 10 kilograms pack.

Financial grants to three farmers' associations or cooperatives and a transport logistic to a local government unit were also turned over by the DA at the KNP. (AAL/AGP/PIA 6 with reports from DOLE 6)

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
 REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
 6th Judicial Region
 OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
 & EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF
 CJ Ramon Q. Avanceña Hall of Justice
 Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-11164-24

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

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

-versus-

ANTONIO G. PABRIAGA III Mortgageor/s.

X-----X

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Upon **EXTRA-JUDICIAL PETITION FOR SALE UNDER ACT 3135 AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118** filed by the mortgagee, **HOME DEVELOPMENT FUND (otherwise known as PAG-IBIG FUND)**, a government financial institution duly organized and existing under and by virtue of Republic Act No. 9679 with principal office at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358, Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City against the mortgageor/s, **ANTONIO G. PABRIAGA III**, single, of legal age, Filipino, with postal address at Lot 18, Blk. 6, Alta Tierra Village Phase 4, Jaro, Iloilo City, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of August 30, 2024, amounted to **(P 1,703,795.55)** inclusive of interest and other charges, the **EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF OF ILOILO** or his **LAWFUL DEPUTY** will sell at **PUBLIC AUCTION** on **MARCH 20, 2025** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the **OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT, REGIONAL TRIAL COURT, CJRQA HALL OF JUSTICE, BONIFACIO DRIVE, ILOILO CITY**, to the **HIGHEST BIDDER**, for **CASH** or **MANAGER'S CHECK** and in Philippine Currency, the following real estate property including the buildings and all improvements found thereon, to wit

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. 095-2018000870

"A parcel of land (LOT 18, BLOCK 6, PCS-06-00070, being a portion of the Consolidation Subdivision Survey of LOT 1-B (LRC) PSD-241681 and BLOCK 21 (LRC) PSD-244027), situated in the District of Jaro, City of Iloilo. X X X X X Containing an area of **THREE HUNDRED NINETY FOUR (394) SQUARE METERS** more or less. "

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

In the event, the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **MARCH 27, 2025**, the same time and place aforementioned without further notice.

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

Iloilo City, Philippines, January 13, 2025

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

(SGD.) **AL HOLBERT D. LIM**
 Sheriff-In-Charge

NE/Feb. 17, 24 & March 3, 2025



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**FORECLOSURE NO. EJF-2025-542
FOR: EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
SALE UNDER ACT NO. 3135,
AS AMENDED**

**RURAL BANK OF STA. BARBARA
(ILOILO), INC.,**
Mortgagee,

versus

**ELISA C. PADERES (for herself
and Attorney-in-fact of Evelio
B. Paderes, married to Helen Castro),**
Debtor/Mortgagor.

NOTICE OF SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage under Act 3135 as amended filed by **RURAL BANK OF STA. BARBARA (ILOILO), INC.**, a domestic corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal office and place of business at Poblacion, Barotac Viejo, Iloilo, Philippines, hereinafter referred to as the **"MORTGAGEE"**, against **ELISA C. PADERES (for herself and Attorney-in-fact of Evelio B. Paderes, married to Helen Castro)**, of legal age, Filipino and resident of Brgy. Jamul-awon, Concepcion, Iloilo, Philippines, hereinafter referred to as the **"DEBTOR/MORTGAGOR"** for the satisfaction of the mortgaged indebtedness which as of August 31, 2024, amounted to **THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETY NINE PESOS & 41/100 (P383,199.41)** Philippine Currency inclusive of interest, penalties, and other charges incurred during the foreclosure proceedings, the Ex-Officio Provincial Sheriff of Barotac Viejo, thru her authorized Deputy Sheriff will **SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION on April 3, 2025 at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon** or soon thereafter at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Barotac Viejo, Iloilo, to the **HIGHEST BIDDER, for CASH or MANAGER'S CHECK** and in Philippine Currency, the real property with all the improvements that may be found thereon, to wit:

**ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
NO. (F-39604) 090-202000231**

*"A parcel of land (Lot 1387, PLs-1099, Case-11) situated at Jamul-awon, Concepcion, Iloilo. Bounded on the SE., along Line 1-2 by Lot 1710; on the S., along Line 2-3 by Lot 1394; on the W., and NW., along Lines 3-4-5-6 by Lot 1717 on the N., at the Corner 6 by Lots 1388 and 1716 and on the NE., along 6-1 by Lot 979. ALL Lots above stated are within Pls-1099. Containing an area of **SIXTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY SIX (16,626) SQUARE METERS, more or less.**"*

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **April 10, 2025** at the same time and place above-described without further notice.

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

Barotac Viejo, Iloilo, Philippines, January 16, 2025.

(SGD.) ATTY. RETZEL AMOUR CADENA-VILLARUZ
Clerk of Court V/Acting Clerk of Court, RTC-OCC
and Ex-Officio Provincial Sheriff of Barotac Viejo, Iloilo

(SGD.) GLEMARIE PEE B. BACERRA
Sheriff IV

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

NE/February 17, 24, 2025 & March 3, 2025



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
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FORECLOSURE NO. F-11146-24

For Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of
Real Estate Mortgage under
Act No. 3135, as amended

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
Mortgagee,

-versus

**SPOUSES ARLETTE BLOSSOM C. ARBOLEDA
and LUISITO P. ARBOLEDA, represented by their
Attorney-in-fact, MARY MARGARET C. COO**
Debtors/Mortgagors,

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Foreclosure and Sale of Real Estate Mortgage under Act 3135, as amended, filed by **BDO UNIBANK, INC.**, ("MORTGAGEE") a universal banking corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with office address at 33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City, against **MARY MARGARET C. COO** as the Attorney-in-Fact of **SPOUSES ARLETTE BLOSSOM C. ARBOLEDA and LUISITO P. ARBOLEDA ("DEBTORS/MORTGAGORS")**, both of legal age, Filipinos and with postal addresses at **(1) Zone 12, Brgy. Calaparan, Arevalo, Iloilo City; and (2) Unit 2301 and LC34, Floor 3, Bldg., 2, One Spatial Iloilo, R. Mapa, Brgy. Tabucan, Mandurriao, Iloilo City**, to satisfy the mortgaged indebtedness which as of **August 30, 2024**, in the amount of **TWO MILLION ONE HUNDRED FIFTY EIGHT THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FOUR PESOS & 02/100 (Php2,158,704.02)** Philippine Currency, including interest, penalties, incidental thereto besides the attorney's fees incurred for the foreclosure, the Ex-Officio Provincial Sheriff of Iloilo or his duly authorized deputy will sell at public auction on **13 MARCH 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

**CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF
TITLE NO. 095-2019000775**

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that unit identified and described as:

**("ONE SPATIAL ILOILO - BUILDING 2")
UNIT NO. 2301 THIRD FLOOR WITH AN AREA
OF 42.84 SQ. M. MORE OR LESS**

In the diagrammatic floor plan appended to the enabling or master deed of the condominium project annotated on TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE 2013001911 which embraces and describes the land located at BRGY. TABUCAN, MANDURRIAO, ILOILO CITY with an area of NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO (9,232) Square Meter, is registered in the name of:

**Owner: ARLETTE BLOSSOM COO
ARBOLEDA MARRIED TO
LUISITO PABLO ARBOLEDA,
BOTH FILIPINO CITIZENS, ALL OF LEGAL
Address: 828 ALFRED AVENUE, WINNIPEG,
MANITOBA, RX2 CT6 USA owner(s) of said unit
in fee simple, with all the incidents provided by
the Condominium Act, subject to such of the
encumbrances noted on this Condominium
certificate of title and on the certificate of title of
the land as may affect the unit; to those mentioned
in the enabling or master deed and declaration of
restrictions; and to those provided by law.
This condominium certificate is a transfer from
Condominium Certificate of Title No. 2015000167
which is/are cancelled by virtue hereof insofar as
the above identified unit is concerned.**

**Entered at Iloilo City, Philippines on the 3rd day of
SEPTEMBER 2019 at 4:22pm.**

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 **20 MARCH 2025** at the same time and place without further notice.

Iloilo City, Philippines, **08 JANUARY 2025.**

(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/Feb. 24, March 3 & 10, 2025

Spare trees from campaign posters, DENR urges poll bets

ILOILO CITY – The Department of Environment and Natural Resources in Western Visayas (DENR-6) on Tuesday called on candidates in the May 12 midterm elections to become environmentally conscious and spare trees from their campaign materials.

"We ask all the candidates to utilize designated posting areas for their materials and spare the trees; protect our trees from harm," said DENR-6 Executive Director Raul Lorilla in a statement.

He said hanging or nailing campaign materials to trees can cause significant damage to the bark, which serves as the protective layer.

"This creates entry points for diseases and pests and can also harm the cambium layer, a crucial tissue that transports water and nutrients throughout the tree. Such injuries may stress the tree, making it more vulnerable to health issues," Lorilla explained.

The DENR-6 said Presidential Decree 953 prohibits the cutting, destroying, or injuring of planted growing trees, flowering plants and shrubs, or plants of scenic values along public roads, in plazas, parks, school premises or in any other public ground except when necessary for public safety or to enhance its beauty and only upon the approval of a duly authorized representative.

Violators will face imprisonment of six months

to two years and/or fines ranging from PHP500 to PHP5,000.

Lorilla also encouraged candidates to reuse or repurpose their campaign materials so these would not end up in a landfill.

"After the long days of campaigning and posting, candidates should also consider the long-term effects of their posters in our environment. We encourage them to repurpose or dispose of it properly, especially the one made out of plastics," he said.

In Iloilo City, the Commission on Elections (Comelec) identified common poster areas in plazas, including the area fronting the Caltex gasoline station and Molo Mansion on Locsin Street in Molo, JM Basa Street facing Coffee Break and Masonic Temple in Plaza Libertad, Huervana Street from corner Burgos Street to corner Jereos Street facing La Paz Police Station and La Paz Elementary School in La Paz, Rizal Street corner Iloilo East Coast Road facing Land Bank Jaro to Ledi Supermart for Jaro, Rizal Street corner Osmeña Street to Arevalo Church facing Avanceña/Rizal Street in Arevalo, Dahlia Street facing Bo. Obrero Catholic Church in Bo. Obrero, and Oñate de Leon Street facing 7/11 store to corner of Iloilo City-Aleoson Road in Mandurriao. (PNA)

over the HEDGE

BY T. LEWIS & MICHAEL FRAY



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WINTER
 word search

Can you find all the words related to winter?

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- polar bear
- scarf
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- snowflake
- snowman
- sweater



PORK MENUENDO

This is a recipe for basic pork menudo. It is a delicious dish that makes use of pork, liver, and vegetables such as carrot and potato.
 Prep: 10 minutes minutes Cook: 1 hour hour
 Total: 1 hour hour 10 minutes minutes

- 2 lbs. pork
- 1/4 lb. pig liver
- 1 cup potatoes diced
- 1 piece carrot cubed
- 1/2 cup soy sauce
- 1/2 piece lemon
- 1 piece onion chopped
- 3 cloves garlic minced
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 3/4 cup tomato sauce
- 1 cup water
- 4 pieces hotdogs sliced diagonally
- 2 tablespoons cooking oil
- 2 to 3 pieces dried bay leaves
- Salt and pepper to taste

Combine pork, soysauce, and lemon in a bowl. Marinate for at least 1 hour. Heat oil in a pan. Saute garlic and onion. Add the marinated pork. Cook for 5 to 7 minutes. Pour in tomato sauce and water and then add the bay leaves. Let boil and simmer for 30 minutes to an hour depending on the toughness of the pork. Note: Add water as necessary. Add-in the liver and hot dogs. Cook for 5 minutes. Put-in potatoes, carrots, sugar, salt, and pepper. Stir and cook for 8 to 12 minutes. Serve. Share and enjoy!

HOROSCOPE

ARIES
 March 21 - April 19
 Bite the bullet and get it done, Aries. Finish the projects and get the lingering odds and ends out of your way. There are stable energies today that will bring a practical breath of fresh air to any situation. Take a step back from the swirling winds and observe your inner self. Realize how your actions and emotions affect others and think about adjusting your habits accordingly.

Today might not be as lighthearted and free-spirited as you'd like, Taurus, but don't sweat it. Work with the grounded energy of the day to complete tasks that have been wearing on you for a while. Take a step back from the drama in your life and observe your emotions from a loftier viewpoint. Realize how your actions have been affecting others. Tone things down and evaluate.

GEMINI
 May 21 - June 21
 Today is a fantastic day for you, Gemini. Things are naturally flowing your way. You can accomplish a great deal. There are few hurdles in your way, perhaps none. You're well disciplined about your time and what's needed to get the job done and how to meet your goals. Your emotions are especially calm and stable, giving you the opportunity to observe and evaluate them from a neutral viewpoint.

There's a conservative air today that doesn't fit well with your erratic, unconventional nature, Cancer. Things might pop up to remind you that you should be a bit more disciplined in your approach. Your thoughts and emotions are perhaps a bit less controlled than usual, so take this time to become centered and evaluate the truth. Today is a good day to focus.

LEO
 July 23 - August 22
 Something is tugging you back down to reality, Leo. Your mind has tended to be in the clouds lately, but now you need to ground your emotions and realize that you operate on a physical plane, too. Your emotions are stable for now, affording you a chance to step back and evaluate how you've been treating yourself. Make sure you give yourself the attention you deserve.

There's a conservative veil over your emotions, Virgo. Issues from the past might arise and rub you the wrong way. You move onward and upward by nature, plowing ahead without thinking of the consequences. Today you might be a bit more sober than usual. Look at what's worked in the past in terms of keeping your fiery emotions intact. Try not to resent the past but learn from it.

LIBRA
 Sept. 23 - Oct. 22
 Today is fantastic for tuning in to your inner self, Libra. You will have a level, grounded mind from which to make conscious evaluations of your emotional state. Trust your instincts and make realistic plans for the future. You're especially disciplined today, and you have a keen sense of what your goals and objectives are. Use this grounded energy to get things done.

You may feel a bit weighed down today, Scorpio, and perhaps more reserved than usual. Someone may be raining on your parade, but don't let it get you down. Use the grounded energy of the day to get things done. You have your hands full with many tasks, so sit down and bring them to completion. Calm your nervous system and balance your frantic emotions. Ease off the caffeine.

SAGITTARIUS
 Nov. 22 - Dec. 21
 Today's a good day to ground your fluctuating emotions, Sagittarius. Step back from the drama you create and evaluate your inner state. Are you fooling yourself into thinking everything's OK when it really isn't? Be honest with your highest truths and ground yourself back in reality. Write down your thoughts.

Things may be calm today, Capricorn. You might not be your boisterous self, but that could be a good thing. Use the sobering energy to evaluate your emotions and honestly look at your relationships. Are you getting the respect you deserve? Perhaps you need to tell some people that their words or actions aren't OK. Meanwhile, get things done. Take care of errands and check items off your list.

AQUARIUS
 Jan. 20 - Feb. 18
 Today is a great day for you, Aquarius. Everything is flowing your way as more pieces of the puzzle fall into place. Your fluctuating emotions are grounded and calm, letting you stand back and evaluate your true inner state. Have you been giving yourself the attention you deserve? This is your day. Get things done. You can accomplish quite a bit using this astral energy, so hop to it.

Someone or something may spur you on today, Pisces. You may feel a nagging impulse to get up and do something. Follow that instinct and stop moaning about staying in bed. The practical truth may be sobering, but as you know, balance is key. Bring equilibrium to the situation by taking a good, honest look at your emotional state. Realize what you need to do to keep it running smoothly.

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Puzzles by Pappocom©
 Sudoku is an addictive brain teasing puzzle that can be solved by lateral thinking alone and has been taking the world by storm.

The rules of the game are simple: You simply fill in all the squares in the grid so that each row, column and each of the 3x3 squares contains all the digits from 1 to 9 without repeats or omissions.

Billed as the next crossword, Sudoku's simplicity is its beauty. Although it is a number game, Sudoku requires no mathematical skills - just a keen grasp of logic and plenty of patience.

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DAD JOKES

1. Bakit maswerte ang kalendaryo? Kasi maraming siyang date.
2. Ano'ng tawag ng batang langgam sa kapatid na babae ng nanay niya? Eh 'di... ANTY!
3. Ano ang binibigay ng doktor sa ibong may sakit? Eh 'di... TWEETMENT!
4. May tatlong lalake na tumalon sa tubig, ilan ang nabasa ang buhok? Wala. Kalbo silang lahat eh.
5. Bakit malungkot ang kalendaryo? Kasi bilang na ang araw niya.
6. Ano ang pagkakaparehas ng UTOT at TULA? Pareho silang nagmula sa POET.
7. Ano ang maraming sakay, jeep o ambulansya? Syempre ang ambulansya! Kasi, ang jeep ay 10-10 lang ang bawat side samantalang sa ambulansya, madalas na 50-50 ang sakay.
8. Ano ang makukuha mo sa baboy na magaling mag-karate? Eh 'di... PORK CHOP!
9. Ano ang pinakatamad na letter sa English alphabet? Letrang E, kasi laging nasa BED eh!
10. Ano'ng kinakain ng mga pusa sa umaga? Eh 'di MICE KRISPIES!

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Iloilo
MUNICIPALITY OF MAASIN

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 7 of R.A. No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **NIDA M. ROBLES** has filed with this Office a Petition for **Change of First Name** from **MARIA NIDA** to **NIDA** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **MARIA NIDA MONICADO MARAVILLOSO** who was born on **December 11, 1965** at **MAASIN, ILOILO** and whose parents are **LUCRESIO NIETO MARAVILLOSO** and **PACIENCIA MADERA MONICADO**.

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

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

NE/Feb. 24, 2025 & March 3, 2025

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Iloilo
MUNICIPALITY OF MAASIN

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 7 of R.A. No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **CONCHITA A. MARMOLEJO** has filed with this Office a Petition for **Change of First Name** from **JULIO** to **JOEL** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **JULIO ABEJO MARMOLEJO** who was born on **July 14, 1964** at **MAASIN, ILOILO** and whose parents are **BAUTISTA TROJILLO MARMOLEJO** and **CONSOLACION ALDAMAR ABEJO**.

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

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

NE/Feb. 24, 2025 & March 3, 2025

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

DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATIVE ADOPTION
CASE NO: **RACCO VI-DAA-2025-0110**

DATE: **FEBRUARY 14, 2025**

IN RE: PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF KRISTOFER II TALLAFER ATURDIDO TO BE KNOWN THEREAFTER AS KRISTOFER TALLAFER TACAY

RODNI MACARONCIO TACAY
Petitioner

X-----X

ORDER

A verified petition for the adoption of Kristofer II Tallafer Aturdido filed by the petitioner through the Regional Alternative Child Care Office (RACCO) praying that the after due notice, publication and appearances, a judgement be rendered to the effect that the adoptee, **Kristofer II Tallafer Aturdido** be declared for all legal intents and purposes the legitimate child of the petitioner and that the name of the adoptee be changed particularly to appear as **Kristofer Tallafer Tacay**.

Finding the said Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be set for Mandatory Appearance on **March 14, 2025**, to be held at **RACCO VI at 3F, Ana Ros Bldg., Simon-Ledesma St., Jaro, Iloilo City**. Any interested party may appear and may file an opposition/complaint supported by evidence to the National Authority for Child Care (NACC), through the RACCO where the Petition was filed. The complaint will be subjected for verification and further investigation.

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

(SGD.) JANICE J. BRASILEÑO, RSW
Officer-in-Charge

NE/February 24, March 3 & 10, 2025

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Iloilo
MUNICIPALITY OF MAASIN

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 7 of R.A. No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **Ma. Anebet A. Flores** has filed with this Office a Petition for **Change of First Name** from **ROMEO** to **ROMY** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **ROMEO SINORIO ANSORES** who was born on **July 8, 1965** at **MAASIN, ILOILO** and whose parents are **JUANITO PAURILLO ANSORES** and **ROGELIA MATERNAL SINORIO**.

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

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

NE/Feb. 24, 2025 & March 3, 2025

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

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that **LORRY BETURIN ALBAO** has filed with this Office, a petition for correction of entry in sex from "MALE" to "FEMALE" in the Certificate of Live Birth of **LORRY BETURIN ALBAO** at San Dionisio, Iloilo and whose parents are **Rolly S. Albao** and **Dioleta D. Beturin**.

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

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

NE/Feb. 24, 2025 & March 3, 2025

Iloilo City trains youth to become emergency responders

ILOILO CITY – The city government here is targeting the youth to become emergency responders with the launch of the Kabataang Emergency Champions program of the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) and the Technical Institute of Iloilo City (TIIC).

TIIC Administrator Maria Mathilde Treñas said the program is open to youth aged 15 to 35 years.

“We target them because they are still young, and they can easily respond in times of emergency,” she said in an interview on Tuesday.

The training, which will be handled by the TIIC, will run for 40 hours, after which the youth will have an on-the-job training with industry partners to make sure they are capable of responding to emergencies, Treñas added.

The training content covers an introduction to disaster risk reduction and emergency medical response, disaster preparedness, and basic emergency medical response training on first aid, life support, and evaluation.

“We have an ongoing training on emergency medical response at the TIIC, so we will maximize it so that in times of emergency, we will not panic because we have our youth who can help us,” Treñas said.

She added the training is based on the regulations of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority.

On Monday, the TIIC, SK, and the city government signed a memorandum of agreement to seal the partnership for the program.



EMERGENCY RESPONDERS. Implementers sign the agreement for the implementation of the Kabataang Emergency Champions program in Iloilo City on Monday (Feb. 17, 2025). The program targets youth 15 to 35 years old who will become community responders in case of calamities. (Photo courtesy of Joy Fantilaga)

Republic of the Philippines
Municipal Civil Registry Office
Province: ILOILO
Municipality: MINA

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum No. 2013-1, Guidelines in the Implementation of Administrative Order No. 1, Series of 2012 (IRR on RA No. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that **GLERT JEA POBLACION CORDOVA** has filed with this Office, a petition for correction of entry in **CHILD'S SEX** from **MALE** to **FEMALE** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **GLERT JEA POBLACION CORDOVA** who was born on **November 3, 1996** at **Mina, Iloilo** and whose parents are **JOSE GILBERT CATALOGO CORDOVA** and **JEAN CARMAN POBLACION**.

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

(SGD.) **MARIA C. TOMO**
Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/Feb. 17, 2025 & Feb. 24, 2025

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

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with **R.A. Act No. 9048**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **RAFAEL JR. A. VILLANUEVA** has filed with this office, a **PETITION FOR CHANGE OF FIRST NAME** from **JOSE** to **"RAFAEL"** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **RAFAEL DALUMPINES VILLANUEVA** who was born on **NOVEMBER 12, 1963** at **Pototan, Iloilo** and whose parents are **ROQUE VILLANUEVA** and **EMMA DALUMPINES**.

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

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

NE/Feb. 17, 2025 & Feb. 24, 2025

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
6 Judicial Region
Branch 38
Iloilo City
rtc1ilo038@judiciary.gov.ph
#3279734/09564186709

SPL. PROC. NO. 24-15817

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR THE CORRECTION OF ENTRY IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF SUSANA JAGOLINO PANAGUITON

SUSANA PANAGUITON PANES,
Petitioner,

-versus-

THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY (PSA) AND THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF PAVIA, ILOILO

Respondents.

X -----X

ORDER

Per Order dated January 28, 2025, this Court directed the issuance of a new Order for publication.

The above-entitled case was filed on October 16, 2024 and raffled to this Court on October 21, 2024.

In the said petition, petitioner alleged that she was born on May 17, 1964 to Spouses Jovito Panaguiton and Adelina Jagolino at Iloilo Provincial Hospital. In her Certificate of Live Birth, petitioner's record has the following errors, to wit: 1) Her first name is blank; 2) Her last name is erroneously recorded as Cuesta; 3) Her father's last name is erroneously recorded as Cuesta, and 4) Her mother's middle name is erroneously recorded as Aming. The true and correct first name of the petitioner is Susana and her true and correct last name is Panaguiton per her school records and Certificate of Baptism. The correct last name of her father is Panaguiton per petitioner's Certificate of Baptism and Marriage Contract. The true and correct middle name of petitioner's mother is Amen per petitioner's parents' marriage contract. Petitioner is a person of good moral, a law abiding citizen with no pending criminal, administrative or civil cases. Thus, petitioner prays for this Court to issue an Order directing the Civil Registrar of Pavia to enter and correct the first name, last name, father's last name and mother's middle name in the Certificate of Live Birth of the petitioner with Registry No. 560 (L-76) which are as follows: First Name: "Susana"; Last Name: "Panaguiton"; Father's Last Name: "Panaguiton" and Mother's Middle Name: "Amen" and to furnish the Philippine Statistics Authority with correct copy of the Certificate of Live Birth and to issue a rectified copy of the said Certificate of Live Birth in favor of herein petitioner

The petition, being sufficient in form and substance, is hereby set for hearing on **March 26, 2025 at 8:30 in the morning** during which date and time, any interested party may file an opposition to the petition and present evidence why the same should not be granted.

Let this Order be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City and Province of Iloilo, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks and likewise be posted at the bulletin board of the Chief Justice Ramon Q. Avancena Hall of Justice, Iloilo City and at the public market of Pavia, Iloilo before the scheduled hearing of this case.

Serve copy of this Order to the Local Civil Registrar of Pavia, Iloilo, Philippine Statistics Authority, Office of the Solicitor General, petitioner and her counsel.

SO ORDERED.

Iloilo City, January 31, 2025.

(SGD.) **JUANA JUDITA P. PANIGBATAN-NAFARRETE**
Presiding Judge

NE/February 10, 17 & 24, 2025

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

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. Act No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **ARLENE CASTILLO ONELLA** has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name from **MARY ARLENE** to **ARLENE** in the birth certificate of **MARY ARLENE RENDAJE CASTILLO** who was born on **May 2, 1968** at **CALINOG, ILOILO** and whose parents are **FLORENCIO CASTILLO** and **PERPETUA RENDAJE**.

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

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

NE/Feb. 17, 2025 & Feb. 24, 2025

Department of Transportation
MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY
Regional Office VI
MROVI Building, De La Rama Street
Iloilo City, Philippines 5000

RE: Application for Fourth Amendment of Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) pursuant to Republic Act No. 9295 and its Revised - Implementing Rules and Regulations to effect additional vessel

SCOTTLAND LEISURE INC. Case No. **MRO VI 18-097**
Applicant. 4th CPC Amendment

X-----X

ORDER

This refers to the application for Fourth Amendment of Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) to wit:

ROUTE(S) TO BE SERVED:			
WELCOME CENTER, CATICLAN, MALAY, AKLAN TO CAGBAN PORT, BORACAY ISLAND AND VICE VERSA AND/OR TABON POINT, CATICLAN TO TAMBISAAN BORACAY ISLAND AND VICE VERSA AND/OR BTR STATION 1, BORACAY ISLAND TO JETTY PORT CATICLAN, MALAY, AKLAN AND VICE VERSA			
VESSEL OWNED BY APPLICANT	GT	HULL	TYPE OF SERVICE
RB "LIND III"	12.39	FIBERGLASS	Tourist/ Guests

The Applicant shall cause the publication of this ORDER in a newspaper of local circulation.

The Applicant shall likewise simultaneously caused the posting of this Orders in a conspicuous place at the affected ports, ships, Applicant's premises, passenger terminal and ticketing offices.

The Applicant shall present the jurisdictional, qualification and documentary requirements in a summary proceeding to be conducted on **04 March 2025 at 10:00 A.M.** at the Maritime Regional Office VI Building, De La Rama St., Iloilo City, which is within seven (7) days from the date of publication/posting.

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

WITNESS, the MARINA Administrator **Hon. Sonia B. Malaluan** this 18th day of February 2025.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR:

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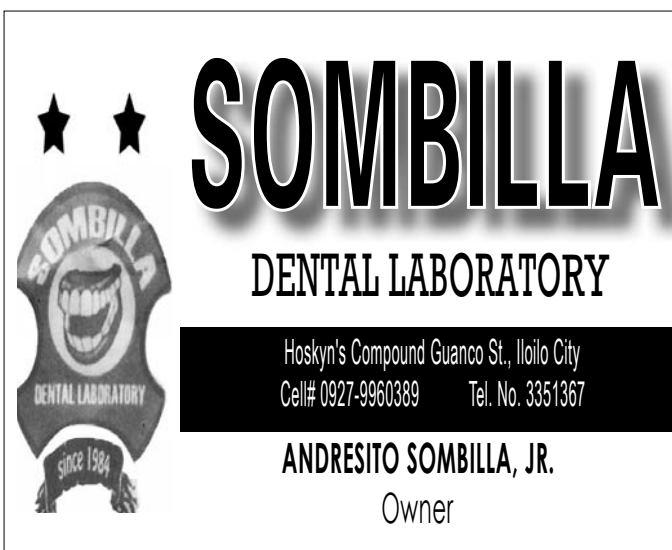
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Antique LGU opposes proposed mineral reservation

SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, Antique – The municipal council of Sibalom in Antique opposed the proposed

mineral reservation in the province to protect its watershed and natural park.

Sibalom Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer (MENRO) Rodel Esler, in an interview on Tuesday, said the council on Feb. 5, passed Resolution No. 16-2025 strongly opposing the proposal of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (MGB-DENR) to declare a portion of the upland areas in the municipality as a mineral reserve.

A copy of the resolution, furnished to the Antique provincial board during their regular session on Monday, will support the body's resolution for submission to the Office of the President requesting the permanent exclusion of the province from the proposed mineral reservation declaration.

“Protecting the Sibalom River Watershed from mining is necessary for

it provides water not only to the farmers in Sibalom, but also in the neighboring towns of San Remigio, and Belison in Antique and the towns of Miag-ao and San Joaquin in Iloilo province,” Esler said.

He also said the preservation and conservation of the Sibalom Natural Park (SNP) is necessary because it is home to endangered flora and fauna, such as the world's largest flower *Rafflesia speciosa*, and the Visayan Spotted Deer.

“Sibalom Municipal Mayor Gian Carlo Occeña is so concerned about the contamination of the Sibalom River Watershed, which provides potable water and irrigation for farming communities, and the disturbance at the SNP,



if ever mining pushes through, that he requested the municipal council to pass the resolution,” Esler said.

Representatives of the MGB Regional Office in Western Visayas appeared before the Antique provincial board public hearing on Feb. 4 and identified a total of 3,715 hectares in the towns of Sibalom, San Remigio, and Patnongon as their proposed mineral reservation in Antique because of their copper, gold, and chromite deposits.

Amlig, a group of religious leaders, lawyers, and concerned residents of Antique, also attended the public hearing at the Antique Legislative Building to express their opposition to mining. (PNA)

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SK Federation president Jelma Crystel Implica said she is honored to be part of the initiative to capacitate Ilonggo youths to become primary emergency responders in their community.

“This is a great platform that can encourage our youth to be more participative citizens in DRRM (disaster risk reduction and management) training, for them to become aware and prepared in mitigation and response,” she said. (PNA)

AFFIDAVIT OF ADJUDICATION WITH SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **ALFREDO SUBALDO** known as a parcel of land denominated as **Lot No. 62-A** covered by **Tax Declaration No. 2015-0001-07427** is adjudicated to sole heir **ANGELES SU-AY SUBALDO**. That, **ANGELES SU-AY SUBALDO** granted a Special Power of Attorney for and in her behalf to **ANGIE LOU L. PECAYO**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. CARL CLINT J. LINGAYA** per Doc. No. 75, Page No. 104, Book No. XVI, Series of 2025.

NE/Feb. 10, 17 & 24, 2024

AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS

Notice is hereby given that **NELSON D. DIVINAGRACIA** had filed an **Affidavit of Loss** pertaining to **one (1) share of stock per Cert. No. 2810** issued on **January 6, 2007** by **Iloilo Golf & Country Club, Inc.** as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Ronald Y. Lao** per Doc. No. 512, Page No. 104, Book No. I, Series of 2025.

NE/February 10, 17 & 24, 2025



EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE NELLY L. GAW

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **NELLY L. GAW** known as a **condominium unit at Atria, Tower 1, 10th Floor** with an area of **22.40 sq.m.** under **Condominium Certificate of Title No. 095-2024000561 (Registry of Deeds for Iloilo City)** is adjudicated to heirs **CHENSONIE L. GAW, CHENSESA L. GAW, and CHENONG L. GAW**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. REAN S. SY** per Doc. No. 229, Page No. 47, Book No. I, Series of 2025.

NE/February 10, 17 & 24, 2025

DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **CORAZON DIVINO PENUELA** known as **Lot 1137** situated in Dingle, Iloilo covered by **TCT No. T-102736** with an area of **TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN (2,011) square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **RODRIGO C. PENUELA, ROD DIVINO PENUELA, REGINA PENUELA DEVERA, JOEVY PENUELA HINGSTON, and LEONOR DIVINO PENUELA** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. CARL RUPERT CRISME MUELA** per Doc. No. 12, Page No. 4, Book No. 3, Series of 2025.

NE/February 10, 17 & 24, 2025

DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **EVELYN SUANSING ROJO** consisting of the following bank deposits: a) **EastWest Bank, Iloilo City Branch, under Account No. 200018715871**; b) **Development Bank of the Philippines, Iloilo City Branch, under Savings Account No. 0756-117139-030**; c) **LandBank, Quezon City Branch, under Account No. 1691-1446-89**; d) **LandBank, Iloilo City Branch, under Account No. 2321-0809-20**; e) **LandBank, Iloilo City Branch, under Account No. 2321-0993-38**; f) **LandBank, under Account No. 3307-0033-67**; g) **LandBank, under Account No. 1696-0654-26** are adjudicated to heirs **ROE MARIE T. ROJO, REA ANN S. ROJO-CURRAY, RALPH ANTOINE S. ROJO, ROBBY ALLEN S. ROJO and RIELY ASTER S. ROJO**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. KAZPER VIC BERMEJO** per Doc. No. 143, Page No. 31, Book No. IV, Series of 2024.

NE/February 10, 17 & 24, 2025

AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS

Notice is hereby given that **MA. LUISA JALANDONI** of 43 Arguilla Street, San Lorenzo Village, Makati City had filed an **Affidavit of Loss** pertaining to **Two Stock Certificates of Iloilo Golf & Country Club, Inc.** specifically **Stock Certificate No. 717** issued on **December 8, 1990** and **Stock Certificate No. 1651** issued on **January 2, 1997** as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Sherlock Jun C. Villegas** per Doc. No. 497, Page No. 101, Book No. 49, Series of 2024.

NE/Feb. 24, March 3 & 10, 2025

DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL ADJUDICATION WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **MA. LUNA E. VILLARETE** known as a parcel of land covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-114922 (095-2017001414)**, Lot No. 29, Block 12, of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-184005, being a portion of Lot 2144-B (LRC) Psd-184003, Jaro Cadastre, LRC (GLRO) Record No. 8, situated in Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of **TWO HUNDRED FORTY NINE (249) SQUARE METERS, more or less** and the late **ALEJANDRO L. VILLARETE** known as a residential building under **TAX DECLARATION NO. 24-03-002-03340, PROPERTY INDEX NO. 139-03-002-12** with an area of **124.38 SQUARE METERS** are adjudicated to heirs **MA. RHODORA ESTANDARTE VILLARETE, MA. VICTORIA ESTANDARTE VILLARETE, JOHN RHODALE ESTANDARTE VILLARETE, and VINCENT MARTIN ESTANDARTE VILLARETE**. That, **RHODORA ESTANDARTE VILLARETE** hereby WAIVE, CEDE, TRANSFER and CONVEY by way of WAIVER OF RIGHTS the above-said parcel of land and residential building in favor of **MA. VICTORIA ESTANDARTE VILLARETE, JOHN RHODALE ESTANDARTE VILLARETE, and VINCENT MARTIN ESTANDARTE VILLARETE**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. MANDELVIN B. DADIVAS** per Doc. No. 288, Page No. 59, Book No. III, Series of 2025.

NE/Feb. 24, March 3 & 10, 2025

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATES WITH SUBDIVISION AGREEMENT and WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses VICENTE PANES DE LOS SANTOS SR. and JUANITA DEOCARES TENTATIVA** consisting of the following: 1) **Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-138741, Lot 458-M-2-F-8** located in Tejero St., Brgy. 9, Tigbauan, Iloilo with an area of **Seven Hundred Eight (708) sq.m.**; 2) **Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-117,111, Lot 458-F** located in Tejero St., Brgy. 9, Tigbauan, Iloilo with an area of **Three Hundred Thirty (330) sq.m.**; 3) **Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-7652, Lot 8418-G** located in Sitio Dawatan, Brgy. Catun-ogan, San Enrique, Iloilo, with an area of **20,422 sqm.**; 4) **Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-7651, Lot 8418-H** located in Sitio Dawatan, Brgy. Catun-ogan, San Enrique, Iloilo with an area of **20,422 sq.m.**; 5) **Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-6726, Lot 4** located in Brgy. Mapili, San Enrique, Iloilo, with an area of **Thirty Two Thousand Five Hundred (32,500) sq.m.** are adjudicated to heirs **BUENAFE DE LOS SANTOS GUTO, VIOLETA DE LOS SANTOS GARAY, CORAZON DE LOS SANTOS GALARAGA, ROMEO T. DE LOS SANTOS, ROSALINDA DE LOS SANTOS MUEDA, ADELFA DE LOS SANTOS MALLORCA, JESUS T. DE LOS SANTOS and VICENTE T. DE LOS SANTOS JR.** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. MA. GERRYLIN S. CAMPOSAGRADO** per Doc. No. 30, Book No. 7, Page No. 1, Series of 2023.

NE/Feb. 17, 24 & March 3, 2025

AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS

Notice is hereby given that **MA. DULCE GONZALES GAVINO** had filed an **Affidavit of Loss** pertaining to **one (1) share of stock per Cert. No. 1285** issued on **February 3, 1997** by **Iloilo Golf & Country Club, Inc.** under the name of her late husband **REYNALDO GAVINO**. Entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. EMMANUEL C. ALLER** per Doc. No. 44, Page No. 10, Book No. I, Series of 2025.

NE/February 10, 17 & 24, 2025

AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS

Notice is hereby given that **MARY PATRICIA V. TAJANLANGIT** had filed an **Affidavit of Loss** pertaining to **one (1) share of stock per Cert. No. 427** issued on **July 13, 1979** by **Iloilo Golf & Country Club, Inc.** under the name of her late husband **STEVE TAJANLANGIT, JR.** Entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Ronald Y. Lao** per Doc. No. 459, Page No. 93, Book No. I, Series of 2025.

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